



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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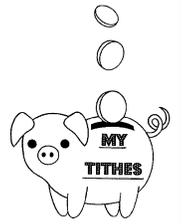
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Eric Bush – Youth Minister

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**November 13, 2016**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 - Sandy Lehner**

**10:45 - Tracy Hawley**

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**Memory Verse for November**

**James 4:7 “Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”**

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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.

**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**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION 8:15 - “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**

**10:45 - “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” – Temple Bells**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 842 Psalm 119:33-40**

**(The Call to Worship is printed here for the Worship Hosts. Please ask the congregation to turn in their hymnals to No. 842)**

**L:** Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

**P:** Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

**L:** Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

**P:** Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to gain!

**L:** Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; and give me life in your ways.

**P:** Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

**L:** Turn away the reproach which I dread; for your ordinances are good.

**P:** Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

**\*HYMN No. 2284 “Joy in the Morning”**

**WORD OF GOD 2 Thessalonians 3:11-13**

**RECOGNITION OF VETERANS**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”**

*(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be given to the USO. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM 8:15 – “Jesus Is Coming Again” – Connie Bickerstaff**

**10:45 – “Jesus Loves Me” - SonShiners**

**PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY “Dawn Praise”**

**\*DOXOLOGY “For the Gift of Creation”**

**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**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**\*HYMN No. 368 “My Hope Is Built”**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord.”  
For our concerns we say: “Lord, hear our prayers.”**

**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 Luke 21:8-19**

**SERMON “Hang on, don’t let go.”**

**\*HYMN No. 717 “Battle Hymn of the Republic”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSIC OF PARTING “A Ground with Divisions”**

*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.  
The altar rail is always open.*

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday Worship – 18 Sunday 8:15 – 73 10:45 – 82**

**SERVING YOU SUNDAY, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

**GREETERS:** 8:15 – Dave & Kathy Pasipanki 10:45 – Burnetta Green

**USHERS TEAMS:** 8:15 – Virginia Ives 10:45 – Lou Berta

**SOUND TEAM:** 8:15 – Fritz Runser 10:45 - Josh Burger & Penny Brant

**NURSERY:** Our Child Care Center (birth through age 5) will be open today during the 10:45 service. Our attendants today will be Amy & Hanna Bergman.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers this morning are presented in memory of Nathan Ives from Virginia Ives and her family.

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

Office - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday thru Thursday & 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday  
Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)  
Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.

**Today, Sunday, November 13**

**Honoring Our Veterans**

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
12:15 Soup Sale

**Monday, November 14**

10:00 UM Women  
6:30 Grief Support  
7:00 Dartball - Away

**Tuesday, November 15**

11:00 AM-11:30 PM - Pizza Hut Fundraiser  
*Flyers available in the Narthex*  
6:15 TOPS  
7:00 Youth Group  
7:30 NA

**Wednesday, November 16**

6:15 C Bells  
7:00 UM Men  
7:00 Women's Book Group  
7:15 Choir

**Thursday, November 17**

**Irwin Light-Up Night**

Music rehearsals moved to Wednesday

**Friday, November 18**

6:00 Stewardship Spaghetti Dinner  
7:30 Entertainment  
*See announcement for more details*

**Saturday, November 19**

6:00 AM – 9:00 PM Bob Evans Fundraiser  
*Flyers available in the Narthex*  
1:00 Harriet Uhrig Memorial Service  
6:00 Alternative Worship

**Next Sunday, November 20**

8:00 Prayer Time  
8:15 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
12:15 Hanging of the Greens

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** All information for the December 2016/January 2017 Newsletter is **due in the office by Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Any information not received by Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> will not be published in the December 2016/January 2017 Newsletter. So, don't delay. Get your articles in early.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** In honor of all veterans, our children's Collection will be sent to the *USO (United Service Organizations)*. The *USO* strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation. For over 75 years, the *USO* has been the nation's leading organization to serve the men and women in the U.S. military, and their families, throughout their time in uniform. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the *USO* is always by their side.

