

**CHURCH FINANCES as of June 2023**  
**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW**

January Income	\$24,871.47
January Expenses	\$37,248.84
Month Ending	- 12,377.37
February Income	\$27,600.41
February Expenses	\$33,710.61
Month Ending	- 6,110.20
March Income	\$25,079.10
March Expenses	\$24,824.56
Month Ending	254.54
April Income	\$29,003.75
April Expenses	\$41,741.07
Month Ending	-12,737.32
May Income	\$26,024.99
May Expenses	\$33,725.80
Month Ending	-7,700.81
June Income	\$22,563.65
June Expenses	\$12,584.33
Month Ending	9,979.32

At month end, we are at a  
**Positive \$9,979.32 (BUDGET VS ACTUAL)**  
January - June we are at a **Negative \$28,691.84**  
(UNDESIGNATED INCOME VS EXPENSE)

**BUILDING EXPENSES ALONE (January – June)**  
**ARE AT A**  
**Positive \$19,769.23**

Trustees applied \$18,106.18. from Trustee monies to the General Fund to off-  
set the deficit of \$6,786.37 under Property Insurance AND \$11,319.81 under  
Church Gas

**\*\*\*\*BOILER FUNDRAISER\*\*\*\***  
**RAISED \$26,184.00 INCLUDES MATCHING FUNDS**  
**7-12-23 Paid Invoice to Elite in the amount of \$18,558.59**  
**Balance remaining for ongoing boiler repairs is \$7,625.41.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS FEEL FREE TO**  
**CALL OR STOP BY THE OFFICE AND SEE JOYCE.**  
**[joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org](mailto:joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org) or call 724-863-6858**



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Rev. Bruce R. Judy, Pastor - 724-747-6098 (call or text)  
Dianne Runser - Music Ministries  
Ronald Slavin - Youth Ministries  
Laura Willby - Contemporary Music Coordinator

**July 23, 2023**

**Memory Verse - James 1:22**

***“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”***

**GATHERING & WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

**MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY**

**THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

**“By Faith”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 86:11-13**

L: Teach me thy way, O Lord, that I may walk in my truth; unite my heart to  
fear thy name.

P: I give thanks to thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will  
glorify thy name forever.

L: For great is thy steadfast love toward me; thou hast delivered my soul from  
the depths of Sheol.

**ALL: Amen**

\*HYMN No. 2271

“Come, Come Everybody Worship”

CHILDREN’S CHAT

CHILDREN’S OFFERING

The Children’s Offering for the month of July will be going to a local mission.

WORD OF GOD

*Romans 8:12-17*

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY

“Moment of Prayer”

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

\*HYMN No. 328

“Surely the Presence of Lord Is In This Place”

JOYS AND CONCERNS

For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord”  
For our concerns we say: “Lord hear our Prayers”

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN

\*GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 13:24-43*

SERMON

“Choose Wisely”

\*HYMN No. 428

“For the Healing of the Nations”

\*BENEDICTION

\*MUSIC OF PARTING

“Through Faith, the Victory”



**BLESSING OF THE PETS AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE GARDEN.**

*Altar Flowers*



The flowers on the altar are in honor of my son Charles, we love you. From Toni, Jaxon, and Scott.

**ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE**  
Worship Host - Robbyn Slavin  
Music Leader - David Lyons

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC**  
Saturday Evening - 15  
Sunday - 8:15 a.m. - 61 10:45 a.m. - 68  
Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 21

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

**Praise the Lord!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HELP WANTED – PIANIST/ORGANIST

First United Methodist Church of Irwin is seeking a part time pianist for 10 - 15 hours per week to play during our worship service, accompany our choir for rehearsals and during worship, and to play during special services, i.e., weddings, funerals, church holidays.

### ABILITY TO DIRECT VOCAL, AND HANDBELL CHOIRS AS WELL AS PLAY AN ORGAN IS A PLUS

The person that is selected for this position will train with our current Choir Director as she moves toward retirement.

Prefer a candidate with at least a Minor in Music but will also consider someone who has experience reading and performing music. Salary is commensurate with experience. Please submit your resume and cover letter to include your training and experience to [joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org](mailto:joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org) or call the office at 724-863-6858 and ask for Joyce.

We are a loving and caring congregation that is focused on missions and enjoys music and song!

