


Glory to God
in heaven,
and on earth
peace among those
whom he favors.



Christmas Eve ***2016***

Rev. Dave Leckrone, Senior Pastor
Ty Williams, Associate Pastor
Bob Lybarger, Associate Pastor

Our Mission: Invite ~ Equip ~ Engage

Worship Services
8:15 & 10:45am ~ Traditional (Sanctuary)
9:30am & 10:45am ~ Contemporary (First Place)

Nativity of the Lord

December 24, 2016

Luke 2.1-14

In It to Win It

Quotes for Christmas

"The birth of Christ in our souls is for a purpose beyond ourselves: it is because his manifestation in the world must be through us." – **Evelyn Underhill**

"The birth of this little boy is the beginning of a confrontation between the kingdom of God – in all its apparent weakness, insignificance and vulnerability – and the kingdoms of the world." – **N.T. Wright**

"This was not a silent night... It was disappointing and depressing and hard. Life can be that way. And the long-awaited Messiah's birth came in the midst of the messiness and disappointment and pain." – **Adam Hamilton**

"Caesar was only one of the titles Augustus bore. Others were rex, imperator, princeps, pontifex maximus, and so on. He ruled Rome and thus virtually the whole civilized world. He was worshiped as a god. People burned incense to him. Insofar as he is remembered at all, most people remember him mainly because at some point during his reign, in a rundown section of one of the more obscure imperial provinces, out behind a cheesy motel among cowflops and moldy hay, a child was born..." – **Frederick Buechner**

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First News



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Ending the year Strong

Last week, the stated need to end the year on a positive note and to be able to pay our remaining general operating obligations was about \$50,000. As a result of last Sunday's offering, online giving and gifts received in the office through this past Thursday, we are now about \$20,000 from matching last year and meeting our minimum obligations. (add note about deadline to give)

Please Note

The Church office will be closed on Fri, Dec 30th. Donations need to be in the church office by Thurs, Dec 29th at 5pm or given on-line by Dec, 31st. If you would like to make a donation using a stock or mutual fund transfer, contact the Treasurer, Brett Bogan, at bdbogan@troyfumc.org

Let's Go!

The deposits for March 17th, La Comedia and Cape Cod, are due Jan 3. If you are interested in Cuba or China, we need to hear from you soon so paper work may be started. Have a Merry Christmas!

Bob & Ann Baird, 335-4883

10th Annual World Race for Hope

Online Registration is open for the 10th annual World Race for Hope 5k charity run/walk. Early bird registration (\$20 adults/\$15 for 18 & under) is available through 10/31. Registering online is fast and easy at <https://runsignup.com/worldraceforhopetroy>. Current sponsors of the race include Troy FUMC, Concrete Sealants and Up and Running. Proceeds benefit Free To Run Foundation, Abolition Ohio and Oasis House.

Pastor Ty's Bible Study

The bible study will meet on **Thursday evenings** at 6pm in room 321.

Sunday School Classes

Sunday School Classes will not meet on Sun, Dec 25 and Sun, Jan 1.

Job Opening

POSITION: Maintenance

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Be capable of performing essential duties required by the position
2. Ability to work independently and carry out all assignments in the most efficient manner.
3. Dependable
4. Ability to work well with staff and church members.
5. Reading and writing skills needed to effectively communicate.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Report to the Pastor to ensure that the building and grounds are maintained in a safe, clean and healthy manner.
2. Oversee and schedule annual inspections and maintenance of the elevator, boilers, fire alarm system, carpets, air conditioning, etc.
3. Knowledgeable of any OSHA or other governmental agency (such as EPA, Board of Health, fire code, AHERA, etc.) requirements in order to maintain all health and safety standards.
4. Monitor all furniture and equipment in the building and report any vandalism or major maintenance needs to the Pastor and Trustees.
5. Maintain outside building appearance.
6. Maintain proper inventory/supply levels and distribute as needed.
7. Coordinate scheduling and performance of special work projects with the staff and members.
8. Perform general maintenance, such as ballast replacement, changing light bulbs, toilet repair, etc. Report major repair needs to the pastor and trustees.
9. Maintain the outside of the building such as snow removal, salting, grass trimming, general cleanliness, leaf raking, courtyard appearance, etc.
10. Set-up various meeting areas with tables and chairs, TV/DVD players etc.

11. Perform other tasks as assigned by the pastor.

Resumes should be emailed to staff@troyfumc.org or mailed to Troy First UMC, 110 W. Franklin St., Troy.



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

Ernest Gary, UVMC

Nick & Karla Tumbleson, Koester

Karen Painter, Troy Center

Howard Wigdahl, Randall Residence

Carlos Wolfe, Home

Barb Warner, Breast cancer

You may add a church family member to the list after first obtaining their permission and then contacting the church office at 335-2826 or staff@troyfumc.org.

Mitten Tree

Mitten Trees Today in the Gathering room & First Place are undecorated Christmas trees. We are asking you to decorate this tree with mittens, hats and scarves for needy children and adults in our community. If you have any questions please contact Penny Hoekstra at 335-2826 or by email at: phoekstra@troyfumc.org.

