



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 1, 2019**

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

*Gather ~ Grow ~ Give ~ Glorify ~ Go*

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2019

### Luke 14: 1, 7-14(NIV)

1 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: <sup>8</sup> "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. <sup>9</sup> If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. <sup>11</sup> For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Ordinary Radicals: "Choose your seat wisely"

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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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Office: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

## 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 worshipping with us today. Welcome!

## Attendance

Worship: 414 Sunday school: 5

## First Friend of the Week!

### Happy Birthday Wishes!

Sue Vendryes (9/6)  
2515 Saybrook Court  
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.

## New phone numbers or addresses

If anyone has a new phone number or address please call the church office, 335-2826.

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday: Sept. 2

Office Closed for Labor day

### Tuesday: Sept. 3

10:00am Faith Hope meeting

3:00pm Virtual Market

5:30pm Girl Scouts

7:00pm Christian Ed meeting

### Thursday: Sept. 5

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. 8:** Women's Event

**Sept. 9:** Intercessory meeting

Girl Scouts

Grandmothers club

**Sept. 10:** Ireland Let's Go meeting

Virtual Market

Girl Scouts

**Sept. 11:** Susannah Wesley Circle

**Sept. 12:** Men's Bible study

Hands 4 Hearts

Ty's Bible study

First Place Recovery

Praise Team practice

Choir practice

Bells practice

**Sept. 14:** Bowls of Hope Fundraiser

## **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.

### **Women's Event**

"Who are we?" And what does it mean to be us as women and women of Troy First? Hosted by Lisa Heckaman on Sunday afternoon, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:00pm at First Place. Come get to know more of her and one another.

### **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@troyfumc.org](mailto:checkaman@troyfumc.org) to RSVP and receive directions to his hermitage/place back in the woods.

### **Summer Guest Worshipper Series**

Starting August 11th the 9:30 Contemporary Service will be hosting guest worship leaders and bands, some who may be interested in joining our ministry team. No matter your service of preference, please feel free to come and attend.

### **Prayer Chain**

If you would like to join the FUMC email 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.

### **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.

### **Choir Rehearsals**

Choir rehearsals begin Thursday, September 5th at 7:30pm in the sanctuary.

### **Youth Group Announcement**

Troy First Youth Group starts THIS Wednesday (September 4th). 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@troyfumc.org](mailto:chess@troyfumc.org).

## **Let's Go**

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

## **Quiet Bags**

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

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



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

Linda Honeyman, chemo

Shirley Hensel, home

Chester Fannin, Troy Care

Pearl James, Springmeade

Nancy Cox, Miami Valley North, room 9

## **Health News**

FALL Session begins Wednesday, September 11, 2019. This is a weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the cessation of a close personal relationship by death. At GRIEFSHARE, you'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. We will feature videotape seminar sessions with nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. All programs will be held in the St. Patrick parish center, 444 East Water St., upstairs in room 3, each Wednesday for 13 weeks. There are brochures about the program on the health ministry table. Call Pat Smith at 937-335-2833 ext. 105 for more information.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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

## **Faith Hope Circle**

The Faith Hope Circle of the United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Agape Room at First Place. Our Devotions and Program will be "In (The) Beginning, There is Light," and "The Sunlit Sisters Center in Korea." Looking forward to seeing all of you to start our new year. We will also have another "Art Exercise" or cadaver exquis with friends to Bring You Joy.

Join us for coffee.

Thanks, Gerry Loar

**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.

## **Seekers Class**

Starting up for fall: Sept. 8

Room: 321

Study: Revelation - We started this in the spring so after a brief review we will start this fall with Chapter 6.

All are welcome...

## **Children's Sunday School**

Sunday school for children will start on September 8<sup>th</sup> at traditional church.

## **Mission Opportunity!**

### **Nicaragua Mission Trip January 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**

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. We will be scheduling an informational meeting in September to discuss the trip and cover other important information including cost. Signups will become available after this meeting. This trip will be lead by Pastor Bob & Janet Lybarger and Pastor Chris.



**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.

### **Tickets for Bowls of Hope**

First Place Food Pantry

What: **Bowls of Hope Event**

When: Sept. 14, 2019 5:30pm

Where: First Place Christian Center

Tickets: \$30

Great food, entertainment by Cove Springs Gospel choir, Silent and Live Auctions. Appetizers, Soups and Desserts donated by area restaurants-You will be amazed.

Contact: Sharon Buse - 937-418-6836 or email: [fpfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:fpfoodpantry@gmail.com)

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# Stewardship Report

## General Operating Fund – Tithes & Offerings

Week 34 of 52

<u>8/25/2019</u>	<u>8/26/2018</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%Change</u>
\$8,014.50	\$9,947.00	-\$1,932.50	-19.43%
<u>1/1/2019 – 8/25/2019</u>	<u>1/1/2018 – 8/26/2018</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%Change</u>
\$356,702.03	\$361,485.78	-\$4,783.75	-1.32%

### Last Week's Offering

#### General Operating Fund

Tithes & Offerings	\$8,014.50
Breakfast	182.00
Coffee	1.00
Loose Plate	386.00
Special Giving – Staff Parish Relations, Assoc. Pastor expenses	350.00
Sunday School	69.00

#### Other Project Funds

Back to School	\$801.70
Debt Reduction	27.50
FISH	25.00
Food Pantry	25.00
Investing in the Future Campaign	660.00
Let's Go	3,403.00
The Traveling Team (Carrie Komjati)	500.00
Trustee's Capital	210.00

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.