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October 11, 2020

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October Memory Verse: Romans 12:9

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”

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 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 106:1-5**

L: ¹Praise the Lord!

P: O give thanks to the Lord who is good; whose steadfast love endures for ever!

L: ²Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or show forth all God’s praise?

P: ³Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

L: ⁴Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them,

P: ⁵that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory with your heritage.

All: Amen.

***HYMN No. 160 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” v. 1 & 5**

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

WORD OF GOD Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Jesus Calls Us”

***DOXOLOGY No. 95**

**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. 339 “Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast” v. 1 & 2**

1. Come, sinners, to the gospel feast; let every soul be Jesu's guest.
Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.
2. Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the invitation is to all.
Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou! All things in Christ are ready now.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

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 Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Lets Party”

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 715 “Rejoice the Lord Is King” v. 1 & 4**

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take His servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “Through Faith the Victory”**
(Please allow the ushers to direct you as you leave the sanctuary.)

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

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715 Rejoice the Lord Is King

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ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS: As you can see in “THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH” many our services, Bible study, and Youth Group are all being broadcast using Zoom. If you would like to participate in these activities using Zoom, please follow the instructions below. Please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor Ron if you have questions.

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 below)

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 below)

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*

Sunday, October 11

Stewardship Campaign Kick-off

8:15 In-Church & Drive-in (Radio 87.9 FM)
9:30 Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12),
Harvesters Adult Class,
Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA
9:30 Toddler – 5th Grade Sunday School
(see announcement)
10:45 In-Church & Drive-in (Radio 87.9 FM)
Facebook, YouTube, and
Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password 104289)

Monday, October 12

6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 Nativity Group
7:00 Trustees
7:30 NA

Wednesday, October 14

10:00 Prayer Group Meeting on Zoom
(Meeting ID#311 4389 930,
Password 3U22u3)
1:00 Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom
(Meeting ID# 864 0592 5934,
Password 011752)
5:00 Youth Group

Thursday, October 15

Cathedral Bells
6:30 NA

Friday, October 16

6:00 Brown Bag Meal
(See bulletin announcement)

Saturday, October 17

6:00 PM Contemporary Service
(In-church only)

Next Sunday, October 18

Stewardship Campaign Week 2

8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)
9:30 Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12),
Harvesters Adult Class,
Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA
9:30 Toddler – 5th Grade Sunday School
(see announcement)
10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church
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HYMN SING CELEBRATION! If you've never been to Jumonville or if you've been there and love that place, then you need to attend the "**Hymn Sing Celebration**" today, October 11th from 2-4! Bring a blanket or chair and a mask. We will be gathering on the lawn in front of Wesley to sing some of our favorite hymns! Social distancing guidelines will be followed. There is no cost to attend. An offering will be collected and refreshments will be available for a donation. Please RSVP by calling the J'ville office at 724-439-4912. Bring your family and friends and support the camp that so many of our kids attend. All ages are welcome! Praise Him with song!

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 10/11/2020

*We express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Joseph B. Hawley. Joe has been a lifetime member of our church and passed away on Monday, October 5th.
May God bless all those whose lives he touched.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Finance Committee will have their meeting on Tuesday, October 20th. Committee leaders, as per the email you received, please have your 2021 budget requests in by October 9th so that the committee can discuss all the requests and prepare a 2021 church budget.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, October 27th for their regular quarterly meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Anyone may attend the Church Council meeting however, only those elected to the Council may vote on the motions presented.

WHEN VISITING OR HOLDING A MEETING AT FUMC:

1. Everyone must bring and wear a face mask at all times while inside the building. Gloves are optional.
2. Temperatures will be taken upon entering the building.
3. Hand sanitizer stations will be available.
4. Please do not congregate in groups. "Social Distancing" of 6 feet must be adhered to.
5. Anyone not feeling well is asked to please not enter the building.
6. Any gatherings inside the church will be limited to 25 people. The chairperson/host/hostess of the meeting or event will be required to take everyone's temperature upon entering the building, to make sure that face masks are worn at all times by their participants, and to practice social-distancing guidelines.
7. We are trying to keep our staff safe. At this time we ask that meetings not be held in the office. The parlor is available as well as the youth room and both are air conditioned.

