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"Our Refuge and Strength"

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ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE
Worship Host - Robbyn Slavin
Music Leader - 10:45 a.m. - David Lyons

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK AT FUMC
Sunday - 8:15 a.m. - 58 10:45 a.m. - 62
Facebook, YouTube, Zoom - 33

January 9, 2022

Wesleyan Covenant Service

Memory Verse - John 1:5

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.

****Please stand if you are able.***

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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

"Jesus Calls Us"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 1

L: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

P: **But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.**



ALTAR FLOWERS - Due to Covid, the flower store who supplies our altar flowers is closed until further notice. Therefore, there will be no fresh flowers on the altar until they give us the go ahead. If you were scheduled to have flowers on the altar in the month of January, they will be postponed to a later date. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you and we thank you for your understanding.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (cont.)**

Psalm 1

- L: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither — whatever they do prospers.
- P: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**
- L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- P: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

***HYMN No. 139**

“Praise, to the Lord, the Almighty”

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him.

WORD OF GOD

Acts 8:14-17

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

“Now that Daylight Fills the Skies”

***DOXOLOGY No. 87, v. 4**

**These gifts we now bring, these presents, these tokens,
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 252**

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

1. When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

***HYMN No. 252 (cont.)**

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

3. Come, Holy Spirit aid us to keep the vows we make;
This very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

SPECIAL MUSIC

Down by the Jordan” - 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

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“We’ve Got the Answer”

ANOINTING OF THE LEADERSHIP

***HYMN No. 334**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

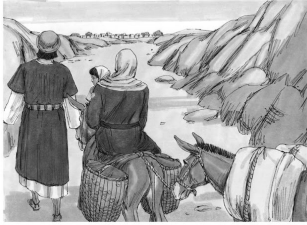
Chorus:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us,
Filling us with Your love; And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we’ll know
That we have been revived When we shall leave this place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2021 Progressive Nativity Experience

The Flight to Egypt



Sunday after Epiphany 2022

This is the Sunday after Epiphany on our calendar, but not necessarily that of Bible times. The timing is for our convenience to continue the Christmas story!

There is one scene today because in *Matthew 2:11-12* it is written:

11 And when they (Magi) had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.” NKJ

THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

Our scene today is after the Magi (Wise Men) departed. An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream saying, *“13 Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.”*

14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, 15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.” Matthew 2:13-15 NKJ

We encourage you to continue reading the scripture to further your understanding of the life of Jesus, our Messiah. It is the hope of the Nativity Team that you were blessed by the Progressive Nativity. Continue reading the Bible to learn about Jesus and include Him in your lives!

Thank You!

God bless and we will see you in Advent 2022,
Your Nativity Team

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES - All contribution booklets have been mailed out. Meanwhile there are extra booklets in the “June Coons Room” on the NOW Committee Station. This booklet along with a “Key Code Card” will give members a better sense of privacy and security, as well as a more organized process. A paper copy of the “Key Code Card” in in this bulletin and will remain in the bulletin during the month of January. If you did not receive your contribution booklet or have any questions, feel free to contact the Financial Secretary at 724-863-6858.

WENDELL’S VISION - We are anxiously waiting to receive your request(s) for that project/task you need or want to check off your “things to do list”. We are ready to start any new projects/tasks now that the new year is here, so what’s stopping you from filling out that request form you got...or need to get from our ministry station in the “June Coons Ministry Outreach Center” (the old assembly room). We are praying for you in anticipation of that request. Let’s work together to fulfill your wishes. No request is too small; however, some may not be possible for various reasons. But unless you ask, we’ll never know. All requests are vetted using the same criteria for fairness. The only thing we ask is that you are a regular attendee of the Saturday or Sunday services of Irwin First United Methodist Church.

Check out the church website for the latest photos of “Before & After” recently posted. Your before & after could be on next...All of the volunteers hope you had a joyous Christmas and are praying for the New Year. Maybe you would like to join them in our quest to help others and continue this blessed ministry!!! If so, fill out a volunteer form and turn it into the church office.

Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman

NEW BIBLE STUDY - Pastor Bruce began a new Bible study on Wednesday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the “June Coons Ministry Outreach Center”. This Bible study is entitled “Ten Parables of Jesus” and workbooks are required and are available for the cost of \$6.00. If you are interested in attending, please join us on Wednesdays for the next 10 weeks. We look forward to seeing you!

NATIVITY GROUP AND QUILTERS - Quilting will resume on Tuesday, January 18 and continue every first and third Tuesday. The Nativity group will meet every second and fourth Tuesday. Any questions, please contact Mary Reed or Cindi Painter. We welcome anyone who would like to join us “you are a stranger but once”! We really do have fun!



