



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 7, 2021

March Memory Verse - John 14:6

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

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.

PRELUDE “The Old Rugged Cross”

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Book of Worship No. 449**

L: Trust in the Lord and do good.

P: May the Lord give strength to the people!

L: O taste and see that the Lord is good!

P: God is our refuge and strength.

All: Amen

***HYMN No. 77 “How Great Thou Art”, v. 1& 3**

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
 consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art.
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3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
 sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY – Ed Lorenc, David Lyons

WORD OF GOD 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Christ Crucified Is God's Power and Wisdom

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY “The Way of the Cross Leads Home”

***LENTEN DOXOLOGY (tune: “Old 100th)**

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise,

And praise the Spirit who imparts

God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 297 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”, v. 1 & 3**

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.
4. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SPECIAL MUSIC “Remember Me” – 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

SERMON SCRIPTURE John 2:13-22

Jesus Clears the Temple Courts

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”
¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”
²⁰They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?”
²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

L: The Word of God for the children of God.
P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “What is Our Sign”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
THE INVITATION
WORDS OF ASSURANCE
SACRAMENT *All are welcome.*

HYMN No. 614 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”, v. 1 & 4

- 1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

- 4. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward,
in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “The Solid Rock”**
(Please allow the ushers to direct you as you leave the sanctuary.)

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

ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE

Worship Host – Robbyn Slavin Song Leader – David Lyons

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3/7/2021

FUMC MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to become a member of our FUMC family, please fill out the Family Information sheet found on the table in the narthex and drop it in the offering box. Pastor Bruce will be glad to talk to you about what it means to be United Methodist and a member of Irwin FUMC and will let you know when the next New Member Orientation will be.

Also, we want to be sure to have everyone’s correct information. So, if any of your contact or family information has changed in the last two years, please use the Family Information sheet to update it.

EASTER OUTREACH: The Outreach Committee will be helping several families in our community to have a happier Easter by giving them Aldi grocery store gift cards. If you would like to help, please take a slip from the poster board sign in the Narthex, purchase the \$25.00 gift card, and return it to the church by Sunday, March 21st. You can place it in the box on the poster board sign or in the door slot at the office. If you wish to help but can’t purchase a gift card, we will be happy to accept monetary donations in any amount, to purchase additional gift cards. Thank you in advance for helping us help those in need in our community.
The Outreach Committee

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*

Please note: Our church Secretary/Receptionist is in the office Monday through Friday until noon. She can be reached at 724-863-6858 or fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net Our church Financial Secretary/Office Manager is in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. She can be reached at 724-863-8658 or joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org Occasionally, there will be times when there may not be anyone in the office. Please call before coming in to make sure someone is in the office to assist you.

Sunday, Sunday, March 7 Communion

- 8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)
- 9:30 Confirmation Class & New Member Class
Harvesters Adult Class,
Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA
- 9:30 Toddler – 5th Grade Sunday School
(see announcement)
- 10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and
Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password
104289)
- 5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park

Monday, March 8

- 5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park
- 6:30 Grief Support
- 6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 9

- 5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park
- 7:00 Trustees
- 7:30 NA

Wednesday, March 10

- 9:30 Salvation Army
- 10:00 Prayer Group Meeting
(Zoom Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)
- 5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park
- 5:00 Youth Center
- 7:00 AA

Thursday, March 11

- 5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park
- 6:00 Girl Scouts
- 6:15 Cathedral Bells
- 6:30 NA
- 7:00 Choir

Friday, March 12

- 9:00 Food Bank Truck – help needed
- 6:00 Brown Bag Meal

Saturday, March 13

- 8:30 Food Bank – help needed
- 6:00 PM Contemporary Service with Dinner

Sunday, March 14

- 8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)
- 9:30 Confirmation Class & New Member Class
Harvesters Adult Class,
Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA
- 9:30 Toddler – 5th Grade Sunday School
(see announcement)
- 10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom
(Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password 104289)
- 5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park

EASTER FLOWERS: Orders are now being accepted for the beautiful lilies and mums that will adorn our church on Easter morning. The flowers are \$10.00 each and, if you choose, may be purchased “in honor of” or “in memory of” a loved one. You may take your flowers after the service on Easter morning.

Order forms are due by Sunday, March 14th (not March 21st as previously listed.) Please place your order and payment (checks made payable to “FUMC”) in the offering box or office door slot. Please do not include your flower payment in with your regular giving.

Grief Support Group

Restarting March 8, 2021

6:30 pm-8:00 pm

2nd and 4th Mondays of every month

Grief is deep sorrow, especially caused by someone's death.

Bereavement is the state of being deprived of something or someone.

Mourning is a time of sadness because of a loss.

We all have had many reasons to mourn over this past year!

Some of us have mourned the loss of loved ones, while some have mourned the loss of a job, a home, security, or our lifestyle. With so many losses at this time, First United Methodist Church Irwin is pleased to continue the Grief Support Group at this difficult time.

You can help others in the mourning and grief process by sharing your journey. Please join us to discuss our losses and support each other through them.



*Feed the Body
Feed the Soul*

**Contemporary Saturday Evening
Service 6 - 7PM**

Enjoy a light dinner with music
and devotions!

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**BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, March 24, 2021
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
in gym of our church.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: IrwinFirstUMC to schedule an appointment.

TODDLER – 5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL: this age group has not yet returned to in-church Sunday school. Please use the contact information listed to participate in the Zoom classes:
Toddler Zoom Sunday School - 2-4 year old children - 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.

Preschool - 5th grade Sunday School - 9:30 AM on Zoom. For more information please contact Becky at 412-816-1906.

