



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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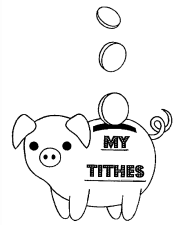
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Eric Bush – Youth Minister

Dianne Runser – Director of Music Ministry



**November 6, 2016**

**25<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 “For the Saints”**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 857 Psalm 145:8-21**

**L:** The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**P:** **The Lord is good to all, his compassion is over all his creation.**

**L:** All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord

**P:** **... and your faithful ones shall bless you!**

**L:** They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,

**P:** **... and tell of your power,**

**L:** ... to make known to all people your mighty deeds,

**P:** **... and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

**L:** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

**P:** **...and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

**L:** The Lord upholds all who are falling,

**P:** **... and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**L:** The eyes of all look to you,

**P:** **...and you give them their food in due season.**

**L:** You open your hand,

**P:** **... you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

**L:** All the Lord’s ways are just,

**P:** **... all the Lord’s doings are kind.**

**L:** The Lord is near to all who call,

**P:** **...to all who call upon the Lord in truth.**

**L:** The Lord fulfills the desire of all the faithful,

**P:** **... and hears their cry and saves them.**

**L:** All who love the Lord, the Lord preserves.

**P:** All the wicked the Lord destroys.

**L:** My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord;

**P:** ... let all flesh bless God's holy name for ever and ever.

**\*UNISON PRAYER No. 713 "All Saints Day Prayer"**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**\*HYMN No. 711 "For All the Saints"**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS No. 2233 "This Is Where Children Belong"**

*(Our Children's Collection this morning will be given to the Outreach Committee for their Thanksgiving Basket program. Please see the announcement for more details.)*

**ANTHEM 8:15 – "Stars Below" – Chris Ghrist**

**10:45 – "How Firm a Foundation" – Chancel Choir**

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

**OFFERTORY "Joy in the Morning"**

**\*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. 710 "Faith of Our Fathers"**

**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 John 4:39-42**

**SERMON "The Stands Are Full"**

**LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY** *(See All Saints' Booklet)*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION II**

**THE INVITATION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SACRAMENT**

All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Thanksgiving Food Baskets



**CHILDREN'S COLLECTIONS:** This week our children's collection will be given to the Outreach Committee for their Thanksgiving Food Basket program. They will be providing a Thanksgiving meal for some local families in need.

For more ways to help with this program, please see the chart of items needed on the board in the Narthex. Pick an item (or more) from the slips on the board, purchase it, and return the items to the church on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

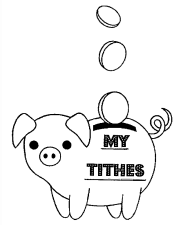
With everyone's help we can make this a happy Thanksgiving for some families in need!

**"Operation Christmas Child" 10/30 - \$195.00**

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## WEEK #1 – STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM - "GIVING FIRST TO GOD"

Are you giving the first part of your day to God? Do you start each morning with a prayer? Pray and God will direct you on how you can give to others throughout your day! "Be eager to give. God gives you more than you need, so you will be able to joyfully give what's left over to others!" (1 Cor. 9:7-8) This was seen on the wall of a Pennsylvania Dutch restaurant: *I'm not sure all happy people are generous, but I've never seen a generous person who wasn't happy.*



Pray without ceasing! Pray about your giving and how much God wants you to give and how much He wants you to keep! Only God in eternity will reveal what He has done with your prayers! The godly man gives generously to the poor. Pray that you can be disciplined in using His money His way. Pray that you will never feel ownership, only stewardship, of the money that God entrusts to you. Spend the first part of every day in prayer!

**Spaghetti Dinner!!!** Mark your calendars for **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a spaghetti dinner at 6 PM served in our gym area followed by entertainment in our sanctuary at 7:30 PM. The dinner includes spaghetti with meatballs or meat sauce, bread, salad, dessert and a beverage. The price is \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.50 for Children under 12. Tickets can be purchased in the narthex following both services today, or you can see Laurie Saporito. Don't miss this event! Pastor Arnie McFarland from the Somerset UM Church along with another pastor will be singing and entertaining afterwards. They are excited about coming to our church! It should be a fun night...and ladies...no cooking that night!



Bring your friends, family members or neighbors! All ages are welcome to attend!

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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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**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.

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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!

“Families” of all kinds are invited to participate in our Advent services by serving as **ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS AND READERS**. “Families” may be parents and children, grandparents and children, couples with no children, groups of friends, people who share your pew, or any other combination of people. The reading will be short and simple. Please consider this a chance to prepare your heart for Christmas.

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.

**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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**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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**SOUP LUNCHEON:** The Outreach Committee will be hosting a soup luncheon after the second service on Sunday, November 13th. If you have a favorite soup you would like to make, please sign up in the narthex. 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 Norwin Ministerium invites you to the Norwin Thanksgiving Meal!**

Thursday, November 24 from Noon – 2:00 PM

Calvary Church

8653 Pennsylvania Avenue, Irwin, PA 15642

If you are unable to provide Thanksgiving dinner for your family or if you will be spending Thanksgiving alone, you are invited to Calvary Church to share a delicious meal with others in the community. Reservations must be in by November 11<sup>th</sup> by using one of the following ways: online at [norwinthanksgiving.com](http://norwinthanksgiving.com)

email at [nicolec@calvaryirwin.com](mailto:nicolec@calvaryirwin.com)

phone 724-433-3784

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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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**THE UPPER ROOM:** The November-December issue of the Upper Room is now available in the narthex. This issue contains advent devotions to help you renew the true meaning of Christmas. Pick one up today.

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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. The final date to return your items is Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Any questions call Donna Weber 724-864-4954 or Dot Depp 724-863-0351.

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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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