



**Blood Drive**  
**Irwin Community**  
**First UMC of Irwin**



December 22, 2025  
 11:30am - 5pm

Please use the Gym Entrance

**Attention:** The Wendell's Vision Ministry will not be performing any projects from mid November through mid January unless it is an emergency. Please continue to submit your requests during this time so we may be prepared to respond quickly in the new year. Our volunteers will take the time to stay warm and enjoy the time off. May God continue to bless this ministry.

**LONGEST NIGHT/ BLUE CHRISTMAS**

December 20, 2025 4:30PM  
 First United Methodist Church  
 310 Oak Street  
 Irwin, PA 15642



This is a special service for anyone for whom Christmas is a difficult time, whether you are grieving the loss of a deceased loved one or the loss of a job or are lonely or depressed when everyone else is joyous. Please join us at this church service on the longest night of the year. The time is different this year. Please also join us after

the service downstairs for a shared meal previous to our regular Saturday night service. **NOTE THAT THIS IS A DIFFERENT DATE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS!**

Sponsored by  
 First United Methodist Church of Irwin & Ott Funeral Home  
**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!**



**First United Methodist Church**  
**310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642**  
**724-863-6858 - [www.irwinfirstumc.org](http://www.irwinfirstumc.org)**  
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 Dianne Runser - Music Ministries  
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**NOVEMBER 30, 2025**  
**First Day of Advent– Hope**  
**Memory Verse**

*1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)*

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

**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 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ shall come, God's gift to the world:

**People: That the desperate should find hope—**

Leader: That the persecuted should find peace—

**People: That the lonely should find love—**

Leader: That the dejected should find joy.

**All: O Christ of the world, your time is now! We wait, we watch, we wonder! Come!**

\*HYMN No. 211

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Peggy Kooser, Toni Fetter & Kendra and family

**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

**CHILDREN’S OFFERING**

*This month’s children’s offering will go to Beverly’s Birthdays.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Come Again, Emmanuel”  
-Chancel Choir

**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

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

**OFFERTORY**

“Emmanuel”

**\*CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY (tune: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”)**

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,  
Glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One.  
Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,  
As we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.Amen

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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

\*HYMN No. 204

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 11:1-2; Matthew 1:18-25

**SERMON**

**"NEW SHOOTS—JOSEPH"**

\*HYMN No. 706

“Soon and Very Soon”

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Place your trust in God, for God is with you. Listen carefully for God’s loving whisper in this time--the words will give you healing and hope. Go in peace and may God’s peace always be with you.

**People: Amen.**

**MUSIC OF PARTING**

“Prepare the Royal Highway”



**ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE**

Worship Host –  
Music Leader - David Lyons

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC**

Saturday Evening - 12  
Sunday - 8:15 a.m. 42    10:45 a.m. - 63  
Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 13  
**\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**



Happy Thanksgiving!



**All Are Welcome**

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

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

All are invited to a Christmas Open House at the parsonage on Saturday, December 13, from 1:00-5:00 PM!  
Join Pastor Joe and his family for fellowship, light refreshments, and a joyful celebration of the Christmas season.  
To help with limited parking, we kindly encourage those who attend the 8:15 AM worship and the Saturday evening worship to stop by between 1:00-3:00 PM, and those who attend the 10:45 AM worship to visit between 3:00-5:00 PM. However, if these times don't work for you, please feel free to come by whenever you're able.  
Please, no gifts—your presence is the only gift we ask for! We look forward to celebrating this special season with you.

**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. Also during office hours. Please be sure that all items are new and in their original packaging. If you have any questions about the Blessing Box, please contact The church office. Additional Blessing 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) .

**Salvation Army** - 724-331-7832. If you know of anyone in need of our services please do not hesitate to call.



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

Feel free to contact Reverend Hyung-Suk Joe at any time if you are in need of pastoral care. His contact information is as follows: 412-389-2803 (call or text) - [hsjoe@hotmail.com](mailto:hsjoe@hotmail.com)

**Sunday, November 30**

- 8:15 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:45 am - Worship Service
- 6:00 pm - Youth Group

**Monday, December 1**

- 6:30 pm - Cubscouts
- 7:00 pm - Dartball- A

**Tuesday, December 2**

- 8:00 am - Senior Center
- 10:00 am - CC Meeting
- 6:00 pm - basketball
- 7:00 pm - Visioning Team
- 7:30 pm - NA

