

C H R I S T | L U K E 2 : 8 - 2 0



**December 20, 2015**  
***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

**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)**

# *Welcome to Worship*

Pastoral Welcome

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

Choral Introit

Voluntary

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

G. Martin

Lighting of the Advent Candles

\*Opening Hymn

"Surely the Presence"

\*Hymn #254

"We Three Kings"

\*Opening Prayer #255

"Epiphany"

\*Affirmation of Faith #881

\*Gloria Patri

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.*

Chancel Choir

"Lowly Bethlehem"

Hymn

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Children's Message (10:45)

*All children are welcome to come to the chancel steps.*

*All children will remain in Worship today.*

Offertory

"Away In a Manger"

G. Martin

Doxology #95

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn #240

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Chancel Bells

"A Winter's Lullaby"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-15 (NIV)

Janice Harshman

Sermon

"Are you satisfied with Christmas?"

Pastor Bob Lybarger

\*Hymn #217

"Away in a Manger"

\*Bell Tree Benediction

"Away in a Manger"

Postlude

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Broughton

*Tawnie Johnson, Organist*

*\*congregation stands if able*

The First United Methodist Church

# ***First News***



facebook.com/TroyFUMC



www.troyfumc.org



TroyFirstUMC



staff@troyfumc.org



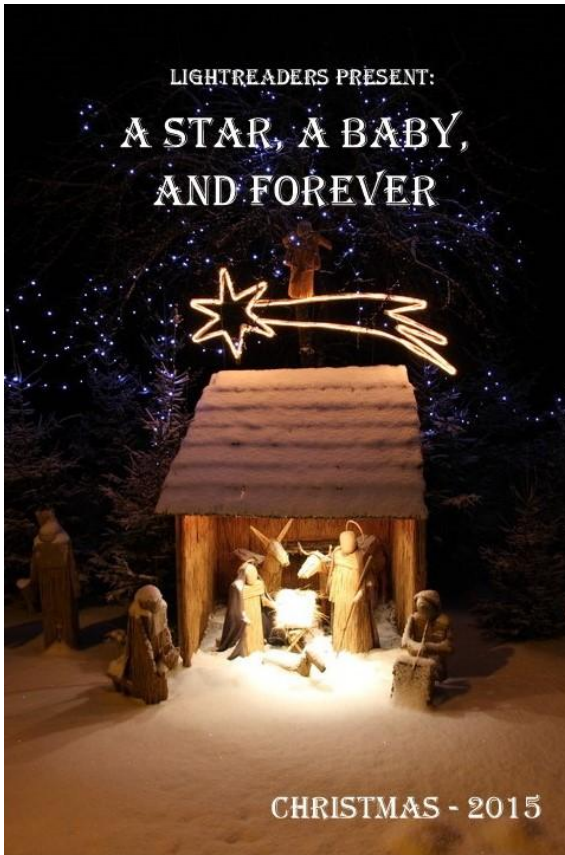
110 W. Frankin St., Troy 45373



937-335-2826



Office: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm



Extend your Christmas celebration with the LightReaders on Sun, Dec, 27<sup>th</sup> with "A Star, a Baby and Forever." Take a closer look at the manger with an angel and a shepherd who were there on the night of the birth. Then hear how even the wicked King Herod couldn't stop God's plan to save the world. Join us at 8:15 & 10:45am in the Sanctuary.

## **Usher Captains & Ushers Needed**

Usher Captains are needed for both traditional services. Ushers are also needed for our 7 & 11pm Christmas Eve service. Please contact Jason Purdy at 875-5553 or [allproturfland.com](http://allproturfland.com) if you would be willing to be an Usher Captain. Contact Nancy Johnson if you can be an Usher for the 7pm Christmas Eve service.

## **World Race for Hope 5k**

Start off the New Year on the right foot! Registration is open for the 9th annual World Race for Hope 5k run/walk. The race will take place on Jan 1, 2016 @ 10am, with the start & finish at First Place. The Troy First youth group will once again be serving up a freewill offering pancake breakfast starting at 10am. Register before 11/30 in order to be guaranteed organic cotton, fair trade race shirt. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/worldraceforhopetroy>, or with the paper forms found in the Gathering Room. Proceeds used to fight modern day slavery locally and around the world.

## **Volunteers Needed for New Year's Day**

Volunteers are needed for inside and outside positions at the New Year's Day 5k race hosted by Troy FUMC at First Place. Please contact Brett Bogan (937-524-7374)

or Cynde Sroufe (937-524-9300) for more information or to volunteer. You can also register to volunteer at <https://runsignup.com/worldraceforhopetroy>.

## Attendance

Dec 13

Worship: 419 Sunday School: 91

## Altar Roses

**A white rose** has been placed on the altar in memory of:

† **Newell Christopher**, passed away Dec 9. He is the brother of Laura Bemus and Joe Klatte.