Today's *USO* continuously adapts to the needs of our men and women in uniform and their families, so they can focus on their very important mission. We operate *USO* centers at or near military installations across the United States and throughout the world, including in combat zones, and even un-staffed *USO* service sites in places too dangerous for anyone but combat troops to occupy.

*USO* airport centers throughout the country offer around-the clock hospitality for traveling service members and their families. Our trademark *USO* tours bring America and its celebrities to service members who are assigned far from home, to entertain them and convey the support of the nation. And our many specialized programs offer a continuum support to service members throughout their journey of service, from the first time they don the uniform until they last time they take it off. The *USO* is not part of the federal government. A congressionally chartered, private organization, the *USO* relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities, and is powered by a family of volunteers to accomplish our mission of connection.

<https://www.uso.org/about>

*"Thanksgiving Food Basket"* 11/6 - \$215.63

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**SOUP LUNCHEON:** The Outreach Committee will be hosting a soup luncheon after the second service today. A limited number of soups will be available for take-out after the 8:15 service. Or join us after the 10:45 service for soup, a sandwich, dessert and fellowship!



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**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are going to do Operation Christmas Child this year.** Please see the display in the Narthex for more information. Today is the final date to return your items. Any questions call Donna Weber 724-864-4954 or Dot Depp 724-863-0351.

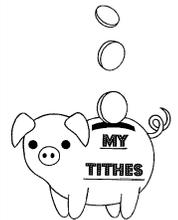
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**THE METHODIST MEN'S** meeting for Wednesday, November 16th will be held at Cafe Supreme on Main St. at 7 o'clock. This is our annual Christmas/Fellowship Meal. We will be holding election of officers for 2017 at this meeting. I need to give the restaurant a count so they can prepare for us. Please let me know by 11/14/2016 if you are planning to attend. All are welcome to attend. Mike Andrison (724) 875-1141.

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**WEEK #2 – STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM – “GIVING FIRST TO GOD”**

Are you giving the first part of your week to God? Do you attend church regularly each Sunday? If you are a member of First UM, you have taken a vow to support this church with your presence and your gifts. “On every Lord’s Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.” (1 Cor. 16:2)



Do you know that our church would grow spiritually if we would give a percentage of our income back to God? Giving to God is not to pay the bills of the church – it is about making a commitment to God! Tithing is a disciplined commitment, and one that God requires of us. If you’re new to tithing, you can give any percentage of your income to God, then increase that percentage each year. God’s abundant blessings will follow! In the weeks ahead, attend one of our three worship services at First UM. Spend the first part of your week in God’s house!

**Today is the last day to purchase your Spaghetti Dinner Tickets!!!** The dinner will be **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6PM with a program following in the sanctuary at 7:30 PM. Tickets are available in the narthex after both services today. The cost is \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.50 for Children under 12. No tickets will be sold at the door. It will be a fun night, so bring your friends, family and neighbors. Can’t make it for the dinner? Come to the sanctuary later for the singing entertainment by Pastor Arnie McFarland of Somerset United Methodist Church!



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**HARVESTER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!** It's time to start planning our holiday get together. This year the Harvester's Class is planning on going to Camp Allegheny on Saturday, December 3rd at 5 PM for the annual "Christmas Dinner Theater and Basket Party". Dinner will be served in the dining hall, and baskets full of gifts and goodies will be available to bid on throughout the evening. "The Eternity Players" will perform and will keep us laughing in our seats! If you'd like to attend, please contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or [cts72@hotmail.com](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com) by November 15th to reserve a seat. The cost is \$25 per person. All monies made on this event will go directly to Camp Allegheny for renovations to the camp grounds!

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***CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND OUR CHURCH IS RINGING IN THE SEASON!!!*** Mark your calendars to participate in ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 8 PM in front of the Giant Eagle store in North Huntingdon. Our kettle will be on the Kohl’s side of the GE entrance. Sign the paper in the narthex as to what hour of the day you’d like to participate! It’s a great way to give of your time so others may receive!