**Wednesday, December 3**

- 10:00 am - Zoom Prayer Group - Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password:3U22u3
- 10:00 am - QC Meeting
- 6:00 pm - volleyball/ pickleball
- 7:00 pm - AA

**Thursday, December 4**

- 6:00 pm - Basketball
- 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts
- 6:15 pm - C Bells
- 6:30 pm - NA
- 7:15 pm - Choir

**Friday, December 5**

Irwin Cookie Tour

**Saturday, December 6**

- 11:00 am - Lunch with Santa
- 6:00 pm - Contemporary Worship Service

**Sunday, December 7**

- 8:15 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:45 am - Worship Service
- 12:15 pm - T Chimes/ SS
- 6:00 pm - Youth Group
- 7:00 pm - Irwin Male Chorus

**HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS** - If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a pastoral care, please call or text Pastor Joe at (412) 389-2803 .  
*Remember, Pastor Hyung-Suk Joe cannot provide care to our congregation if he does not know there is a need.*

**IN PERSONAL CARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES**

Catherine M. - Red Stone Greensburg, Lois K. - Ridgeview Residential Care, Greensburg, Altozoe S. - Hempfield Manor, Jerry B. - Beatty Pointe Village. Nancy W.- Golden Heights. Edith B.- Westmoreland Manor

**CONTINUOUS PRAYER**

Ruth A., Olivia A., Chuck B., Logan B., Sue B., Tim B. & family Ken B., Diane B., Wyatt B., James B., Jeret B., Maria B., Terry B., Belinda C., Craig C., Bob & Connie C., Barb & Jack E. and family, Deb F. & family, William & Bernardine F. Delaney F., Wilma F., Kent G., Judy G. & girls, Stephanie G. & family Joanne G., Joe & Mary G., Rose H., Bill H. & family, Denny H. & family, Jason H., Jennifer H., Virginia I., Steve J., John J., Ginny K., Barb K., Bob K., Mark K. & family, Suzanne K., Jim L., Julie & Mike L., Sandy L., Marta M., Bonnie M. & family, Mason M. & family, Arthur M., Helen M., Pat M., Raul M., Ron M. & family, Cindy M., John & Cheryl M & family, Vi N., Cindi P., Debby & Randy R., Melodie and Earl R., Beth S., Eleanor S., Corey S., Jackie S., Wendy S., Toby S., Linda S., John T., Kathy U. & family, Jameson W., Jane W., Tom & Barbara W., Marlene W., Janet Z., Heather & Matt & family, Mary Ann & Tom, Mick, Larry, Renee, Jimmy, Kristen, Jesse, & family, Jeff S. & family, Trish, Talia, Nelson

**Missionaries:** Bob & Natalie F. and Family (India), John and Diane K. (Mexico) and Connie W. (Laos), Roy and Grace.  
***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.*

The unborn, missing & exploited children, Laney, Our country/leader, Our Church, those traveling, 1st responders, The family of Virginia Ives, Laura Willby & her family

**MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Brandon D.; Carl B.; Colby S.; David J.; Dylan A.; James G.; Jeremy L.; Kristi H.; Lt. Joseph A Profeta IV; Makayla L.; Nicholas Park, Major, Army; Mark R.; Sara D.; Tanner Goldbach, Airman First Class, Air Force; Thomas C.; Tim N.; Edward J. III; and William R.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Offering & Tithes**– We have decided to add the Q.R. code that takes you directly to Tithely to our bulletin to make it more accessible and easy. All you have to do is use your phone camera, scan the square, and follow the prompts. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the media team or the office. Thanks!



## **Church Finances**

**October Income:** \$21,109.19

+\$100,00.00 from the trustees endowment fund

**October Expenses:** \$30,819.19

**Designated Funds:** \$83,976.19

**Bank Balance as of October 31:** \$108,956.64

That leaves us at **+\$24,980.45** to pay bills such as utilities, paper products, payroll, and more. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

**Ushers & Greeters** Our worship services are absolutely beautiful. However, these responsibilities are falling on the same individuals over and over again. We want to make sure they get a break as well. If you are interested in becoming an usher or a greeter, please contact the office or Dianne Runser and we will get you signed up. Thank you so much for your faithful service.

**Coming Soon!** Keep your eye out for the flyers and for tickets to purchase for The FUMC Fundraising Committees **80's Prom!!!!** Prom will take place in the Gym January 16, 2026. Stock up on your hairspray and shoulder pads because you could be crowned King or Queen!