



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.

**February 9, 2020**

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

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**Scripture Reading** – Matthew 5:13-20, NRSV page 4

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Sermon:** “The High Road: A Higher Calling” Rev. Chris Heckaman

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**Join us during the week:**  
Bible Study Thursdays 6pm, Room 321 in the Main Building.

# *First News, February 9, 2020*

## **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!

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Ash Wednesday Service and Meal** will be February 26th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Join your FUMC church family for our Ash Wednesday dinner. When: February 26; Where: First Place; Time: 5:15-6:30

## **SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Visitation Team and Care Pastor Information Meeting**, 2/9 after the 10:45 service in the Agape Room at First Place. Come and learn about exciting ways to serve and love on others both in the body of Christ and in the community. Shut-in and hospital visitation, pet therapy, funeral chaplaincy, community prayer partners and chaplains, and other service opportunities are all possibilities. How is God calling you? Plan on coming with open hands and hearts. Email [checkaman@troymc.org](mailto:checkaman@troymc.org) if you can **NOT** come.

**Bereavement/Funeral Meal Ministry** Did you know that you can make a difference? It is a ministry that offers love, compassion, healing and comfort to all who grieve. At a time when a meal or food is the last thing a loved one needs to consider, the volunteers of this ministry plan, provide, and serve a luncheon /dinner to church members and their families following a funeral or memorial service. Presently we are in need of an additional volunteer to help coordinate this ministry alongside Evelyn West and Carol Davis. Additional volunteers willing to cook, bake or serve are also needed. If this is a ministry that speaks to your heart of servanthood, please contact Evelyn West at 631-455-7392 or [ewest0345@gmail.com](mailto:ewest0345@gmail.com).

**Cookies** for our Recovery Ministry at First Place. Sign up outside the office.

## **YOUTH AND CHILDREN MINISTRIES**

### **Joint Youth and Children Ministries meeting and all church meal, March 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Beforehand we will have dinner together at First Place (similar to the ROCK meals) and the church is invited. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:30pm. Free will offering will be collected.

### **TFYG Youth Group Events**

Feb. 9 – Sunday Night Romans & Christians @ 6-8pm

Feb. 19 - Mini Mission Night @ 6pm with Children's Ministry

Feb. 22 – Winter Jam Concert Columbus RSVP by 2/12 (Cost \$15 and dinner is included)

March 4 – Children's & Youth Ministries meal @ 5:30

March 18 – Mini Mission Night at 6pm

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

## **CARING AND SHARING**

**Prayer Requests:** Please keep the following member(s) of our church family in your prayers: Tyler Foster, radiation therapy; Jeannette Sharp, home; Ruth Maurer, Brookdale Assisted Living; Phyllis Primm, Brookdale Assisted Living; Tony Sutton, at home recovering from knee surgery.

### **First Friends of the Week!**

Happy Birthday Wishes!

Pam Sturtz (2/10)  
2533 Renwick Way &  
Troy, Ohio 45373

Larry Smallenbarger (2/11)  
230 Southview Dr.  
Troy, Ohio 45373

**Hospital Visits:** 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](mailto:fumctroyprayers@gmail.com) or call 937-524-9145.

## TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE MINISTRIES

**Let's Go...**The final payment for the Smokey Mountains, Gatlinburg, Tennessee is due now, four dinner shows are included in this trip. Final payment for Switzerland/Oberammergau is due Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

The Shared Harvest Food Pop Up Pantry was held on January 26th, 248 households served; 703 people; 348 adults, 178 children and 177 seniors. A huge Thank You to those who drove as many of the seniors do not have transportation. Next Miami County Pop Up Pantry is in Troy on February 22. For more information and pictures check out the Facebook page Shared Harvest Foodbank. God Bless you, Sue Shannon

### **Weekly Calendar**

#### **Sunday: Feb. 9**

12:00pm Visitation Team & Care Pastor

6:00pm Romans & Christians

6:00pm Living Water Service

#### **Monday: Feb. 10**

7:00am Men's Life study breakfast

9:15am Intercessory meeting

6:30pm Church Council mtg

#### **Tuesday: Feb. 11**

3:00pm Virtual Market

7:00pm Camp mtg

#### **Wed. Feb. 12**

5:30pm Worship committee mtg

6:30pm Youth Group

7:00pm New Members

7:00pm Susannah Wesley Circle

#### **Thursday: Feb. 13**

9:00am Men's Bible study

10:00am Hands 4 Hearts

6:00pm Girl Scouts

6:00pm Ty's Bible study

6:30pm Bells practice

6:30pm First Place Recovery

7:00pm Praise Team practice

7:30pm Choir practice

#### **Saturday: Feb. 15**

1:00pm Birthday party

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Feb. 17:** Men's Life Study Breakfast

Evangelism Team mtg

Office Closed

#### **Feb. 18:** UMW Leadership Team

Virtual Market

#### **Feb. 19:** Youth Group

Finance mtg

#### **Feb. 20:** Men's Bible study

Ty's Bible study

Bells practice

First Place Recovery

Praise Team practice

Choir practice

#### **Feb. 21:** Busch/Long rehearsal

#### **Feb. 22:** Busch/Long Wedding

**Evangelism Committee** is meeting at First Place in the Great room on Monday, Feb. 17 at 7:00pm.

# **STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

## **Weekly/Annual Comparisons**

January Weekly Average Attendance  
2019 400 (closed two Sundays due to weather)  
2020 399.5

January Weekly Average Income  
2019 \$10,210  
2020 \$16,310

Last week's offering Feb 2:  
YTD 2020 \$77,871.11  
YTD 2019 \$54,996.07

Last week's attendance Feb. 2:  
Worship 387  
Sunday School 78

## **Capital Funds' Totals**

Debt Reduction Fund Received  
2/2/2020 YTD \$1,503

Investing in the Future Capital Campaign  
Pledged Amount \$787,157.43  
Total received thru 1/31/20 \$751,164.39  
Received 95%

## **Monthly Ministry Highlight**

A bare minimum, baseline budget was adopted January 1 to get our year started.

Current Total 2020 Budget \$736,689  
Average Weekly Need \$14,167  
Budget Need YTD 9.62%  
Funds Received YTD 10.57%

Breaking it down per core ministry area:

Worship	\$298,599	40.5%
Mission & Community Outreach	\$164,442	22.3%

Youth & Children	\$99,246	13.5%
Pastoral Care & Nurture	\$98,452	13.4%
Adult Faith Development	\$75,950	10.3%

Stay tuned as we seek God's preferable future for continued growth in our outreach and ministries. Prayerfully, we can take our budget from being a mere baseline to a more robust plan to reach our community for Christ.

We are working to enhance our stewardship reporting and transparency as well. Please email Diane Griffith at [dgriffith@troyfumc.org](mailto:dgriffith@troyfumc.org) with any further suggestions, thoughts or specific requests. More detailed reports are always available on the bulletin board in The Gathering Room.