



Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Troy, Ohio. We hope you experience the love of Jesus Christ and the embrace of God's church family. Please let us know you are here. We look forward to getting to know you and making you feel at home.

December 1, 2019

Dr. Christopher Heckaman, Senior Pastor
Rev. Ty Williams, Associate Pastor
Rev. Bob Lybarger, Associate Pastor

Gather ~ Grow ~ Give ~ Glorify ~ Go

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

Scripture: Luke 1: 46-55 (NRSV) page 53

“And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Sermon: “There’s Always Hope”

Notes: _____

Join us during the week:

Bible Study Thursdays 6pm, Room 321 in the Main Building.

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 with us today. We would like to get to know you. Please stop by the welcome center. If this is your first time with us we would invite you to fill out a connection card at the welcome counter. Hand the card to a greeter to receive a welcome special gift we have for you. We're excited you're worshiping with us today. Welcome!

Attendance

Worship: 441 Sunday school: 80

First Friend of the Week! Thank you for all you have done for the church:

Linda Bozick
2340 Rockingham Dr.
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 on the prayer counter. We will make sure it gets delivered to our special friend.

Weekly Calendar

Monday: Dec. 2

7:00am Men's Life study breakfast

9:15am Intercessory meeting

1:00pm Grandmother's club

4:00pm Stewardship meeting

Tuesday: Dec. 3

10:00am Faith Hope meeting

3:00pm Virtual Market

6:00pm Nicaragua Fund raiser

6:00pm Girl Scouts

Wed. Dec. 4

10:00am Soul Sisters

11:00am Cookie Walk set up

6:30pm Childrens choir practice

6:30pm Youth meeting

Thursday: Dec. 5

9:00am Men's Bible study

9:15am Cookie Walk set up

6:00pm Ty's Bible study

6:30pm Bells practice

6:30pm First Place Recovery

7:00pm Praise Team practice

7:30pm Choir practice

Friday: Dec. 6

10:00am Cookie Walk set up

Saturday: Dec. 7

9:00am Cookie Walk

9:00am & 10:30am Breakfast w/Santa

Upcoming Events

Dec. 8: Caroling lunch & Caroling

Dec. 9: Intercessory meeting

Men's Life Study breakfast
Church Council meeting

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 HIPPA laws the hospital will not notify us unless you specifically ask them to notify your church Pastor.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to join the FUMC prayer chain or if you have a prayer request that you would like the members to pray for, please email Brad and Laura Bemus at fumctroyprayers@gmail.com or call 937-524-9145.



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

Linda Honeyman, chemo

Pearl James, Springmeade

Vicki Dellinger, Koester, room 38

Larry Smith, Koester, room 68

Tyler Foster, chemo

Jeannette Sharp, Miami Valley Hospital

Marianne Shepard family, her mother passed away

Sandy Makemson family, her two great newphews passed away in auto accident

Deadline for the Bulletin

If you have something for the bulletin, could I possibly have it by Wednesday at 5:00? You can email me the information at sbrumfield@troymc.org. Thanks Susan

Help Needed: Volunteer at our community Sunday breakfast.

Please consider volunteering at our community breakfast held every Sunday morning from 8-10am. This is a great way to get involved in a local ministry here at the church which is held at First Place. Bring the family, there is something for everyone to help out with. Here are a few examples: greeters, cooks, bakers, servers, cleanup crew, prayer station. Signup sheets are available outside the main church office or in the kitchen at First Place. Dave Flora is the coordinator. 937-479-0347 or email him at david.flora@gosiger.com

Poinsettia envelopes are due back to me by Monday, Dec. 9th. Thanks Susan

TFYG Events

Troy First Youth Group

Dec. 4 – First of the Month Meal 6-6:30pm & Mini Mission Night

Dec. 11 – TFG Christmas Party

Dec. 13 – Columbus Zoo Lights TBD

Dec. 23 – Jan. 7 NO TFG

Did you know that you can find a video of today's sermon on our website? Check it out and see!

"Kids' Korner" Call the Church Office (335-2826) or email sbrumfield@troymc.org with special things your children have accomplished, so we can celebrate.

