



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**November 18, 2018**

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

**November Memory Verse – Hebrews 11:1**

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*

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

**WORSHIP HOST: 8:15 – Jason Kirsch**

**10:45 – Tracy Hawley**

**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**

**“Bringing in the Sheaves”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 834 Psalm 113**

**L:** <sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord!

**P:** **Praise, O servant of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!**

**L:** <sup>2</sup>Blessed by the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore!

**P:** <sup>3</sup>**From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

**L:** <sup>4</sup>The Lord is high above all nations, God’s glory above the heavens!

**P:** <sup>5</sup>**who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,**  
**<sup>6</sup>who looks far down upon the heavens and the earth?**

**L:** <sup>7</sup>God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, *(over)*

*Call to Worship, Cont’d.*

<sup>8</sup>to make them sit with princes, with the princes of God’s people.

**P:** <sup>9</sup>**God gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 131 “We Gather Together”**

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

*(Our Children's Collection this morning will be sent to "Irwin Volunteer Fire Department."  
Please see the announcements for more details.)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC            10:45 – "All Things Bright and Beautiful" SonShiners"**

**WORD OF GOD            Hebrews 10:19-25**

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

**OFFERTORY            "Rondeau on 'Royal Oak'"**

**\*DOXOLOGY            (tune: "When the Saints Go Marching In")**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below:  
praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

**HYMN No. 601            "Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet"**

**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    Mark 13:19-25**

**SERMON                "Don't Take It for Granted**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 89            "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION HYMN No. 672 "God Be with You" (verse 1 only)**

**MUSIC OF PARTING – "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

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**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday: 13            Sunday: 8:15 - 79    10:45 - 86**

**SERVING YOU TODAY**

**USHER TEAMS: 8:15 – Terri Yurcisin    10:45 – Joel Frye/Bill Hawley**

**SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser, Jason Kirsch, John & Bernie Johnston  
10:45 – Penny Brant, Josh Burger**

**ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this morning are presented in honor of Bruce Wiancko's birthday from Nellie.**

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

**Office Hours: 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**

*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](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

**Today, Sunday, November 18**

**Newsletter Deadline**

**Outreach Take-out Soup Sale**

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship Service

12:15 SonShiners/Temple Chimes

**Monday, November 19**

6:00 Cub Scouts

7:00 Dartball - H

**Tuesday, November 20**

4:30 Parsonage Inspection

6:00 Daisy Scouts

6:00 SPRC

7:00 Trustees

7:30 NA

**Wednesday, November 21**

**Office closes at Noon**

No Salvation Army

Youth Center Closed

6:00 Depression & Anxiety Support

**Thursday, November 22**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Office Closed**

6:30 NA

**Friday, November 23**

**Office Closed**

**Saturday, November 24**

6:00 Contemporary Worship

No Youth Center

**Next Sunday, November 25**

8:00 Prayer

8:15 Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship Service

No SonShiners/Temple Chimes

12:15 Hanging of the Greens

**Monday, November 26 & Tuesday, November 27**

The Church Office will be closed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – 11/18/2018**

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**CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS:** This week our children’s collection will be sent to the Irwin Volunteer Fire Department to help with their annual fund drive. The money donated will help pay for vehicle costs, equipment, and other operating expenses.

Irwin Volunteer Fire Department: 11/11 - \$217.50

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**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and staff vacations, all articles for the December 2018/January 2019 Newsletter must be in by Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Articles not received by then may not be published until the February 2019 Newsletter. If possible, please email your articles to [fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) or drop off a hard copy in the office.

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**RADA Cutlery :** Order forms and payments are due by today, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Checks can be made payable to “FUMC” and should be put in the office door slot. Questions...contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649.

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**TAKEOUT SOUP SALE:** The Outreach Committee will be selling soup to go after Sunday services today. Pick up some Vegetable Beef Soup or Chicken & Corn Chowder for a great lunch at home!

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**THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** All food donations are due to church today. If you forgot to bring your donation, please let Anne Osborn know

(724-744-7278 or [annegiannetti@gmail.com](mailto:annegiannetti@gmail.com)).

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**YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER:** We will be selling Custom engraved pans and gifts from “That’s My Pan.” Order deadline is November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in order to ensure delivery for Christmas. See Robbyn Slavin for more details. Brochures are in the Assembly Room. Help send our Youth to SPARK – Western PA UMC Youth Rally!

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**WE'RE SPRUCING UP OUR NARTHEX!** It's time to get ready for the holidays so we will be cleaning up the Narthex. All the easels and tables will be moved to the Assembly Room on the Sanctuary level. Our Visitor Center will also be moved to the Assembly Room. These moves will be on a permanent basis and will provide a neater look to our Narthex and also more room to view the displays. Please visit the Assembly Room each week to see what's new.

