



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.

**March 1, 2020**

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Rev. Ty Williams, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Bob Lybarger, Associate Pastor

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# *First News, March 1, 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.

**\*New Member** joining this Sunday at First Place is Rob Allen

## **THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY**

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

Franklin St      Jeff & Jenny Schilling  
Cherry St        Deb Schumann

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

Megan Myers  
Bobby & Linda Phillips

### **Usher Captains:**

8:15am              Lew McClelland                      10:45am              Nancy Johnson

**Acolytes 10:45am:** Hailey Bechtol and Taylor Bechtol

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

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Pausing for Prayer - Thursdays in Lent**

Join us each Thursday evening in Lent, beginning March 5, as we pause together for a time of extended prayer and reflection during this season of Lent. Through worship, Scripture, and prayer we will explore together what it means to live a new life in Christ. We will meet at 6pm in the chapel. For questions, please contact Pastor Ty.

**\*Faith Hope Circle** of the United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, March 3rd in the Agape Room at 10:00 a.m. The programs will be the annual Pledge Service, "Women in Strength" and "Going." Women are always welcome to join us for coffee. Thanks Gerry Loar

**\*First Kids Preschool** is having their first ever Fashion Show! 26 preschool children will be walking the runway dressed by September Skye and Girly Goose Threads! There will be vendor booths and lots of fun to be had! The event is on March 21<sup>st</sup> and goes from 10am to 12pm. It is \$10 per person at the door. (kids 12 and under are free)

**\*The University of Dayton Chorale** under the direction of Steven Hankle is performing in Troy on **Sunday, March 15, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.** This nondenominational event, sponsored by the Troy Mayors' Concerts, Inc., will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 110 West Franklin Street, Troy. It is free and open to the public.

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE!!***



***IT'S TIME FOR THE UMW SPRING RUMMAGE SALE***

\*The United Methodist Women will be holding their annual Spring rummage sale on Fri. April 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am-3pm and Sat. April 4<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12 noon. Your help is needed to make this another successful sale with all proceeds funding the UMW missions. Please start saving your "gently used" items such as clothing (all sizes of men, women and children), furniture, décor, books, pictures, games, toys, and household items ( dishes, linens, kitchen utensils etc.) Let's clean out those closets, attics and garages. Drop off days will be Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> - Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am – 3 pm at First Place. Helpers are always appreciated so come and join us. Any questions, please contact Evelyn West (631) 455-7392.

### **SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Contemporary Service Vision Packet.** Earlier this month a vision night was held for the Contemporary service congregation. Packets that include a draft copy of the working vision, focus group responses, and question & answer sheet and listing of opportunities to serve are on the First Place Welcome desk.

**Ushers needed!** I am the usher captain for March and I am in need of ushers. You can volunteer yourself and/or your family for a Sunday or every Sunday in March. Please consider. If you would be available please let me know by email, text or a phone call: [sam1973@att.net](mailto:sam1973@att.net), 937-308-0019 or 937-335-8088. Thanks so much, Nancy Johnson

**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.

**Giving Opportunity**...Our bell choir would like to enhance their capabilities by expanding their racks of bells. Currently, they borrow different sets of bells from various community groups to help offset. Total cost: \$10,675. If you'd like to make a donation, please write any check to the church and in the memo line write "Bell Choir." This would we pray be above and beyond any regular tithe. Memorial Funds may be able to help match.

## **YOUTH AND CHILDREN MINISTRIES**

**Children Sunday School pick up**, if you attend Contemporary Service and you have a child in Sunday School in the Preschool class, they will stay in their classroom until picked up with one of the teachers. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be in room 309.

**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. **Dinner consists** of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, salads and desserts plus ice cream.

### **TFYG Youth Group Events**

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

March 18 – Mini Mission Night at 6pm

April 8 - NO TFG (Spring Break)

April 12 – SonRise Service (Youth led Sunday morning service-TBD)

**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.

**\*The altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God in celebration of 56 years of marriage by Nevin & Donna Elleman.

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

Happy Birthday Wishes!

