



December 8, 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 "Fantasia on The First Nowell"
Choral Introit

By Hughes

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Call to Worship: Psalm 85:8-10

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,

to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,

that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Opening Hymn: #203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

*Invocation

*Affirmation #881

*Gloria Patri #71

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 and stand at the altar rail to receive prayer and anointing with oil.

Response After Prayer Time Hymn #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 6 & refrain)

(8:15) LightReaders, "Heaven to Earth" by Tom Grassi, Tom Fettke

(10:45) Chancel Choir "Awaken and Prepare Us" Text by Herb Frombach, Music by Mark Hayes *follow along on page 7"

Hymn "Jesus Loves the Little Children"
Children's Message (10:45)

Michelle Kovacs

All children are welcome to come to the chancel steps.

Preschool – 2nd graders will go to room 304 with Lisa & Justin Anthony **Page 2**

Offertory "Creator of the Stars of Night"

by Denis Eliot

***Doxology #234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful (refrain)**

***Hymn #219 "What Child Is This"**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12 (NIV) page 890

Susan Furlong

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi[a] from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.[b]"

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The word of God for the People of God

ALL: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"A Different Light"

Rev. Ty Williams

***Closing Hymn #254 "We Three Kings" (vs. 1 & 5, refrain)**

*Benediction

***Sending Hymn #217 "Away in a Manger (v. 3)**

Postlude

"Prepare the Way O Zion"

by Paxton

Tawnie Johnson, organist

***Christmas Eve Food**

Church family, would anyone like to help bless the pastors, staff, and servants with food/snacks/drinks on Christmas Eve? They will be here for all 6 services. If this is something you would like to help with please email Susan at sbrumfield@troymc.org.

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First News



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Office: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

We extend a warm welcome to 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: 438 Sunday school: 68

A white rose has been placed on the altar in memory of Joan LaFlair, mother of Bonnie Brohard.

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.

Greeters:

8:15am:

Franklin St Sue Gessaman

Cherry St Steve & Jan Hamman

10:45am:

Franklin St Steve & Deb Schumann

Cherry St Gerry Loar

Usher Captains:

8:15am Bus Shannon

10:45am Steve Johnson

Acolytes:

Cara Sentman

Carson Sentman

First Friend of the Week!

Thanks for all the wonderful meals!!!

Myrna Yoder

4520 State Route 41 E.

Troy, Ohio 45373

Hat & Mitten Tree

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Dec. 8

12:00pm Caroling lunch & caroling

Monday: Dec. 9

7:00am Men's Life study breakfast

9:15am Intercessory mtg

7:00pm Church Council mtg

Tuesday: Dec. 10

2:00pm Farmers Market

3:00pm Virtual Market

6:00pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday: Dec. 11

6:30pm Youth meeting

6:30pm Childrens choir practice

7:00pm Susannah Wesley Circle

Thursday: Dec. 12

9:00am Men's Bible study

10:00am Hands 4 Hearts

6:00pm Ty's Bible study

6:00pm Girl Scouts

6:30pm Bells practice

6:30pm First Place Recovery

7:00pm Praise Team practice

7:30pm Choir practice

Saturday: Dec. 14

9:00am PEO meeting

Upcoming Events

Dec. 16: Men's Life study breakfast
CISV Chapter mtg

Dec. 17: Virtual Market
Girl Scouts
Civil Round table
Outreach committee

Dec. 18: Soul Sisters
Childrens choir practice
Preschool program
Preschool cookie reception
Youth meeting
Finance meeting

Dec. 19: Men's Bible study
Bells practice
First Place Recovery
Praise Team practice
Choir practice
Ty's Bible study

Dec. 21: Birthday Party
Wedding

Pajama Sunday

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Pajama Sunday, we collected 148 pairs of pajamas.

TFYG Events

Troy First Youth Group

Dec. 11 – TFG Christmas Party

Dec. 13 – Columbus Zoo Lights TBD

Dec. 23 – Jan. 7 NO TFG

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

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.



