



December 14, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Our Mission: Invite ~ Equip ~ Engage

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

Welcome to Worship

Pastoral Welcome

Community Sharing (Announcements- Registration Pads- Birthdays- Anniversaries)

Time of Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Choral Introit

Voluntary

"Carol Prelude on 'Greensleeves'"

Searle Wright

*Opening Hymn

"Surely the Presence"

*Hymn #218

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

*Opening Prayer

*Affirmation #881

*Gloria Patri

Holy Baptism

*Today we celebrate the baptism of Brogan Martin Mergler,
son of Ed & Melanie Mergler.*

(10:45)

Prayer Requests, Joys & Concerns

Silent, Pastoral & the Lord's Prayer

Prayer Hymn #2080

"All I Need Is You"

All I need is you,

Jesus, all I need is you.

You are the source of all I need.

All I need is you.

Installation of UMW Officers

Chancel Choir

"Our Hope Is In Emmanuel"

Tamela Tennison, Flute

Hymn

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Children's Message *All children are welcome to come to the chancel steps.*

Preschool thru 2nd grade will go to room 304 with Lori Robinson & Teen.

Offertory

"Lo, How a Rose Is Growing"

John Leavi

Doxology #95

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #229

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

"Hope of the World"

Rev. Dave Leckrone

*Hymn #219

"What Child Is This"

*Benediction

Postlude

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

E. Broughton

Tawnie Johnson, Organist

**congregation stands if able*

The First United Methodist Church

First News



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Office: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

First Friend of the Week:

(Take a moment to send a note/card to our First Friend.)

Glenna Welbaum

114 Tamworth, Troy

Will begin treatment for cancer.

Fair Trade Sunday- TODAY!

Fair Trade products make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. Today you can purchase coffee, many varieties of chocolate including special holiday chocolate minis, baking chocolate & chips, and dried fruit. Visit the table in the Gathering room after both services to fight injustice and to support small farmers around the world. We have new items!

Reception Today

The Merglers would like to show appreciation to their church family for all the support they have received during their adoption journey. Today Baby Brogan will be baptized and the Merglers invite you to a cupcake reception in the Agape room of First Place following the 10:45am services. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2015 Altar Flowers

The sign up list is available in the Gathering room. Please sign up on the Flower list **and** the information sheet for the date you select.

Christmas Eve Services

Traditional: 5, 7, 9 & 11pm, Sanctuary

Contemporary: 6 & 8pm, First Place

Childcare: 5, 6 & 7pm (3yrs & under)

Candlelight at all services.

Communion at 7pm & 11pm.

Pre-service music 6:30-7pm

Holiday Concert Tomorrow

Michael Gallehue, Conductor, presents the Ohio Valley British Brass Band who will give a holiday concert tomorrow, Mon, Dec 15 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Admission is free. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors for a wonderful evening of music and lots of Christmas spirit!



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

Bud Runner recovering from surgery
Jim Stanfield, radiation for brain tumor
Connie Stanfield sciatic nerve treatment
Glenna Welbaum, cancer diagnosis

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.

Let's Go!

If you weren't at the Preview Presentation for the 2015 trips, please pick up a folder in the Gathering room. We need to know by Dec 25 if you are going to New Orleans.

Bob and Ann Baird, 335-4338



Christmas Program!

The Partners in Hope Christmas Committee has been hard at work gearing up for our annual Christmas Shop! The 2014 shop will be held Dec 16, 17, & 18 at First Lutheran Church. As in the past, we will be accepting toy donations for ages birth - 12 years. Toys can be dropped off in the decorated boxes in the Gathering room and First Place. We will also need plenty of volunteers to help the evenings of the shop. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Deborah Hall at 937-335-0448 or by email at dhall@partnersinhopeinc.org to get your name on the list. Cash donations are also appreciated and are used to provide gift cards for older children and other needed items. Thank you for helping to make this a special event for the children of Troy and everyone involved!

Cookies for Partners in Hope

If you are baking cookies for PIH, they need to be at the church on **Mon, Dec. 16 or Tues, Dec 17.** You can also call Bob Schuller at 339-4110 and he will come and pick them up on either of those two days.

