



December 15, 2013
Third Sunday of Advent

*Rev. Dave Leckrone, Senior 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

Choral Introit

Organ Voluntary (8:15)

"Rejoice, Believers"

K. Kropff

*Opening Hymn

"Surely the Presence"

*Hymn #216

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Third Sunday - *Hope for Those Who Are Watching*

8:15am: *Steve & Jan Hamman*

10:45am: *Nevin & Donna Elleman*

Responsive Litany

Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Grant us vision to behold your glory.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Quiet us so we may hear your still, soft voice.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Make us vessels of your mercy, compassion, and grace.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

For all of us eagerly watching for your glory in our midst:

Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

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.

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The First United Methodist Church

First News

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Fair Trade Sunday-Today!

Fair Trade products make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. 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.

Racing for Hope on New Year's Day

Registration for our 7th annual New Year's Day 5k is now open. Runners or walkers, fast or slow, everybody is welcome to participate and help raise awareness of human trafficking. Proceeds will benefit Dayton-area initiatives along with some global anti-trafficking programs. This race has been a successful fundraiser over the last few years, due to the support of the church, local businesses, and the community. Online Registration: <http://raceforhope.kintera.org>

Cookies Needed for Christmas Eve

Homemade cookies are needed for the Christmas Eve services at First Place. Please bring cookies on Sun, Dec 22 or Mon, Dec 23 to the Kitchen at First Place or the church office.

Heart to Heart

Holiday Cheese Spread Sale

Today is the last day to place your orders. The Heart to Heart Retreat planning team is once again selling cheese spreads for the holidays. This year we are featuring a cheddar cheese ball and a cranberry cream cheese spread. Orders will be taken today in the Gathering room and at First Place after all 4 church services. Pick-up will take place at the same locations today & Dec 22. Each 8-ounce cheese spread costs \$6. Thank you in advance for your support!

Pastoral Care

If you are going to be in the hospital and would like a pastor to visit, please email: staff@troyfumc.org or call 335-2826.

First Friends of the Week:

(take a moment to send a note/card to our First Friends.)

Jill McMullen

365 Shaftsbury Rd., Troy

Having several procedures done over the coming weeks at OSU.

Ruth Cotton

Madison on March
2245 Marsh Lane Rm #303
Carrollton, Tx 75006

Ruth is one of our Special Folks who relocated to Texas. She is in rehab to regain her strength and could use some encouragement from her church family.

Let's Go! 2014 Trips

The 2014 Trip Brochure is available in the Gathering room. Stop by and sign up for the trips of your choice.

Bob & Ann Baird, 335-4338

Christmas Eve Services

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

Contemporary: 6 & 8pm, First Place

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

Candlelight at all services.

Communion at 11pm.

Pre-service music 6:30-7pm (Sanctuary)

Cookies Needed

Partners in Hope has asked our congregation to provide fifteen dozen cookies for the Annual Christmas Shop. The cookies will be for refreshments and each family will be given one dozen to take home. Please package the cookies one dozen per zip lock plastic bag, and deliver to the church office on Mon, Dec 16 & Tues, Dec 17. Contact Bob Schuller with questions at: tms511@aol.com or call 339-4110.

"Kids' Korner"

Congratulations to:

Natasha Ganger

She graduated with her Masters of Education (Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate) from Wright State University yesterday, Dec 14.

Call the Church office (335-2826) or e-mail: staff@troyfumc.org with special things your children have accomplished, so we can celebrate with you.

Christmas Eve

Greeters & Ushers Needed

Families or individuals are needed to serve as greeters / ushers for the traditional Christmas Eve services at 7, 9, and 11. The responsibilities include welcoming our guests, handing out bulletins, and collecting the offering. The 11pm service will also require assisting with communion.

Two families have already volunteered to serve at 5pm.

Please call Steve Johnson at 339-9512 if you are willing to serve or have any questions."

TFY Update

Christmas is almost here, which means its time to celebrate the season together. **12/18 we will be having our TFY Christmas Party, 6:30-8:30@First Place.** We will be playing games, enjoying delicious food and also have a white elephant gift exchange. Make sure to bring a gift and the wackier the better (under \$5 gifts). Senior High students are invited to our **Sunday Funday tonight at First Place.** We will be enjoying some Christmas creations together, **6-8pm.** See you there!

Attendance

Worship: 466 Sunday school: 115

Preaching Schedule

Dec 22

8:15 & 10:45am

Rev. Dave Leckrone

9:30 & 10:45am

Bob Lybarger

Dec 29

8:15 & 10:45am

Rev. Allen Marheine

9:30 & 10:45am

Bob Lybarger

Weekly Calendar

Today: December 15 *3rd Sunday of Advent / Fair Trade Sunday*

8:15, 9:30, & 10:45am Worship
8:30am Community Breakfast @ First Place
5:00pm Team G(race) Dinner, FP
6:00pm TFY FunDay
7:00pm Ensemble rehearsal

Monday: December 16

6:30am Men's Life @ Bob Evans
9:00am First Kids Preschool
9:15am Prayer Group
9:30am Staff Meeting
1:00 & 5pm Food Pantry (FP)
3:00pm Senior Chair Exercises (FP)
3:45pm Pilates Class (FP)
6:00pm First Kids Board
6:15pm Daisy Scouts

Tuesday: December 17

9:00am First Kids Preschool
5:00pm Quilt Club
6:30pm B.I.B.L.E. Class
6:30pm First Kids Christmas Program
6:30pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday: December 18

9:00am First Kids Preschool
10:00am Tuba Quartet
1:00pm Food Pantry (FP)
3:00pm Senior Chair Exercises (FP)
3:45pm Pilates Class (FP)
6:00pm Team G(race) UpnRun
6:30pm TFY (Youth Group)
7:30pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday: December 19

8:00am Fidelity Health (FP)
9:00am First Kids Preschool
6:00pm Heart 2 Heart Cheese ball making (FP)
6:30pm Chancel Bells
7:00pm Praise Team (FP)
7:30pm Chancel Choir
7:30pm Finance Meeting

Friday: December 20

9:00am First Kids Preschool
11:00am First Kids Toddler's Program
1:00pm Food Pantry

Saturday: December 21

7:30am Men's Prayer Bfast @ Friendly's

7:30am Men's Life @ Bob Evans

12:00pm Elleman Christmas (FP)

Next Sunday: December 22 *4th Sunday of Advent*

8:15, 9:30, & 10:45am Worship

8:30am Community Breakfast @ First Place

12:00pm Kister Christmas Party

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.



Please keep the following members of our church family in your prayers:

♥Tony Sutton ~ recovering from knee replacement surgery

♥Jack Hoekstra ~ recovering from cervical surgery

♥Ivan Kunkleman ~ staph infection of the brain

♥Sharon Miller ~ upcoming knee surgery

♥Jim Vodde~ Myelodysplastic syndrome

♥Dale Fisher ~ Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma & Mesothelioma, undergoing chemo

♥Ty Komjatis ~ undergoing chemo & radiation

♥Karen Painter ~ brain tumor

You may add a church family member to the list after first o

btaining their permission and then contacting the church office at 335-2826 or staff@troyfumc.org.

Partners in Hope Taxable Items Drive

December is FUMC's opportunity to donate taxable items to Partners in Hope to be used in various ministries. Taxable items include personal care items, paper products, diapers, both adult and child, and laundry items. The items are used in the Caregivers program as prizes for the elderly and disabled, in the Crisis Intervention program to give hope to families and in the Circles program as incentives for making positive changes. Items especially needed right now are shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, diapers and laundry detergent. Large items are broken down to help several families and generics are welcome. Labeled bins will be in the Gathering Room and at First Place for donations!

United Methodist Women Cookie Shoppe

A great big "Thank You" to our congregation and the UMW who gave of their time, talents and goodies to make our 2013 Cookie Shoppe a success. As a result of all your contributions we will be able to donate all proceeds locally and as of now our total is \$1812. The following organizations will benefit from your generosity: FISH, Health Partners Free Clinic, Partners in Hope, St. Joseph's House, Wesley Community Center, Abuse Shelter, David L. Brown, Lincoln Center & the Literacy Council.

To all involved, we say a job well done!! The UMW would also like to extend a special "Thanks" to the ladies of the Food

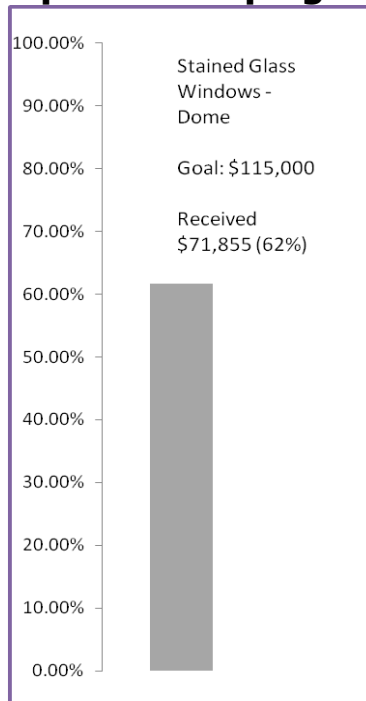
Pantry who are always so gracious in sharing their lunches with us as we do our work. We truly appreciate their kind spirits.

Kay Kaebnick & Carolyn Livingston
Co-Chairmen

Un-Hanging of the Greens

We need your help! One of the fun parts of Christmas is getting out all the decorations and putting them in their place. The hardest part is taking them down and packing them away. It's the same at church! We need your help on Sun, Jan 5. Please plan to stay after the last service to help us take down the decorations and pack them away for another year. If you do, we'll treat for pizza!

Special Campaigns



Third Floor Ceiling Project

Total Spent: \$48,248

Total Contributions Received: \$18,553

Deficit: \$29,695

CPR Cards are Here!

