



December 23, 2018

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Our Mission: Invite ~ Equip ~ Engage

First News



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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 visitor card at the welcome counter (they are also located in the attendance pads that you will receive during offering). Hand the card to a greeter to receive a welcome special gift we have for you. We're excited you're worshipping with us today. Welcome!

Attendance

Worship: 405 Sunday school: 89

First Friend of the Week Faithful Praise Team Leader!

Bob Jones
7444 Grayson Dr.
Springfield, OH 45502

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.

Lybarger Wedding

Rebecca Lybarger and Ryan Kvarness cordially invite the church congregation to their wedding ceremony. The ceremony will be January 5, 2019 at 3:00 pm at First United Methodist Church.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Dec. 23

12:00pm Bob & Sue Jones family party
6:00pm Evening Prayer & communion

Monday: Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Services Traditional
5,7,9 & 11
First Place Service 6:00pm

Wednesday: Dec. 26

Office Closed

Thursday: Dec. 27

10:00am Hands 4 Hearts
7:00pm Praise team

Saturday: Dec. 29

7:30am Men's breakfast Bob Evans

Upcoming Events

Jan. 2: Office closed

Jan. 3: Ty's Bible Study
Bells practice
Choir practice

Jan. 4: Lybarger/Kvarness rehearsal
Rehearsal dinner Lybarger

Jan. 5: Lybarger/Kvarness Wedding
Men's breakfast Bob Evans



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 specially ask them to notify your Church Pastor.

Let's Go

We still have room on the Chattanooga Choo Choo, deposit due now. Deposit for Vera Bradley outlet sale is due Jan. 2nd. Questions call Diana 216-7088.

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@troyfumc.org. Thank you!

Christmas Eve at First Place

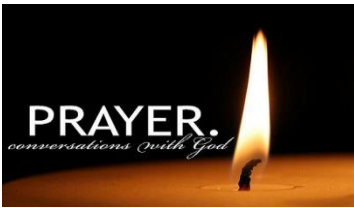
There will be only **one** Christmas Eve service at First Place at 6:00pm.

ROCK

We are in need of 2 adult leaders for the next session of ROCK. We are tentatively scheduled to begin Jan. 30th and run for 6 weeks, each Wed., from 6-7 pm. The age group is K-2nd grade and there are usually around 15 kids in this group. All curriculum and supplies are provided and the hour usually consists of a Bible story, craft and game. Please contact Penny Hoekstra or Marilee Lake if you are interested or have questions.

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:
Vicki Boone, Caldwell House
Shirley Hensel, home
Stanley Neves, Home

Quiet Bags

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

Thank You

The UMW Santa Breakfast planning group thanks the K's Hamburger Shop for their contribution of individual cartons of milk for the children who had breakfast at First Place on Dec. 1. The cartons were appreciated by the great group of children who had them to drink before talking with Santa, and our servers for the convenience in distributing them. Thank you K's, in particular Marcia and Michael, for your gift to the project!

TFYG Events

Troy First Youth Group

Jan. 9th – Return from Winter Break 6:30-8:30pm

Jan. 13th – Romans & Christians 6-8 pm

Jan. 23rd – Outside the walls-TFYG small groups meet outside the church walls! 6:30-8:30pm

Feb. 16th – Winter Jam \$20 (ticket and dinner included)



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.

Thank You

I was reminded this week, as John 3:16 tells us, gift giving isn't new! What an incredible gift of love is offered to the world and gift giving is a wonderful continual practice through the spirited body of Christ at First UMC! Thank you for sharing his love through the hands of dear Ron & Kathy Erwin, who presented me with your lovely red poinsettia! Thank you also for your prayers, the meaningful cards sent, your visits and phone calls, all given in Christ's love! All were appreciated more than words could convey! I also want to thank the Christmas carolers who arrived with smiles and songs in heart! Blessings in Jesus, the word made flesh! Gratefully and in his love,
Yvonne Becker

New Year's Day 5k

The 12th annual World Race for Hope 5k is taking place again on New Year's Day morning in Troy. This event, which started in 2008 as the Race for First Place to raise funds for the First Place renovation, has been focused on human trafficking awareness, and has raised thousands of dollars over the years to combat human trafficking in the Dayton region. Due to challenging weather conditions in recent years, the event organizers have decided to make it a free and informal no-frills 5k. Runners, walkers, families, and pets are welcome to attend! The start time is 10 am at the gazebo on the river levee near Hobart Arena. You can register ahead of time at <https://runsignup.com/worldraceforhopetroy>, or just show up and walk or run. Any donations received will be used by Free To Run Foundation for our local awareness and education programs. Any questions, please contact Brett Bogan or Cynde Sroufe.

Stewardship Report

General Operating Fund - Tithes & Offerings

Week 50 of 52

| 12/16/2018 | 12/10/2017 | Change | % Change |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| \$8,430.00 | \$8,602.00 | -\$172.00 | -2.00% |
| 1/1/2018-12/16/2018 | 1/1/2017-12/10/2017 | Change | % Change |
| \$542,543.74 | \$542,719.09 | -\$175.35 | -0.03% |

Last Week's Offering

General Operating Fund

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| Tithes & Offerings | \$8,430.00 |
| Breakfast | 310.00 |
| Coffee | 12.00 |
| Loose Plate | 249.00 |
| Sunday School | 19.75 |
| Upper Room | 1.00 |

Other Project Funds

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| Bradley's House of Hope | \$440.31 |
| Chancel Choir | 250.00 |
| Christmas Offering – for Missions | 867.00 |
| Debt Reduction | 482.00 |
| First Kids Preschool | 207.00 |
| FISH | 500.00 |
| Food Pantry | 875.00 |
| Investing in the Future Campaign | 19,483.00 |
| Let's Go | 3,359.00 |
| Nicaragua | 200.00 |
| Trustee's Capital | 355.00 |

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.