



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 30, 2020

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August Memory Verse: John 14:12a

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who believes in me will do the works I have been doing ...”

The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING & WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 26:1-8**

L: ¹Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

P: ²Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.

L: ³For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

P: ⁴I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

L: ⁵I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.

P: ⁶I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, ⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

All: ⁸O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

***HYMN No. 419 “I Am Thine, O Lord” v.1-2**

1. I am Thine O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
and it told Thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to Thee

Chorus

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To Thy precious bleeding side

2. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
by the pow'r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope
and my will be lost in Thine.

Chorus

WORD OF GOD Romans 12:9-21

Marks of the True Christian

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

***DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) "Halle, Halle, Halleluja!"**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

HYMN No. 528 "Nearer, My God, to Thee" v. 1-2

1. Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer my God to Thee;
nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee!
2. Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God to Thee;
nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee!

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

***SERMON SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:21-28**

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for

my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

L: The Word of God for the children of God.

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Your Will be Done!”

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 2226 “Bind Us Together”**

Chorus

Bind us together Lord,
bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord, bind us together with love

Verse

There is only one God, there is only one King;
there is only one body, that is why we sing.

Chorus

***BENEDICTION**

MUSIC OF PARTING “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Bible passages are taken from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Holy Bible.

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“I Am Thine, O Lord” v.1-2

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“Nearer, My God, to Thee” v. 1-2

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“Bind Us Together”

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Bob Gillman

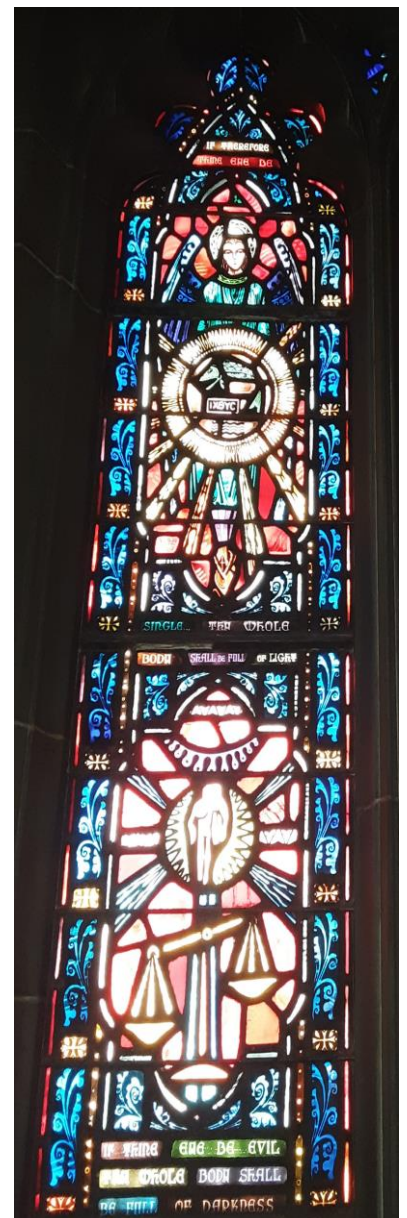
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Matthew 6:22-23 which says, ²²The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single (other translations say healthy, good), thy whole body shall be full of light. ²³But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness.

If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!”

(KJV)



ANNOUNCEMENTS – 8/30/2020



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS will be today, August 30th. Everyone is welcome to have their backpacks blessed at one of the worship services. This year especially will be challenging and our students, teachers, support staff, and parents will need all the help they can get. However, this is not just for those who are going to school. If you have brought your backpack, briefcase, tote bag, or whatever you carry to work, you can have it blessed also.

ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS: As you can see in “THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH” many our services, Bible study, and Youth Group are all being broadcast using Zoom. If you would like to participate in these activities using Zoom, please follow the instructions below. Please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor Ron if you have questions.

For computer or smartphone:

Go to Zoom.com Click-Join a meeting
When prompted enter Meeting ID, then a screen will pop up to enter password.
(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting below)
You will enter the “meeting space”. If you move your mouse to the bottom of the box, it will show you the different options, like chat and video.

For landline or cell phone (Audio only):

Dial 1-646-558-8656.
Enter meeting number and follow the prompts.
(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting below)

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

*Feel free to contact Pastor Bruce at any time if you are in need of a pastoral visit.
724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com*

Due to the COVID 19 virus our worship services will continue to be conducted outside the church building.

