



December 29, 2019

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.

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

Gather ~ Grow ~ Give ~ Glorify ~ Go

Welcome to Worship

Community Sharing: (Announcements – Registration Pads – Birthdays – Anniversaries)

This is the day that the Lord has made!

ALL: ***Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

Time of Greeting/Passing of the Peace

Voluntary

“Once In Royal David’s City”

Robert Farlee

*** Call to Worship:** Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God’s presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord’s; we are the people of God, the sheep of God’s pasture.

Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God’s name!

For the Lord is good;

God’s steadfast love endures for ever; God’s faithfulness to all generations.

***Hymn #240, “Hark The Herald Angels Sing”**

*Invocation

*Affirmation #881

*Gloria Patri #71

(10:45) Sacrament of Baptism: Barrett Jeffrey Musser, son of Justin & Jamie Musser

Prayer Requests, Joys & Concerns

Silent, Pastoral & The Lord’s Prayer #895

If you wish to be prayed over by a Pastor for a particular need or situation please come forward to the front pew to receive prayer and anointing with oil.

Response After Prayer Time #230 “ O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs. 4

Hymn #217 vs. 3

“Away In A Manger” Penny Hoekstra & Taylor Bechtol

Children’s Message (10:45)

All children are welcome to come to the chancel steps.

Children remain in worship.

Offertory

“Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella”

Christopher Uehlein

***Offering Response Hymn #219 "What Child Is This" vs. 3**

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #227 "The Friendly Beasts"**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 13-23 (NIV) pg 890

Katie Robinson

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."^[a]

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more."^[b]

¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The word of God for the People of God

ALL: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"Back To Reality"

Rev. Al Marheine

***Closing Hymn #221 "In the Bleak Midwinter"**

***Response after Benediction Hymn #239 "Silent Night" vs. 4**

Postlude

"Sing with Joy, Glad Voices Life"
Tawnie Johnson, organist

Hermann Schroeder

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

Nursery Care

Nursery Care: Room 202

See Usher for assistance.

Childcare Staff Person(s):

Sandra Makemson, Patty Mathews

Attendance

Worship: 519 Sunday school: 87

Pastoral Care

If you are admitted to a hospital and a 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.

New Members

For all those interested in joining the church, Pastor Ty will be leading a New Members Gathering, Wednesdays at 7pm. The experience will be 5 weeks, beginning Wednesday January 8 and ending Wednesday February 5. We will meet in Room 321. For questions, please contact Pastor Ty: twilliams@troyfumc.org; (513) 304-8507.

Greeters:

8:15am:

Franklin St Jeff & Jenny Schilling

Cherry St Donna Elleman

10:45am:

Franklin St Ken & Carol Davis

Cherry St Craig & Rosemary Critchley

Usher Captains:

8:15am

Lew McClelland

10:45am

Steve Johnson

Acolytes:

Hailey Bechtol

Taylor Bechtol

First Friend of the Week!

Happy Birthday Wishes!

Carol Pinkerton (12/30)

2315 McKaig Road

Troy, Ohio 45373

Weekly Calendar

Monday: Dec. 30

7:00am Men's Life study breakfast

9:15am Intercessory mtg

Tuesday: Dec. 31

No activities

Wednesday: Jan. 1

Office Closed

Thursday: Jan. 2

6:00pm Ty's Bible study

6:30pm Bells practice

6:30pm First Place Recovery

7:00pm Praise Team practice

7:30pm Choir practice

TFYG Events

Troy First Youth Group

Dec. 23 – Jan. 7 NO TFG

Food and Drinks in the Sanctuary

At great expense, some lovely new carpet was installed in the sanctuary this past June. In order to protect it's longevity, we ask that you **NOT** bring food or drinks into the worship area (sanctuary and balcony). Please enjoy beverages or snacks in the Gathering room before or after services.

Food Containers

If anyone has brought in food at First Place for an event, there is containers that have been left at First Place, they are on the table by the washer and dryer in the kitchen.

Women's Gathering

An open invitation to any ladies of the church looking for friendship and community. Hosted by 10 young moms in our community, we would love to have you fellowship with us. All women are welcome!

Tuesday, January 21st from 8PM - 10PM

2055 Swailes Rd. Troy, Ohio

For more information contact Holly [Williams](#) at 9374691604

Sign up sheet for cookies for 2020

First Place Recovery sign up sheet for cookies is outside the office.

Sign up sheet for altar flowers

There is a sign up sheet for altar flowers outside the office, please sign up or call the office 335-2826. I need someone to sign up for altar flowers on January 5th please. **Page 5**

Upcoming Events

Jan. 6:

Intercessory mtg

Grandmother's Club

Men's Life study breakfast

Jan. 7:

Faith Hope mtg

Virtual Market

Jan. 8:

Youth Group

New Members mtg

Susannah Wesley Circle

Jan. 9:

Men's Bible study

Hands 4 Hearts

Girl Scouts

Ty's Bible study

Bells practice

First Place Recovery

Praise Team practice

Choir practice

Jan. 11:

Soul Collage Retreat



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

Linda Honeyman, home

Tyler Foster, chemo

Jeannette Sharp, Dorothy Love, room 2, rehab

Pat Long, home

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Beverly Bell			
Nan Conard	Myrle Briggs	Jim Braby	Scott Harshman
Kathi Dow	Bonnie Brohard	Doug Burch	Al Marheine
Janice Harshman	Pam Gibellino	Ken Crawford	Jerry Matthew
Marilee Lake	Bobbi Kelly	Pete Dow	Joe Mosher
Joyce Mosher	Charlene King	Mark Rogers	Ryan Robe
Stephanie Purcell	Carol Marheine		Bill Schmid
Jeanne Schmid	Marilyn Matthew		Bruce Scranton
	Lynn Snee		

Worship Materials

“To promote the longevity of our First Church worship materials (Bibles, Hymnals and Supplements) **if you find it difficult returning these items into the pew racks at the end of services**, please feel free to leave them on the pew cushions.

