

The Chancel Flowers: In memory of the 9/11 victims and also my sister, Paula Yost, by Brenda Daniels.

And In memory of David and Maxine Lenhart.

In the hospital and in our prayers as of Thursday, September 10:

Redstone Murrysville	Isobel Nelson
Brookdale Latrobe	John Smith

Love and sympathy to Jack Brosnahan, family and friends on the death of Diane Brosnahan, September 9, 2026

Added to the prayer list as of 9.13.26 Cookie, Phil Cortese, Kathy F., Roberta Swinson, Tony, Grace P.

Praise and Thanksgiving: for the volunteers who helped with the church cleanup after Thursday's rain/flood and for those who said "yes" when asked to serve within the worship service on Sunday. We praise God for the flexibility in solving earthly problems with smiles and good cheer along with the use of the talents you have gifted to each of us. Amen!

Our Service Personnel: Jeff Cmar, MSgt. Zachary Coleman, SFC James Davis, Dominic Duke, Vaughn Estepp, Sgt. Luke Frye, Sgt.GY, Sgt. Chris Keba, 2nd LT Andy Marlin, CDR Timothy Minor, Sr. Airman Zane Moore, Sgt. Noah Rady, Connor Ramage and Col. Brian Trumble

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WELCOME

We're glad you're here!



“Bringing the heart
of Jesus
to the heart of Irwin”

Morning Worship

September 13, 2026

8:15 & 10:30am

A warm welcome! The Lord calls all of us to a new way of living under His wonderful grace in our Savior. If you are our guest, it is a pleasure to have you worshipping with us. Please help us to get to know who you are by introducing yourself. Thank you.

PRELUDE	I Danced in the Morning	Diemer
	My Lord! What a Morning	Diemer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

M. Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations

P. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

M. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

P. Yes, establish the work of our hands!

***HYMN No. 2** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)

O God, You have sent Your son Jesus into the world, so that we may know the truth of the Gospel that sets us free. In Christ we know the way, the truth and the life. However we confess before You that we have not always followed that way, lived in His truth, or accepted the life He offers to us. Having eyes, we prefer not to see; having ears, we pretend not to hear. Forgive us God, for our self-deception. May the Holy Spirit break into our lives that Your truth may take possession of us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENT, PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)

M. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

P. Let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 623

BLESSING OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:11-24

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Debts and Debtors)

ANTHEM	An Invitation to Joyful Praise	Chancel Choir
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OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 624

*HYMN No. 381	Open My Eyes, That I May See
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SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:1-11

SERMON	"Joy In God's People"	Doug Rehberg
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*HYMN No. 1	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
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*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE	No. 42
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Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you - Allelu, alleluia!
Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be opened unto you - Allelu, alleluia!

POSTLUDE	Praise Him	McDonald
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***Those who are able may stand**

This Week's Activities

Sunday, September 13

- **8:15AM** Worship Service, Baristas
- **9:15AM** Jumpstart - meet in the Brenzia Room
- **10:30AM** Worship Service, Kid's Worship, Child Care
- **11:30AM** Cheapest Lunch with Rally Day Breakfast Snack Bar
- **12:30PM** St. Vincent Summer Theater - "Rounding Third"
- **6:30PM** Youth Fellowship (9-12 grads)

Monday, September 14

- **9:30AM** Counters
- **10:00AM** Worship & Sacrament Committee
- **6:30PM** Christian Education
- **6:30PM** GriefShare
- **6:30PM** Stewardship & Finance

Tuesday, September 15

- **11:00AM** Staff Meeting
- **1:00 PM** Circle 1
- **6:30PM** Boy & Cub Scouts
- **6:30PM** Working Women's Study Group
- **7:00PM** Nominating Committee

Wednesday, September 16

- **7:30AM** Norwin Men's Prayer Fellowship
- **10AM-11:30AM** Food Pantry Open
- **5:30PM** Session
- **5:30PM** Children's Choir Practice
- **6:00PM** Youth Club (K-5 & 6-8)
- **7:00PM** Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, September 17

- **7:00PM** Bell Choir Practice

Friday, September 18

- **10AM-11:30AM** Food Pantry Open
- **1:00PM** Knit-Wit(nesses) for the Lord
- **6:00PM** Table 21 Faith - YA Bible Study

Saturday, September 19

- **10:00AM** CPR/AED Training

Sunday, September 20

- **8:15AM** Worship Service
- **9:15AM** Jumpstart/Refresh
- **10:30AM** Family Service, Baptism, Kids Message, Child Care
- **11:30AM** Fellowship: Coffee & Cookie Hour
- **6:30PM** Youth Fellowship (6-12th grades)

NOTE: Start Date Changed

Join us...