Children's gifts need to be delivered to the church no later than **Tues, Dec. 16 at 3pm.**

Taxable Items for PIH

Gray bins have been placed at First Place and outside the church office for taxable items. Items needed include the following:

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| Toilet Paper | Laundry Detergent |
| Soap | Dish Soap |
| Shampoo | Cleaning Supplies. |
| Deodorant | Toothpaste |
| Toothbrush | Makeup |
| Shaving Cream | |

TFY Upcoming Events

Weds: Youth Group, 6:30-8:30pm

Dec 13: Zoo Lights (5:30-10pm)

Dec 17: Christmas Party

Dec 24: No TFY

Dec 31-Jan 1: Lock In & Pancake B-fast

Greeters Needed

Greeters are needed for the traditional worship services in Dec & Jan. Please sign up on the clipboard located in the Gathering room for one or two Sundays.

Preaching Schedule

December 21

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| 8:15 & 10:45am | Bob Lybarger |
| 9:30 & 10:45am | Rev. Ty Williams |

December 28

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| 8:15 & 10:45am | Rev. Dave Leckron |
| 9:30 & 10:45am | Rev. Ty Williams |

Thank You!

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your prayers and visits through Merrill's final journey home. He enjoyed the cards from being 'First Friend of the Week' and the flowers and visits and talked about it later in the day with a smile."

Laura & Denise Grove

Weekly Calendar

Today: Dec 14 *Third Sunday of Advent / Fair Trade Sunday / Installation of UMW Officers 10:45am / Mergler Baptism*

8:15, 9:30, & 10:45am Worship
8:30-10am Community Breakfast, FP
9:30am Sunday School for all ages
12:00pm Mergler's Reception, FP

Monday: Dec 15

6:30am Men's Life, Bob Evan's
9:00am First Kids Preschool
9:15am Prayer Group
9:30am Staff Meeting
3:00pm Senior Chair Exercises, FP
3:45pm Pilates Class, FP
5:00pm Troy High School Support Staff, FP
7:00pm Christian Ed Committee
7:00pm The Ohio Valley British Brass Band
Holiday Concert

Tuesday: Dec 16

8:30am FK Preschool
9:30am Bell Quartet
9:30am UMW Board Meeting, FP
12:15pm Staff Christmas Lunch
5:00pm Quilt Club
6:00pm Small group, FP
6:30pm First Kids Christmas Program

Wednesday: Dec 17

9:00am First Kids Preschool
3:00pm Senior Chair Exercise, FP
3:45pm Pilates Class, FP
6:30pm Men's Group
6:30pm TFY Christmas Party, FP
7:00pm Children's Choir

Thursday: Dec 18

8:00am Fidelity Health, FP
8:30am FK Preschool
6:30pm Bell Choir
7:00pm Praise Team, FP
7:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday: Dec 19

9:00am FK Preschool
6:00pm Team Grace Carry In, FP

Saturday: Dec 20

7:30am Men's Life @ Bob Evans
10:30am Rogers Ensemble rehearsal

Next Sunday: Dec 21 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:15, 9:30, & 10:45am Worship
8:30-10am Community Breakfast, FP
9:30am Sunday School for all ages
12:00pm Kister Christmas Party, FP
1:00pm TFY Sr Hi Funday, Ice skating

Pastoral Care

If you are in the hospital please call the church office to let us know. Hospitals do not notify the church unless you specifically tell them your church is First United Methodist in Troy.

Estimate of Giving Cards

It's not too late to turn in your card. You may drop it into the offering plate, mail it to the church or drop it off during the week.

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.

Pop Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald's House

We will be delivering pop can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House this month. Please turn in your tabs in the box outside the church office.

Greeters:**8:15am:**

Franklin St Mel & Nancy Shane
 Cherry St Dottie Gentle

10:45am:

Franklin St Steve & Deb Schumann
 Cherry Street Allan & Julie Mack & family

Usher Captains:

8:15am: Lew McClelland
 10:45am: Bobby Phillips

Acolytes: Hannah & Megan Robinson

Third Floor Ceiling Project

Total Spent: \$48,248

Total Contributions Received: \$31,184

Deficit: \$17,064

First Place Food Pantry

A ministry of the First United Methodist Church

721 Lincoln Ave, Troy

Hours:

Monday, Wednesday* & Friday
 1-3pm

Monday Evening: 5-6:30pm
 *2nd Wednesday: 3-5pm

Must bring a photo ID and proof of residency for Troy.

