



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.

**September 15, 2019**

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

*Gather ~ Grow ~ Give ~ Glorify ~ Go*

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019

### Luke 15: 1-7, page 73, (NRSV)

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." **3** So he told them this parable: **4** "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. **6** And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' **7** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Ordinary Radicals: "Rejoicing with Heaven"

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**Join us during the week:**

Bible Study Thursdays 6pm, Room 321 in the Main Building.

# First News



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## 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!

### Attendance

Worship: 475 Sunday school: 108

### First Friends of the Week! Happy Birthday Wishes!

Yvonne Becker (9/21)  
60 Colony Park Dr.  
Troy, Ohio 45373  
&

Gerry Loar (9/21)  
1596 Cornish Rd.  
Troy, Ohio 45373

**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.

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday: Sept. 16

7:00am Men's Life Study breakfast  
9:15am Intercessory mtg  
7:00pm Outreach committee

### Tuesday: Sept. 17

9:30am UMW Leadership Team  
3:00pm Virtual Market  
7:00pm Nominating committee

### Wednesday: Sept. 18

6:30pm Youth Group  
7:00pm Finance mtg

### Thursday: Sept. 19

9:00am Men's Bible study  
6:00pm Ty's Bible study  
6:30pm First Place Recovery  
6:30pm Bells practice  
7:00pm Praise Team practice  
7:30pm Choir practice

## Upcoming Events

**Sept. 22:** Freedom Sunday

**Sept. 23:** Intercessory meeting  
Let's Go reveal mtg  
Trustees mtg  
Men's Life Study breakfast

**Sept. 24:** Virtual Market

**Sept. 25:** Youth Group

**Sept. 26:** Lunch Buddy training  
Hands 4 Hearts  
Ty's Bible study  
First Place Recovery  
Praise Team practice  
Choir practice  
Bells practice

## **NEW Upcoming Events**

### **Prayer Lab**

Join Pastor Ty's Thursday Night Bible Study on the third Thursday's of the month for Prayer Lab: September 19 and October 17. We will learn and engage in ancient prayer practices that help us connect more deeply to God and ground us in our identity as God's beloved.

### **Guy's Cookout and Bonfire**

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7 or so. Bring a dish to share (nothing fancy needed, it's a cookout). Burgers, brats and jalapeno poppers provided. Email Pastor Chris at [checkaman@troymc.org](mailto:checkaman@troymc.org) to RSVP and receive directions to his hermitage/place back in the woods.

### **Pastoral Care**

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.

### **Youth Group Announcement**

Youth grades 6th - 12th grade will meet every Wednesday Night (unless otherwise noted) from 6:30PM - 8:30PM in the Youth Room (downstairs) at First Place Christian Center. No RSVP is needed - just show up! We will need a Parent and Student information form filled out before the "next" gathering date. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cleo Hess: [chess@troymc.org](mailto:chess@troymc.org) .

### **\*\*Celebration Sunday**

Please join us for a praise and worship celebration September 29th. We are going to kick things off with the 8:15 service in the sanctuary. At 9:30 we will move outside to Cherry Street for praise music and a message from Pastor Chris followed by a mix & mingle. Around 10:45 we will continue our outdoor worship time with more music & another message from Pastor Chris followed by a picnic lunch. Join us! We look forward to worshipping with you!

### **No Sunday School Classes on Celebration Sunday, September 29th**

### **FREE Community Health Fair**

Troy Skating Club invites you to attend a Health and Wellness Fair Saturday, September 21 from 10:00 am - 3:00pm. Admission is FREE. The Health and Wellness Fair is part of the Skate to Eliminate Cancer event being held at Hobart Arena the same day. We hope to see you there.



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

Linda Honeyman, chemo

Diane Gary, Springmeade

Pearl James, Springmeade

Nancy Cox, home

Vicki Dellinger, Koester, room 70

### **Faith Journeys**

Faith Journeys Sunday school class invites you to join them in their new location being held in the library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the main church. Previously this class met in the church office. The class is facilitated by Janet Lybarger. Class starts September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30.