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.



BLESSING BOX: We stock our Blessing Box almost daily with toiletry items for the needy in our community. If you have donations of new toiletry items please bring them to the church when you come for Saturday or Sunday services. If you have any questions about the Blessing Box, please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor Ron.

Additional Blessings 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 (books.)



PUPPIES. POUNDS & PRAYER!

Join us for our Lenten walks each Sunday

through Thursday beginning at 5:00 PM near the basketball court/picnic tables at Oak Hollow Park. This is for anyone who wants to walk with their dog, or perhaps wants lose weight, or wants to connect with prayer.

There is a lot of flexibility in this group. Suggested walking paths range from ¼ mile to 5 miles. You can come by yourself to walk and meditate alone with just you and Jesus, or walk in fellowship with others (following social distancing guidelines).



When we gather we will offer prayers of joys and concerns. After prayer, each participant can choose the walking path that best fits their personal journey for Mind (Puppies), Body (Pounds), and Soul (Prayer), and we will break out to walk.



Also, you can stay for 15 minutes or 2 hours – whatever fits your schedule and works with your physical needs and abilities. God wants to work with us in caring for our body and soul.

Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you at Oak Hollow for “Puppies, Pounds and Prayer.”

Contact Darlene Simpson at 724-309-4277 or AMSunshine4@hotmail.com



Camp News ... Can you name something that ALL ages can enjoy? Church Camp and Chocolate! Sweet! Two of my favorites! Camp Allegheny, Wesley Woods and Jumonville will be registering campers soon. To help defray the cost of camp for kids and adults, we are selling Easter Candy. There are sweets for everyone to enjoy this Easter! Fill your baskets with novelty items, foiled eggs and jelly beans! They also have 1/2 pound and 1 pound eggs, flat bars, boxed or bagged items. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex. All orders and payments (checks made payable to FUMC) must be deposited in the church office door slot by **Sunday, March 21**. No orders will be taken after this date. Candy can be picked up at the church office following both services on Palm Sunday, March 28th. If you prefer, your candy order can be delivered to your front porch for a \$5 donation. Please note: "**I will pick up**" or

"**Please deliver**" on your order form.

Thank you for supporting our Camp Funding through this Candy Sale and by continuing to donate clothing to our Blue Bins in our church lot! What a great experience camp provides - enjoying the outdoors, meeting new friends and learning about Jesus! Buy some sweets and help retreats! Any questions on ordering, please contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GENERAL CONFERENCE of 2020 had been previously postponed to August 2021 due the COVID-19 pandemic. In its most recent decision, the Board has now changed the date to August 29 - September 6, 2022, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. You can hear what our bishop, Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi said about the change by clicking on the following link

<https://www.wpaumc.org/newsdetail/bishops-call-special-session-15077607>

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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)

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 in
“This Week at our Church.”)

MICROSOFT TEAMS INSTRUCTIONS: For laptop or desktop computer, Smart Phone & Tablet:
Please follow the instructions on the reminder email that you receive from your committee. For landline or
cell phone (Audio only):

Dial 724-936-1197. Enter the Conference ID when prompted.

Follow the prompts.

Please contact Eric Platt at eric.platt@irwinfirstumc.org or 412-841-7655 if you have questions.



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
Doris C. ~ Golden Heights (Harrison City) LaVerne F. ~ Walden's View
Altozoe S. ~ Hempfield Manor

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

Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Cheryl & John M., Tim & Diane N., Rick H., Marlin A & Nancy P., Joe S., Joe L., Virginia,
Jennifer N., Curt E., Cheryl H., Valerie M., Patty H., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Joe and Wava, Dean and Dorothy, Chris
E., Rose N., Sara C., Jeanne and Larry A., Fred & Barb S., Mischa & Suzanne S., Diane B., Les H., 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, Marlin F., Stephanie S., Dave W., Bill & Elaine M., Kim V. Paul & Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Andrea, Lesley K.,
Debbie N., and Cliff R.

Bob & Natalie F. & Family (Missionaries in India) Connie Wieck (Missionary)

******* 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 L., George and Kelly, Paul and Michelle, Neil and Alma, Yvonne I. and family, Rolan and
Janice, Eugene W., Joe K., COVID 19 Concerns, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and
Military, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, Businesses, The Unrest in Our Country, Connie B., Our Country
and Leaders, Pastor Bruce & Bonnie, Ron, Burnetta G., Royce A., Bob, Cindi P., Bill & Elaine M., Kathy

******* 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



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Welcome

Announcements

Memory Verse

Opening Prayer

Worship music:

Raise a Hallelujah

My Savior My God

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Offering

Worship music:

Word of God Speak

Revelation Song

Scripture & Message

Closing song:

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Prayer Requests

*“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge” (Psalm 62:8)*

EASTER FLOWERS AND MEMORIALS

Deadline to order – March 14, 2020

(no orders taken after this date)

\$10.00 - Lilies: # _____

\$10.00 - Mums: # _____ (No color choice.)

Total number ordered Lilies _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Mums _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Please Print

Flowers in Memory of: _____

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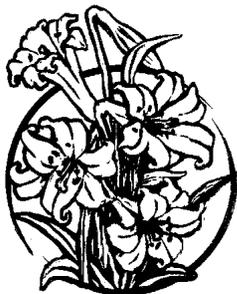
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Kingston VBS \$ _____

Living Memorial Gift \$ _____

Total Memorial Gifts \$ _____



Please Print:

Memorial in Memory of: _____

Memorial in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Please place payment in a separate envelope

from you regular giving.

Mark the envelope “Easter Flowers and Memorials”