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October 18, 2020

20th Sunday after Pentecost Laity Sunday

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.

Today is Laity Sunday. Observed on the third Sunday in October, this day calls the Church to celebrate the ministry of Christians of all ages in the home, workplace, congregation, community, and world. We wish to thank John Simpson for delivering God’s message to us today. We would also like to thank Bernie Johnson, David Lyons, Mary Reed, and Barb Worthington for their roles in the services today.

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 “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 99:1-9**

L: ¹The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

P: ²The Lord is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the peoples.

L: ³Let them praise your great and wondrous name!

P: Holy is the Lord!

L: ⁴Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

P: ... you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

L: ⁵Extol the Lord our God. Worship at the Lord’s footstool!

P: Holy is the Lord!

L: ⁶Moses and Aaron were among God’s priests, Samuel also was among those who called on God’s name.

P: They cried to the Lord, ⁷who answered them, who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.

L: They kept God’s testimonies, and the statutes God gave them.

P: ⁸O Lord, our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

L: ⁹Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain.

P: Surely the Lord our God is holy!



“The world is my parish.”

John Wesley

***HYMN No. No. 2087 “We Will Glorify the King of Kings” (v. 1 & 3)**

1. We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.
3. He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Seeking the Savior”

***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. No. 170 “O How I Love Jesus” (v. 1 & 2)**

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Chorus

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!

2. It tells me of a Savior’s love, who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

Chorus

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: 15-22

Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax^[a] to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

²¹“Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

²²When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Who is that????” by John Simpson

***HYMN OF PARTING No. No. 577 “God of Grace and God of Glory” (v. 1 & 4)**

1. God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
crown Thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore,
serving Thee whom we adore.

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “To God All Glory Given”**

(Please allow the ushers to direct you as you leave the sanctuary.)

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

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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)

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 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)

- 10:15 Choir Practice in the Choir Room
- 10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and
Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password
104289)

Monday, October 19

- 6:30 Cub Scouts
- 7:00 N.O.W. Committee

Tuesday, October 13

- 9:00 Quilting Group
- 7:00 Finance Committee
- 7:30 NA

Wednesday, October 21

- 10:00 Prayer Group Meeting
(Zoom Meeting ID: 894 9312 8220 Passcode: 104289)
- 1:00 Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom
(Meeting ID# 864 0592 5934,
Password 011752)
- 5:00 Youth Group
- 6:00 Depression & Anxiety Support

Thursday, October 22

- Newsletter Deadline**
- 6:15 Cathedral Bells
- 6:30 NA

Friday, October 23

- 6:00 Brown Bag Meal
(See bulletin announcement)

Saturday, October 24

- 1:00 – 3:00 Trunk or Treat
- 6:00 PM Contemporary Service

Next Sunday, October 25

**Pastor Appreciation Sunday
Stewardship Campaign Week 3**

- 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)
- 10:15 Choir Practice in the Choir Room
- 10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom
(Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password 104289)

N.O.W. COMMITTEE: The N.O.W. Committee will have a meeting on Monday, October 19th at 7:00 PM. If you are a member of this committee please plan to attend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Finance Committee will have their meeting on Tuesday, October 20th. All committee members should plan to attend as we will be discussing the church budget for 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 10/18/2020

NEW BABIES!

The roses on the altar this morning are in honor of the births of:

Jackson Wyatt Painter - born May 22, 2020 to Jesse and Lilliana Painter. Grandparents are Mark and Sonya Newmeyer. Her great grandmother is Alice Hubert.

Lincoln Todd Loughman - born September 21, 2020 to Todd and Hannah Loughman. His grandparents are Pastor Bruce and Bonnie Judy.

Maddox Joseph Mlinarich - born October 3, 2020 to David and Tiffany Mlinarich. His grandparents are Mark and Becky Rudy.

May God bless all of these little ones and their families.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy to the families and friends of:

- Joseph B. Hawley who passed away on October 4th
- Donna Kocevar who passed away on October 10th
- George McIndoe who passed away on October 11th

May God comfort and bless all those whose lives they touched.

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.

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)

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.

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".

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: All articles for the **November Newsletter** are due in the office by **Thursday, October 22nd**. You can email articles (preferred) to fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net or drop off a copy of your article in the office. Articles not received by the deadline may not be printed until the December/January Newsletter.

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.



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

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.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

A Safe Sanctuary training will be held on Monday, October 26th at 7:00 pm. This training is required for anyone working with or around our youth. This training will provide individuals with information about a Safe Sanctuary church as well as our church’s Safe Sanctuary Plan. The meeting will be held in the gym with social distancing and face covering guidelines in place. This meeting will also be available on Zoom.

If you plan to attend the training, please contact Mandy Slivka in order to ensure materials for everyone. Please contact Mandy or Adam Slivka with any questions. Thank you!

Mandy (slivkages@yahoo.com or 443-867-7158)

Adam (adamslivka27@gmail.com or 724-787-1659)

Topic: Safe Sanctuary Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 26, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76678735329?pwd=V0hMMldhWUpDQUdvU2o4YXNNUcVc4QT09>

Meeting ID: 766 7873 5329

Passcode: 1Kmqqw

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.



Stewardship Campaign 2020 "Invest in Hope"

The Stewardship's Six Week Campaign is off and running! 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 past week, you should have received 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."*



“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.

Here is an idea we can all support!

Our church building has a continuous boiler system maintenance need. The boiler is called a Weil McLain LGB Cast Iron Boiler. It has nineteen cells on the boiler itself and some of these cells periodically need either repaired or replaced.



Recently, five of these cells needed attention. Thankfully, you, our congregation donated the funds for those repairs. Also, we have iron steam pipes inside the walls throughout the building that over time develop leaks and need repaired or replaced. Therefore, the Finance Committee has decided to be proactive so when these breakdowns occur in the future, we will have the monies available.

On 11/22/2020, we are sponsoring a pie fundraiser. But, the neat thing about this fundraiser is, an anonymous giver will match up to \$500.00 of the profit raised. And then, the matching fund held by the Finance Committee will match the grand profit total!

We do need everyone’s help for our first Sand Hill Berry Pie fundraiser. We will be taking orders for half-baked and frozen pies just in time for the Holidays. The pie ordering form has the information, types of fruit pies available, ordering deadline and a place for you to print your name, phone number, etc. Please turn in your pre-paid orders by Wednesday, November 11, 2020. You will be able to pick up your pies after church services 11/21 & 11/22. Since the freezers and refrigerators are in the church basement, we ask you to pick up your pies by the ramp area. We will have runners to bring your pie(s) to the car.

Thank You in advance for all your support. Any questions, contact Alan Painter 724-446-0224. Honey, put the coffee on!

May God Bless You and Yours,
The Finance Committee

