

*You're Invited to the
Community Dinner!*



**First United
Methodist Church**
Irwin, Pa
God Loves you and so do We!

Please join us for our free dinner and lovely
fellowship.

*Date: October 24, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm
Theme: Halloween*

*Costumes very much appreciated, but not
required.*



**2025
FALL
CRAFT
SHOW**

Lunch
For
Sale

Crafters
Vendors

Bake
Sale


November 1, 2025
First United Methodist Church Of Irwin
310 Oak Street, Irwin PA 15642
From 9:00-3:00
Sponsored by United Methodist
Women

If you have a picture of a veteran in your family and would like them to be included in a slideshow during the services on November 9 (Veteran's Day), please send a digital copy to the church office by October 26. If you do not have a digital photo, you may bring a photograph to a worship service, and it will be scanned and returned to you. If you submitted a picture last year, you do not need to resubmit.

SAVE A LIFE



GIVE BLOOD



Blood Drive
Irwin Community
First UMC of Irwin

October 24, 2025
10am - 3pm
Please use the Gym Entrance

Save
Life!

Donate
Blood




First United Methodist Church
310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642
724-863-6858 - www.irwinfirstumc.org
Rev. Hyung-Suk Joe 412-389-2803 (call or text)
Dianne Runser - Music Ministries
Laura Willby - Contemporary Music Coordinator
office@irwinfirstumc.org Like us on Facebook

October 12, 2025

Memory Verse
Psalm 51:10

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within 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 "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"
-Cathedral Bells

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. O Lord, open our lips, and our mouth will proclaim your praise.
P: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,
All: to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

*HYMN No. 2271

**“Come! Come! Everybody Worship”
-Temple Chimes**

*No. 881 Apostle’s Creed

Children’s Chat

Krista Brown & Donna Webber

CHILDREN’S OFFERING

This months offering goes to Toys for Tots

SPECIAL MUSIC “I will Sing Praise” -Chancel Choir & Son Shiners

DEDICATION OF MUSICIANS

ANTHEM

“So I Sing” -All Musicians

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(TFWS 2261) HOM

“Life-Giving Bread”

DOXOLOGY (tune- “Lord of the Dance”)

**“For the gift of creation, for the gift of your love,
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.” Amen**

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

*HYMN No. 380

“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”

*SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 95:1-7

SERMON

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

*HYMN 68

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now as the people of God, to worship not only with your lips, but with your hearts and lives. May your words, your work, your rest, and your relationships become offerings of love and gratitude to the One who is worthy. May the Spirit fill you with reverence and humility, that in all you do, you may honor and glorify God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

MUSIC OF PARTING

“That’s Why We Sing” - Chancel Choir



ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE

Worship Host – Becky Platt & Barb Worthington

Music Leader - David Lyons

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC

Saturday Evening - 8

Sunday - 8:15 a.m. 43 10:45 a.m. - 80

Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 15

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**



Happy 3rd Birthday Owen!

-The McGowans



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.

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

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



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

OFFERING COUNTERS MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS

WANTED! If you are interested in joining the Offering Counters Ministry Team, please contact Alyssa in the Church Office at 724.863.4977. This ministry requires 2-3 hours of your time on **Tuesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m.** We also require a very high level of confidentiality. Keep in mind that the more people involved in the Offering Counters Ministry, the less often you will be required to count on Tuesdays; however, you will be expected to be available as needed. New members will not begin until January, 2024. Pray about being a part of this important ministry.



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

Sunday, October 12 Music Sunday

- 8:15 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:45 am - Worship Service
- 12:15 pm - Son Shiners/Temples Chimes
- 6:00 pm - Youth Group

Monday, October 13

- 11:00 am - UMW
- 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts
- 7:00 pm - Dartball

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

- 8:00 am - Senior Center
- 10:00 am - Zoom Prayer Group - Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password:3U22u3
- 10:00 am - QC Meeting
- 6:00 pm - volleyball/ pickleball
- 6:30 pm - Trustees
- 7:00 pm - AA

Thursday, October 16

- 8:00 am - Senior Center
- 6:00 pm - basketball
- 6:15 pm - C bells
- 6:30 pm - NA
- 7:15 pm - Choir

Friday, October 17

Have a Blessed Day!

Saturday, October 18

- 12:30 pm - Senior Center Activity (gym)
- 2:00 pm - Sheetz for kids sign up (gym)
- 6:00 pm - Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, October 19 Laity Sunday Leader Recognition

- 8:15 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:45 am - Worship Service
- 12:15 pm - Son Shiners/Temple Chimes
- 6:00 pm - Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, 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., Marta M., Bonnie M. & family, Mason M. & family, Arthur M., Pat M., Raul M., Ron M. & family, Cindy M., Father John M., John & Cheryl M & family, Vi N., Hector O., Debby & Randy R., Melodie and Earl R., Beth S., Corey S., Jackie S., Wendy S., Toby S., 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

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, Wilma F., Denise D., Tim G., Our country/leader, Our Church, those traveling, 1st responders, The family of Deborah Kocevar

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.

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!



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.

All Saints Day– Starting today we will be accepting names of loved ones that have passed away within the last year to be included in the all saints day service. Please have these names to the office or Diane R. by October 26, 2025. Thank you.

Charge Conference - will take place November 4th at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend, but not required. It is a good time to learn more information that maybe you weren't aware of before.

