



December 16, 2018

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Our Mission: Invite ~ Equip ~ Engage

First News



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Office: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today!

We are glad you are visiting today. We would like to get to know you. Please stop by the Visitor Table in the Gathering room, located near the south end of the church or the visitor table at First Place. We have a special gift just for you!

Attendance

Worship: 401 Sunday school: 69

First Friend of the Week Get Well!

Shirley Hensel
2430 Coriander Ct.
Troy, Ohio 45373

1st Friend of Week cards are located on the **prayer wall** on the table. If you would like to send a card please fill one out and place it in the red basket by the exit. We will make sure it gets delivered to our special friend.

Attention 1st time visitors:

1st time visitor cards are located in the back of the attendance pads and on the information table. Please fill out the card and hand to a greeter at the end of service to receive a gift.

There is a **hat & mitten tree** in the Gathering room, donations are welcome.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Dec. 16

6:00pm Evening Prayer & communion

Monday: Dec. 17

7:00am Men's Bible study Bob Evans

9:15am Intercessory meeting

5:45pm Girl Scouts

6:00pm Outreach handing out

Christmas gifts

7:00pm Trustees

Tuesday: Dec. 18

10:00am UMW meeting

3:00pm Virtual Market

6:00pm Outreach handing out

Christmas gifts

Wednesday: Dec. 19

6:30pm Preschool Christmas Prog.

6:30pm Youth

7:00pm Children's Choir practice

7:30pm Finance meeting

Thursday: Dec. 20

9:00am Men's Bible study

13:30pm Dr. Critchley office party

6:00pm Ty's Bible study

6:30pm Bells practice

7:00pm Praise team

7:30pm Choir practice

Saturday: Dec. 22

7:30am Men's breakfast Bob Evans

Upcoming Events

Dec. 23: Evening Prayer & communion
Jones Christmas party

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve services
Traditional 5, 7, 9 & 11
First Place 6

Dec. 25 & 26: Office closed



Join us this advent season at First Place for our Regifting Christmas Series @ 9:30 or 10:45. In support of regifting, we are supporting First Place Food Pantry. They are in need of personal care items. Please consider helping us support them. A tub will be placed near the guest welcome center at First Place for your donated items.

Suggestions:

Oatmeal, canned fruit, canned veggies, soups, dish soap, shampoo, paper towels, razors.

Pastoral Care

If you are admitted to a hospital and desire a Pastoral visit, please call or have a family member call the church to let us know. Due to HIPAA laws the hospital will not notify us unless you specifically ask them to notify your church Pastor.

Christmas Eve at First Place

There will be only **one** Christmas Eve service at First Place at 6:00pm.

Attention Kids!

We are in need of extras for the children's performance taking place at 5pm Christmas Eve service. No speaking required, only need to put on an animal hat and be in the background! See Susan or Marilee that evening and they will give you your costume. Thanks



Please keep the following member(s) of our church family in your prayers:

Rosemary Critchley, home
Shirley Hensel, home
Stanley Neves, Genesis Troy Care

Let's Go

If you didn't make the meeting, flyers for 2019 are in the Gathering Room. We are starting off with a trip to the Ark & Creation Museum. Payment is due now. Down payment for the Chattanooga Choo Choo is due now. The flyer is on the church's website...fumc.org, click on the arrow at the far right hand side... a drop down box appears and click on Let's Go and the flyer appears. Questions call Diana 216-7088.



Calling all coffee enthusiasts. First Place has been blessed with a custom built coffee cart for the contemporary service. Come try a cup of freshly ground coffee and enjoy some homemade goodies.



Break out your Christmas sweater on Sunday, Dec. 23rd. There is no such thing as an ugly Christmas sweater. Let's get a group photo at the end of service, so hang around for a quick picture.

Quiet Bags

Quiet bags are available on the back wall by the media room for young children to play with during worship service.



Postings from First Place Food Pantry

In this season of giving—There is still hunger in our community

November 27 was Giving Tuesday. The Board, Staff and Volunteers of First Place Food Pantry would like to extend a very sincere Thank You to all who donated on this day of giving.

First Place Food Pantry received in excess of \$13,000 — many responded to the Troy Foundation—Love Where you Live Match , The Columbus Foundation/Duke Foundation—Giving Two program, and Network for Good FB match. - this will allow us to provide food for a month for 856* households in OUR community.

Merry Christmas

Together we are making a real difference

If you wish to donate— envelopes are available in the pew racks.

** Approximately two months worth of expenses*

Cookie Walk Thank You

The United Methodist Women would like to acknowledge much appreciation to the congregation for all their contributions to our 2018 cookie walk. As a result of your generosity we were able to contribute to the following local missions:

Troy First Food Pantry

The Family Abuse Shelter in Miami County

FISH

Health Partners free clinic

The Miami County dental clinic/Traveling Smiles

Reading for Change program

Back Pack program

Isaiah's Place

Lincoln Center

Thanks so much!!

Service Men and Women

First Kid Preschool would like to continue the tradition of sending cards and pictures to the service men and women in our church family who are deployed overseas. If you have a loved one who is currently deployed, please email the preschool with their name and address at bhaines@troymc.org. Thank you!

Caroling Thank You's

Thank you for the caroling, poinsettia plant and for my church family. Maxine Bechtol

A special thank you to the group of carolers who gave of their time and talents to sing Christmas songs and deliver the beautiful poinsettia plant to my mother, Mrs. Campbell, at Koester Pavilion. It meant a lot to us for her to be remembered. In Christian love, Janie & Ron Fullerton

We want to thank the carolers, we enjoyed their efforts and also a thank you for the poinsettia plant that Judy & Dewaine Roush delivered. Happy Holidays from Joel & Nancy Walker.

I would like to thank the Pinkertons, Holmes, Schumanns, Michelle and Kendra Kovacs, Amy, Allyssa & Andrew Knapinski for caroling to our "Special Folks" last Sunday. We caroled to 35 very "Special Folks". It was quite a few people to cover by so few a carolers. We could see the joy on their faces as we sang and often they would sing along with us. This is such an important mission for this church to keep our "Special Folks" forefront in our thoughts and deeds. Please put next year's date on your calendar now, Dec. 8th, 2019. It is a lot of fun with pizza afterward.
My love to all of you
Donna Elleman

I want to thank you very much for the poinsettia and I really enjoyed the singing of the group that came.
Sincerely Marry Ellen Keller

Stewardship Report
General Operating Fund - Tithes & Offerings

Week 49 of 52

12/9/2018	12/3/2017	Change	% Change
\$20,490.00	\$14,242.00	\$6,248.00	43.87%
1/1/2018-12/9/2018	1/1/2017-12/3/2017	Change	% Change
\$534,113.74	\$534,117.09	-\$3.35	0.00%

Last Week's Offering

General Operating Fund

Tithes & Offerings	\$20,490.00
Breakfast	214.00
Coffee	6.50
Loose Plate	202.00
Sunday School	16.75
Upper Room	2.00

Other Project Funds

Bradley's House of Hope	\$1,050.00
Debt Reduction	427.00
First Kids Preschool	210.00
FISH	25.00
Food Pantry	25.00
Investing in the Future Campaign	3,795.00
Let's Go	3,989.00
Missions (Poinsettias)	78.00
Poinsettias	208.00
Project Chacocente	100.00
TheTraveling Team (Carrie Komjati)	33.00
Trustee's Capital	30.00
UMCOR	8.00
Youth	35.00

Money received for Other Project Funds are designated contributions and do not represent any financial support from the General Operating Fund.

Financial Statements are posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room.