The above procedures will be in effect until further notice. By following the CDC guidelines, we can, not only do our part in stopping the spread of the COVID 19 coronavirus, but, we can also stop the spread of other infectious diseases.

CLERGY APPRECIATION SUNDAY: Sunday, October 25 is Clergy Appreciation Sunday here at FUMC! This is the day in which we can all extend our love and thankfulness to two of our special, spiritual and inspirational shepherds, Pastor Bruce Judy and Ron Slavin, Youth Director and Assistant to the Pastor. We will be taking up a love gift for them for the next 2 weeks which will be presented to them on October 25, 2020. If you are including a check, it should be written out to "FUMC".

Thank You in advance,
SPRC (Staff, Parish, Relations Committee)

Stewardship Campaign 2020

"Invest in Hope"



The Stewardship's Six Week Campaign kick-off is today, October 11, 2020! Our Slogan is, "Invest in Hope". Through this 6 week period campaign please prayerfully consider your annual commitment for the amount of time spent in prayer each day, attendance in worship services throughout the year, participation in the mission and ministry of the Church, time spent in reading scriptures in the Bible, and the amount that your offering/tithe in support of Irwin FUMC will be.

This week you will receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee and your commitment card in the mail. At the end of the six week period, November 15th you will be asked to return your commitment card to the Church for a Dedication Service. We Thank You in advance!

May God Bless You and Yours,
The Stewardship Committee,
"Invest in Hope"



2 Corinthians 9:6, *"Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously."*

ALTAR FLOWERS – Since we are back to worshipping in our Sanctuary, we will once again be taking orders for Altar flowers. If you would like to sponsor the flowers for our Sunday worship services, please complete and order form (found in the bulletin) and place the form and payment in the offering box. The cost is \$25.00 per vase and you are welcome to take them with you after the 10:45 AM worship service. Please contact Alice Hubert at 724-863-3901 with any questions.

PRAYER CHAIN: We are looking for volunteers who want to be part of the FUMC Prayer Chain Ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Jean Barrett at ([724-515-5524](tel:724-515-5524)) or Bernie Johnston at ([724-863-6967](tel:724-863-6967).) Once we receive a list of our group of volunteers for the prayer chain, we will set a date for a brief meeting after church with Pastor Bruce.

A prayer chain is a way for people to gain assistance in prayer for any serious and pressing problem. Jesus teaches us that if we agree on anything and ask in faith it will be granted Matthew 18:19 - "Truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven".



Camp News - I hope that your family was able to do some camping this summer...even if it was in the back yard! Camp fires, tents and enjoying the fresh air are always fun! We look forward to our 2021 Camp Events happening, and that time will be here before you know it! We are starting our first Camp Fundraiser - **RADA Cutlery Sale**. If you've never ordered from RADA, you may want to check out their American made products. They sell more than cutlery! There

are a few new items this year for those who have ordered in the past. Catalogs will be available inside the church on Sunday, October 4th. Orders will be taken until Sunday, November 29th. Checks (payable to "FUMC") should be attached to your order form and deposited in the church office door slot. The products will be available for Christmas giving, so get your shopping done early this year! Thank you for supporting our campers! Questions, contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

TRUNK OR TREAT: In conjunction with the Irwin Community "Trick or Treating" on Saturday, October 24th, Ron and Robbyn Slavin would like to plan "Trunk or Treat" in our church parking lot. With "Trunk or Treat", *treaters* park their cars, open their trunks, and hand out treats from there. They are encouraged to decorate their trunks in Halloween themes and enjoy the fun time.



We need to know how many would be interested in participating, so please contact Pastor Ron at 724-691-7113 so he knows how many to expect.

He will also be happy to give you more information on "Trunk or Treat."

MEDIA TEAM: Volunteers are needed to join our media team. Our worship services, and many of our meetings on Zoom, would not be possible without them. You will be trained to use the equipment and assist with the services and meetings. If you would like to become part of the team please call Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or Pastor Ron (724-691-7113).