### **Hearing God by Peter Lord**

You might have heard Pastor Bob or Pastor Ty mention this book recently. It is a wonderful book for those seeking to deepen their relationship with God and learning how to recognize God's voice through practical guidance.

### **First Place Recovery**

Join us every Thursday from 6:30pm – 7:45pm for Faith Based Recovery starting September 5. This will take place in the Agape Room at First Place Christian Center, 16 W. Franklin St. We will use The Life Recovery Bible and Workbook. This is an open meeting for everyone including family and friends as well. Cookies and coffee will be provided.

**Sign up sheet** for cookies for First Place Recovery is on the table across from the office with the dates. Thanks

### **Last Chance to Donate to Pelotonia 2019**

Pelotonia, a signature bike riding event that funds lifesaving cancer research, took place August 2-4 in Columbus. 100% of all dollars raised from this event goes directly to research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center. Donations for the 2019 campaign will be accepted through **September 25th** at [www.pelotonia.org/jennyschilling](http://www.pelotonia.org/jennyschilling) OR [www.pelotonia.org/jeffschilling](http://www.pelotonia.org/jeffschilling) If you prefer, you can mail a check (made out to PELOTONIA) to Team Schilling, 591 Chartwell Ct., Troy.

A heartfelt thank you to the many members of our church family who have already donated - your support means so much to so many as we work together to END CANCER!

Team Schilling

## **Mission Opportunity! Informational meeting is Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> @ noon. Nicaragua Mission Trip January 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Please be in prayer for our ministries in Nicaragua. We will be sharing the love of Jesus with our friends in Nicaragua and supporting our ministries at Project Chacocente and Tesoros de Dios (Bradley's). This trip will involve helping build a chapel at Chacocente school alongside the families of Chacocente. We will also visit Tesoros de Dios and do home visits of the children they serve. We will share God's love with the children and their caretakers at Mustard seed Orphanage. We will continue the table ministry and evangelism in various areas. We will explore some of God's creation in this country by visiting a volcano and swimming in a lagoon. You will be immersed into the culture and will enjoy visiting our delegation host's home (Omar) as well as listening to different speakers in the evening during our daily debriefing. During our evening gathering we will share how we saw God at work each day. An informational meeting will be held Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> at noon in the main church office to discuss the trip and cover other important information including cost. Signups are available outside the church office. This trip will be lead by Pastor Bob & Janet Lybarger and Pastor Chris.

### **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

### **Freedom Sunday**

What is Freedom Sunday? It is our invitation to learn more about the issue of modern day slavery, to understand God's heart to end it, and to join thousands of churches from around the world in the fight. Join Troy First on Sunday, September 22 for a special service dedicated to the 40 million men, women, and children estimated to be in slavery globally.

### **URGENT NEED FOR PRAYER SHAWLS FOR WOMEN AND MEN**

Prayer shawls are an integral part of our outreach health mission of the church. The shawls are given to those that have an extended medical/surgical/treatment care plan. They are used to offer peace and comfort during their medical care, knowing that God's people are praying for them. There are shawl directions available on the health ministry table by the office.

### **Blood Pressure Check**

Blood Pressure Check will be available on September 22 at First Place 9-9:30 am and traditional church 12 noon in church office.

## **DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY**

Premier Health is offering free portrait sessions for cancer patients, cancer survivors and their families and free community education fair featuring resources for cancer patients and survivors . 937 Salon and Spa will be providing hairstyles for patients. Reservations required for free portrait sessions. Sign up today at [bit.ly/pohnorth](http://bit.ly/pohnorth)

Date: Saturday, September 28 11 am to 3 pm at Upper Valley Medical Center Cancer Care Center 3130 N. County Rd 25A Troy, OH 45373



*SAVE THE DATE!*



## **UMW AUTUMN RUMMAGE SALE**

The United Methodist Women will be holding their Fall rummage sale on Fri. October 4th, 9am-3pm, and Sat. October 5th, 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), and household goods, but no large televisions or heavy furniture. This is a great opportunity to clean out those closets, attics and garages.

Drop off days will be October 1st – October 3rd, 9am – 3 pm at First Place. If an arrangement needs to be made for a pick up time, or a drop off time for other than those listed, please call Evelyn West at (631)455-7392 or Kay Kaebnick at (937)335-8704. Helpers are always needed and appreciated so please come and join us. Any additional questions, contact Evelyn West.