Volunteers always needed!!!

Today's Anthem**"Our Hope is in Emmanuel"**

By: Victor C. Johnson

The time has come, as the prophets foretold,
 To prepare for the soon coming king.
 He will bring us new love,
 And fill our hearts with light,
 And will vanquish the darkness from
 night.
 Our Hope Is In Emmanuel,
 The promised One, God's holy Son.
 The One Who has come to save.

We have patiently waited for the King to
 appear,

And bring us hope, joy, and peace.
 Now we wipe away our tears
 And no longer stand in fear,
 For we know that salvation draws near.
 Our Hope Is In Emmanuel,
 The promised One, God's holy Son.
 The One Who has come to save.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 Our Messiah, Emmanuel.

Chancel Choir Members:

Sopranos: Nan Conard, Kathi Dow, Janice Harshman, Lillian Holmes, Marilee Lake, Joyce Mosher, & Jan Murphy

Altos: Myrle Briggs, Bonnie Brohard, Pam Gibellino, Bobbi Kelly, Celeste Lewis, Carol Marheine, Jan Wise & Janet Wright

Tenors: Jim Braby, Doug Burch, Peter Dow, Mark Rogers & Nick Tumbleson

Basses: Bob Blythe, Scott Harshman, Allen Marheine, Joe Mosher, Bruce Scranton & Stan Shaw

Upcoming Events

Dec 24: Services @ 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 11pm

Dec 31: TFY Lock In, FP

Jan 1: TFY Pancake breakfast, FP

Jan 1: World Race for Hope, 10am, FP

Jan 11: New Member Lunch, FP

Jan 21: Rock begins

Jan 24-29: Nicaragua Trip

Feb 7: Success That Matters Seminar, FP
 (Man in the Mirror)

Feb 18: Ash Wednesday

Feb 20: Team Grace Father/Daughter Dance, RP

Mar 6 & 7: Heart to Heart Retreat @ Maria Stein

Mar 22: First Kids Book Fair & Silent Auction

Mar 29: Palm Sunday & Palm Walk

Apr 5: Easter Sunday

Apr 10 & 11: UMW Rummage Sale, FP

Attendance

Dec 7

Worship: 452 Sunday School: 115



BODY: Improve higher brain functions by engaging in aerobic activity.

MIND: Plan at least one night a week for family night.

SPIRIT: Hug someone.

Five Ways to Stay Warm This Winter

There are a few simple things you can do to keep warm in winter, which don't involve cranking up the heater. Here are a few tips which should help stave off the cold.

Layer up: Although you might think that big winter jumpers are the way to go, wearing layers of thin clothes will keep you warmer as they trap body heat. Another point to remember: the more skin that's exposed to cool air, the colder you will feel. "When we get cold we conserve heat by reducing the blood flow to the skin," says Nigel Taylor, Associate Professor at the University of Wollongong's School of Health Sciences. Professor Taylor adds, women do feel the cold more than men. "When we say we're cold, most of the information that determines that comes from the skin. If a woman's skin is cooler it is perfectly normal for a woman to say: 'I feel cold', while a man doesn't feel as cold."

Eat well and drink warm: While having a hot tea or coffee may make you feel warmer, it's more to do with the caffeine. That is because caffeine increases blood flow to the skin. You may feel warmer as a result, but your body is actually losing heat. Alcohol has the same affect. Try sticking to decaffeinated or herbal hot drinks instead. Eating regular meals

will also help keep you warm. Healthy hearty foods such as soup and stews are great for warming you up. Try to include carbohydrates in your dishes too. Porridge and soup are great winter-warmers.

Get moving: Working out in the cold may be the last thing you feel like doing this winter but it has the opposite effect too. As well as giving you a rush of endorphins which boosts mood, exercise will get the blood pumping around your body and, vitally, heat up your skin. "When we are hot we increase the blood flow to the skin. That is why people get red when they exercise – because we are trying to release heat – so the blood flow to the skin increases and your skin feels warmer," Professor Taylor says.

