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September 6, 2020

14th 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.”*

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 148:1-12**

L: ¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord, in the heights!

P: ²**Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord, all his hosts!**

L: ³Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars!

P: ⁴**Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens!**

L: ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created,

P: ⁶**who established them for ever and ever, and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.**

L: ⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps,

P: ⁸**fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind fulfilling God’s command!**

L: ⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

P: ¹⁰**Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

L: ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

P: ¹²**Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

***HYMN No. 2031 “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” (sing twice)**

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

and we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.

WORD OF GOD Romans 13:8-14

Love for One Another

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

An Urgent Appeal

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Nothing But the Blood”

***DOXOLOGY No. 2026 (TFWS) “Halle, Halle, Halleluja!”**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3 times)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

HYMN No. 3169 “You Feed Us, Gentle Savior”

1. You feed us, gentle Savior, the bread that makes us whole,
the wine of your compassion poured out into our soul.
The food of your own presence, your Spirit, strong, within,
the grace that heals us deeply and overcomes our sin.
2. You bind us, gentle Savior, and weave us into one,
one flesh and blood made holy, the Body of your Son.
We gather here in hunger, one hunger, all the same;
and with one grace you bless us together in his name.
3. You call us, gentle Savior, and send us in your name.
You teach and heal and show us how we can do the same.
So, strengthened by your Spirit and nourished by your grace,
we go to be your presence in love, in every place.

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 18:15-20**

Reproving Another Who Sins

¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Love”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SACRAMENT *(All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the minister.)*

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 557 “Blest Be the Tie”**

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.
4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

***BENEDICTION**

MUSIC OF PARTING “On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand”

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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

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

Sunday, September 6

Holy Communion (10:45 AM)

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

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

Facebook, YouTube, and

Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454

Password 104289)

Thursday, September 10

6:30 PM NA

6:30 Girl Scouts

Friday, September 11

9:00 Food Bank Truck

6:00 Brown Bag Meal

(See bulletin announcement)

Monday, September 7

Labor Day Holiday

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

7:30 NA

Wednesday, September 9

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

Saturday, September 12

8:30 Food Bank Drive-thru

6:00 PM Contemporary Service on Facebook

Next 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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 9/6/2020

Sunday School for 6th-12th grades: In-person at the church, will begin on September 13th. They will meet 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 or Donna Weber 724 864 4954. donnam_weber@yahoo.com

for more information and the Zoom instructions.

Watch the bulletin for information on additional Sunday School classes.



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.”*

“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.

Coordinators, Patty & Jack Osterman

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

“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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

MEDIA TEAM: Volunteers are needed 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).

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.

THE SCRIPTURE ON OUR STAINED-GLASS WINDOW featured this week is Luke 6:40: “The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.” (KJV) A translation from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible says, “A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher.”



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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