

**CHURCH FINANCES AS OF MARCH 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

At month end, we are at a  
Positive \$254.54 (BUDGET VS ACTUAL)

January – March we are at a Negative \$18,233.03  
(UNDESIGNATED INCOME VS EXPENSE)  
BUILDING EXPENSES ALONE (January – March)  
ARE AT A  
NEGATIVE \$17,328.71

**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

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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[office@irwinfirstumc.org](mailto: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

**May 14, 2023**

**Memory Verse - John 14:1**

***“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.”***

**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**

**“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 862**

**Psalm 150**

L: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise God in his mighty firmament!

**P: Praise God for his mighty deeds; praise God for his exceeding greatness!**

L: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!

**P: Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe!**

L: Praise God with sounding cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

**P: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!**

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN No. 152** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**CHILDREN'S OFFERING**

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

**RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"God, Be In Our Hearts, Be In Our Homes"  
- Chancel Choir, Sophia Platt, Soloist

**WORD OF GOD**

*Acts 17:28-31*

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

**\*OFFERTORY**

"If I Could Be Anyone" - Becky Platt

**\*DOXOLOGY No. 2026**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)  
Halleluja! Halleluja!

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja!"

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**\*HYMN No. 710**

"Faith of Our Mothers"

**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**

*John 14:15-21*

**SERMON**

"The Proof is in the Pudding"

**\*HYMN No. 384**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING**

"Now Thank We All Our God"



*Altar Flowers*



The flowers on the altar are in memory of Norma Jean Swope. From family

**ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE**

Worship Host - Robbyn Slavin

Music Leader - David Lyons

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC**

Saturday Evening - 31

Sunday - 8:15 a.m. - 53 10:45 a.m. - 65

Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 16

**Praise the Lord!**

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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are looking for volunteers to help with a deep cleaning of the first two floors of the church.

Jobs include light duty and heavy lifting.

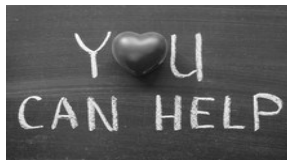
Cleaning will take place the week of June 26 - June 30  
Anytime that you can help between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**SIGN UP SHEET LOCATED IN SANCTUARY**

Please call the church office to sign up and help out!  
Your dedication to the church is greatly appreciated.

- Anyone willing to help out with maintenance work around the church, please contact the office and let us know.

### Blessing Box

Our blessing box items are limited. We need help to replenish our inventory, so we may continue helping our community members that are in need of basic hygiene items. If you are able to donate any items you may bring the items church with you on Sundays or give the office a call to arrange a time for drop off.



### 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.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Camp:** It is time to start planning your church camp experience! Brochures are available on the NOW table in the June Coons Room and information is available online. There are camps for children, youth, and adults at Jumonville, Wesley Woods, and Camp Allegheny. Our church will now pay 50% of the camp cost for members of our church and for persons attending here. Register and have a great time at camp! If you have any questions, contact Debbie Weaver.
- **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** are excited to announce the Mother/Daughter lunch is back! It will be held Sunday, May 21, 2023, after the 10:45 a.m. service. Tickets will go on sale starting April 30, 2023, after each service. The cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12 and children under 3 are free. There will be a soup, salad, and dessert bar. And our very own famous Youth Group will be providing fun entertainment. We cannot wait to see the Literal Fashion show, wondering what that is? Guess you will have to come to find out!  
Any questions you can contact Donna Weber at 724-493-2048 or Dot Depp at 724-863-0351.

### Greater Irwin Area Dart Ball League News

With a rather dismal 2021-2022 season, Irwin Methodist ended the season with the worst league record. (Remember the Turkey Trophy?) Well, that became a catalyst for a renewed team spirit in the recent 2022-2023 season. Irwin Methodist bounced back with the Second best league winning percentage this year!

The power hitting was exemplified by a league leading 58 home-run season by a team member (John Doe) and the second leading league home-run leader with 47 home-runs, Don Swanson (a perennial home-run slugger). Double digit 20+ home-runs by Lou Berta (29), Tim Saporito (28), Bob Weaver (24), Tony Scozio (23), and Jack Osterman (20). As well as double digit home-runs by Tom Lehner (14), and Asher Rose (13). They all contributed heavily to the team's resurgence. Additionally, the up beat late season long term free agent signings of Mike Andrison and Michael Andrison gave the team the needed boost to finish the regular season on a powerful winning streak. The total team's chemistry continues to come forward as we develop our identity in the complex game of Dart Ball we try to master, as we look forward to the 2023-2024 season challenges.

