

CHURCH FINANCES as of October 2022

July Income	\$29,930.59
July Expenses	<u>\$18,023.85</u>
Month Ending	11,906.74

August Income	\$27,131.62
August Expenses	<u>\$24,792.13</u>
Month Ending	2,339.49

September Income	\$22,156.17
September Expenses	<u>\$31,725.17</u>
Month Ending	-9,569.00

October Income	\$28,243.65
October Expense	<u>\$17,878.15</u>
Month Ending	\$10,365.50

At the End of **October**, we are at a

Positive \$10,365.50 (BUDGET VS ACTUAL)

Year to Date we are at a **Positive \$12,905.40 (INCOME VS EXPENSE)**

THE CHURCH AND ITS OFFICE RUNS TRANSPARENT, IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT FINANCES REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE MANAGER. 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.

“Raise the Roof” Campaign
balance as of November 15, 2022, is
\$14,318

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.



First United Methodist Church

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724-863-6858

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Rev. Bruce R. Judy, Pastor - 724-747-6098 (call or text)

Dianne Runser - Music Ministries

Ronald Slavin - Youth Ministries

Laura Willby - Contemporary Music Coordinator

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Memory Verse - Psalm 150:6

“Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Amen.”

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

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 146:5-10

L: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord, their God,

P: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps; faith forever;

L: Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

P: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

L: The Lord watches over the sojourners, and upholds the widow and the orphan; but the Lord brings the way of the wicked to ruin.



***CALL TO WORSHIP (CONTINUED)**
P: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.
ALL: Praise The Lord!

***HYMN No. 234** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH 8:15 a.m. - Youth Group
10:45 a.m. - Youth Group

***HYMN No. 211 (vs. 6)** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ANOINTING OF PRAYER SHAWLS AND BLANKETS

***HYMN No. 143** "On Eagles Wings"

CHILDREN'S CHAT

CHILDREN'S OFFERING
The Children's Offering for the month of December will be going to a local mission.

WORD OF GOD *James 5:7-9*

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

***OFFERTORY** "Infant's Prayer"

***CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY**
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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 204** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

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** *Matthew 11:2-6*


SERMON "The Play"

***HYMN No. 218** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING** "Voluntary on 'Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus'"



*Altar Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are in honor of God's grace.

ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE
Worship Host - Robbyn Slavin
Music Leader - David Lyons

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC
Saturday Evening - 13
Sunday - 8:15 a.m. - 48 10:45 a.m. - 69
Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 13

*** PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.**



HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED

CPR, NARCAN and AED training will be provided to all staff and volunteers on **Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.** here at the church. Cost for certification is \$40 per person and non-certification is \$20 per person. Volunteers can pay the day of the training and the payments will be collected by the trainer.

Please call the church office to be added to the sign-up sheet.

724-863-6858

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING REV. BRUCE JUDY

Christmas giveaway being held Saturday, December 17, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Donations will be accepted one week prior to the giveaway.

Call the church office for donation drop offs. 724 863 6858.

All items welcome: clothing, toys, household items, Christmas decorations, .



LADIES OF THE CHURCH

The United Methodist Women would like to invite any ladies of the church to our Christmas party on Monday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m., we will have a \$5.00 gift exchange game. We would like a RSVP if you plan on attending, please call Donna Weber at 724-864-4954 or Dot Depp at 724-863-0351.

Members remember your grab bag and the dish you signed up to bring!



SALVATION ARMY DIRECT NUMBER - 724-331-7832. If you know of anyone in need of our services please do not hesitate to call.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Third Sunday in Advent, December 11



In keeping with the Advent Candle tradition of the third candle representing the shepherds and their joy at hearing the Good News, a scene of shepherds and sheep is introduced into the Progressive Nativity. Shepherds were not among the who's who in Judaic society. So it is all the more extraordinary that the first birth announcement would be given to dirty, smelly, leather skinned itinerants. As Mary & Joseph neared their destination, shepherds kept watch in their fields. Again, ordinary people leading ordinary lives. In those moments the angels were queuing up for the big reveal. If you've ever been a part of a performance group, you know the whispering and excitement of those last moments before you take the stage. The angels gathered at heaven's edge barely containing their jubilation. Meanwhile, back on the ranch, the shepherds were tending to and guiding the flock. Herding them together and then bedding down for the night in the opening to the pen. The shepherds really did lay down their lives in the entrance. And, from afar the wise men traveled on following the star. It is thought that they started to respond to God's signs months before any occurrences were made manifest in Judea. God quickened the spirits of the sages to respond to the call of the star while the rest of the region lived out the day to day existence oblivious to God's plan unfolding. The three vignettes displayed in the Progressive Nativity on this third Sunday in Advent speak of the many moving parts of God's magnificent plan of salvation.

