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September 3, 2017

13th Sunday in Kingdomtide

September Memory Verse – Psalm 103:1

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His Holy name!"

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Jason Kirsch

10:45 – Nellie Wiancko

GATHERING & WELCOME

***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 "I Surrender All"

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 824 Psalm 103:1-5**

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul! And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits,

L: ... who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

P: ... who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

***HYMN No. 2226 "Bind Us Together"**

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

(Our Children's Collection this morning will be given to the Mission Barn Flood Bucket program. Please see the announcements for more details.)

SPECIAL MUSIC "My God and I" - Connie Bickerstaff & Nellie Wiancko

WORD OF GOD Isaiah 53:1-6

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Morning Meditation"

***DOXOLOGY**

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate'er the gift may be.

All that we have is Thine alone

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 528** "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

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** Luke 17:11-19

SERMON "Let the Journey Begin"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT

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

***HYMN No. 338** "Where He Leads Me"

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING** "How Firm a Foundation"

***Please stand if you are able**

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday: 26 Sunday: 8:15 - 64 10:45 - 94

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 – Barbara Ceresa & Connie Fontana

10:45 – Lee Stewart & Edith Bush

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Men’s Group 10:45 – Lou Berta

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser 10:45 – Josh Burger

NURSERY: Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the 10:45 worship service. In the event that there is no attendant in the nursery, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the Altar today are presented in memory of Bill Sterling from Shelby Stetzer and Ian Bergbigler.

THE UPPER ROOM for September/October is now available in the narthex. This daily devotional with passages selected from the Bible encourage you to spend time with God each day. Praying and reading the Bible will help you recognize how His Word applies to everyday life. Pick one up today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Monday thru Thursday; 8:00 AM – Noon on Friday
Pastor Bruce – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com
Please feel free to contact Pastor Bruce if you are in need of a pastoral visit.

Today, Sunday, September 3

Communion Sunday

8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
9:30 Adult Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service
12:15 Choir Student meeting
(see announcement below)

Monday, September 4

Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

6:15 TOPS
7:30 NA

Wednesday, September 6

9:00 Women’s Day Apart at Camp Allegheny
1:00 Bible Study
6:00 Lay Leadership Committee

Thursday, September 7

6:15 Cathedral Bells
6:30 NA
7:15 Choir

Friday, September 8

9:00 Food Bank Truck– help needed

Saturday, September 9

9:00 Food Bank – help needed
1:00 Drug Seminar
6:00 Contemporary Worship Service

Next Sunday, September 10

Sunday School for all ages begins

8:00 Prayer
8:15 Worship Service
8:45 – 10:30 Pancake Breakfast
9:30 Sunday School & Youth Church
10:45 Worship Service
12:15 Sonshiners

CHOIR STUDENT MEETING: There will be a brief meeting immediately after the 10:45 AM service in the front of the sanctuary for any student (and their parents) who might be interested in singing or ringing this school year. We will confirm rehearsal times and answer questions at this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 9/3/2017

CHILDREN’S COLLECTIONS: The Children’s Collections this week will be given to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) to assist the Hurricane Harvey victims, Advance #901670. As heavy rain and flooding from Hurricane Harvey continued and thousands were forced from their homes in Southeast Texas and other areas of the Gulf Coast, people throughout the nation looked for ways to help. The Western Pennsylvania Conference office has received numerous questions from churches and individuals looking for ways to respond.



“Right now, the best ways to help are through prayer, monetary donations to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) U.S. Disaster Response fund, and by assembling UMCOR relief kits,” said the Rev. Stephanie Gottschalk, WPAUMC Missions Coordinator.

“While we may feel called to rush to the aid of those in need, the affected local areas are overwhelmed and local residents are being housed in hotels and shelters. An influx of volunteers puts a strain on available resources,” she explained.

UMCOR already has boots on the ground and will be distributing emergency funds to affected areas through the annual conferences affected by the flooding.

UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects our donors specify. When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.

Food Back Pack Programs: 8/27 - \$207.50

ADDICTION ADDRESSED A COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SPONSORED BY:
First United Methodist Church of Irwin
310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642

Saturday, September 9, 2017
1:00pm-3:00pm

Learn how addiction is impacting our community and what is being done to address this epidemic!

