



March 8, 2020

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

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Office: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

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

”Agnus Dei”

arr. by Robert Thygerson

Call to Worship — Psalm 121

“I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.”

***Opening Hymn #733 ”Marching to Zion”**

*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 #454 vs. 1 “Open My eyes, That I May See”

(10:45) Chancel Choir “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Gilbert M. Martin

*follow along on bottom of page 3

Hymn

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Penny Hoekstra

Children’s Message (10:45)

All children are welcome to come to the chancel steps.

Preschool – 2nd graders will go to room 304 with Leslie & Ken Long

Offertory

“Elegy”

Jack North

***Doxology #94**

***Hymn #402 vs. 1 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

Scripture Reading – John 3: 1-17 (NRSV) page 88

Claudia Rogers

“Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’”

The word of God for the People of God

ALL: Thanks be to God

Sermon: A New Creation...“A New Birth”

Rev. Chris Heckaman

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

2 Corinthians 5:17 NRSV

***Closing Hymn #382 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”**

*Benediction

Postlude “Festal March”

James Mansfield

Tawnie Johnson, organist

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ISAAC WATTS

GILBERT M. MARTIN

Based on the tune

By Lowell Mason

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!

All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrows and love flow mingled down

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

First News, March 8, 2020

***Indicates new information**

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.

New Member joining this Sunday at First Place is Rob Allen

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

Greeters 8:15am:

Franklin St Sue Gessaman
Cherry St Rick Lake

Greeters 10:45am:

Steve & Deb Schumann
Ted & Mary Jo Lyons

Usher Captains:

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

Acolytes 10:45am: Owen Waterman & Emma Register

Nursery Care: Room 202 See Usher for assistance.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

***Higher Education Assistance Grant Applications Now Available**

Applications for higher education assistance grants from Troy First United Methodist Church for the upcoming academic school year are currently available in the church office, or online via the church website. Deadline for Completed Applications is Sunday, April 5, 2020. Completed Applications must be submitted to the church office. It is in the best intention of the HEAC to award these grants as soon as possible, however, it could take up to 45 days, or more, after receipt of the application due date.

Questions may be addressed to the church office at 335-2826.

*****Many colleges & universities (especially Methodist schools) will MATCH the amount of a grant that a student receives from their church. Please contact your college or university to see if you can receive this benefit. *****

***Game Night March 13th 7:00 - 9:00**

Come join us for popcorn and board games at First Place. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share... or just drop in for some fellowship and fun! If you have any questions, please call the church office. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

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 21st 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 3rd 9am-3pm and Sat. April 4th 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 31st - Thursday April 2nd 9am – 3 pm at First Place. Helpers are always appreciated so come and join us. Any questions, please contact Evelyn West (631) 455-7392.

***United Methodist Women General Meeting**

Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm, Agape Room

Topic: Deaconess Program with special guests: Mary Greeding, Deaconess from the 20th Century and Cheryl Bender, future Deaconess.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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, 937-308-0019 or 937-335-8088. Thanks so much, Nancy Johnson

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 5th grade will be in room 309.

TFYG Youth Group Events

March 18 – Mini Mission Night at 6pm

April 8 – NO TFG (Spring Break)

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

April 26 – Sunday Night Roman's & Christians from 6-8pm

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 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.

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

*****IMPORTANT MEMO**

Coronavirus Strategies

Hey Friends, the coronavirus may strike closer to home than what we might want. We want you to know, we are prepared. With each level of concern or warnings, different practices will be necessary to employ. If large group gatherings are deemed hazardous, follow channel 7 news as we implement our normal closure policy. Practice good hygiene as prescribed for flu prevention. By all means become a Facebook user. Get an account. Follow the church's page. It is a key source of information. Any one of our church programming staff or pastors would be more than happy to help you. Susan at 335-2826 can also make sure you are in our church's phone alert system, One Call Now.

Some tips to prevent coronavirus and the spread of flu during its season include...

*Carefully consider any travel plans. Now is probably not the time to visit China or Iran.

*Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

*For the time being we may need to cease from shaking hands during greeting time.

We will instead encourage each other in the congregation to greet one another with a smile and a hand over their hearts as a symbol of Christian love.

*If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60%-95% alcohol. We will place dispensers at every entrance to our sanctuary and worship centers.

*Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your bent elbow when you cough or sneeze.

*Routinely clean frequently touched objects. We already do this for our nursery especially.

*Maintain at least 3 feet between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

*Further, if you are coughing or sneezing it's probably best that you stay at home. In fact, in today's day and age stay home whenever you are sick.

*If you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, seek medical care early.

*Have hand sanitizer available for communion servers to use prior to distributing the elements. We will.

*And according to our bishop, we may want to consider using individual cups and pieces of bread rather than a common cup and loaf of bread for communion. We already perform this practice.

*Take vitamin C morning, noon and night. Its helpfulness diminishes as you dispel liquids throughout the day. It's therefore imperative you keep your body restocked.

*And consider online giving. It allows us to steadily support our church's mission without the interruption of snow days or flu closures. Go to the giving tab on our website, www.troyfumc.org

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, Larry Smallenbarger, Troy Care, Ed Cahill, home.

***The altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of our grandson, Elijah Looker by Stan & Nancy Shaw, Julie Shaw, Tom, Pam, Ruth, Lydia, James, Hannah & Essie Looker.

***First Friends of the Week!**

Get well wishes!

Kathy McClimans
705 Robinson Ave.
Piqua, Ohio 45356

&

Larry Smallenbarger
230 Southview Dr.
Troy, Ohio 45373

***A white rose** has been placed on the altar in memory of Ruth E. Matson Burk, she passed away on February 29, mother of Rick Matson.

***A red rose** has been placed on the altar for the birth of Anna Rae Hemminger, born on February 24, 8 lbs. 14 oz., parents are Paul and Kendra.

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 or call 937-524-9145.

***Thank you** for all the cards and calls for by birthday, it made my day so special. I am so blessed to have a church family that cares. Thanks Bob Baird

***Dear Church Family,** thank you so much for sending me the beautiful flowers from the altar last Sunday. I felt the blessing of God in their beauty and loved the colors of the flowers, gold, purple and white. Purple and gold were the colors of my high school years at Bellbrook and brought to mind many good memories. What a blessing they have been to me since being delivered by Connie Goldner. Love in Christ, Dot Sackett

***Thank you** church family for all your cards, concerns and phone calls with the passing of my sister. Blessing Penny Wehrley

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE MINISTRIES

Let's Go...Deposit for Castles of New York is due now. 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.

***Shared Harvest...**A huge thank you to Diana, Pam, Bobby and Linda, Kent and Diane and Tom for driving seniors to the pantry. There were 874 people served and 15,884 pounds of food given....the trucks went back Columbus empty!! Next Pop Up Pantry is March 28 at Upper Valley Career Center on Looney Rd. If you would like to participate in this outreach please let me know, Sue Shannon 937-335-2109.



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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: March 8

6:00pm Living Water service

Monday: March 9

7:00am Men's Life study breakfast

9:15am Intercessory mtg

1:00pm Rummage sale mtg

7:00pm Evangelism mtg

Tuesday: March 10

3:00pm Virtual Market

6:00pm Care Pastor class

Wednesday: March 11

6:30pm Youth group

7:00pm Susannah Wesley Circle

Thursday: March 12

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

Friday: March 13

7:00pm Nurture Game Night

Upcoming Events

March 15: University of Dayton Choir

March 16: Men's Life study breakfast

Intercessory mtg

Staff Parish

March 17: UMW Leadership team

Virtual Market

Master Gardners banquet

Care Pastor Class

March 18: Volunteers of Miami county

Youth Group

Finance mtg

March 19: Men's Bible study

Bingo

Ty's Bible study

Bells practice

First Place Recovery

Choir practice

March 21: Preschool Fund Raiser

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Weekly/Annual Comparisons

February Weekly Average Attendance

2019 365

2020 391

Last week's attendance March 1:

Worship 475

Sunday School 86

February Weekly Average Income

2020 \$12,544

2019 \$10,793

Last week's offering \$ 18,238.25

YTD 2020 \$133,652.18

YTD 2019 \$ 99,458.93

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: \$ 735.50

YTD 2020 \$2,986.00

Investing in the Future Capital Campaign

Pledged Amount \$787,157.43

Total received thru 2/29/20 \$755,020.39

Received 96%

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 with any further suggestions, thoughts or specific requests. More detailed reports are always available on the bulletin board in The Gathering Room.