*Roses are courtesy of Baird Funeral Home. Family members are welcome to take the rose.*



## Great Gift Idea!

The UMW cookbook makes a wonderful Christmas gift. Cookbooks are available from any UMW member or contact: Kay Kaebnick at [wkaebnick@woh.rr.com](mailto:wkaebnick@woh.rr.com) or 335-8704. Cookbooks are \$16 each.

## Stained Glass Windows

Completion Need: \$16,700

## TFY: Troy First Youth

No TFY Dec 23 or 30.

Jan 1: Pancake Breakfast @ FP,  
7am-12:30pm

Jan 15-17: Winter Youth Retreat

## Let's Go!

We hope that all of you have picked up the travel list for 2016. We need to remind you that some have early signup. Thanks to all of you that traveled in 2015 and also thanks to Brett Bogan and Sue Martin for all they do for the program. They make everything much easier. Bob and Ann

## Being Good Stewards

Please help us be good stewards of our earth. Please do not put any cardboard in our dumpster. Cardboard can be left in the back hallway of First Place or the print room in the main church and Dick Smith, our custodian, will recycle it. Thanks for your help in this matter.



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

**Carlos Wolfe**, Health issues

**Martha Rogers**, Randall Residence

**Barb Warner**, Breast cancer

**George Dearth**, Brookdale

**Bud Runner**

*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](mailto:staff@troyfumc.org).*

## Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will close at noon on New Year's Eve and be closed on New Year's day.

## Weekly Calendar

### Today: December 20

#### *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

8:15 & 10:45am Traditional Worship

8:30-10am Breakfast @ FP

12pm Kister Family Gathering, FP

### Monday: December 21

6:30am Men's Life, Bob Evans

9:15am Prayer Group

9:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm Praise Team, FP

### Tuesday: December 22

9:30am Bell Quartet

7:00pm Choir

### Wednesday: December 23

### Thursday: Christmas Eve

Traditional Services:

5, 7, 9 & 11pm

Contemporary Services:

6 & 8pm

### Christmas Day

### Saturday: December 26

7:30am Men's Life, Bob Evans

### Next Sunday: December 27

8:15 & 10:45am Traditional Worship

8:30-10am Breakfast @ FP

2:00pm Bauer & Jones Wedding

## Washcloths for Nicaragua

We are now accepting washcloths. You may put your handmade washcloths in the basket near the office. We will be accepting washcloths thru the first week of January. Thank you for your help.

Pat Rahlf

### Bell Choir Members:

Kathie Abke, Rex Abke Jan Brenneman, Myrle Briggs, Mary Davis, Diane Gary, Scott Harshman, Nancy Johnson, Marilee Lake, Rick Matson, Mary Miller, Carol Pinkerton, Dave Pinkerton, Bev Schroedel, Steve Schumann, Pam Sturtz, and Sue Vendryes

## 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](mailto:phoekstra@troyfumc.org).

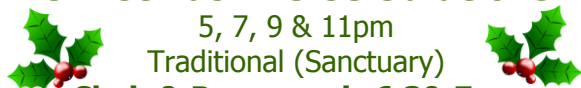
### Sunday, December 27

There will be no Sunday School on Sun, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>.

### 2016 Altar Flowers

The 2016 Altar Flower List is now available in the Gathering Room.

### Christmas Eve Celebrations



5, 7, 9 & 11pm

Traditional (Sanctuary)

**Choir & Brass music 6:30-7pm**

6 & 8pm

Contemporary (First Place)

5, 6, 7pm

Childcare available for 3 years and under

7, 9, & 11pm

Communion served in the Sanctuary

## Chancel Choir Members:

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

**Altos:** Janice Brenneman, Myrle Briggs, Bonnie Brohard, Pam Gibellino, Bobbi Kelly, Carol Marheine, Jan Wise & Janet Wright

**Tenors:** Jim Braby, Doug Burch, Ken Crawford, Peter Dow, Mark Rogers

**Basses:** Bob Blythe, Scott Harshman, Allen Marheine, Jerry Mathew, Joe Mosher & Bruce Scranton

## Choral Anthem "Lowly Bethlehem"

By Russell Nagy

Lowly town, Bethlehem,  
humble village of David,  
Holy town, Bethlehem,  
    bless the Child born to you.  
Poor and small, Bethlehem,  
    in the portion of Judah,  
Least of all, Bethlehem,  
    yet our Lord comes to you.  
So with the angels we sing  
    Hallelujah!  
And warmly welcome our King,  
    the only Son of God above.  
So with the angels we sing  
    Hallelujah!  
And warmly welcome our King,  
    true image of our Father's love.  
O Lion of Judah, asleep in a stable,  
    The peace of all nations there resting in  
You.  
O Lion of Judah, asleep in a stable,  
    The hopes of all nations are vested in You.  
Here you set aside Your majesty,  
    taking on a servant's form,  
Heir to flesh and death's indignity,  
    wrapped in rags to keep You warm.  
Though no comforts were afforded You,  
    with no place to lay Your head,  
Though no glories were accorded You, Jesus,

You are Lord of all!  
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria in excelsis!  
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, God Most High!  
Lowly town, Bethlehem,  
    humble village of David.  
Least of all, Bethlehem,  
    yet our Lord comes to you.

