

**CHURCH FINANCES as of
January 2023**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

January Income	\$24,871.47
January Expenses	\$37,248.84
Month Ending	- 12,377.37

At month end, we are at a

Negative \$12,377.37 (BUDGET VS ACTUAL)

Year to Date we are at a Negative \$12,377.37 (UNDESIGNATED INCOME VS EXPENSE)

THE CHURCH AND ITS OFFICE RUNS TRANSPARENT, IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT FINANCES REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE MANAGER, JOYCE. YOU CAN REACH HER BY - STOPPING IN THE OFFICE DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WHICH ARE MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 10-2, BY CALLING HER AT 724-863-4977 OR BY EMAIL AT joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org.

“RAISE THE ROOF” Campaign

THANK YOU! We exceeded our goal of \$30,000 for the repair of the slate roof!

We are still accepting donations as there is a need of ongoing roof repairs.

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.

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



First United Methodist Church

310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642

724-863-6858 - www.irwinfirstumc.org

office@irwinfirstumc.org Like us on Facebook

Rev. Bruce R. Judy, Pastor - 724-747-6098 (call or text)

Dianne Runser - Music Ministries

Ronald Slavin - Youth Ministries

Laura Willby - Contemporary Music Coordinator

March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday in Lent/Camp Sunday

Memory Verse - John 17:16

“They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.”

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

“Nothing but the Blood”

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

Bartholomew/Nathaniel (Tim Saporito), James the Lesser (Tim Rominski)

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 814**

Psalm 95:1-6

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

L: For the Lord is a great God, and a great Ruler above all gods,

P: In whose hands are the depths of the earth and also the heights of the mountains.

L: The sea belongs to God who made it, and the dry land, because God formed it.

P: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

ALL: Amen

*HYMN No. 127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Dan Berkley and Katie Slavin

CHILDREN’S OFFERING

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done” - Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD

Romans 5:6-11

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“The Lenten Garden”

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY (tune: “Old100th)

Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise,
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

*HYMN No. 494

“Kum Ba Yah”

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

Praise the Lord!

*GOSPEL READING

John 4:1-15, 39-42

SERMON

“The Sky is Falling!”

*HYMN No. 572

“Pass It On”

*BENEDICTION

*MUSIC OF PARTING

“Chorale Postlude”



Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are in honor of Terry and Debbie Yarlett’s 54th wedding anniversary.

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. - 65 10:45 a.m. - 74

Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 12

* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMCOR SUNDAY MARCH 19, 2023

Together our reach is beyond measure.

Why do WE celebrate special Sundays?

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church.

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways.

Your donation changes the world one life at a time.

For more information, you can find cards on the table, located in the Narthex.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - If you would like to become a member of Irwin First United Methodist Church, now is your chance! Please contact Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or the church office (724-863-6858) and let us know you are interested.



BLESSING BOX - We stock our Blessing Box with toiletry items for those who are in need of them in our community. The need at this time is very great and we hope you can help. If you have donations of new items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, bath soap, deodorant or any personal hygiene items, please bring them to the church when you come for Saturday or Sunday services. Please be sure that all items are new and in their original packaging. If you have any questions about the Blessing Box, please contact Pastor Bruce or Ron. Additional Blessings Boxes are located in Irwin at the First Assembly of God Church on Oak Street (canned goods) and at the Cheesecake Café on Main Street (books.)

- **Camp Sunday: CAMP SUNDAY IS TODAY!** During the Children's Chat, information will be shared about our church camps. There are camps for children, youth, and adults. Enjoy indoor s'mores and other camp snacks at our social time in the June Coons Room following both services. Camp brochures are available. Our church pays 30% of camp costs to members of our church and to persons attending here. Register and have a great time at camp!
- **REVISED PROCESS FOR ALTAR FLOWERS.** There is a clipboard located at the front of the sanctuary with a 3 month ahead schedule. If you would like to purchase flowers, place your name to the date you want and make sure to pay prior to the date selected. Any questions, call the church office or see Alice Hubert.
- If you would like more information about the state of our church regarding disaffiliation, you can visit this website: askumc.com or visit the conference website to find the link: www.wpaumc.org
- **Lenten Bible Study - "Jesus' Farewell Message"** started March 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Held every Wednesday for 6 weeks. From Right Now Media Francis Chan, "Jesus' Farewell message". RSVP to the office and to get provided materials.
- ***Revised Continuous Prayer list is updated, if there is a name you would like added, please contact the church office.***

Singers needed!

We are seeking singers from the church and community to sing for The Living Last Supper on April 4 and 6. If you can commit to this short-term choir, please contact Dianne or any choir member. You will receive sheet music and a rehearsal CD. Rehearsals will be March 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 2:30 PM in the sanctuary. Dress rehearsal will be April 2 at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary.

+LENT Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. If you are searching for a new way to make this Lenten season more meaningful . . . why not try fasting. Fasting is a spiritual discipline intended to allow each person to focus more closely on their relationship with God without the distractions of worldly desires. Choose one (1) day during the week and fast one (1) meal and replace that meal time with prayer. You will be blessed!

Looking ahead: Below you will find the upcoming Gospel readings for the next two weeks:

March 19: *John 9:1-41*

March 26: *John 11:1-45*

LUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY - Saturday, April 1 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. will be Lunch with the Easter Bunny, games, crafts and an Easter egg hunt. The Weavers will be taking pictures with the Easter Bunny at a cost of \$5.00/picture. This event is open to the public.