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

- Linda Honeyman, chemo
- Vicki Dellinger, Koester, room 38
- Pearl James, Springmeade
- Larry Smith, Koester, room 68
- Tyler Foster, chemo
- Jeannette Sharp, Koester, room 69a
- Bonnie Brohard family, her mother passed away

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		

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.

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. **Page 6**

Awaken and Prepare Us

Text by
Herb Frombach

Music by
Mark Hayes

Awaken and prepare us, O God,
For the light of Your saving Son.
We look for the light of the world,
The light of the Promised One.

Awaken and prepare us, O God,
For the love of Your living Son,
We wait for Your love to appear,
The love of the Chosen One.

*Prepare us for the Promised One,
the Chosen One, Emmanuel.
Prepare us for the presence of God.
Ready our hearts for Him to dwell.*

***Come Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

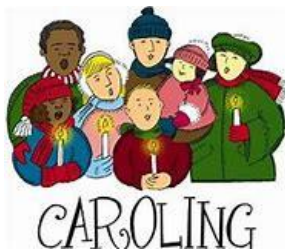
Awaken and prepare us, O God,
For the gift of Your giving Son.
We watch for Your gift with hope,
The gift meant for everyone.

Prepare us for the Promised One,...

*Tune **HYFRYDOL**; melody by **Rowland H. Prichard**, ca 1830; words by **Charles Wesley**, 1744

CISV Holidays Around the World

The CISV Midwest Ohio chapter, formerly CISV Miami County, is hosting its annual Holidays Around the World carry-in on Monday, December 16 at 6:30 pm at First Place. This is an opportunity for families with children between the ages of 10 and 17 to learn more about CISV and the opportunities coming up in 2020 involving local activities and international travel. There are also several different volunteer opportunities for adults. For more information, visit <http://midwestohio.cisvusa.org>. Thanks Brett Bogan



**First Church Christmas Caroling is today!!!!
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.

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

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!

Advent Books

There is "Messages of Hope for Advent and Christmas 2019" books on the table in the Gathering Room. They will coincide with our Advent theme, "A Different Hope". Please check them out!!

Free smoke alarms installed by Red Cross

There are free smoke alarm installation forms on the table across from the office if anyone is interested.

Let's Go

LaComedia payment is due now, 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.

Prayer Chain

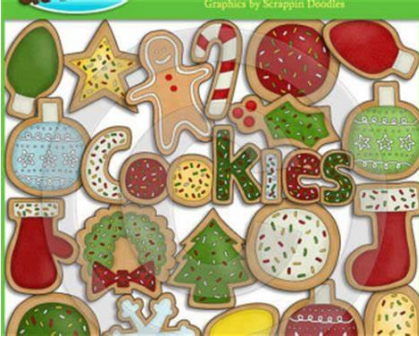
If you would like to join the FUMC prayer chain or if you have a prayer request that you would like the members to pray for, please email Brad and Laura Bemus at fumctroyprayers@gmail.com or call 937-524-9145.

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

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

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 phemming@isaiahspc.com if you're interested.

Soul Sisters

Just a reminder that Soul Sisters' final meeting for 2019 will be Wednesday December 18th at 9:30 am in Room 100 at First Place. Come and join us as we complete our discussion on how to experience the goodness of God through our five senses, and enjoy a light breakfast together. In the spirit of giving, please consider bringing a food donation for the First Place Food Pantry. We look forward to seeing you then. With blessings and gratitude, Evelyn and Connie.

Thank You

I'd like to thank my "First Family" of worshipers for the lovely cards and notes, encouraging emails and phone calls and the continuous prayers which I've received following my knee replacement surgery. The beautiful prayer shawl has been with me throughout and has been a reminder that you've been with me. All is going well and I'm looking forward to joining you in worship in another week or two. Thanks Linda Breidenbach

75 TURKEY DINNERS GIVEN---THANK YOU

It was two days before Thanksgiving. FISH of Troy met 75 families in the Kroger deli where each left with a complete turkey dinner ready to reheat that would feed 5-6 persons. Grateful is the only word we heard---smiling and happy were the vibes as the board of FISH came out of the fish tank and met their families in need face to face.