## Yes I would like to go to Nicaragua on a church scholarship.

Name:

Age

Phone #

Do you currently have a passport? Yes / No

## Upcoming Events

### Dec 20: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

Dec 24-25: Office closed for Christmas

Dec 31: Church office closes @ noon

Jan 1: World Race for Hope, Youth Pancake  
breakfast

Jan 10: Epiphany Fair

Jan 18: Office closed for MLK Day

Feb 10: Ash Wednesday

Feb 12: Father/Daughter Dance, FP

Jan 17: ROCK begins

Feb 26 & 27: Heart to Heart Retreat, FP

Mar 13: Preschool Book Fair

Mar 19: UMW Conference

Mar 24: Basket Bingo, FP

Mar 24: Maundy Thursday

Mar 25: Good Friday

Mar 27: Easter Sunday

## **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

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday: 3-5pm

**Senior Boxes: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

10am-Noon & 1-3pm

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

***Volunteers always needed!!!***

## **Methodist Women Mission Moment**

The Christmas service was to have started at 11, but actually began after 11:30, with lots of village folk and all the children. So we tried something different. When the prayers were being spoken for the sermon, Les slipped out and I went up to the front of the church. I apologized that Les was not going to be able to give the message as he had been suddenly called to the hospital. I said I couldn't give the sermon but had met an interesting person of the path that morning. At that point Les came in the back of the church dressed as a shepherd. He came to the front and spoke as if he were the shepherd who had been there on the night Jesus was born. He basically shared the gospel message and left everyone with the words that Jesus had come as a wonderful gift to us from God.

Lester and Deborah Dornon, missionaries,  
General Board of Global Ministries, Nepal

## **Greeters:**

### **8:15am:**

Franklin St	Nancy Yantis
Cherry St	Jan Hamman

### **10:45am:**

Franklin St	Bill & Linda Christie
Cherry Street	Ted & Dot Ristoff and Brooke & Haley Beeler

## **Usher Captains:**

8:15am: Lew McClelland

10:45am: Chad, Lynne, Katelyn,  
Charlotte & Margaret Snee

## **Acolytes:**

Aliya Fogarty &  
Clair Tibbits

## **Thank You!**

Dear Troy First, How on earth did we get from January to December so quickly? FISH starts its year at zero and here we sit with our poles in the water day after day arranging assistance to the needy, doing our jobs quietly and anonymously in the community.

The needs are very real in this wonderful area we call home. So far in 2015 FISH has arranged over 51,000 t help those who call. Assistance is available every 6 months and so really, we have a new list of families in need every month. The biggest part of the FISH budget is spent for rent assistance-so far, \$20,122. A Troy Foundation grant for \$5000 has helped support that.

A week ago, 70 families met FISH at the Kroger deli where by registration through our partner churches and other agencies, they each received a complete turkey

dinner to feed 4-6 persons, paid for y FISH through your generosity and a donation by Altrusa.

Thank you for lifting your neighbor when a call comes for help. Thank you for having a caring and sharing heart and mindset to serve.

May this holiday season find you opening your heart daily to support those who have fallen in a budget crisis, a family crisis, or a fractured relationship.

FISH loves that you FISH with us. Thanks you for helping fill the nets.

Myra Yoder

Director of FISH Inc of Troy

Thank you to the Carolers and their Christmas songs on Sunday December 6. We so appreciated their thoughtfulness and kindness and thank you especially for the colorful felt mice! Thank you to Mary Deem for delivering the poinsettia. A special thank you to the church for remembering us. We are grateful and appreciative. A Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to all.

Joel & Nancy Walker

Thank you to the church for the beautiful poinsettia and to Jan Wise for delivering it.

Maxine Bechtol

I didn't know that birthdays could be such fun and go on so long as I am still getting birthday greetings. Thanks for all the beautiful cards and kind words. We go to a great Church with great people. My thanks for all of you.

Ann Baird

## **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

Week 50 of 52

12/13/15	12/14/14	Change	% Change
\$7,725.00	\$14,804.00	(\$7,079.00)	-47.8%

1/1/15-12/13/15	1/1/14-12/14/14	Change	% Change
\$523,893.27	\$546,915.35	(\$23,022.08)	-4.21%

### Notes

- 1) The 2015 General Operating Budget is \$650,959 (\$12,518 per week/\$54,247 per month). This year's budget is 1.69% lower than the 2014 budget.
- 2) We have received 80.5% of our 2015 income budget year to date.
- 3) Online giving for all funds is \$117,262 through 11/30.