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

Poinsettias

If you purchased a poinsettia, please take home after the services today.

JAM

Our children's church, entitled JAM (Jesus and Me) takes place immediately following the Children's Moment at the 10:45 traditional service on most Sunday mornings and the children are escorted out of the sanctuary to the waiting volunteer parents, all of whom are background checked. The Children's Moment is listed in the bulletin and it will be noted if the children are going upstairs or staying in worship each Sunday. This ministry takes place on the 3rd floor in Room 304 and the volunteer parents will share a Bible Story with the children and then allow some play time. Parents are requested to pick their children up in Room 304 immediately following the end of our service. This ministry runs from the Sunday after Labor Day through the Sunday before Memorial Day. We take a break for the summer months.

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

Greeter sign up sheets

There is greeter sign up sheets for 2020 across from the office.

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

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

Let's Go

LaComedia payment is due now, there is still room to join us. The deposit for Smokey mountains of Tennessee is due now, four shows are included in this trip. We have an opening for a couple for our Switzerland-Oberammergau trip, May 10 thru May 21. If interested please call Diana ASAP for more information. There are individual trip flyers on the table across from the office, please feel free to take them. Any questions call Diana 937-216-7088.

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.

Stewardship Report

General Operating Fund – Tithes & Offerings

Week 51 of 52

12/22/2019	12/23/2018	Change	%Change
\$9,802.50	\$10,074.77	-\$272.27	-2.70%

1/1/2019 – 12/22/2019	1/1/2018 – 12/23/2018	Change	%Change
\$560,043.41	\$552,618.51	\$7,424.90	1.34%

Last Week's Offering

General Operating Fund

Tithes & Offerings	\$9,802.50
Breakfast	217.00
Coffee	5.00
Loose Plate	616.02
Special Giving – Staff Parish Relations, Assoc. Pastor expenses	155.00
Sunday School	16.00

Other Project Fund

Bradley's House of Hope	24.00
Christmas Offering	\$1,175.00
Debt Reduction	62.50
FISH	30.00
Food Pantry	125.00
Investing in the Future Campaign	3,625.00
Nicaragua	1,513.00
The Traveling Team (Carrie Komjati)	10.00
Trustee's Capital	260.00

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.

Resources Book Available

There is a copy of the Miami County Human Services Directory in the church office. This book is a wonderful resource. If you have a need for various Miami County agencies that help with legal issues, housing, health care, etc. It is published every 2 years so was updated this past June. Feel free to see Susan and ask if you may look through it. We ask that it stay at the church. It describes the agency's purpose and has all the contact information.

Nicaragua Washcloths

Please start turning in you washcloths for Nicaragua, soon. Thank you for all your help. this gift is special to every woman that receives them.

Hands 4 Hearts

Please consider joining us in the new year. We would love to meet you. We have different projects we work on or just bring whatever YOU are working on. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays every month, 10am until noon. We meet at First place, turn left when you come in the Franklin St door.



Social Justice Bible Study

Did you know that January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month? Join us on Thursday nights in Room 321 at 6pm, beginning January 9th. Throughout January we will learn and discuss God's heart for justice and how God uses the Body of Christ to create a world that is "on earth as in heaven." For questions, please contact Pastor Ty

A Soul-Tending Day for Women

Calling all Women!! Have you ever experienced creative play where you found personal meaning and healing power? Are you in need of a jump start to your New Year? January 11th will be a day retreat opportunity for women to slow down and lean into the stirrings within. Lisa Heckaman will facilitate this intuitive process called SoulCollage® that invites us to gather images and make personal collage cards for the purpose of self-expression and discovery. Join us for this soul-tending day and lean into a deeper awareness of God's Mystery within. This event will take place at First Place from 9:30-2:30 on January 11th. Cost is \$35 and reservations can be made by contacting Lisa through email: lisaheckaman@yahoo.com; or by texting or calling her at (937) 489-6353. Space is limited so please don't delay.

Ladies Prayer Shawl Group

Thank you so very much for the beautiful prayer blanket. You are so kind. With all the moving around I have had to do, the prayers were felt and Bill and I thank you. We have had several visitors from the church and it really makes us feel at home. Thanks again, Jeannette Sharp

Blood Pressure Checks

There will be blood pressure checks done on Sunday, Jan. 12 at First Place at 9:30 and at Traditional at noon.



Postings from the Pantry

Give Hope this Christmas Season

First Place Food Pantry gave Hope to over 16,000 persons in the Troy/Casstown communities this year

Thank you to all who helped in this mission for 2019

If you would still like to donate: envelopes in pew racks or
Online : Secure donation link on our website www.troyfoodpantry.org
Mail donations to: First Place Food Pantry
721 Lincoln Ave. Troy, Ohio 45373
Questions: Email: fpfoodpantry@gmail.com
Call 937-335-2826



Merry Christmas

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