



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**September 13, 2020**

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

**September Memory Verse: John 14:27**

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.”*

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*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.

**MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY**

**THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 31:1-8**

**L:** <sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness, deliver me!

**P:** <sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me, rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**

**L:** <sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me;

**P:** <sup>4</sup>**take me out of the net which is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

**L:** <sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

**P:** <sup>6</sup>**I hate those who pay regard to vain idols; but I trust in the Lord.**

**L:** <sup>7</sup>I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction, and have taken heed of my adversities.

**P:** <sup>8</sup>**You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.**

**\*HYMN No. 2032 “My Life Is in You, Lord”**

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;

my hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;

My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,

I will praise You with all of my strength;

with all of my life, with all of my strength.

All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;

my hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;

My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You, in You.

## **WORD OF GOD Romans 14:1-12**

### *Do Not Judge Another*

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## **PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

**\*DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) "Halle, Halle, Halleluja!"**

**Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)**

**Halleluja! Halleluja!**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

### **HYMN No. 560 "Help Us Accept Each Other"**

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
- 2 Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

## **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 18:21-35**

### *Forgiveness*

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

*The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you? <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

**P:** Thanks be to God

**SERMON “Forgive, Really!”**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING No. 463 “Lord, Speak To Me”**

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone;  
as Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.
2. O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in Thee;  
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,  
until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**MUSIC OF PARTING “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”**

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*We express our Christian sympathy to Beverly McDonald and her family with the death of her brother, Larry Shank. Larry, who was a member of our church, passed away on September 5<sup>th</sup> in Wildwood, NJ. May God comfort all those whose lives he touched.*

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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)

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**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](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

Due to the COVID 19 virus our worship services will continue to be conducted outside the church building.

**Sunday, September 13**

8:15 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

9:30 Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12)

10:45 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454

Password 104289)

**Monday, September 14**

6:30 Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, September 15**

7:30 NA

**Wednesday, September 16**

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, September 17**

6:30 PM NA

**Friday, September 18**

6:00 Brown Bag Meal

(See bulletin announcement)

**Saturday, September 19**

1:00 SPRC Meeting on Zoom

6:00 PM Contemporary Service on

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 750 261 324

**Next Sunday, September 20**

8:15 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

9:30 Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12)

10:45 AM Drive-in Church (Radio 87.9 FM)

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454

Password 104289)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – 9/13/2020**

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**Sunday School for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Toddler Zoom Sunday School:** If anyone has a 2-4 year old child and they would like to participate in our class, please email or call Dawn Capecci 412 651 2503 [missdawn25@yahoo.com](mailto:missdawn25@yahoo.com) or Donna Weber 724 864 4954. [donnam\\_weber@yahoo.com](mailto:donnam_weber@yahoo.com) for more information and the Zoom instructions.

Watch the bulletin for information on additional Sunday School classes.

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**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

To Our Church Family,

As you know, since the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have been blest to be able to watch our church services by streaming online through Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube, as well as with the Drive-In services from our parking lot. Initially, in order to provide these church services, a few members had graciously donated the use of their personal equipment to get started. Since this temporary problem continues, and no one knows when we will be able to worship inside, we need to obtain our own streaming and broadcasting equipment. (Costing \$7,000)

Additionally, there has been another financial stress on our budget. It is that of an aging boiler and heating system. With the yearly inspection, it was discovered our boiler required some much-needed repairs. (Costing \$8,000)

The Church Council, the Finance Committee, and the Trustees have approved the funds to provide for the above mentioned, non-budgeted expenses. However, in doing so it has put a strain on our already tight budget.

We humbly come to you for an additional gifting request above your regular giving. We appreciate your continued financial support through this unprecedented time. We would appreciate any and all designated donations for these two causes.

Thank You and God Bless,  
Alan Painter  
Finance Committee Co-Chair

2 Corinthians 9:7 *“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

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**“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.

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**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** Pastor Bruce will continue his Wednesday Bible Study at 1:00 PM on Zoom. If you are interested in participating in the study, please contact him so he can see that you are mailed a copy to use to follow along. Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098 and emails at [preacherptl@gmail.com](mailto:preacherptl@gmail.com)

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**“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](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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**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.

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**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](mailto:fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net) and we will be sure to put you on the list.

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**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).

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**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.

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**THE ON-LINE CHURCH DIRECTORY** has been improved and you will need an access code to continue to use the online directory. If you have saved your old code, you may be able to re-enter it. Access codes will be emailed to everyone who has listed an email address. If you do not receive this email this week, please contact Dianne at [fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net](mailto:fumc.dianne.mm@comcast.net).

The online directory is available to everyone who is listed in the directory. No one outside the church has access to your information. If you are a new member, and are not listed in the directory, or if you have any updates to your information (address, phone, email or digital photo), please email Dianne (see above) with the information.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PRECAUTIONS WHEN VISITING 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.

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Our stained glass window this week shares the message from Matthew 7:7 which says, “Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find.”

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**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.

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# 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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