Stay social: With chilly, longer nights in winter, you might feel like hibernating at home than catching up with friends, but research shows the later might help with the warm and fuzzies – literally. Scientists from the University of Toronto discovered social exclusion makes you feel colder than if you were socialising and spending time with people, which warms you up. Try to keep an active social life this winter to help keep the cold at bay and boost your mood.

Snuggle up: Save on your electricity bills this winter and get cosy with warm blankets and doonas instead. Maybe even dig out your hot water bottle, although you should never use it in bed when using an electric blanket too. While sleeping, ensure you stay toasty by wearing pyjamas and bed socks to keep your feet from getting cold overnight. And while you're all rugged up, knowing you are doing your bit for the environment (and wallet) by saving energy can leave you with a warm fuzzy feeling too.

Second Hand Smoke Facts

Overview

Secondhand smoke is a mixture of gases and fine particles that includes:

- Smoke from a burning tobacco product such as a cigarette, cigar, or pipe
- Smoke that has been exhaled or breathed out by the person or people smoking
- More than 7,000 chemicals, including hundreds that are toxic and about 70 that can cause Cancer.

Most exposure to secondhand smoke occurs in homes and workplaces. Secondhand smoke exposure also continues to occur in public places such as restaurants, bars, and casinos, as well as multiunit housing and vehicles.

Eliminating smoking in indoor spaces is the only way to fully protect nonsmokers from secondhand smoke exposure.

Separating smokers from nonsmokers within the same air space, cleaning the air, opening windows, and ventilating buildings does not eliminate secondhand smoke exposure.³ Since 1964, 2.5 million nonsmokers have died from exposure to secondhand smoke.

Health Effects: Children

In children, secondhand smoke causes the following:

- Ear infections
- More frequent and severe asthma attacks
- Respiratory symptoms (e.g., coughing, sneezing, shortness of breath)
- Respiratory infections (i.e., bronchitis, pneumonia)
- A greater risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)

In U.S. children aged 18 months or younger, secondhand smoke exposure is responsible for:

- An estimated 150,000–300,000 new cases of bronchitis and pneumonia annually.

Approximately 7,500–15,000 hospitalizations annually

Health Effects: Adults

In adults who have never smoked, secondhand smoke can cause cardiovascular disease and lung cancer.

Cardiovascular Disease

- For nonsmokers, breathing secondhand smoke has immediate harmful effects on the cardiovascular system that can increase the risk for heart attack. People who already have heart disease are at especially high risk.
- Nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke increase their heart disease risk by 25–30%.
- It is estimated that secondhand smoke exposure caused nearly 34,000 heart disease deaths annually (during 2005–2009) among adult nonsmokers in the United States.¹
- Stroke is caused by exposure to secondhand smoke.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today!

Nursery Care: Room 202

See Usher for assistance.

Childcare Staff Person(s):

Sandra Makemson and Barbara Warner

We Welcome Children in Worship. The following items are available to assist you in the sanctuary: quiet bags, children's bulletins, a child-sized table and rocking chairs are available. If you need assistance see an Usher.

Special Needs:

Large print bulletins are available from an Usher.

Stewardship Report

General Operating Pledged/Unpledged Giving

General Operating Pledged/Unpledged Giving

Week 49 of 52

| 12/07/14 | 12/08/13 | Change | % Change |
|-------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| \$21,162.25 | \$14,131.00 | \$7,031.25 | +50% |

| 1/1/14-12/07/14 | 1/1/13-12/08/13 | Change | % Change |
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| \$532,111.35 | \$523,728.28 | \$8,383.07 | +1.6% |

Notes

- 1) The 2014 General Operating Budget is \$662,134 (\$12,733 per week/\$55,178 per month). This year's budget is 0.55% lower than the 2013 budget.
- 2) We have received 80.4% of our 2014 income budget year to date.
- 3) Online giving for all funds is \$106,193.00 through 11/30.