Questions? Ask the Treasurer: [bdbogan@troymc.org](mailto:bdbogan@troymc.org)

## Last Week's Offering

### Money Received for the General Operating Fund

General Pledged/Unpledged Tithes & Offerings	7725
Loose Plate	267.83
Sunday School	33.50
Coffee	12.45
Upper Room	1
Breakfast	350
Youth	0

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.

Youth Camp 25	Nic Trip 1000	Oasis House 25
Food Pantry 5625	FISH 225	Free 2 Run 25
Kyle Gala 351	Poinsettias 476	Let's Go! 730
Traveling Team 200	Memorial Fund 50	Christmas Offering 130

# WORLD RACE FOR HOPE

Proceeds will be used to fight trafficking in the Miami Valley and around the world.

One person can make a difference, join the movement and make a stand with us on New Year's Day.

*Pancake Breakfast after the race! (Freewill offering)*



**LexisNexis®**

A Division of Reed Elsevier Inc.



**NEW  
Y  
E  
A  
R  
S  
D  
A  
Y  
5  
K  
T  
R  
O  
Y  
O  
H**

**Date:** Friday, January 1, 2016  
**Race Start Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** First Place Christian Center  
16 W. Franklin St., Troy  
**Check-in & same day registration:** 8:30 am

Early Packet Pickup Option  
New Year's Eve, 2-4 pm  
Up and Running, 12 S. Market St. Troy

## Sponsors:

## Register online:

<http://runsignup.com/worldraceforhopetroy>

**5k Run/Walk Registration:** Through 9/30 \$17  
10/1-11/30 \$20  
**Late Registration (after 12/1 and same day):** \$25  
*Reduced rate for 18 and under; Shirt not guaranteed after 12/1*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Age (race day) \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female (circle one)  
Birth Date : \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Team Name (start a team or join an existing team): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: (REQUIRED, please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_  
(We will email you a registration confirmation plus other important information about the race. We will not provide your email address to any third party.)

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Discount code (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: (Circle one) S / M / L / XL / 2XL - Add \$2

Make Checks Payable to: **Free To Run** Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation (optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby waive on behalf of my heirs, executors, and assigns, all claims arising from my participation in the World Race for Hope 5k race, and do hereby release the Free To Run Foundation, the First United Methodist Church, Speedy Feet, the City of Troy, Ohio, SignMeUp.com, their representatives, employees, officials, volunteers, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries and damage to me or my property in said event, and agree to hold above listed harmless from any claims. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and understand the risks for such run/walk and have trained adequately in preparation. I give my permission for the administration of medical aid in case of emergency. I further give my permission for the free use of my name, voice recording, or photo in any printed account, broadcast, telecast or commercial advertising of this event for any purpose.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or guardian if under 18)

*For mail-in registrations, please mail by 12/26 or hand deliver to: Free To Run Foundation, 110 W. Franklin St., Troy, OH 45373*



# 2nd Annual New Year's Day TFY Pancake Breakfast

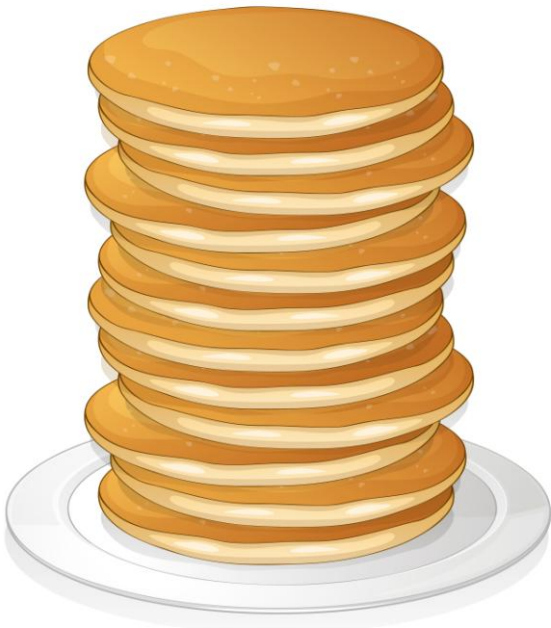


9:30-11:30am  
New Years Day

Troy First Youth  
will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast!



Pancakes, Sausage / Bacon, along with  
Beverages will be served at First Place  
For a Freewill Offering.



All money raised will go  
towards Troy First Youth  
local mission efforts.

TFY is inviting Troy FUMC  
to come and enjoy a  
New Year's Day  
Pancake Breakfast!

We appreciate all of your support!