GIVE BLOOD, IT’S A LIFE SAVER - The blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26 from 12:30-6:00 p.m. Please consider participating in this life saving ministry.

CAMP FUNDRAISER

We will continue with the 14" Hoagies, 12" Pizzas and Pepperoni Rolls as a fundraiser for camperships. See enclosed form. We will still be using Post Avenue Fundraising for these food items. Price is \$ 8.00. Checks should be made payable to First UM Church on pickup day. Pickup dates at the church will be the first Sunday of February, March, April and May. Forms need to be turned into the church on Sunday, January 23, 2022. Your support of this fundraiser is appreciated!

Our church contributes 30% of total camp costs for campers who are members of Irwin First United Methodist Church or who are attending our church. Camp books should be available in January. Watch for further information.

Remember our **CLEAN CLOSETS FOR CAMPERS** project. There are blue bins outside our church. They accept clothing, belts, purses, curtains, etc. Mission Partners will pick up our items and send the church a check used for camperships. Thank you for your help! If you have questions, contact Debbie Weaver 724-863-4236.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CAMP FUNDRAISER

Question: Contact Debbie Weaver - (724) 863-4236
Post Avenue Fundraising - (800) 394-8137

NAME:							
PHONE:				TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:			
14" HOAGIES - \$8.00							
Italian w/ Onions	Italian No Onions	Tradi-tional w/ Onions	Tradi-tional No Onions	Ham/ Swiss w/ Onions	Ham/ Swiss No Onion	Pizza	Turkey No Onions
12" PIZZA - \$8.00				FRESH, NOT FROZEN, READY TO BAKE			
PEPPERONI PIZZA		PLAIN PIZZA		WHITE PIZZA			
PEPPERONI ROLLS - \$8.00 FOR 2 PACK							
2 PACK SPICY PEPPERONI ROLLS				2 PACK REGULAR PEPPERONI ROLLS			

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, January 9 - Wesleyan Covenant Service

8:15 a.m. - In-Church and Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:45 a.m. - In-Church and Drive-in Church - Radio 87.9 FM, Facebook, YouTube and
Zoom (Meeting ID#: 633 303 454 Password: 104289)

Monday, January 10

10:00 a.m. - United Methodist Women
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Dartball-H

Tuesday, January 11

9:00 a.m. - Nativity Group
6:00 p.m. - Basketball
7:00 p.m. - Trustees Meeting
7:30 p.m. - NA

Wednesday, January 12

9:30 a.m. - Salvation Army
10:00 a.m. - Zoom Prayer Group Meeting
Zoom Meeting ID#: 311 4389 930, Password: 3U22u3
10:00 a.m. - Quality Control Meeting
1:00 p.m. - Bible Study
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group
6:00 p.m. - Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - AA

Thursday, January 13

6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m. - Basketball
6:15 p.m. - C Bells
6:30 p.m. - NA
7:15 p.m. - Choir

Friday, January 14

9:00 a.m. - Food Bank Truck (Gym closed)

Saturday, January 15

8:00 a.m. - Food Bank
6:00 p.m. - Contemporary Service and Dinner

Sunday, January 16

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service

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; Dorothy B. - Asbury Heights, Mt. Lebanon; Mary Greene & James R., Sr. - St. Anne's Home, Greensburg; Doris C. - Golden Heights, Harrison City; Altozoe S. - Hempfield Manor.

CONTINUOUS PRAYER

Vi N., Sandy L., Suzanne K., 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., Patty H., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Dean and Dorothy, Chris E., 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., Jane I., Ashley, Stu S., Shawn S., Christa L., Rhonda, Beverly and Tom D., Laura, Stephanie S., Dave W., Bill and Elaine M., Kim V., Dorothy A., Paul and Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Lesley K., Debbie N., Cliff R., Penny and Jerry M., Ron M., Father John Moineau, Shirley B., Brandon G., Kathy H. 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.

Jonathan and Felicia W., Edward N., Vi, Sandy L., Bob and Connie C., Jendy and Alan H., Bob W., Alma and Neil Sheila L., our world, First Responders and Military, our Country and Leaders, job situations and those traveling.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Brandon D., Colby S., Angelo W., Nicholas P., David J., Amanda M., James G., Emery M., Makayla L., Mark Russak, Sara D., Jeremy L., Carl B., Dylan A., Thomas C. and Edward J. III.

***I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.
Psalm 17:6***