Staff Appreciation Love Offering: As a result of all their hard work and dedication, Irwin First United Methodist Church continues to provide 43 ministries to Irwin and the surrounding communities. Every single day, they inspire us in their support with the mission of this Church. You can join us by showing your support with a staff appreciation "love offering" by using the enclosed envelope. The staff consists of (in no particular order): Dianne Runser, Robbyn Slavin, Laura Willby, Josh Burger, Joyce Shaffer, Alyssa Bazala, Jj Weber, Ed Bogle, David Lyons, and Rue Redman.

It's Angel Tree Time!

This year we have 22 families with a total of 65 children seeking help for Christmas.

If you took an angel from the tree, please return wrapped gifts **TODAY**. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Robbyn at 724-600-5940.

The Crazy Christmas Club Committee will be sponsoring a Reverse Advent again this year to bless our Angel Tree Families with extra food at Christmas. Reverse Advent is a fun way to collect food. Just pick up a list from the table near the tree in the Narthex, purchase the item or food for each day and by day 24 you will have a basket full of food to give! **These will also be due back TODAY**, depending on the day you get your list, you might have to double up a couple days to complete the basket on time! If you have any questions reach out to Robbyn or Missy Andrison. Thank you all for your continued support of our committee and the families in our community.



THANK YOU SHOUT OUT!

A great big thank you for everyone that participated in the pie orders!
From Alan and Cindi Painter.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES STARTING

Children 12 and up

When: Sunday, January 8th, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

If you are interested or have questions please reach out to Ron or Robbyn Slavin or more details.

Prayer Quilt & Prayer Shawl Dedication.

Thank you for all who have dedicated their time and talents in sewing, knitting and/or crocheting items to be dedicated.

Please see Cindi Painter for a Prayer card to be attached. Each item is placed in plastic bag with a prayer card, cleaning instructions and approximate size noted.

Prayer Quilts and Prayer Shawls are freely given and Dedicated for those who are in need of a touch of God's Love from Our Church to You!

It is our hope those who receive a Prayer Quilt or Prayer Shawl will be Blest with God's Love and warmed as you wrap yourself up and receive God's Love--kinda-like a Hug from God!

As each one has been hand made for you, it was Prayed over for You & Your Loved One. So don't hesitate in taking one today!

(The ladder shelf in the narthex will have some on for your taking any time.)

THE Wonder OF CHRISTMAS

- Multiple Ushers are needed. If you are interest in being an Usher, please reach out to the office. 724 863 6858.
- Flower sponsors are needed, contact Alice to get flowers on the altar.
- Friendly reminder to please return the green vases to the church office after picking up your altar flowers.



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

Sunday, December 11

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service
Breakfast between services/ Youth Play: Tinsel

Monday, December 12

9:00 a.m. - Nativity
11:00 a.m. - UM Women Christmas party
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts
6:00 p.m. - Dartball

Tuesday, December 13

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

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center
10:00 a.m. - Quality Control Meeting
1:00 p.m. - Bible Study
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group Christmas party
7:00 p.m. - Zoom Prayer Group Meeting
Zoom Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password: 3U22u3
7:00 p.m. - AA

Thursday, December 15

8:00 a.m. - Senior Activity Center - Christmas Party
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m. - Basketball
6:15 p.m. - Cathedral Bells
6:30 p.m. - NA
7:15 p.m. - Choir

Friday, December 16

6:00 p.m. - Giveaway set up
Have a great weekend!

Saturday, December 17

9:00 a.m. - Giveaway
10:00 a.m. - Set up cookie trays
6:00 p.m. - Contemporary Service

Sunday, December 18

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service
6:00 p.m. - Volleyball

Cookie order pick up

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

Wanda H. - Walden View; Mary Greene & James R., Sr. - St. Anne's Home, Greensburg; Altozoe S. - Hempfield Manor.

