

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



American  
Red Cross

Blood Drive  
Irwin Community  
First UMC of Irwin

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

Save  
Life!



Donate  
Blood



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Dianne Runser - Music Ministries  
Laura Willby - Contemporary Music Coordinator  
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October 19, 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 "The King of Love My Shephard Is"**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus said, "You are my witnesses" – not a few, not just clergy, but all who follow him.

**People: The Spirit of God is at work in each of us – calling, empowering, commissioning.**

Leader: We gather to celebrate the ministry of the laity – ordinary people called for extraordinary purpose.

**People: We come to offer our gifts, our lives, our service, rejoicing that God equips us for the work of grace.**

Leader: As God's people, we are knit together in Christ – each part necessary, each voice heard.

**People: With humility and boldness, we claim our vocation – to build up the body, to bear witness, to love boldly.**

**All: Thanks be to God, who calls us, equips us, sends us – to live as the people of God in the world.**

\*HYMN No. 558

“We Are the Church”

\*No. 881 Apostle’s Creed

Children’s Chat

Katrina Bryan

**CHILDREN’S OFFERING**

*This months offering goes to Toys for Tots*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Song of Jochebed”  
-Shinhea Joe

**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 (HOM) 2261

“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. 593

“Here I Am, Lord”

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 18:1-8

**SERMON**

“PERSISTENCE”

\*HYMN 463

“Lord, Speak to Me”

**\*BENEDICTION**

May you continually seek God with prayer. May you call upon the door of heaven with boldness and persistence. May your prayers produce, in you, a countenance of joy, a gracious demeanor, and a peaceful heart and may the God of hope, fill you with peace, that you may abound in hope, assured that your prayers are heard by a loving and gracious Father.

**People: Amen.**

**MUSIC OF PARTING**

“Boundless Grace”

Laity Sunday is a special Sunday set apart by the United Methodist Church to celebrate the ministry of all laypersons (nonclergy). It emphasizes that every baptized Christian is called to serve, lead, and witness to the love of Christ in the church and in the world. On this day, we recognize and affirm the vital role of the laity in carrying out the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE**

Worship Host – Krista Brown & The Bryans  
Music Leader - David Lyons

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC**

Saturday Evening - 17

Sunday - 8:15 a.m. 51 10:45 a.m. - 75

Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 15

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



In memory of my wife Kathy Streets  
-Ray Streets



**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](mailto:hsjoe@hotmail.com)

**Sunday, October 19 Laity Sunday**

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

**Monday, October 20**

- 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts
- 7:00 pm - Dartball (away)

**Tuesday, October 21**

- 8:00 am - Senior Center
- 7:00 pm - Council
- 6:00 pm - basketball
- 7:30 pm - NA

**Wednesday, October 22**

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

**Thursday, October 23**

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

**Friday, October 24**

- 6:00 pm - Community Dinner

**Saturday, October 25**

- 1:00 pm - Trunk or treat
- 6:00 pm - Contemporary Worship Service

**Sunday, October 26**

- 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 Wendell's vision workshop

# 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., Sandy 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., Eleanor 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!



**All Saints Day**– We are currently 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.

**The United Methodist Women** -are asking for donations of homemade baked goods for our upcoming bake sale on Saturday, November 1st, 2025. Please drop off your baked goods, with a note and name of your treat and if it contains nuts, to the church on Friday, October 31st between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Also, they can be dropped off Saturday, November 1st between 8:00 am and 9:00 am. If you are unable to bake, we will kindly accept any monetary donations. Thank you, United Methodist Women

**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.