We offer Two Sunday Services

Job Type: Part-time

Pay: Commensurate to experience

Work Location: In person at 310 Oak Street, Irwin, Pa. 15642

- **Camp:** The WOMEN'S RETREAT at Camp Allegheny in Stoystown is August 25th to 27th. A group of ladies from our church will be attending the SATURDAY ONLY session on August 26th. We will carpool. There will be a speaker, music, crafts, games, chats by the fireplace, free time, and more! Beth Bingaman will be the speaker with the theme "*Individually Together*". *Colossians 3:14-15*. All ladies are welcome to join us! It's a wonderful day of fun and fellowship! Enjoy God's beauty at camp! Registration forms are on the NOW table in the June Coons Room. Please send in your form and \$27.50 before August 12th. Write on your form that the church will pay the balance. Let Joyce know you are going. She will be sending the group check (50% of the cost) on August 14th. Contact Debbie Weaver if you need further information. Looking forward...there will be a fall RADA Cutlery sale to rebuild the Campership Fund. They have great products like kitchen knives, bake ware, cookbooks, etc. These make wonderful Christmas gifts!
- **THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY FAIR IS COMING UP, AUGUST 18TH - 26TH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OR ADD YOUR NAME TO THE SIGN UP SHEET.**
- **UMW** are looking for someone to be in charge of the annual craft show. The UMW chairman would be able to help them but cannot take it on completely by themselves. If you are interested in helping, please call one of the UMW officers. The craft show is usually late, October, early November.



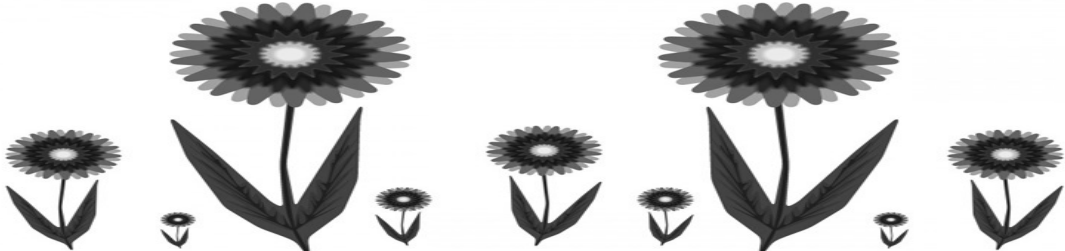
**SALVATION ARMY DIRECT NUMBER** - 724-331-7832. If you know of anyone in need of our services please do not hesitate to call.

### Anybody Welcome

The Sanctuary is open and available for prayer and meditation.  
Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.  
Please sign in and out on the volunteer sheet found on the office half door.



The church is looking for volunteers ages 14 and up to help start a nursery during our worship service hours. If you are interested in helping out, please call Ron or the church office.



### Wendell's Vision 2023 2nd edition

Wendell's Vision is a ministry where volunteers from our church can check off those "To-do lists" items from around your house. We have quite a few requests that have been vetted and approved. Some have been completed, while others are partially done. One is still awaiting a Building Permit for Irwin Borough. We will be scheduling visitations to evaluate the other requests soon. If you haven't filled your request out yet, please do so at your convenience so we can add them to our growing list.

\*It's come to our attention about some confusion as to who could make requests. Don't hesitate if you need help around your place, let's see if we can assist...No restriction exists on income, marital status, skills & abilities, etc. You qualify if you are a member of FUMC Irwin and/or attend regularly worship service.

**\*For you folks who attend Irwin First UMC regularly** there may be hope in your future...so get those pencils ready to check off some tasks.

To start the process, you will want to fill out a request form. They can be found in the June Coons Ministry Center on our ministry station. Take one, fill in the information, and return it to the church office. All requests are vetted and if approved, are passed on to us. We will then contact you for an evaluation visit to discuss the task(s) and possible time line. Some projects/tasks may be out of our expertise, but we'll only know if you make a request. Our volunteers are dedicated to doing the best they can to make your situation better. But we are limited by availability, experience, skill sets and having the right tools for the job. With that in mind, we are always welcoming more volunteers to the cause. If you might be ready to answer the call to this ministry, please let us know by filling out a form from our ministry station (next to the request forms) and turn it in the church office. We will add you to the contact list and as requests come in, we'll get in touch with all our volunteers to determine who may be available. People need help with those tasks that they just can't do any longer, are too dangerous to attempt, lost the person who always did it in the past, just need assistance, just don't want to do that anymore or maybe, just can't afford to pay someone to do it. Many reasons exist... but it doesn't change the "WHY", only that things need done!!

**Let's work together and make a difference.**

Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!

We would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the Trustees for allowing us to transform the old men's room on the mezzanine level of the church into a proper Children's Restroom. What started out with the replacement of proper height sinks for the little ones who attend the Wiggles and Giggles Academy, ended up to create a bright, welcoming, and properly scaled restroom for all the children (preschool thru 2nd grade) who might visit the building or attend Sunday service and use the nursery. We would like to acknowledge the following people who contributed to the transformation. Jeff Suggars (construction, plumbing & paint), John Johnston (construction, plumbing & flooring), Tom Lehner (flooring). Patty and I are very proud to have had the opportunity to work alongside these men for the betterment of our faith community!