Thank You for the great 2022-2023 season!

I think when God created Earth  
So green and richly blooming,  
He said, "I need a special flower  
Sweet and unassuming."

After very serious thought  
He made the shy  
"Forget - Me - Not"...

Tenderly fashioned  
With simple grace ...  
Brightening many a rocky place.

It's gentile beauty... Like no other  
Reminded God... To make our  
Mothers.



Florine  
Mance

## GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduation Sunday will be June 11, 2023, during the second service!  
Please contact the office or Robbyn to provide name, school, high school or college and future plans. We would also like to collect pictures for a slide show!

All information is due by June 4, 2023.  
Contact the office if you have any question.



## "The Chosen" Bible Study

"The Chosen" Bible study is returning this summer! Even if you were unable to join us last summer, please consider being a part of this group!

**When:** Wednesday evenings at 7pm starting June 7 and going for 8 weeks

**Where:** At the church

**What:** A Bible study based on "The Chosen" TV series

**What you will need:** Please order the book "*The Way Of The Chosen (Bible Study Guide Season 3)*" before this small group starts. (Suggested retailer: [www.thechosengifts.com](http://www.thechosengifts.com) \$17.99)

**Homework:** Please watch Season 3, Episode 1 and complete the Introduction and Lesson 1 in the book before our first session on June 7 (Note: If you haven't watched Seasons 1&2 yet, please watch them first before watching Season 3...and yes, there will be homework every week.)

**How:** Please email Laura Willby at [laurawillby@gmail.com](mailto:laurawillby@gmail.com) or text/call at (724)-454-8422 to let me know that you will be participating

"The Chosen" is a multi-season show based on the life of Jesus. In order to participate in this Bible study, you will need to be able to view the episodes of "The Chosen". If you haven't watched Seasons 1&2 yet, please watch them before starting Season 3. You can watch "The Chosen" in one of these three ways:

- by downloading the Angel app or The Chosen app onto your TV or device (for free) and then watch the episodes



- Search for the season and episode you want to view on YouTube (for example: search "the chosen season 2 episode 4")  
- purchase the DVD/Bluray from [www.thechosengifts.com](http://www.thechosengifts.com)

## **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, May 14 Mothers Day**

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service  
6:30 p.m. - Volleyball

### **Monday, May 15**

9:00 a.m. - Quilting

### **Tuesday, May 16**

6:00 a.m. - Elections (in the gym)  
7:30 p.m. - NA

### **Wednesday, May 17**

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. - "Share Your Faith" class  
6:00 p.m. - TOPS  
7:00 p.m. - Zoom Prayer Group Meeting  
Zoom Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password: 3U22u3  
7:00 p.m. - AA

### **Thursday, May 18**

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, May 19**

Have a great weekend!

### **Saturday, May 20**

6:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship

### **Sunday, May 21**

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service  
12:30 p.m. - Mother Daughter Banquet  
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**



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., Burnetta G., Brent L., Catherine M., Carol A., Cindy M., Cliff R., Daryl S., David R., Diane B., Floyd H., Heather, Jackie S., James B., Jane W., Jeret B., Jen, Jill F., John B., John D., John and Cheryl M., Judy, Kate G., Kathy S., Keith C., Kent G., Larry, Laurie P., Maria B., Marlin P., Marybeth H., Mary, Megan S., Megan Y., Mike P., Molly A., Nedra G., Pam K., Pam T., Pat M., Patty W., Paula, Penny, Renee, Rick and Mary Ann C., Ron M., Robert, Rose H., Roy, Rue, Sandye C., Shirley B., Sheila L., 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.*

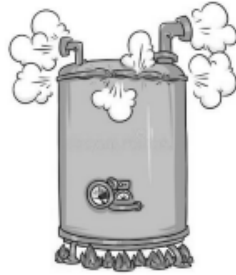
Nancy, John, Anne D., Craig C., Denise D., Ethel R., Jennifer G., Kathy U., Ken B., Kevin G., Kristen H., Kristi S., Jameson W., Justin H., Jonathan and Felicia W., Linda H., Marlene W., our world, Military and First Responders, our Country and Leaders, job situations and those traveling.

### **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.



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***God Loves You and So Do We!***

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

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