

# ***First News, February 9, 2020***

***We extend a warm welcome to all newcomers today!***

We are glad you are here! And would love 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 little gift just for you.

## **THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY**

### **Greeters 8:15am:**

Franklin St     Sue Gessaman  
Cherry St     John & Joan Lucas

### **Greeters 10:45am:**

Steve & Deb Schumann  
Pete & Linda Breidenbach

### **Usher Captains:**

8:15am             Lew McClelland                     10:45am             Bus Shannon

**Acolytes 10:45am:** Brianna Shepard and Sophia Treadway

**Nursery Care:** Room 202 See Usher for assistance.

**Childcare Staff** Person(s): Sandra Makemson, Patty Mathews

## **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@troyfumc.org](mailto:checkaman@troyfumc.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).

**We need usher captains** for Feb., March, April and May, the sign-up sheet is outside the office door. If there is any question as to the duties of the captain (10:45 service only) please contact Bus Shannon @ 335-2109 or [bsshan@aol.com](mailto:bsshan@aol.com). Thanking you in advance.

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

**Provide the Altar Flowers.** Sign up outside the office or call the office 335-2826.

## **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

**JAM**, our children's church, takes place immediately following the Children's Moment at the 10:45 traditional service on most Sunday mornings. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Kids' Korner** – Call the Church Office (335-2826) or email [sbrumfield@troyfumc.org](mailto:sbrumfield@troyfumc.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.

**The altar flowers** are praising God for two Godly children, Becky and John, Happy Birthday, by Jack and Nancy Cox.

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

Happy Birthday Wishes!

Pam Sturtz (2/10)                      Larry Smallenbarger (2/11)  
2533 Renwick Way      &      230 Southview Dr.  
Troy, Ohio 45373                      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

9:00am Intercessory mtg

6:30pm Church Council mtg

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

3:00pm Virtual Market

7:00pm Camp mtg

### **Wednesday: Feb. 12**

5:30 Worship committee mtg

6:30pm Youth group

7:00pm New Members mtg

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

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

## **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

# **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.