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**CUSTODIAN:** The First United Methodist Church of Irwin is accepting applications for the position of Custodian. Responsibilities include general housekeeping and maintenance, grounds care, minor repairs, and event support. Candidate must have a flexible schedule, be Christian centered, have a pleasant disposition, and have strong organizational skills. This is a part-time position of 25-30 hours per week with no benefits. Applicants are required by law to have passed



the PA State Police Criminal Record Check, the PA Child Abuse History Clearance and the FBI based fingerprint check. Interested persons may contact the church at 724-863-6858 or by email at [irwinfirstumc@comcast.net](mailto:irwinfirstumc@comcast.net)

Cover letter and resume with references may be sent to:

First United Methodist Church, Attn: Staff Parish, 310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642

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**FROM THE WITNESS COMMITTEE**

A clip board will be passed during worship for the following opportunities for service:

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** will be immediately after the 10:45 AM service on Sunday, November 20. Many hands make the job easier. Jobs include: 1) Erect and decorate the sanctuary trees; 2) Place and decorate the sanctuary window shelves; 3) erect and decorate the sanctuary nativity scene; 4) erect and decorate the parlor and narthex trees; 5) Hang wreath and greens on the sanctuary balcony; 6) Hang banners on sanctuary pillars; 6) Place the advent wreath and candles; and 7) Hang the advent banners. We will have lunch (pizza and drinks) and a lot of fun preparing our church and our lives for the season of Advent!

**AS A PART OF OUR ADVENT CELEBRATIONS, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE REFRESHMENTS** after each service on November 27, December 4, 11 and 18. This is in place of our normal once-a-month coffee hours. Please help us to present a warm feeling of hospitality to any visitors we may have during the holiday season. We will need more than one person for refreshments after each service, since you are also responsible for setting up and serving refreshments.

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**HAPPY METHODIST GROUP:** Our Happy Methodist Group will meet at Lakeview Lounge in Greensburg for lunch on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Anyone who is interested in going is asked to call Shirley McCune at 724-527-2497 or Dot Depp at 724-863-0351.

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**CAMP NEWS...** Looking for the perfect gift to give your child or grandchild this Christmas? Camp Gift Certificates make a great gift and can be purchased through any of the three camps in any amount! With the cost of summer camp increasing, this gift card can be applied to their registration or used at the camp store while they are there. Many new friends and memories are made at camp every year! It's a gift that keeps on giving! Contact Wesley Woods, Camp Allegheny or Jumonville by phone or visit their website for information.

Questions, contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or [cts72@hotmail.com](mailto:cts72@hotmail.com)

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**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

**STYLUS PENS:** We have stylus pens (for use on tablets or phones as well as on paper) which are engraved with the church name, phone number and the phrase "God Loves You and So Do We" for sale. They are of superior quality, and at just \$2.00 each would make great, inexpensive Christmas gifts while helping to spread the news that our church is a loving and caring church. Buy several and "lose" them around our community! See the table in the Narthex or contact Dianne Runser for details.

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**TAKE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY** - Discover what your gifts are in order to best serve God. The booklets are on the table in the Narthex. Please answer the questions, sign the book, and return it to Pastor Bruce or the church office.

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**“RIGHT NOW MEDIA” BIBLE STUDIES:** To participate in any of these studies, you need to email the church office at [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto: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.

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**EMAIL REMINDERS:** If you would like to receive email reminders of church events, please email the church office ([irwinfirstumc@comcast.net](mailto:irwinfirstumc@comcast.net)) to get your email on the list. Please **DO NOT** hand write or call the office with the email address, as errors may occur. We want to make sure that we have the correct email.

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**STARTING IN JANUARY**

For more information on the following programs, contact Pastor Bruce at 724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

**HEALING SERVICE** – the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM. This is a simple service that has prayer, sharing, devotions, anointing with oil, laying on of hands, and communion. Just drop what you are doing and come as you are.

**DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP:** Meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Pastor Bruce has a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and real life experience with these diseases. He will facilitate. All meetings are confidential.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BRUCE:** A Bible study will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 PM.

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