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Please be sure to welcome the newest members to our FUMC family. The following people joined our church last Sunday:

Darryl Zelenski - 500 Green Street, Irwin, PA 15642. 412-313-7077. Darryl has a wife, Brittany, and a son Dominic Joann Lindh - 2050 Thomas Drive, McKeesport, PA 15131. 724-699-2169. Joann has a husband, Dan, and two sons, Matthew and Nathaniel.

Ron, Robbyn & Kate Slavin - 18 Windihill Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601. 724-600-5940. Ron, with the help of his wife, Robbyn, is our Youth Minister. Kate is a senior at Hempfield High School. Ron & Robbyn have two sons, Aaron and Jay.

Bob McDonald - 460 Tillbrook Road, Irwin, PA 15642. 724-864-4093. Bob, his wife Beverly, and their family have been active in our church for many years.

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**OPERATION REINDEER** - The Outreach Committee will be supporting Operation Reindeer again this year. We will be accepting new, unwrapped gifts which will be distributed at Christmas to the residents at Torrance State Hospital. Collection dates will be Sunday, Nov. 4th, Nov. 11th, Nov. 18th and November 25th. Please look at the Operation Reindeer information sheet in the bulletins in November and the display in the Assembly Room for items needed and requested. Any questions, please call Mary Shupe 724-834-3508. Thank you.



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**ANGEL TREE:** Christmas is coming! And it's coming quickly. We will have an Angel Tree in the Narthex again this year and are looking for your help. We are always trying to reach out to new people. Do you know of a family in need or maybe a family with foster children? Do you know someone who lives alone and doesn't have family? We are hoping to expand our tree to include not only young children, but children of all ages who may not receive a present at the holiday. If you have anyone to include on our list, please contact Anne Osborn (724-744-7278 or [annegiannetti@gmail.com](mailto:annegiannetti@gmail.com)).



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**“The Lord Provides”:** To our Church Family,  
Just a friendly reminder from the Finance Committee to prayerfully complete and submit your 2019 Commitment Cards and turn them in by November 25<sup>th</sup>. They can be placed in the offering plates or turned in to the Church Office by the deadline. Thank You.

*Matthew 6:33, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”*

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**THANK YOU!** We would like to thank everyone who gave so generously on Pastor Appreciation Sunday and those who sent cards and gifts throughout the month of October. The monetary gift has not only blessed us, but will be a blessing to others, the gift cards will fill our bellies (which is always a blessing) and the quilt will hang in our home to remind us of the love we continually receive from our Irwin First UMC family and our Lord and Savior.

In Jesus' Love, Pastor Bruce and Bonnie

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**HANGING OF THE GREENS** will be immediately after the 10:45 AM service on Sunday, November 25. 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. There will be a sign-up sheet on the clip-board during each service so that we have some idea of a lunch count, but you are most welcome to help even if you have not signed up. We will have lunch (pizza and drinks) and a lot of fun preparing our church and our lives for the season of Advent!



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** needs to be conveyed to all who participated in our Chipped Ham Barbeque Luncheon!!! 100% of the total collected of \$592.05 was given for the Connectional Apportionments!! Thank You and God Bless You!

Thank You also to Ed Caswell for generously providing the delicious chipped ham barbeques, buns, potato salad, tossed salad with fresh vegetables, croutons and salad dressings!! We had plenty of food and were able to provide some take home meals for Church members who

attended. We also shared with the Greensburg Meals on Wheels and provided lunch for the Methodist Men setting up the outdoor Nativity set on Tuesday! Additionally, we thank Pastor Bruce & Pastor Ron, the Finance Committee, the Harvesters Sunday School Class & the Youth for setting up, serving and cleaning up. Thanks also for many of our devoted men and women who made our yummy, delicious desserts. We really appreciated our Custodial staff for helping to set up & taking down the tables and chairs and generally keeping us all together. There were so many hands helping! For that the Finance Committee appreciates everyone who contributed to our Mission & Ministry of the United Methodist Church!

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### CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY - DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

We are looking for any donations including Christmas gifts, toys, household items, lightly used clothes, decorations. Donations will be collected in marked boxes in back of Narthex or can be dropped off stage right in Gymnasium.



December 7<sup>th</sup> setting up in Gymnasium starting at 5:30.

Volunteers needed, please contact. Lonny Vogel 724-875-1975 if interested.

Give Away December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 till Noon

Volunteers needed for greeting and wrapping up at noon

Please join us for the fun, fellowship, and Christmas giving spirit!

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**THANK YOU!** Our family thanks everyone from the church who sent our mother, Sally Hildbold, a birthday card for her 90th birthday. She thoroughly enjoyed reading them all. It helped make her birthday a very special day!

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*The 2018 Advent booklets are now available on a table in the narthex. Please take one per household to share as together we "journey to Bethlehem".*

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**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. It's better to get multiple calls than none at all. *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