Last Week's Offering

Money Received for the General Operating Fund

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| General Pledged/Unpledged Tithes & Offerings | \$21,162.25 |
| Loose Plate | 281.77 |
| Sunday School | 25 |
| Coffee | 11.12 |
| Upper Room | 1 |
| Youth | 215 |
| Missions | 50 |
| Breakfast | 0 |
| Wedding deposit | 300 |
| Facility Use | 75 |
| Apportionments | 4000 |

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.

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| Food Pantry 300 | Memorial Fund 135 | BHoH 60 |
| Poinsettias 264 / Missions 172 | FISH 75 | Nic Trip 2000 |
| Christmas Off 125 | FK 20 | Let's Go! 2425 |

This year will soon yield to 2015.

So, after all the family gatherings, Christmas services and fantastic music, gifts, and scrumptious meals, it's tax time! Most of us will consider this, as we wrap up tax deductible year end giving

And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marveled at him. – 12:17

We are a generous church, our ministries continue to develop and grow with your participation and support. In this past year we experienced a significant amount of change. We are a live church, mission focused, and our ministries grow.

It is exciting how God blesses us in our willingness to serve. We took a big step this past year moving the food pantry due to its growth. Even in doing so, it feels as though we still need more room to worship and to support our many ministries. www.troyfumc.org/#/ministries

Our property acquisitions for future expansion of our mission are self supporting even after a few unanticipated repairs.

In this past year we endured some financial challenges that our finance team, with support of your trustees, had to get creative to resolve and budget. These challenges have been well managed, but we could really use your help as you consider any special giving you offer this year.

Our Plea for your Support

As you pray and prepare your heart for final giving of the current tax year, please consider designating your giving to the following needs.

- **Stained Glass Window Project**
Need – next phase - \$61,200
- **Painting**
Need – Completely paid – many thanks.
- **Asbestos Abatement & Education Wing Improvement**
Need –
- **Dome Repairs**
Need – Completely paid – many thanks.
- **First Place Mortgage**
Need – ongoing need

Consider giving though our secure site: <http://www.troyfumc.org/#/giving>

All undesignated gifts go to the general fund to support the normal and budgeted needs of the church: **God Bless Us, Everyone!**

Work, marriage, kids, hobbies... God?

A man's life can be quite a balancing act.



HOW DO YOU KEEP IT ALL IN PERSPECTIVE? And where does your faith fit in? At this interactive event, **connect with other men** as you explore the meaning of **true significance and purpose**—and how it affects your daily life on a practical level. Be encouraged and equipped to find **success that really matters**.



Hosted By

Troy First United Methodist @ First Place
16 W. Franklin – Troy, OH

Feb 7 (Saturday) – 8 AM

Speaker

Clark Miller – Director – Miami Valley Coalition for
Men's Discipleship

Registration Cost: \$15



Contact Sue Martin at 335-2826 / staff@troymumc.org

With completed registration below

Success That Matters ~ Registration

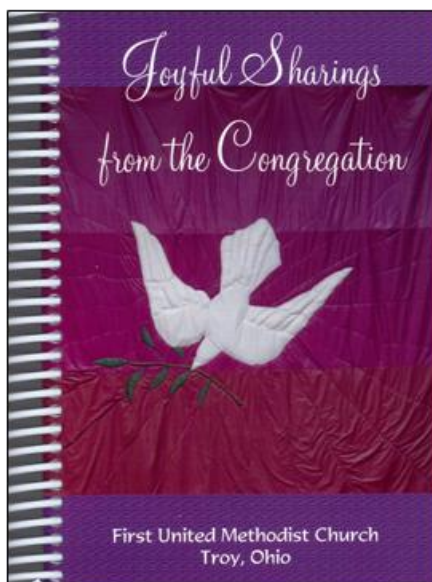
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Complete this form with the \$15 registration fee and return to Troy FUMC:
110 W. Franklin Troy, OH 45373

Our Brand New Cookbook For 2014

The United Methodist Women's Cookbook is completed. You may use the order form below for your convenience, you may place your order on the order sheet located in the Gathering room & at First Place or you may call Kay Kaebnick at 335-8704 or email her at wkaebnick@woh.rr.com. You May give your order to any UMW woman as well. The cookbook is on display in the Gathering room along with the appropriate order form.

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Back



2014 Cookbook
Order Form
\$16 per book

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Phone #

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