Quiet Bags

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

Let's Go

LaComedia payment is due Dec. 1st, there is still room to join us. The deposit for Smokey mountains of Tennessee is due Dec. 13th, four shows are included in this trip. The final payment for the Ark and Creation Museum has been extended to Dec. 15th. The trip Autumn Along the Ohio River in Oct. is full. If you are interested you can be put on a waiting list in case there are cancellations. Any questions call Diana 937-216-7088.

Piqua Civic Band

Sunday, December 1, at 3:00, the Piqua Civic Band will be presenting their Annual Holiday Concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 325 W Ash in Piqua.

Featured performers at this concert will be the FUMC Chancel Choir and Soloist Gregory Ashe. The concert is free to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Church Christmas Ornaments

Christmas ornaments are on sale at the coffee bar. Ornaments are \$10.00 a piece and funds raised will go to the January Nicaragua Mission trip. There is a limited quantity, so be sure to get yours today.

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Faith Hope Circle

The Faith Hope Circle of United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Agape Room, First Place. Pat Rahlf will give the devotions. Programs will be "It's A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" and one of the Five Graces (Gifts)

"Growing." Refreshments will be served. Guests are always welcome. Thanks Gerry Loar



Save The Date:

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 7th

It's time to make your reservation for Breakfast with Santa.

Two seating times are available: 9:00am & 10:30am

Maximum seating is 60 people per serving time.

Cost: \$2.00 per child; \$4.00 per adult (collected the morning of the breakfast)

To make your reservation email Julie Staton at julie.d.staton@gmail.com.

Please indicate your ***time preference, the number attending, the first names of the children attending*** and a ***contact number***.

This event is brought to you by the UMW and Nurture team.



First Church Christmas Caroling
December 8th at 12:00

Please join us right after church for a warm lunch in the Agape Room followed by caroling and delivery of poinsettias to our church members who are homebound.

This is a great way for your family to share God's love and bring them some Christmas cheer! Most folks especially love to see the children singing! Don't forget to bring your warm clothes to church that day. Any questions, please call the church office.

Soul Sisters

Just a reminder that Soul Sisters' next meeting will be Wednesday, December 4th at 10 am in room 100 at First Place. Come and join us as we discuss how to experience the goodness of God through the sense of "taste". We look forward to seeing you then.

Calendars 2020

If anyone has any extra calendars for 2020 that they will not be using, the food pantry will take them. People that go to the food pantry really enjoy getting them.

Free smoke alarms installed by Red Cross

There are free smoke alarm installation forms on the information table if anyone is interested.

Advent Books

There is a "Messages of Hope for Advent and Christmas 2019" book on the information table for everyone to check out. They will coincide with our Advent theme, "A Different Hope"

Isaiah's Place Needs

Hi church family, would you like to be put on a list to be contacted when we host a 2 hour support group? You'd spend time with kids in foster care. You don't have to say yes, but you can start with saying "I'm willing". Foster parents are often tired, they need a support group where others can "finish their sentences" and empathize with the struggles. We need 2 trusted adults at each group who want to spend time with the kids.

When Pastor Chris shared it's pure to care for kids from hard places, this is a way to lean in and literally be the hands and feet. We first must be uncomfortable before we are comfortable. Show up, it'll become natural. Contact Paul at 614-526-8654 or pheeminger@isaiahspplace.com if you're interested.

Ushers

Thank you for stepping up! Usher Captains have come forward for all Christmas Eve services and will be asking for additional volunteers to serve. Shawn Waterman @ 5:00PM (start @ 4:30PM, Nancy Johnson @ 9:00PM (seeking Bell Choir members) and Neil Nehring @ 11:00PM. This writer will ask for college students to serve @ 7:00PM service (except balcony as Nancy Shaw will handle) this service begins at 6:30PM with our church choir. Ushers are always asked to begin serving 20 minutes before scheduled program. STEP UP and offer your help for the service you wish to attend.

Bus Shannon-Usher Captain



PARTNERS IN HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOP

Dec. 17 and 18, 2019

Wanted: 15 dozen cookies from each sponsoring church and business.

Cookies are served in the reception area for shopping clients each evening. In addition, each family receives cookies to take home for their families.

