



December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Rev. Dave Leckrone, Senior Pastor
Ty Williams, Associate Pastor
Bob Lybarger, Associate Pastor

Our Mission: Invite ~ Equip ~ Engage

Welcome to Worship

Chancel Choir

"Grown-up Christmas List"

Voluntary(1st service)

"The Shepherd's Song"

Gilbert Martin

Chancel Choir (2nd service)

"We Three Kings"

Arr. by Craig Courtney

Monologue: Colby Furlong as King Herod's Advisor(PEACE)

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace 8:15 service Tom and Connie Kennedy

10:45 service Mark and Eden Maxwell

Hymn #277

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

*Invocation

Affirmation #881

Gloria Patri

Prayer Request, Joys & Concerns

Silent, Pastoral & the Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response #2080

"All I Need Is You"

All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is You. You are the source of all I need. All I need is you.

Chancel Choir

"A Midwinter Noel"

Arr. by Jay Rouse

Hymn

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Children's Message (10:45)

All children are welcome to come to the chancel steps.

Children remain in worship.

Offertory

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Gilbert Martin

Doxology #95

Hymn#245

"The First Noel"

Special Music byLightReaders(8:15)

"Born a Mighty King"

Scripture

John 14: 25-27

Dave Pinkerton & Katie Robinson

Sermon

"Peace at the Center"

Rev. Dave Leckrone

*Closing Hymn#219

"What Child is This"

*Benediction

Postlude

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Gilbert Martin

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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

Nursery Care

Nursery Care: Room 202

See Usher for assistance.

Childcare Staff Person(s):

Sandra Makemson, Patty Mathews, Barb Warner

Attendance

Worship:405 Sunday School: 89

A White Rose has been placed on the altar in memory Ivan Kunkleman.

A White Rose has been placed on the altar in memory Geraldine Reef, mother of Sharyn Lower-Burd.

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 specially ask them to.

Greeters:

8:15am:

Franklin St Pat Swank
Cherry St Donna Elleman

10:45am:

Franklin St Melinda Kennedy & Sue Phillis
Cherry St Steve & Debby Schumann

Usher Captains:

8:15am Lew McClelland

10:45am Scott Griffith

Acolytes:

Morgan Maxwell
Hayden Maxwell

First Friend of the Week Faithful Praise Team Leader!

Bob Jones
7444 Grayson Dr.
Springfield, OH 45502

Christmas Eve at First Place

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

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 Troy 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

Praise Team practice

Choir Practice

Jan. 4: Lybarger/Kvarness rehearsal

Rehearsal dinner Lybarger

Jan. 5: Lybarger/Kvarness Wedding

Men's breakfast Bob Evans

Service Men

First Kids 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!

ROCK

We are in need of 2 adult leaders for the next session of ROCK. We are tentatively scheduled to begin January 30th and run for 6 weeks, each Wednesday 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 any questions. Thank you

Instrumentalists accompanying the choir on Sunday morning:

Tamela Tennison - Flute

Stacy Wildman Morris - Oboe

Mike Houser - Clarinet

Linda Breitman - Bassoon

Chris Jeffery & Rex Abke - Trumpet

Julie Swank - French Horn

Francis Laws & Denny Seifreid - Trombone

Mike Gallehue - Tuba

Korry Friend, Richard Alberts, David Pinkerton & Carol Pinkerton - Percussion

Kathi Dow – Keyboard

Jan Brenneman-Violin

We Three Kings

Text by
John H. Hopkins (1820 –1891)

Music by
John H. Hopkins
Arranged by Craig Courtney

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.*

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of night,...

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worshiping God on high.

O star of wonder, star of night,...

Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of night,...

A MIDWINTER NOEL

Based on a Traditional French Carol

Music by
Gustav Holst
Arr. by Jay Rouse

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.
Listen to our praises to the Babe so dear.
Promised One most holy, Child of virgin birth
Comes so meek and lowly, matchless in His worth.

Allelu! Singing allelu! Singing allelu! Christ is born.

Shepherds stare in wonder frightened by the sight.
Angelic praise like thunder echoes in the night.
Mother's gentle singing, peace and quiet here.
Word now flesh revealing God Himself is near.

Allelu! Singing allelu! Singing allelu! Christ is born.

Royalty will seek Him, Treasured gifts they bring,
Bowing down before Him, Infant King of kings.
Heir of Heaven's riches Lays His glory down
For the throne awaiting, For the final crown!

Allelu! Singing allelu! Singing allelu! Christ is born.

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.
Listen to our praises to the Babe so dear. Amen.

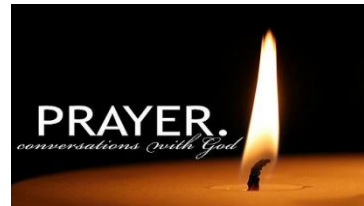
Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Nan Conard	Myrle Briggs	Jim Braby	Scott Harshman
Kathi Dow	Bonnie Brohard	Doug Burch	Al Marheine
Janice Harshman	Pam Gibellino	Ken Crawford	Jerry Matthew
Donna Hormell	Bobbi Kelly	Pete Dow	Joe Mosher
Marilee Lake	Charlene King	Mark Rogers	Ryan Robe
Joyce Mosher	Carol Marheine		Bruce Scranton
Jan Murphy	Marilyn Matthew		Stan Shaw
Stephanie Purcell	Jan Wise		
Jen Sentman			
Katharine Searfoss			



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.



Please keep the following member(s) of our church family in your prayers:
 Vicki Boone, Caldwell House
 Shirley Hensel, home
 Stanley Neves, home

Let's Go

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

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!

Attention Kids!

We are in need of extras for the children's performance taking place at the 5 pm 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 Miss Penny

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.

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

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)

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

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

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.