FREE LUNCH EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Sunday, September 10, 2017

Sunday school is starting up again for the fall! We will be starting on September 10th at 9:30 am in the elementary wing of the church. Please plan on attending for a fun time! There will be a Bible lesson by the pastor and some face painting by Mrs. O'Reilly and of course snacks. It will be a fun time to kick off our Sunday school year! This year the little ones from Mrs. Weber's

class will be meeting in a brand new room, so everyone is asked to please meet in large meeting room off the mezzanine. Any questions please contact Becky Platt at 412-816-1906

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Looking for an Adult Sunday School Class to join? Come downstairs to the Harvester's Class! After taking a summer break, we will be starting up again on **Sunday, September 10th at 9:30.** There is coffee, tea, hot chocolate and baked goods provided for any singles, parents and grandparents to enjoy while watching a video or during our class discussion. We will be doing (2) studies from Andy Stanley. The first is titled "Christian - It's not what you think". What does it *really* mean to be a Christian? The second is titled "Follow - No Experience Necessary". Jesus doesn't expect you to be perfect. Journey through the Gospels and Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow.

Mark your calendars! Join us...we pray, study and laugh together!

Youth Church begins next Sunday (September 10) during Sunday school hour and late service. (9:30-11:45 am). Join us for music, fun, a message just for the youth, and donuts!

The Youth Center opens Wednesday September 13th at 5 pm. It will run each Wednesday from 5-8 pm. Come to just hang out! Included will be open gym, a movie, food, pool, ping pong, air hockey, and a gaming room! Parents must attend the first time their student attends to sign a release. Accommodations can be made if you are unable to accompany your student.

For any questions, contact Stephen at pastormannion@gmail.com, or at 412-610-3289.

Come join the fun!



Teen Center begins September 13th! Stay tuned for more details. We are in need of:

- 1) money to help purchase gaming equipment and TV's
- 2) volunteers to help chaperone and/or help in homework room. A minimum once a month commitment is all that is necessary. Volunteers will likely be the most difficult aspect of this, so PLEASE help!

Contact Pastor Stephen if you are interested. pastormannion@gmail.com, 412-610-3289



Do you remember your Sunday School Days? Do you remember your favorite songs from Sunday School? Here is a chance to sing them again. On Music Sunday (October 8) we will be using the favorite music from Sunday School. Please tell us your favorite Sunday School song below. We will use as many as possible that day. Children - now is the time to post YOUR current favorites as well! Please place your title in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.

Song Title _____

ANNUAL CONNECTIONAL APPORTIONMENTS

Take note of the annual Connectional Apportionment thermometer in the narthex. Here we will be able to monitor our progress. Let us pull together and help us to reach our goal of \$38,892 for our 2017 commitment.



COMING IN SEPTEMBER ... CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON



On Sunday, September 17, 2017 our congregation is invited to attend a covered dish luncheon after the 10:45 service in the gymnasium/fellowship hall. See the September Newsletter and the upcoming weekly bulletins for more information.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for the Sunday School / Youth Group / Steeler Pancake Breakfast! The Outreach Committee will be hosting its annual pancake breakfast from 8:45 until 10:30. Join us for pancakes, sausage and fellowship.





Become Part of Our Church Family

Pastor Bruce will be having membership orientation classes beginning Sunday, September 17th during the 9:30 Sunday School hour. Reception of new members will be on Sunday, November 5th. Anyone interested in becoming a member of our congregation at Irwin First United Methodist Church should contact the office or Pastor Bruce. If you will be transferring from another church, please let us know and we can notify your current church and begin the transfer process.

RADA Cutlery - The Catalogs and Order Forms are now in and located on a table in the narthex! All of the items in this catalog are 100% American Made! These items make great Christmas, Wedding, Anniversary and Birthday gifts for teachers, family members and friends! Pick up a catalog and pass it around at work or share with your family, friends or neighbors. The prices are great and our church will profit 40% from any sales! All orders are due by **Sunday, October 29th**. Checks can be made payable to "FUMC." All order forms with checks or cash attached are to be placed in the office door slot. Catalogs can be returned to the table once you have finished your order, so we can recycle them. Orders will be available for Thanksgiving and Christmas giving.

Any questions, please contact Laurie Saporito at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com

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.*

PRAYER QUILT: The *Stitch in Faith Ministry* team are currently taking requests for Prayer Quilts. Please take a peach colored "Prayer Quilt Request" form from the information stand in the Narthex, fill it out, and place it in the slot in the church office door. If you need more information, please contact Mary Reed or Cindi Painter.