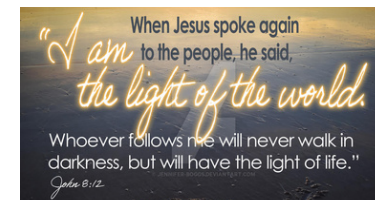
AT REFRESH CLASS
STARTING 9/20 THRU 11/29
9:15-10:15

“Freedom in Christ”

Location: Room 120

Led by: Jerry Detar

We are offering you an opportunity to explore a pivotal chapter in the gospel of John. This time it's chapter 8. Here Jesus, speaking near the temple in Jerusalem, identifies Himself as the Light of the World. The contrast between Jesus and the dark religious culture of his day couldn't be more striking. In verse 12 He says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." But He doesn't stop there. A few verses later, He says, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." So, what is it this freedom that He's talking about? Join us, we'll talk about it.



“The Church in the Middle Ages”

Location: Fireside Room

Led by: Bill Martin

The Church in the Middle Ages presents an overview of key events between 600 AD and the Protestant Reformation. Topics include: the Rise of Islam, Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire, the Investiture Controversy, the Crusades, the Rise of Scholasticism, and more! This is a period of Church History most know little about but its happenings and their ramifications have left their imprint upon both church and world to this day! Join us and see how through many obstacles God preserved His church.



Please tear off & drop in the offertory basket, we are asking for a general count for supplies & room arrangement (you are always welcome to drop in a class).

Count Me In! _____

name

I plan on attending the following Refresh Class

☐ “Freedom in Christ”

☐ “The Church in the Middle Ages”

Acts 16:11-24

11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,
12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.
13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.
14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.
15 And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay. " And she prevailed upon us.
Paul and Silas in Prison
16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling.
17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation. "
18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. " And it came out that very hour.
19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers.
20 And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city.
21 They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice."
22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods.
23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely.
24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Philippians 1:1-11

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,
5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.
6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.
8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.
9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,
10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

1.) INCOMPARABLE IDENTITY v. 1, "Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:" _____

2.) INEVITABLE CHANGE v. 6, "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." _____

3.) INEXHAUSTIBLE VISION v. 5, "Because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." _____

For your preparation: "Joy in Worship" Philippians 1:12-24

Internet Security Awareness Class

In an age where we are always connected via the Internet. We need to know how to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe. In this Class you will find out what tools are out there to help along on this journey. You can join no matter what level you are in technology.



This Class will be starting on Monday, Oct. 12th @ 6:30 PM.
Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



**Welcome
 our New
 Custodian,
 Joseph!**

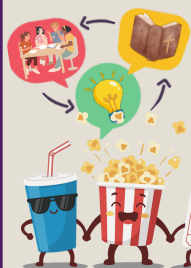
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY/FELLOWSHIP

Table 21 Faith (age 21 – 35) is a community of people in various stages of life (college, professional, single, married) engaging with culture, building authentic friendships, and seeking God together.

UPCOMING Events



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Friday 6:00pm–8:00pm

Bible Study

Sept. 18th

We will continue reading & discussing the gospels together at First Presbyterian Church – Irwin, PA

Friday 6:00pm–8:00pm

Group Outing

Sept. 25th

Join us for a movie night & popcorn!



FALL FIX UP
10/16-18
Mark Your Calendar

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Starting 9/14



Sponsored by: The Deacons

10:00-12:00
Brenzia Room

Saturday, Sept. 19th

Registration Required
 You will receive a certification certificate.
INCLUDES AED TRAINING

Fee: \$40

Registration due upon sign up
 Cash or check can be written out to
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COLLEGE OUTREACH



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