Below is a list of the Sunday School classes currently which are currently meeting. If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer to be a substitute teacher for our classes, please call or text me at 412-445-9833 or email me at Becky.Platt@irwinfirstumc.org.

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.

Sunday School for 6th-12th grades - In-person at the church, every Sunday from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM. Please come into the building with a mask on and meet upstairs.

Harvesters Adult Sunday School – In-person at the church, every Sunday from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM. Please come into the building with a mask on and meet downstairs.

Prayer Shawl Group – Beginning Sunday, October 4th. Please come into the building with a mask on and meet in the Assembly Room on the Sanctuary level.

BYKOTA Adult Class – In-person at the church beginning October 11th at 9:30 AM. Please come into the building with a mask on and meet in the Parlor.

Watch the bulletin for information on additional Sunday School classes.

BLESSING BOX: Donations of new personal hygiene products are accepted on an ongoing basis as there is a continuous need to refill the Blessing Box for the needy in our community.

“WENDELL'S VISION”: This ministry’s purpose is to assist or complete tasks/projects for those who otherwise could not do them for themselves as members of Irwin First United Methodist Church and surrounding community. The needs may vary greatly from the simple to the very complex. We will consider any or all of the requests using the same criteria, without reservation. The goal of Wendell’s Vision is to bring glory to God by helping others with our gifts & service!! Please ask the ushers for an information form to join our team or to request help with a project. Forms are also available on our FUMC website. Click on Groups then Outreach.

OUR EMAIL LIST: If you would like to be on our email list to get the weekly bulletin and announcements, please email the office at fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net and we will be sure to put you on the list.

“Stitch in Faith Ministry,” our quilting ministry, will be meeting **every 1st & 3rd Tuesday** from 9:00-11:30 in the room next to the balcony by the spiral stairs.

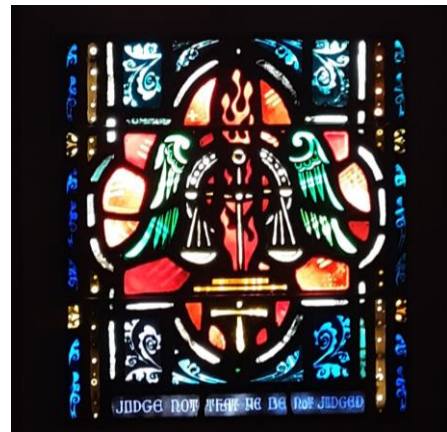
“Hands to Work, Hearts to God,” Prayer Shawl Ministry: meets during the Sunday School hour from 9:30-10:30 AM by the Assembly Room on the Sanctuary level.

“Team Nativity”: **every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays** from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. in the room next to the balcony by the spiral stairs.

Prayer Quilts and Prayer Shawls are available in the Narthex on the black ladder shelf. Each of them has *been dedicated and placed in a plastic bag* (for COVID Protection). If you or if you know of anyone who is in need of a Prayer Quilt/Shawl please notify Pastor Bruce, Youth Director Ron Slavin, Mary Reed or Cindi Painter. There is no charge for them - they have been made especially for anyone who could be ill, recovering from surgery or accident, grieving, celebrating marriage and/or even the birth of a child! And there could be many other reasons and needs - they are there for you for that need! May God bless you and keep you in your time of need!

“RIGHT NOW MEDIA” BIBLE STUDIES This is a good way to increase your knowledge of the Bible and grow closer to our Lord. To participate in any of these Bible studies, you need to email the church office at 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.

Matthew 7:1 (KJV): “*7 Judge not, that ye be not judged.*”



Drive-In Church

First United Methodist Church
will still hold “drive-in” services every Sunday at 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM.

Please arrive and remain in your vehicle and follow
the usher’s instructions for parking.

If you have questions call Pastor Bruce, Pastor Ron, or the church office.



Brown Bag Community Dinner!

Every
Friday

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

(or while supplies last)

Call Pastor Ron (724-691-7113) for more information.

Pull around to the back of the church and a volunteer will hand you your bag.



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If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Robbyn Slavin.



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