Cookies can be delivered to the First Presbyterian Church on Monday December 16, 2019 from 9 am to 3 pm. Please use the Walnut Street door and the secretary will buzz you in.

The PIH Christmas Committee thanks you for your participation. You will make Christmas happier for many!

QUESTIONS?

Contact:

Deanna at 335-2332



Postings from the Pantry

Two Great Ways to Share this Christmas Season

Giving Tuesday—December 3, 2019

Troy Foundation has allocated \$100,000 and will be matching

Donations up to \$250 per person

Details: <https://thetroyfoundation.org/grow> Bravo Room-Hobart

Arena 8 am to 6 pm. We Will Be There.



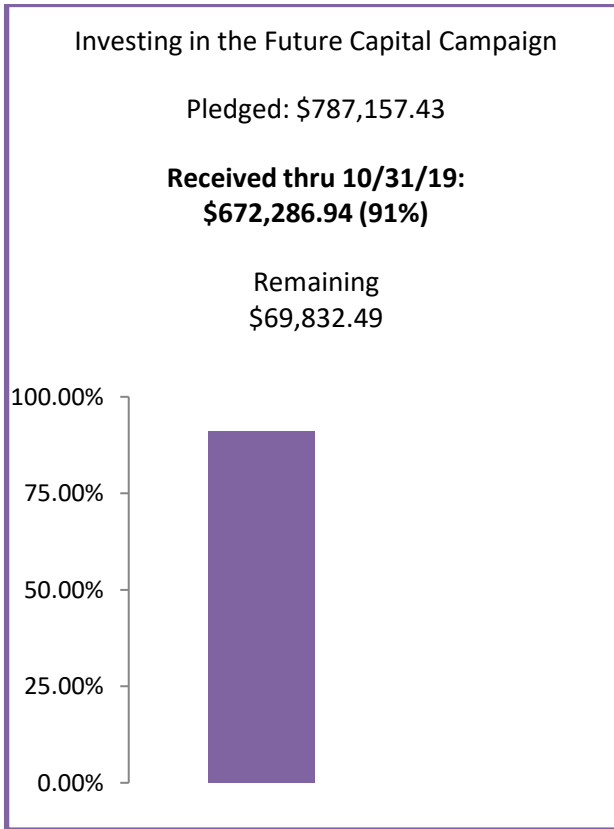
Advent Calendars- we have prepared special Advent Calendars to share with your family, work group or civic organization. These are available

Church: Table across from the office **First Place:** Information table

Questions: Email: fpfoodpantry@gmail.com or call 937-335-2826

Thank you Church for the "First Friend of the week" cards. The birthday wishes and notes are great. Also want to thank the many that have sent cards, made visits, delivered flowers, during my recovery and for those that visit my Dear Pearl at SpringMeade. God's blessings to all. Jim James

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Stewardship Report

General Operating Fund – Tithes & Offerings

Week 47 of 52

<u>11/24/2019</u>	<u>11/25/2018</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%Change</u>
\$8,536.07	\$8,582.00	-\$45.93	-0.54%
<u>1/1/2019 – 11/24/2019</u>	<u>1/1/2018 – 11/18/2018</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%Change</u>
\$506,360.41	\$489,818.78	\$16,541.63	3.38%

Last Week's Offering

General Operating Fund

Tithes & Offerings	\$8,536.07
Breakfast	161.00
Coffee	6.87
Loose Plate	529.00
Special Giving – Staff Parish Relations, Assoc. Pastor expenses	672.00
Sunday School	41.76
Thanksgiving Offering	\$3,555.00

Other Project Fund

Bradley's House of Hope	\$150.00
Chancel Choir	250.00
Debt Reduction	42.50
FISH	112.00
Food Pantry	25.00
Investing in the Future Campaign	2,700.45
Memorial Fund	130.00
Missions	20.00
Nicaragua –mission trip	1,423.75
Poinsettias	92.00
The Traveling Team (Carrie Komjati)	20.00
Trustee's Capital	10.00

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

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

New members who have joined the Church

Todd Steele

Mark Alsobrooks

Nicole Alsobrooks

Marilyn Krinker

Lauren Link

Michael Link

Kevin Hartman

Bonnie Hartman