The board of FISH thanks you for your many \$\$ contributions specifically to this moment to feed persons in need of food, emotional support and tender loving care. It was a day...two days before Thanksgiving. Grateful, thankful, blessed.

Myrna Yoder, Director of FISH Inc of Troy



Postings from the Pantry

Give Hope this Christmas Season

First Place Food Pantry gave Hope to over 16,000 persons this year

How can you help?

* **Advent Giving Calendars**- we have prepared special Advent Calendars to share with your family, work group or civic organization.

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

* **Make a donation**—envelopes in pew racks

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

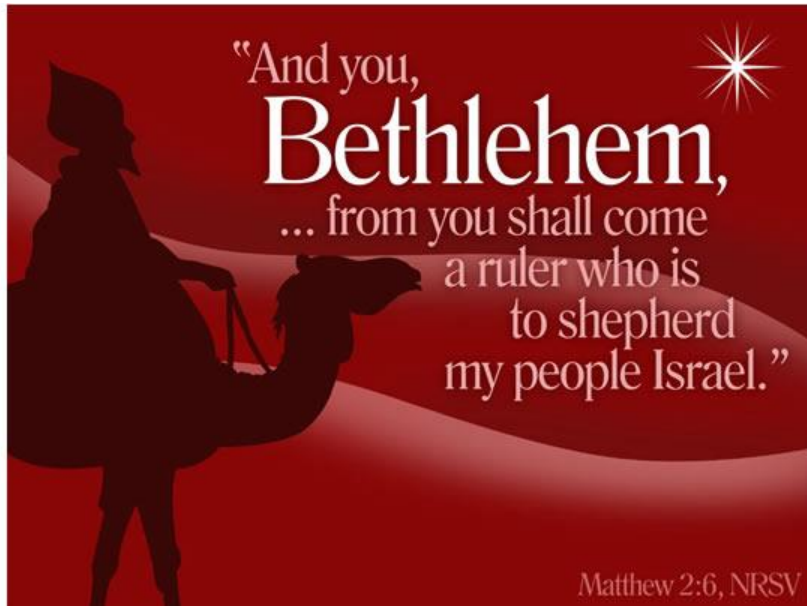
*Mail donations to: First Place Food Pantry
721 Lincoln Ave. Troy, Ohio 45373*

*Online : Secure donation link on our website
www.troyfoodpantry.org*



Sign Up Sheet for altar flowers for 2020

I have a sign up sheet for altar flowers for 2020 outside the office, please feel free to sign up or call the office 335-2826. Thanks Susan



Stewardship Report

General Operating Fund – Tithes & Offerings

Week 48 of 52

12/1/2019	12/2/2018	Change	%Change
\$13,587.50	\$23,804.96	-\$10,217.46	-42.92%

1/1/2019 – 12/01/2019	1/1/2018 – 12/02/2018	Change	%Change
\$519,847.91	\$513,623.74	\$6,224.17	1.21%

Last Week's Offering

General Operating Fund

Tithes & Offerings	\$13,587.50
Breakfast	143.00
Coffee	4.00
Loose Plate	559.00
Special Giving – Staff Parish Relations, Assoc. Pastor expenses	350.00
Sunday School	32.00
Thanksgiving Offering	425.00

Other Project Fund

Bradley's House of Hope	\$35.00
Debt Reduction	275.50
First Kids Preschool	100.00
Food Pantry	85.00
Investing in the Future Campaign	1,882.00
Let's Go	818.00
Missions	134.00
Nicaragua –mission trip	767.00
Poinsettias	180.00
The Traveling Team (Carrie Komjati)	32.00
Trustee's Capital	155.00

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.

Notes: _____