CONTINUOUS PRAYER

Tim F., Joyce T., John D., Ed b., Teagan S., Renee, Judy, Heather, Kristi R., Barbara G., Terry and Deb Y., Diana M., John D., Mike P., Kate G., Cindy M., Ed D., Betty Jo M., Eric S., Kathy S., Floyd, Rose D., Connie P., Jane, Rob F., Renee E., Finn, Sandy D., Connie B., Sandye C., Daryl S., Jamie, Peg and Lamont, Pat C., Marlene W., Al M., Jennifer H., Lilly, Ronnie L., Gary E., Molly A., Mary and Dan G., Maria B., Ed B., Jonathan and Felicia W., Bob and Judie M., Dorothy A., Patti W., Josh A., Donna W., Vi N., Sandy L., Linda K., Larry R., Jule K., Mark L., Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Cheryl and John M., Tim and Diane N., Rick H., Marlin A. and Nancy P., Joe S., Joe L., Virginia, Jennifer N., Curt E., Valerie M., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Dean and Dorothy, Rose N., Sara C., Fred and Barb S., Mischa and Suzanne S., Diane B., John G., Noah C., Craig C., Red, Dawn, Amy P., Chuck K., Pat M., Ashley, Stu S., Shawn S., Christa L., Rhonda, Beverly and Tom D., Laura, Dave W., Kim V., Dorothy A., Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Lesley K., Debbie N., Cliff R., Penny and Jerry M., Ron M., Father John Moineau, Shirley B., Brandon G. and **Missionaries:** Bob & Natalie F. and Family (India), John and Diane K. (Mexico) and Connie Wieck.

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.

Kathy U., Barb E., Jennifer G., Denise and Annie, Neil and Alma, 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.



Every year we are asked to provide the Director of Connectional Ministries and the Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Team with a list of both clergy and laity who are willing to give of their time to serve on a variety of conference committees. Once again, I am writing this year to ask that if you are willing and interested in serving on any of the committees and boards listed, or if any of the laity in your congregations are willing to serve, to please send me names and contact information no later than December 23, 2022.

The following committees and boards have openings:

Conference Connectional Leadership Team, Connectional Nurture Ministries Team, Connectional Outreach Ministries Team, Connectional Witness Ministries Team, Archives and History, Camping and Retreats Ministries Corporations, Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, Church and Society, Communications, Conference Rules Team, Conference Sessions Team: Implementation Task Team (for information only), Arrangements Sub-Team, Legislative Sub-Team, Program Sub-Team, Children and Youth Sub-Team, Disability Concerns, Discipleship, Episcopacy, Equitable Compensation, Ethnic Local Church Concern, Native American Ministry Sub-team, Anti-Racism Team, Evangelism, Council on Finance and Administration, Global Ministries, Higher Education and Campus Ministries, Conference Board of Laity, Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Team, Board of Ordained Ministry, Parish and Community Development, Pensions, Personnel Team, Poverty Team, Religion and Race, Commission on Status and Role of Women, Trustees United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, Council on Young Adult Ministry, Conference Council on Youth Ministry, At The Lake Ministries, All of our Conference Boards of Directors

Please announce this in your worship services and include this information in your bulletins so that interested individuals would be able to inform you of their willingness to serve. Thank you for your attention to this much needed ministry and service to the annual conference.

Blessings and thank you again,

Rev. Paul E. Ritchey
Greensburg District Superintendent,
(724) 461-7178 Office
(724) 599-7930 Cell

Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church



We need your help! We at First United Methodist Church in Irwin have a tremendous facility that has been serving the Irwin and surrounding communities for over one hundred years. We presently have 47 Ministries existing within the body of FUMC utilizing talents in the way God is calling you to do. Our complete list is available at:

<https://www.irwinfirstumc.org/groups/committees/finance>

The challenge with our facility is keeping it in the condition necessary to continue to serve our community. Presently \$30,000 is needed to repair the slate on the main portion of the roof and replace 2 of our flat roofs. We are asking for donations within our church and community to help continue our mission:

"The First U.M. Church of Irwin exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are a community of believers, centered on Christ, united by God's love, and empowered by the Holy Spirit"

Please contribute what God is calling you to help us with our Raise our Roof Campaign. You can either fill out the information on the bottom of the form and drop it off in the church office or offering plate and/or contribute online by credit card at <https://www.irwinfirstumc.org/fundraisers> . **Each donation will be matched through our capital improvements matching fund previously established by one of our benefactors.** Thank you.

God Loves You and So Do We!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Donation Amount _____