Please mark your calendars **October UMW meeting** coming up! Oct 13th . We are learning how to do some crafts. Donna and Dot the lunch ladies. All ladies are welcome! Questions ask any member or officer. Donna Weber, Alice Hubert, Deb Weaver, or Barb Worthington.

Altar Flowers - We received the unfortunate news this week that Belak's flowers is permanently closing. We no longer have a florist to do our weekly altar flowers. If you have already paid for altar flowers that we will not receive, starting this week Oct, 12, there are two things that can be done. You can either write a note or email the office and let us know you will be needing a refund, or you can let what you have already paid for altar flowers be an offering to the church. Please pray about your decision and let us know what best suits you. We will update you as soon as we can about altar flowers in the future, but for now, please do not make any more payments towards altar flowers. The dedications that are already signed up will continue to be in the bulletin until the sign up sheet is finished. Thank you.

ROSTER OF CHURCH MUSICIANS

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Dianne S. Runser

CATHEDRAL BELLS –Charles Bryan, Katrina Bryan, Kyle Bryan, Zoey Furin, Bernie Johnston, David Lyons, Becky Platt, Hannah Platt, Matt Schandler, Barb Worthington, Debbie Yarlett.

CHANCEL CHOIR –Connie Bickerstaff, Katrina Bryan, Kyle Bryan, Zoey Furin, Hyung-Suk Joe, Shinnhea Joe, David Lyons, Jack Osterman, Becky Platt, Hannah Platt, Sophia Platt, Fritz Runser, Bobbi Schaefer, Debbie Yarlett, Terry Yarlett.

SONSHINERS – Avery Easley, Jordan Platt, Joshua Platt.

TEMPLE CHIMES –Reece Baker, Michael Bryan, Avery Easley, Jordan Platt, Joshua Platt, Sydney Schandler.

SATURDAY NIGHT MUSICIAN – Laura Willby (worship leader)

This Week's Reflection

Scripture Passage: Psalm 95:1-7

Sermon: WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Take a moment to pause and reflect on today's message.

Read each question slowly and thoughtfully.

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart as you reflect.

Be honest with yourself—there are no right or wrong answers.

You may write your thoughts down or simply ponder them in prayer.

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Since what makes worship authentic depends on whether our hearts are truly in it when we worship God, how might you prepare your heart this week to worship God in spirit and in truth?*
- 2. Worship is our loving response to God's gifts of life, love, grace, and blessing. What are some ways you can show your love and gratitude to God this week—both in worship and in daily life?*

📖 Next Sunday's Scripture

The passage below is for next Sunday's worship.

Take time during the week to read and reflect on it so that your heart may be prepared for worship.

You are invited to read the passage *three times* and reflect on the guiding questions for each reading.

Scripture Passage: Luke 18:1-8

◆ First Reading

Read the passage slowly (aloud or silently).

Open yourself to the Holy Spirit and allow the Spirit to speak to you. Reflect on this question:

🔗 *What does the passage say?*

◆ Second Reading

Read the passage slowly again.

This time reflect on the question:

🔗 *What does the passage mean?*

◆ Third Reading

Read the passage once more, listening closely for God's voice.

Reflect on this question:

🔗 *What is God calling me to do or to be?*

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS LEADING OUR MUSIC MINISTRIES

Pastor: Dear friends, all of us here are involved in the ministry of music. We are directed numerous times in the Bible to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord". Some of us need more encouragement than others. That is why we are grateful to those who have responded to the call of God to lead the ministry of music in our church. To direct, to sing, to play instruments, and to dance are ministries of Christ among us. Those called to these ministries need our loyal support and our prayers.

We recognize today our Minister of Music, Dianne Runser; the members of the Chancel Choir, the SonShiners, Temple Chimes and the Cathedral Bells. Making music to the praise of God in the congregation is a ministry that requires devotion and discipline. Do you accept responsibility for this ministry?

Musicians: I do.

Pastor: Will you be faithful to the disciplines of music?

Musicians: I will.

Pastor to congregation: As members of this congregation, do you promise to ever remember that making a joyful noise to the Lord is an act of devotion in which we all can share.

Congregation: We do.

Prayer of Dedication (All): We gather today, Lord, to begin another year of serving you. We come with varying gifts, believing that you have created us and called us to the same ministry as David and the Levites, using the gifts of which your servant Paul writes to lead your people in praise and to build up one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. We lay our gifts at your feet and pray that you will use us. As we sing, remind us of your love for all your children. Remind us that you have called us to this ministry when we face difficult times: times of fatigue and times of disappointment, times of grief and times of frustration, times of confusion and times of hard work, times when things go badly and especially when things go well. Help us to see ourselves as part of your kingdom and to know that you love us solely because you created us. Help us to love you solely because you are our eternal King. These things we pray in the name of him who loved you and who loved us, and who gave himself for us, your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: May the faith expressed by your music live in our heart, and what you believe in your heart, practice in your life. May God give you grace to offer your music and your life in faithfulness and consecration, now, and in the world to come.

Pastor to congregation: Dear friends, I commend to you these persons. To them has been given the gift to lead in the ministry of music in our church. Will you sustain them with your encouragement and your prayers, as together we seek to offer praise to God?

Congregation: We will.

All: O Lord, our God, bless these ministries of music and those who offer them in Your service. Give to these persons love for You and Your people, fullness of heart as they praise You, and diligence that their music may be a worthy offering to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen