

**CHURCH FINANCES as of February 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

At month end, we are at a

**Negative \$6,110.20 (BUDGET VS ACTUAL)**

January – February we are at a **Negative \$18,487.57**  
**(UNDESIGNATED INCOME VS EXPENSE)**

**YEAR TO DATE (January – December)**  
**WE ARE ONLY AT A NEGATIVE \$2,465.32**

**BUILDING EXPENSES ALONE (January – February)**  
**ARE AT A**  
**NEGATIVE \$-11,828.71**

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](mailto:joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org).



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



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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

**March 26, 2023**

**5th Sunday in Lent**

**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**

8:15 a.m. - “Grace Greater than Our Sin” with “Amazing Grace”

10:45 a.m. - “Jesus Shall Reign *with* The Church’s One Foundation” -  
Temple Chimes

**LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY**

James, the Greater (Josh Burger), Thaddaeus (Kyle Bryan)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 848**

*Psalm 130*

L: Out of the depths I cry to you,

P: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

L: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

P: But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be worshiped.

L: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, in the Lord’s word I hope;

P: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

L: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (CONTINUED)**

P: And the Lord will redeem Israel from all iniquities.  
ALL: Amen

**\*HYMN No. 261**

“Lord of the Dance”

**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

**CHILDREN’S OFFERING**

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Poured Out His Love” - David Lyons

**WORD OF GOD**

*Romans 8:6-11*

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY**

8:15 a.m. - “Offertoire”

10:45 a.m. - “The Way of the Cross Leads Home” - Chancel Choir

**\*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. 362**

“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”

**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 11:35-45*

**SERMON**

“Believe in the Supernatural”

**\*HYMN No. 2166**

“Christ Beside Me”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING**

“Postlude on ‘Irish’”



*Altar Flowers*



The flowers on the altar are in memory of William Mays,  
from daughter Renee Martz.

**ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE**

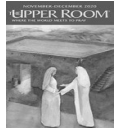
Worship Host - Robbyn Slavin  
Music Leader - David Lyons

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC**

Saturday Evening - 16  
Sunday - 8:15 a.m. - 67 10:45 a.m. - 83  
Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 15

**\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**DAILY BREAD and THE UPPER ROOM** - Daily Bread and Upper Room are available in the "June Coon's Assembly Room". Please place your donation in the envelope provided and place it in the offering plate. Both are located in the literature rack by the windows. If you haven't had the opportunity to use these prayer devotionals before, now is the perfect time.



## Anybody Welcome

**The Sanctuary is open and available for prayer and meditation.**

**Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

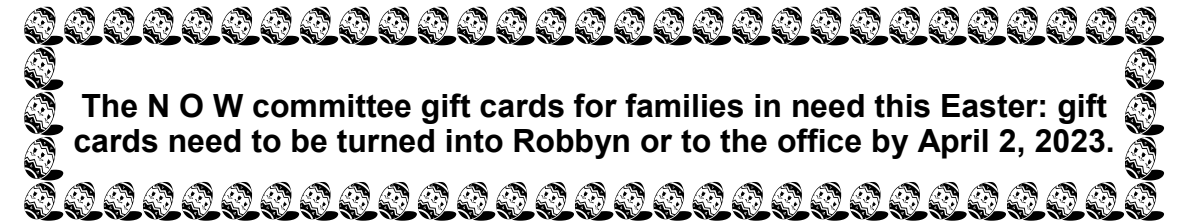
**Please sign in and out on the volunteer sheet found on the office half door.**

**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.)

- **If you ordered for today's CAMP FUNDRAISER:** hoagies, pizzas, and pepperoni rolls will be in the **June Coons Room** following both services.
- Camp brochures are on the NOW table in the June Coons Room or you can check it out online. It is time to start planning for your camp experience! Camps are available for children, youth, and adults. Our church will pay 30% of the cost for our church members and for persons attending our church.
- **REVISED PROCESS FOR ALTAR FLOWERS.** There is a clipboard located at the front of the sanctuary with a dated 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](http://askumc.com) or visit the conference website to find the link: [www.wpaumc.org](http://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.**



**The N O W committee gift cards for families in need this Easter: gift cards need to be turned into Robbyn or to the office by April 2, 2023.**



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

April 2: *Matthew 26: 14-27:66*

April 9: *John 20:1-18*



**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 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 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.

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

Palm Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am

**Friday, April 7, 2023**

Cross Walk -Noon

Tenebrae Service -7 pm

**Saturday, April 8, 2023**

Contemporary Worship with Dinner -6 pm

**Sunday, April 9, 2023**

Easter Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am



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## *The Living Last Supper*

By Ruth Elaine Schram

*A Dramatic Musical Experience for Holy Week*

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

**Thursday, April 6, 2023  
7:00 PM**

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## **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, March 26**

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 27**

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 28**

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

### **Wednesday, March 29**

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. - Healing Service  
7:00 p.m. - AA

### **Thursday, March 30**

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

### **Friday, March 31**

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

### **Saturday, April 1**

11:00 a.m. - Lunch with the Easter Bunny  
6:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship

### **Sunday, April 2 - Palm 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  
12:15 p.m. - Living Last Supper set up  
6:00 p.m. - Living Last Supper dress rehearsal

**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., Heather, James B., Jane W., Jaret B., Jen, Jill F., John B., John D., John and Cheryl M., Joyce T., Judy, Kate G., Kathy S., Keith C., Kent G., Larry, Marlin P., Marybeth H., Mary, Megan Y., Mike P., Nedra G., Pat M., Patty W., Paula, Penny, Renee, Rick and Mary Ann C., Ron M., Robert, Roy, Rue, Sandye C., Shirley B., 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., Craig C., Debbie W., Denise D., Family of Mary U., Family of Ed D., Jackie S., Jennifer G., Kathy U., Kristi S., Jameson W., Pam K., Rita, Sandra, Sandy L., Tyler G., 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.