Wendell's Vision

Could you use some assistance with those pesky tasks at your place? Maybe you just need some help reddin' up around your place. Great, we might be able to help with that!

Wendell's Vision is a ministry where volunteers from our church can check off those "To-do list" items from around your house. 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 timeline. 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 at the church office.

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 cant 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 to make a difference in our fellow believers' lives.

Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman

New Hope Presbyterian Church
12727 Lincoln Way
North Huntingdon PA 15642
724-863-7702

Rev. Dr. Brenda Barnes, Pastor

Norwin Community Mid-Week Lent Services 2023

Every Wednesday during Lent, starting with hymn singing at 11:30 a.m. and meditation offered by local pastors at 12:00 noon.

Lunch available in the social hall at 12:30 p.m.

New Hope Church is a fully accessible facility.

Post cards with all this information, are located in the Narthex on the information table.

Irwin Senior Activity Center

If you or someone you know would like more information about the Irwin Senior Activity Center, there are packets located in the Narthex on the table.

They have many upcoming events scheduled!

There is a box marked for Irwin Senior Activity Center, located in the hallway between the narthex and the June Coons Room, they are accepting donations of non-perishable food items for the center. You can also call the office if you have food items you would like to donate.

The Irwin Senior Activity Center is holding their first Health and Resource Fair on March 25, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the gym. Food will be available to purchase and will benefit the ISAC. Open to all ages. Please pass on the word and come join us! Free basket giveaways and more!

Must enter through the back entrance located in the alley.

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

Sunday, March 12 - Camp Sunday

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - Confirmation Class/Sunday School
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service
12:15 p.m. - Temple Chimes
2:30 p.m. - Living Last Supper practice (Choir)
3:45 p.m. - Living Last Supper practice (Actors)
6:30 p.m. - Volleyball

Monday, March 13

9:00 a.m. - Quilting
11:00 a.m. - United Methodist Women
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Dartball
7:00 p.m. - Zoom Prayer Group Meeting
Zoom Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password: 3U22u3

Tuesday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center
10:00 a.m. - Quality Control meeting
1:00 p.m. - Bible Study
Zoom Meeting ID# 894 9312 8220, Password: 104289
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group
6:00 p.m. - TOPS
6:00 p.m. - Lenten Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - AA

Thursday, March 16

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m. - Basketball
6:15 p.m. - Cathedral Bells
6:30 p.m. - NA
7:15 p.m. - Choir

Friday, March 17

Have a great weekend!

Saturday, March 18

6:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship

Sunday, March 19

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - Confirmation Class/Sunday School
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service
12:15 p.m. - Temple Chimes
2:30 p.m. - Living Last Supper practice (Choir)
3:45 p.m. - Living Last Supper practice (Actors)
6:30 p.m. - Volleyball

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



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

Pam T., Abbie, Bill K., Burnetta G., Cindy M., Cliff R., Daryl S., Diane B., Harry A., James B., Jane W., Jaret B., Jen, Jill F., John D., John and Cheryl M., Joyce T., Kate G., Kathy S., Keith C., Kent G., Marybeth H., Mary, Megan Y., Mike P., Nedra G., Pat M., Patty W., Paula, Penny, Robert, Rick and Mary Ann C., Ron M., Rue, Sandye C., Shirley B., Suzanne K., Terry and Deb Y., 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.

Craig C., Debbie W., Family of Ed D., Jackie S., Jennifer G., Kathy U., Jameson W., Pam K., Rita, Sandra, Sandy L., VI N., Virginia I., Michael and Stephanie G., 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.

EASTER FLOWERS

\$13.00

Deadline to order – March 19, 2023, by 2 p.m.

(No orders taken after this date)

Lilies: WHITE # _____

Mums: NO COLOR CHOICE # _____

Total number ordered _____ Amount Paid _____

Please Print

Flowers in Memory of: _____

Flowers in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Designated Memorial Gifts (any amount)

Kingston VBS \$ _____

Living Memorial Gift \$ _____

Total Memorial Gifts \$ _____



Please Print:

Memorial in Memory of: _____

Memorial in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

**Please mark payment on your envelope
separate from your regular giving.**
Mark the envelope “Easter Flowers and Memorials”

HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR

**First United Methodist Church of Irwin
310 Oak St, Irwin, PA 15642 (Alley Entrance)
March 25, 2023 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

The Irwin Senior Activity Center is hosting its first annual Health & Resource Fair, open to the public and free to attend. Join us on March 25 to visit with local organizations that provide services to the community, raffle baskets, food, and more!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:

AETNA
COMFORT KEEPERS
NORWIN AREA MEALS ON WHEELS
OPEN YOUR HEART TO A SENIOR
CARESENSE HOME HEALTH
IRWIN FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC
LIFETIME PHYSICAL THERAPY
PEGGY POWERS PLACEMENT
POINT PLEASANT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
TWILIGHT WISH FOUNDATION
IN FIRST BANK
MEDI CONNECT
SENIOR HELPERS
NORWIN FAMILY DENTAL
JUDY FLIPPWSKI INSURANCE SERVICES
WESTERN PA ELDERCARE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY LIFE
TRANSITIONS HEALTHCARE
WESTMORELAND FOODBANK
AAA EAST CENTRAL