Lona Adriene Campbell (3/3) 98 years old &  
Koester Pavilion, room 11B  
3232 N. County Rd. 25A  
Troy, Ohio 45373

Sharon Buse (3/2)  
2415 N. St. Rt. 589  
Casstown, Ohio 45312

**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.

### **\*To my wonderful church family,**

I want to thank you for the flowers, calls, cards and prayers for the recovery from my knee surgery. The power of prayer is amazing! Tony Sutton

## **TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE MINISTRIES**

**Let's Go...**Deposit for Castles of New York is due March 9. Deposit for Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta is due March 23. Please fill in the registration form in the Albuquerque Flyer to send in with your payment. 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

St Patrick Cancer Support Group to host  
Maple Tree Cancer Alliance  
Thursday, March 12th at 7 PM

Maple Tree Cancer Alliance is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals battling cancer through exercise, nutrition, and faith. They provide free exercise programs and nutritional guidance to help relieve some of the side effects related to various types of cancer treatments. They also come alongside of cancer patients to help them emotionally sort through all that they go through during the cancer treatment process. They do this by partnering with hospitals and cancer centers to provide research and evidence-based programs. Taylor Sage, Clinical Exercise Coordinator, will be the speaker giving more insight and information on Maple Tree. Anyone dealing with Cancer, in remission, family member, caregiver or anyone interested in learning more are invited to join us for this informational session of St. Patrick Cancer Support Group.

This meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12 at 7 PM in St. Patrick Parish Center (444 East Water St, Troy) St Patrick Cancer Support Group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month and opened to all.

**First Place Food Pantry presents**



# PROM WITH PURPOSE



**Help Us Eliminate Community Hunger**

Prom With Purpose is a fundraiser raffle benefiting  
First Place Food Pantry

**Grand Prize- Luxury Limo Bus for Prom Night**

Seats 10 persons & includes chauffeur-5 p.m. to Midnight on your prom night.  
Runner Up Prizes include : \$250 Visa Gift Card for Prom night dinner, Salon styling, 11 gift cards for corsages & boutonnieres, manicures, tux rental & more

Dates 2/1/20 to 3/15/20 **Enter at:**[https://www.aplos.com/aws/events/prom\\_with\\_purpose](https://www.aplos.com/aws/events/prom_with_purpose)

Event info @fpfoodpantry \$10 per entry Limited to 1200 entries

Open to all  
Miami County  
Schools

## **Weekly Calendar**

### **Monday: March 2**

7:00am Men's Life study breakfast

9:15am Intercessory mtg

6:30pm Grandmother's club

### **Tuesday: March 3**

10:00am Faith Hope mtg

3:00pm Virtual Market

6:00pm Care Pastor class

6:30pm Staff Parish

### **Wednesday: March 4**

5:30pm Children's & Youth meal

6:30pm Youth Group

### **Thursday: March 5**

9:00am Men's Bible study

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: March 7**

1:00pm Baby shower

## **Upcoming Events**

**March 8:** Baby Shower

**March 9:** Men's Life study breakfast

Rummage sale mtg

Evangelism mtg

**March 10:** Virtual Market

Care Pastor Class

**March 11:** Youth Group

Susannah Wesley Circle

**March 12:** Men's Bible Study

Hands 4 Hearts

Girl Scouts

Ty's Bible study

Bells practice

First Place Recovery

Praise Team practice

Choir practice

**March 13:** Nurture Game night



## **STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

### **Weekly/Annual Comparisons**

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

Last week's attendance Feb.23:  
Worship 373  
Sunday School 88

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

Last week's offering: \$ 10,401.60  
YTD 2020 \$115,413.93  
YTD 2019 \$ 84,012.68

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%

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.

### **Capital Funds' Totals**

Debt Reduction Fund Received  
Last week's offering: \$ 77.50  
YTD 2020 \$2,250.50

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**

After our return missions trip to Nicaragua, God has allowed us to provide for the completion of the chapel at the school in Chacocente, a major construction project for the village's local church and a home for a villager in need (Amelia's House). Many thanks to all who have contributed and helped make this possible!

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.