Sunday, August 30

Blessing of the Backpacks

8:15 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)
10:45 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)
Facebook, YouTube, and
Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454
Password 104289)

Tuesday, September 1

7:30 NA

Wednesday, September 2

10:00 Prayer Group Meeting on Zoom
(Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)
1:00 Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom
(Meeting ID# 864 0592 5934, Password 011752)

Thursday, September 3

6:30 PM NA

Friday, September 4

Office Closed

6:00 Brown Bag Meal (See bulletin announcement)

Saturday, September 5

6:00 PM Contemporary Service on Facebook

Next Sunday, September 6

Holy Communion (10:45 AM)

8:15 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)
10:45 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)
Facebook, YouTube, and
Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454
Password 104289)

Monday, September 7

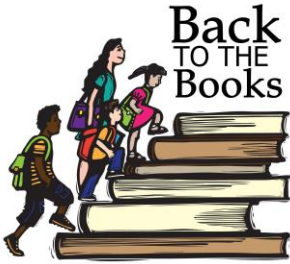
Labor Day Holiday

Office Closed

BROWN BAG MEAL: The meals will be handed out every Friday from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM while supplies last. This will continue until further notice.

Monetary donations to help fund this mission are always accepted. Please make your check payable to FUMC” and put “Community Dinner” in the memo line. If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Robbyn Slavin.

OUR EMAIL LIST: If you would like to be on our email list to get the weekly bulletin and announcements, please email the office at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net and we will be sure to put you on the list.



IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME FOR OUR AREA STUDENTS!

Here are the tentative 'student start' dates for our local school districts:

Norwin – August 31st

Yough – August 31st

Greensburg Salem - September 8th

Hempfield, Penn Trafford, and Jeannette schools are already in session.

While some students may have opted to do virtual learning from home due to the Covid 19 pandemic, many students will still be going to school on buses. Please be careful driving and watch for eager students who may not be as cautious as they should be while walking to and from the bus stop.

May God bless all of our students, teachers, support staff, and parents!

“WENDELL'S VISION”: This ministry’s purpose is to assist or complete tasks/projects for those who otherwise could not do them for themselves as members of Irwin First United Methodist Church and surrounding community. The needs may vary greatly from the simple to the very complex. We will consider any or all of the requests using the same criteria, without reservation. The goal of Wendell’s Vision is to bring glory to God by helping others with our gifts & service!!

Please ask the ushers for an information form to join our team or to request help with a project. Forms are also available on our FUMC website. Click on Groups then Outreach.

Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Pastor Bruce will continue his Wednesday Bible Study at 1:00 PM on Zoom. If you are interested in participating in the study, please contact him so he can see that you are mailed a copy to use to follow along. Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098 and emails at preacherptl@gmail.com

“RIGHT NOW MEDIA” BIBLE STUDIES This is a good way to increase your knowledge of the Bible and grow closer to our Lord. To participate in any of these Bible studies, you need to email the church office at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net with your request. The office will place your email address on the list of participants and give you instructions on how to log onto the account.

BLESSING BOX: Donations of new personal hygiene products are accepted on an ongoing basis as there is a continuous need to refill the Blessing Box for the needy in our community.

THE ON-LINE CHURCH DIRECTORY has been improved and you will need an access code to continue to use the online directory. If you have saved your old code, you may be able to re-enter it. Access codes will be emailed to everyone who has listed an email address. If you do not receive this email this week, please contact Dianne at fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net.

The online directory is available to everyone who is listed in the directory. No one outside the church has access to your information. If you are a new member, and are not listed in the directory, or if you have any updates to your information (address, phone, email or digital photo), please email Dianne (see above) with the information.

MEDIA TEAM: Volunteers are needed join our media team. Our worship services, and many of our meetings on Zoom, would not be possible without them. You will be trained to use the equipment and assist with the services and meetings. If you would like to become part of the team please call Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or Pastor Ron (724-691-7113).

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

To Our Church Family,

As you know, since the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have been blest to be able to watch our church services by streaming online through Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube, as well as with the Drive-In services from our parking lot. Initially, in order to provide these church services, a few members had graciously donated the use of their personal equipment to get started. Since this temporary problem continues, and no one knows when we will be able to worship inside, we need to obtain our own streaming and broadcasting equipment. (Costing \$7,000)

Additionally, there has been another financial stress on our budget. It is that of an aging boiler and heating system. With the yearly inspection, it was discovered our boiler required some much-needed repairs. (Costing \$8,000)

The Church Council, the Finance Committee, and the Trustees have approved the funds to provide for the above mentioned, non-budgeted expenses. However, in doing so it has put a strain on our already tight budget.

We humbly come to you for an additional gifting request above your regular giving. We appreciate your continued financial support through this unprecedented time. We would appreciate any and all designated donations for these two causes.

