



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 22, 2019

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

Gather ~ Grow ~ Give ~ Glorify ~ Go

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2019

Luke 16: 1-13, page 74, (NRSV)

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. **2** So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' **3** Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. **4** I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' **5** So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' **6** He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' **7** Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' **8** And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. **9** And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. **10** "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. **11** If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? **12** And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? **13** No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Ordinary Radicals: "Free"

Notes: _____

Join us during the week:

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

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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: 438 Sunday school: 93

First Friends of the Week!

Thank you for a wonderful Sunday

Lisa Heckaman
5521 Frederick Pike
Dayton, Ohio 45414
&

Birthday wishes

Diana Shellenberger (9/19)
1003 Nicklin Avenue
Piqua, Ohio 45356

1st 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. 23

7:00am Men's Life Study breakfast

9:15am Intercessory mtg

6:30pm Let's Go reveal mtg

7:00pm Trustees mtg

Tuesday: Sept. 24

3:00pm Virtual Market

Wednesday: Sept. 25

10:00am Soul Sisters mtg

6:30pm Youth Group

8:30pm Human Trafficking

Thursday: Sept. 26

9:00am Lunch Buddy training

10:00am Hands 4 Hearts

6:30pm First Place Recovery

6:30pm Bells practice

7:00pm Praise Team practice

7:30pm Choir practice

Upcoming Events

Sept. 29: Celebration Sunday

Sept. 30: Intercessory mtg

Men's Life Study breakfast

Oct. 1: Virtual Market

Rummage sale drop offs

Faith Hope mtg

Girl Scouts

Oct. 2: Youth Group

Rummage sale drop offs

Oct. 3: Ty's Bible study

Rummage sale drop offs

Praise Team practice

Choir practice

Bells practice

Oct. 4 & 5: Rummage Sale

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NEW Upcoming Events

Prayer Lab

Join Pastor Ty's Thursday Night Bible Study on the third Thursday's of the month for Prayer Lab: 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 22nd 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 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.

****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

Cookies for Celebration Sunday, if you are bringing cookies in for the lunch, please put them in individual bags.

First Kids Preschool

First Kids preschool is doing a fund raiser, they are selling spirit wear t-shirts, order forms are on a table in the gathering room and some on table across from the office. T-shirt order forms and money are due September 27th, 2019.

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.

Ty's Bible study is cancelled for Thursday, September 26th.



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

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 OR

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 6th @ noon.

Nicaragua Mission Trip January 18th - 25th 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 6th 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

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

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



RUMMAGE SALE COUNTDOWN!



It's official...the Autumn UMW rummage sale countdown has begun! This is a reminder that items for the rummage sale can be brought to First Place starting Tues. Oct. 1st - Oct. 3rd from 9am -3pm. The rummage sale hours will be Fri. Oct 4th, 9am -3pm, and Sat. Oct. 5th, 9am – 12 noon. If an arrangement for pick-up needs to be made or a drop-off time other than those listed, please call Evelyn West at (631)455-7392 or Kay Kaebnick at (937)335-8704. Please join us in making this sale a successful one with all proceeds donated to missions. *page 6*

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. 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 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 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@troyfumc.org with special things your children have accomplished, so we can celebrate.

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

Hope to see you Monday, Sept. 23rd for the Let's Go reveal meeting is at 6:30pm at First Place. Any questions call Diana 937-216-7088.

Servant Opportunities – Church Officer Nominations

If you or someone you know might be interested in a new area of service, please pick up a packet on the Gathering room table in the lobby next to the sanctuary or at the welcome center at First Place. In it you will find a list of all areas of service, a welcome letter and leadership covenant by Pastor Chris, and an info sheet for our Nominations Team to review. You may volunteer yourself or nominate and encourage someone else. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Pastor Chris at checkaman@troymc.org.

Soul Sisters

Come and join us for our first meeting of this season, Wednesday September 25th from 10-11am in the Agape Room of First Place. This will be a time of friendship, inspiration, reflection, spiritual encouragement, and sisterhood with lessons and stories of God's love for women of all ages. Bring a journal or notebook. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Evelyn West at 631-455-7392, ewest0345@gmail.com or Connie Gillespey at 937-335-3681, cgillespey@woh.rr.com.

Troy First Youth

Troy First Youth is doing a fund raiser, they are selling butter braid pastries such as apple, strawberry cream cheese, carrot cake roll, pumpkin roll and many other delicious items. There is fund raiser sheets in my office (Susan). Turn in orders by Wednesday, October 9th and pick up is Wednesday October 23rd from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Stock up for the holidays!!

Faith Hope Circle

The Faith Hope Circle of United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, October 1st at 10:00 a.m. in room 100 at First Place. Donna Elleman will give Devotions and our program will be concerning a special presentation on "A Nun On The Bus" about Sister Simone Campbell and also "Make a Difference" about Following Your Passion and Finding Your Place to Serve. Feel free to join us for fellowship and coffee or tea.

Stewardship Report

General Operating Fund – Tithes & Offerings

Week 37 of 52

<u>9/15/2019</u>	<u>9/16/2018</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%Change</u>
\$9,094.50	\$7,067.00	\$2,027.50	28.69%
<u>1/1/2019 – 9/15/2019</u>	<u>1/1/2018 – 9/16/2018</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%Change</u>
\$388,292.61	\$387,754.78	\$537.83	0.14%

Last Week's Offering

General Operating Fund

Tithes & Offerings	\$9,094.50
Breakfast	371.00
Coffee	18.10
Loose Plate	179.00
Special Giving – Celebration Sunday	208.00
Special Giving – Staff Parish Relations, Assoc. Pastor expenses	200.00
Sunday School	21.51

Other Project Funds

Bell Choir	\$1,000.00
Bradley's House of Hope	55.31
Debt Reduction	397.50
First Kids Preschool	520.00
FISH	10.00
Food Pantry	75.00
Investing in the Future Campaign	920.00
Let's Go	7,495.00
The Traveling Team (Carrie Komjati)	15.00
Trustee's Capital	115.00
Youth	25.00

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