In His Service,  
Jack & Patty Osterman

### ATTENTION LADIES!!

Ladies ALL ladies in the congregation, you are invited to our opening meeting of UMW. It will be held on September 11, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. The meetings will be the second Monday of every month starting in September. We will have a guest speaker you wont want to miss. We are having Laurie Sweeney speak, local author of "Have You Found Your Penny?". We will have lunch and fellowship after the speaker. The officers of the UMW will be hosting the lunch with a patriotic red, white, and blue theme! We hope to see you all there. Any questions about this or about UMW please feel free to call or grab one of us on any Sunday.

Officers: Co-presidents Dot Depp - 724 863 0351, Donna Weber - 724 493 2048, Secretary Alice Hubert - 724 989 7903, Treasurer Deb Weaver - 724 630 5802.



### **THIS WEEK AT IRWIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Feel free to contact Pastor Bruce at any time if you are in need of pastoral care.

His contact information is as follows: 724-747-6098 (call or text) -  
[preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

#### **Sunday, July 23**

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service  
2:00 p.m. - Blessing of the Pets (Higgin's Garden)

#### **Monday, July 24**

Have a great week!

#### **Tuesday, July 25**

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center  
6:00 p.m. - Basketball  
7:00 p.m. - Church Council  
7:30 p.m. - NA

#### **Wednesday, July 26 - Office will close at 11:30 a.m. for a staff lunch**

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center  
6:00 p.m. - TOPS  
6:00 p.m. - Healing Service  
7:00 p.m. - Zoom Prayer Group Meeting  
Zoom Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password: 3U22u3  
7:00 p.m. - AA

#### **Thursday, July 27**

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center  
1:00 p.m. - Pickleball class  
6:30 p.m. - NA

#### **Friday, July 28**

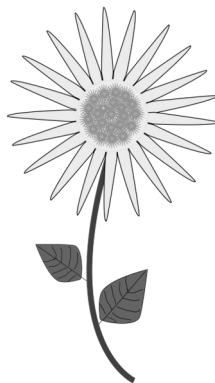
6:00 p.m. - Community Dinner  
Have a great weekend!

#### **Saturday, July 29**

6:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship

#### **Sunday, July 30**

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service



**HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS** - If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from Pastor Bruce, please call the office or you may call/message Pastor Bruce directly at 724-747-6098. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he does not know there is a need.*

#### **IN PERSONAL CARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES**

Catherine Mowery - Red Stone Greensburg, Lois K. - Ridgeview Residential Care, Wanda H. - Walden View; Mary Greene & James R., Sr. - St. Anne's Home, Greensburg; Altozoe S. - Hempfield Manor.



#### **CONTINUOUS PRAYER**

Abbie, Andrea M., Baby Maddy, Burnetta G., Brent L., Catherine M., Carol A., Chris W., Cindy M., Cliff R., Daryl S., David R., Deb D., Debbie A., Diane B., Eric, Floyd H., Heather, Jackie S., James B., Jane W., Jeret B., Jen, Jill F., Jimmy, John B., John D., John and Cheryl M., Kate G., Kathy S., Keith C., Kent G., Larry, Lori P., Maria B., Marlin P., Marybeth H., Mary, Megan S., Megan Y., Melissa C., Michael, Mike P., Molly A., Nedra G., Pam K., Pam T., Pat M., Patty W., Paula, Penny, Renee, Rick and Mary Ann C., Ralph W., Ron M., Robert, Rose H., Roy, Rue, Sandye C., Shirley B., Sheila L., Steve T., Bill and Lorraine, Terry and Deb Y., VI N., Virginia I., William

**Missionaries:** Bob & Natalie F. and Family (India), John and Diane K. (Mexico) and Connie Wieck.

***If there is a name you would like added to the prayer list, please contact the office at 724-863-6858.***

#### **THIS MONTH'S PRAYER LIST**

*We will change the prayer list the first Sunday of each month. Please contact the church office with names for the list.*

Anne D., Anthony C., Chad B., Craig C., Debbie B., Denise D., Ethel R., Francis family, Jennifer G., Kathy U., Ken B., Kevin G., Kristen H., Kristi S., Jameson W., John, Justin H., Jonathan and Felicia W., Linda H., Marlene W., Nancy, Wayne H., Wendy, our world, Military and First Responders, our Country and Leaders, job situations and those traveling.

#### **MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Joe P., William R., Tanner G., Tim N., Brandon D., Colby S., Angelo W., Nicholas P., David J., Amanda M., James G., Emery M., Makayla L., Mark R., Sara D., Jeremy L., Carl B., Dylan A., Thomas C. and Edward J. III.

