

**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 7, 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**

**8:15 a.m. - “Come Just As You Are”  
10:45 a.m. - “Hyfrydol” - Temple Chimes**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 764**

***Psalm 31:1-5***

L: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness, deliver me!

**P: Incline your ear to me, rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**

L: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me;

**P: Take me out of the net which is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

L: Into your hands I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

**ALL: Amen**

**\*HYMN No. 545** "The Church's One Foundation"

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**CHILDREN'S OFFERING**

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Worthy of the Calling" - Chancel Choir

**WORD OF GOD** *Acts 7:55-60*

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

**\*OFFERTORY** "Cantabile"

**\*DOXOLOGY No. 2026** "Halle, Halle, Halleluja!"  
Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)  
Halleluja! Halleluja!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**\*HYMN No. 2244** "People Need the Lord"

**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 14:1-7*

**SERMON** "Going Home"

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SACRAMENT**

*All are welcome to the table of our Lord*

**\*HYMN No. 370** "Victory in Jesus"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING** "Postlude on 'Laudate Dominum'"



*Altar Flowers*



The flowers on the altar are in memory of William David Bryan. From Kyle and Katrina Bryan.

**ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE**

Worship Host - Robbyn Slavin

Music Leader - David Lyons

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC**

Saturday Evening - 26

Sunday - 8:15 a.m. - 51 10:45 a.m. - 74

Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 11

**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.
- **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**
- **NEW ALTAR FLOWER FORM** is posted on the clipboard at the front of the sanctuary. Dates are listed up until the end of July. If you would like to purchase flowers, place your name next to the date you want and make sure your payment is turned into the office prior to the selected date.
- **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.

### “Share Your Faith”

A new class held by Brian Rendulich

**When** - May 10 and 17  
**Time** - 6:00 p.m.

Faith  
is not hoping  
God can  
it is knowing  
He **Will**



I would like to thank all the people who came to my house to do some odd jobs. They did a wonderful job. They were so pleasant, and a joy to be around.  
Thanks again,  
Sandy Daugherty



### **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 to 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

## **Saturday Worship Reflections "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

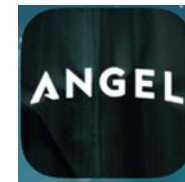
**What you will need:** Please order the book "*The Way Of The Chosen (Bible Study Guide Season 3)*" before this small group starts. (Suggested retailer: [www.thechosengifts.com](http://www.thechosengifts.com) \$17.99)

**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 7**

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

### **Monday, May 8**

11:00 a.m. - United Methodist Women

### **Tuesday, May 9**

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

### **Wednesday, May 10**

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 11**

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

### **Friday, May 12**

9:00 a.m. - Food Bank Truck

### **Saturday, May 13**

8:00 a.m. - Food Bank  
6:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship

### **Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day**

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service  
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** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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