UNCHAINED Fashion Show

Returns to Troy

In recognizing National Slavery Prevention & Human Trafficking Awareness Month, on January 28, we will be hosting an awareness event featuring Not For Sale, an anti-trafficking NGO based in San Francisco. UNCHAINED will also present their trademark fashion show using local models. Females interested in participating should come to the casting call on Wednesday, December 14, at 5:30 pm at First Place. No experience necessary, ages 10 and up recommended. In September 2015, five youth from Troy First participated in the fashion show, but UNCHAINED will need more models with this new collection. Any questions can be emailed to UNCHAINED at unchainedfashionshow@gmail.com.

Thank You!

I want to thank the Carolers that were here at my door and I thank Jan Wise who gave me the most beautiful poinsettia. I also want to thank the preschoolers who sent me pictures they had colored for me. I have them on my refrigerator.

I want to thank the church for the beautiful flowers that you gave me. I also enjoyed hearing the group singing carols.

Sincerely, Mary Ellen Keller

TFYG

Troy First youth Group

December:

21st: Off Christmas Break

28th: Off Christmas Break



Prayer Partner Update

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and your feet fitted with the readiness that comes with the Gospel of peace.”
— Ephesians 6:14-15

Africa

- **Praise God for a strong sentence late last month in the case of a man who sexually abused a mother and her daughter in Kenya.** The abuser, a local pastor, was visiting the family when he used his position of authority to take advantage of the woman and child, who has autism. With IJM's involvement, a Kenyan court found the man guilty and sentenced him to life in prison. Please pray for the survivors, and pray that word of the sentence would spread and would deter other violent men from abusing the vulnerable.

Latin America

- **Praise God for a rescue operation last week that freed 15 women from an international sex trafficking ring in the Dominican Republic.** Ending a two-year investigation that spanned multiple countries, IJM partnered with anti-trafficking police to arrest three suspects for exploiting the women from a bar in Santo Domingo. The women were trafficked to the city from South America

and are working with IJM to receive legal and aftercare services. Please pray that the women's status as foreigners would not block their access to much-needed counseling, medical care, and other assistance.

management and support for IJM's various collaboration system. As part of the Application Management group, this role will help provide strategy and direction for the use of collaboration systems in the organization.

South Asia

- **Praise God for a successful rescue operation this week that freed six young girls from sexual exploitation.** IJM partnered with anti-trafficking police to find the girls, who were being held in a private home in an unassuming suburban area. Four traffickers have been arrested. Please pray for the girls' recovery as they settle in a caring aftercare home and for follow-up on these arrests.

Southeast Asia

- **Pray for strengthened partnerships with the Thai central government as officials consider ways to help eligible hill tribe people become citizens.** IJM's team from Chiang Mai traveled to Bangkok recently to meet with key leaders, and we were encouraged by that meeting. Pray that our advocacy would result in citizenship for many more people who are legally entitled to it because they were born or grew up in Thailand. Pray that the barriers of bureaucracy and prejudice would crumble as more government leaders become advocates for justice.

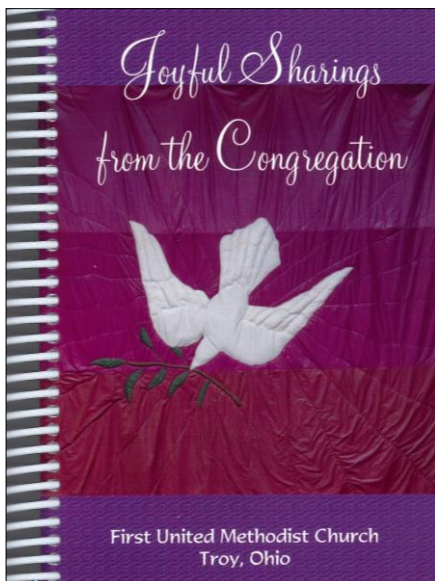
IJM HQ & Global Partners

IJM has partner offices in Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, and the UK.

- **Please pray for us as we seek a Product Manager, Collaboration Systems to join our team.** The ideal candidate will provide leadership,

UMW Cookbook Makes a Great Gift

The United Methodist Women's Cookbook are still available. You may use the order form below for your convenience. You may give your order to any UMW woman. The cookbook is on display in the Gathering room along with order forms.



Cookbook
Order Form
\$16 per book

Name

Phone #

of books

Stewardship Report

General Operating Pledged/Unpledged Giving

Week 49 of 52

12/11/16	12/13/15	Change	% Change
\$8,741.00	\$7,725.00	\$1,016.00	+13.2%
1/1/16-12/11/16	1/1/15-12/13/15	Change	% Change
\$519,870.88	\$523,893.27	(\$4,022.39)	-0.77%

Notes

- 1) The 2016 General Operating Budget is \$676,874 (\$13,017 per week/\$56,406 per month). This year's budget is 3.78% higher than the 2015 budget.
- 2) We have received 76.8% of our 2016 income budget year to date.
- 3) We have received \$120,751 in Online Giving through 11/30 for all funds.

Questions? Ask the Treasurer: bdbogan@troyfumc.org

Last Week's Offering

Money Received for the General Operating Fund

General Pledged/Unpledged Tithes & Offerings	8741
Loose Plate	270.11
Sunday School	26
Coffee	10.50
Upper Room	6.20
Breakfast	167
Kyle School	

Money Received & Designated to Special Projects & Other Funds **Not Included** in General Operating. These are designated gifts, contributions and other income received by the church from church members and constituents. These amounts do not represent any financial support from the general operating fund to these special projects and funds.

FISH 30	Let's Go 5150	Christmas Offering 425
Missions 238	Food Pantry 535	First Kids 15590.47
Poinsettias 7	BHoH 400	