### **Wish List**

The First Place Contemporary Service would enjoy a couple of black rocking chairs to place in the back of the room for a number of young parents who could use a comfy chair for rocking their newborn. Call the church office if you can donate or wish to contribute.

### **TFYG Events**

#### **Troy First Youth Group**

Sept. 24 – Girls Bible Study 7-8:30pm

Oct. 2 – First of the Month Meal 6-6:30pm

Oct. 8 – Girls Bible Study 7-8:30pm

Oct. 16 – Mini Mission Night

Oct. 20 – Ping Pong Capture Flag 6:30 -8:30pm

Oct. 22 – Girls Bible Study 7-8:30pm

Oct. 27 – Trunk or Treat

## **Ohio Northern University**

*"Ohio Northern University, a United Methodist affiliated university, invites you to attend one of their fall **Polar Preview Days** offered on **Sat., Sept. 21, Sat. Oct. 19 or Sat. Nov. 9**, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.. This program is free and open to all high school students and their families. A campus tour, along with information sessions on academic programs, financial aid, and student life, will be offered. Go to [onu.edu/visit](http://onu.edu/visit) to register."*

*"Do you have a high school student getting ready to consider or attend college? Ohio Northern University, a United Methodist affiliated university, participates in scholarship opportunities to help United Methodist students attend college. Students can **earn up to \$4,000** to attend Ohio Northern University through the United Methodist "**Dollars for Scholars**" program and **up to \$1,000** through the **United Methodist Church General Board of Higher Education and Ministry**. These scholarships are in addition to academic scholarships from Ohio Northern."*

## **God's Treasures/Tesoros de Dios**

God's Treasures/Tesoros de Dios, started by our former pastor Rev. Jim Wilson, and one of our partner ministries in Nicaragua, is raising child sponsorships this month for children who have grown up with disabilities in that country. As a sponsor, you are matched directly with one or more children so that you can build a relationship with them and experience the blessing of hearing directly how your gift impacts their life. Three types or levels of sponsorships are available (\$30, \$60, \$90/month). Visit [www.tesorosdedios.org](http://www.tesorosdedios.org) for more information, or see Bob Schuler, the information table in the back or contact Pastor Chris at the church office, 335-2826.

**Did you know** that you can find a video of today's sermon on our website? Check it out and see!

**"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.

**Ride** if any one lives in the area of Cameo Circle and would be willing to pick someone up for church, please give the office a call, 335-2826.

## **Quiet Bags**

Quiet bags are available on the back wall by the Media room for young children to play with during worship service.

## **Let's Go**

Mark your calendars...2020, Let's Go reveal meeting is Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm at First Place. Final payment for NYC at Christmas is due Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there. Any questions call Diana 937-216-7088.



# Stewardship Report

## General Operating Fund – Tithes & Offerings

Week 36 of 52

<u>9/8/2019</u>	<u>9/9/2018</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%Change</u>
\$12,463.58	\$9,460.00	\$3,003.58	31.75%
<u>1/1/2019 – 9/8/2019</u>	<u>1/1/2018 – 9/09/2018</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%Change</u>
\$379,198.11	\$380,687.78	-\$1,489.67	-0.39%

## Last Week's Offering

### General Operating Fund

Tithes & Offerings	\$12,463.58
Breakfast	234.00
Coffee	3.25
Loose Plate	725.00
Special Giving – Rocking chairs for First Place	156.92
Special Giving – Staff Parish Relations, Assoc. Pastor expenses	250.00
Sunday School	47.29
Wedding	30.00

### Other Project Funds

Bradley's House of Hope	\$10.00
Debt Reduction	252.50
First Kids Preschool	20.00
FISH	20.00
Food Pantry	25.00
Investing in the Future Campaign	5,375.00
Let's Go	4,281.00
Trustee's Capital	135.00

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.



**BRING A FRIEND  
TO CHURCH!**

This is the  
**DAY**

the  
**LORD** was  
made

Let us  
**REJOICE**

and be  
**GLAD**

in it