Thank You and God Bless,
Alan Painter
Finance Committee Co-Chair

2 Corinthians 9:7 *“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PRECAUTIONS WHEN VISITING FUMC:

1. Everyone must bring and wear a face mask at all times while inside the building. Gloves are optional.
2. Temperatures will be taken upon entering the building.
3. Hand sanitizer stations will be available.
4. Please do not congregate in groups. “Social Distancing” of 6 feet must be adhered to.
5. Anyone not feeling well is asked to please not enter the building.
6. Any gatherings inside the church will be limited to 25 people. The chairperson/host/hostess of the meeting or event will be required to take everyone's temperature upon entering the building, to make sure that face masks are worn at all times by their participants, and to practice social-distancing guidelines.
7. We are trying to keep our staff safe. At this time we ask that meetings not be held in the office. The parlor is available as well as the youth room and both are air conditioned.

The above procedures will be in effect until further notice. By following the CDC guidelines, we can, not only do our part in stopping the spread of the COVID 19 coronavirus, but, we can also stop the spread of other infectious diseases.

Sunday School for 6th-12th grades: In-person at the church, will begin on September 13th. They will meet every Sunday from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM. Please come into the building with a mask on and meet upstairs.

Toddler Zoom Sunday School: If anyone has a 2-4 year old child and they would like to participate in our class, please email or call Dawn Capecci 412-651-2503 missdawn25@yahoo.com or Donna Weber 724-864-4954. donnam_weber@yahoo.com for more information and the Zoom instructions.



Watch the bulletin for information on additional Sunday School classes.



THE SALVATION ARMY UNIT OF IRWIN has its own phone number! If you know anyone in need of our services please have them call 724-331-7832. The office hours for the unit are Wednesday mornings from 9:30 until 11:30.

HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS: If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn't know there is a need.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098

******* IN PERSONAL CARE & REHABILITATION FACILITIES *******

- Dorothy B. ~ Asbury Heights, Mt. Lebanon Marge O. ~ The Grove at Irwin
- Wanda H. ~ Redstone, N. Huntingdon James R., Sr. ~ St. Anne's Home, Greensburg
- Bettie H. ~ Nature Park Commons, Greensburg
- Doris C. ~ Golden Heights (Harrison City) LaVerne F. ~ Walden's View

******* CONTINUOUS PRAYERS *******

Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Casey Y., Megan Y., Cheryl M., Tim N., Rick H., Marlin A & Nancy P., Joe S., Rhonda R., Joe L., Virginia, Jennifer N., Curt E., Cheryl H., Valerie M., Patty H., Jeanne R., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Joe and Wava, Bill G., Dean and Dorothy, Chris E., Marion H., Rose N., Sara C., Jeanne and Larry A., Fred & Barb S., Mischa & Suzanne S., Diane B., Les H., John G., Kim R., Noah C., Craig C., Red, Dawn, Amy P., Chuck K., Pat M., Jane I., Ashley, Stu S., Shawn S., Christa L., Rhonda, Beverly and Tom D., Laura, Marlin F.
Bob & Natalie F. & Family (Missionaries in India)

******* THIS MONTHS PRAYERS LIST *******

*We will change the prayer list the first Sunday of each month.
Contact the church office at 724-863-6858 with names for the list.*

Vi, Tom and Peggy, Sandy, George and Kelly, Paul and Michelle, Neil and Alma, Paul K., Don, Yvonne I. and family, Samantha, Lilliana P., Tiffany M., Joe K., Bill L., Polly O., Lilliana, Audrey, Marilyn and Jim M, Heather and Matt, Our Country & World, COVID 19 Concerns, Our Country and Leaders, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Military, Marie & Wayne, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, Businesses, The Unrest in Our Country, Alice H., Debi R., Demi P., Tony and Alys P., Gracie and Kelsey, Larry Shank, Debra C., Pastor Ron & Robbyn, The Jim F. Family, Jackie E., Sue K., Lois F., Paul & Iva Lou B., Kathy Sirnic

******* SERVICE PERSONNEL *******

- Brandon D. – Korea Colby S. – Iraq Sara D.
- Angelo W. – Oklahoma City Nicholas P. – Schofield Barracks, HI Jeremy L.
- David J. – Afghanistan Amanda M. – Texas Carl B.
- James G. – Texas Emery M. – Japan Mark Russak Edward J. III

Drive-In Church

First United Methodist Church
will still hold “drive-in” services every **Sunday at 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM.**

Please arrive and remain in your vehicle and follow
the usher’s instructions for parking.

If you have questions call Pastor Bruce, Pastor Ron, or the church office.



Brown Bag Community Dinner!

**Every
Friday**

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

(or while supplies last)

Call Pastor Ron (724-691-7113) for more information.
Pull around to the back of the church and a volunteer will hand you your bag.



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