Please see Pam Sturtz in the Gathering room after each service to pick up your CPR card.

Food Pantry 2013

November

Week 2:	Families	94
	Individuals*	360
	1 st Time Visitors	4
<u>Year</u>	Families	5912
<u>to Date</u>	Individuals*	17865
<u>Total:</u>	1 st Time Visitors	483

**individuals = # of persons living in household*

Christmas Greetings for the Food Pantry

For the holidays, Troy Public Radio (TPR) 91.9, is offering a chance for you to be on the radio for \$25. You can wish your family, friends, co-workers, students, teachers or anyone you choose- a Merry Christmas on the radio. Scott Hornberger of TPR has offered to give part of his proceeds to our First Place Food Pantry and the Miami County Veterans Museum. \$6.25 of the \$25 will go to the Food Pantry and \$6.25 will go to the Veterans Museum. The balance will go to new equipment for TPR. Dates for recordings are Nov 20, 3-7pm, Nov 22, 3-7pm and Nov 23, Noon-5pm. Contact Scott Hornberger, 301-9990 or visit: www.tcrtroycommunityradio.com.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today!

Nursery Care: Rooms 200-202 An Usher can direct you.

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 ask an Usher.

Greeters:

8:15am:

Franklin St	Mel & Nancy Shane
Cherry St	Dottie Gentle

10:45am:

Franklin St	Ken & Carol Davis
Cherry Street	Nancy Johnson

Usher Captains:

8:15am:	Lew McClelland
10:45am:	Steve Staton

Acolytes ~ 10:45 Hayden & Parker
Nichols

Special Needs:

are available from an Usher.

Church Information:

The First United Methodist Church
Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm
110 West Franklin Street
Troy, Ohio 45373
Website: www.troyfumc.org Email:
staff@troyfumc.org
937-335-2826
Twitter: twitter.com/TroyFirstUMC
Fax: 937-332-0070
facebook.com/TroyFUMC

Heart to Heart Holiday Cheese Spread Sale



The Heart to Heart women’s retreat team will once again be taking orders for holiday cheese spreads on December 1st, 8th, & 15th. The money earned will be used to contain the increasing costs of the women’s retreat and to provide scholarships. Look for our table in the Gathering Room and at First Place.

Orders can be picked up in the Gathering Room and at First Place on December 15th and December 22nd after every church service. Each cheese spread is 8 ounces and costs \$6.00. We will accept cash or checks made payable to the First United Methodist Church with “H2H cheese spread sale” listed on the memo line of the check. To place an order, please fill out the form below and return it to our table or put it in the collection plate. Thank you for your support and have a blessed Christmas!



NAME_____

PHONE NUMBER_____

PICK-UP LOCATION: Gathering Room:_____ First Place:_____

Item	Quantity	\$ Amount (\$6 each)	Pick-Up Date (Dec. 15 or Dec. 22)	Paid (yes/no)
<i>Cheddar Cheese Spread</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>Cranberry Cream Cheese Spread</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____

WORLD RACE FOR HOPE

5K Run / Walk
Troy, Ohio

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.

Freedom is the last, best hope on Earth.

Abraham Lincoln

Date: Wednesday, January 1, 2014
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



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Register online (No Added Processing Fees!)

<http://raceforhope.kintera.org>

Create a personal fundraising page, recruit your friends and family, and raise awareness of modern slavery

5k Run/Walk Registration (after 10/15): \$20 Adult, \$15 Students & Children

Late Registration (after 12/14 and same day): \$25 Adult, \$20 Students & Children

(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: **Troy FUMC** 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 First United Methodist Church Fundraiser 5k race, and do hereby release the First United Methodist Church, the Free To Run Foundation, the City of Troy, Ohio, 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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Parent or guardian if under 18)

For mail-in registrations, please mail by 12/26 or hand deliver to: World Race for Hope Troy, 110 W. Franklin St., Troy, OH 45373

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.

Chancel Choir Members:

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

Altos: Myrle Briggs, Pam Gibellino, Bobbi Kelly, Carla Lohrer, Carol Marheine, Jill Peters, Jan Wise & Janet Wright

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

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

Today's Musicians

Trumpet: Dick Ray & Rex Abke
French Horn: Sarah Marks
Trombone: Randy Herron
Euphonium: Scott Rogers
Tuba: Mike Wier
Percussion: Richard Alberts, Korry Friend, Dave Pinkerton & Brandon Evans
Keyboard: Jill Peters

Thank You!

Thanks to the church for the support and fellowship you gave to our parents."

With Love,
The Wherry Children
Tom, Mark, Lisa, Chris & Jane

"Thank you to the Carolers who came to our home on Sunday. You did a great job and truly made us feel like "Special Folks."

We also want to thank the church for the beautiful poinsettia. It is so pretty! Thank you and Merry Christmas to all!."

Joel & Nancy Walker

Upcoming Events

TODAY: Fair Trade Sunday

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

Jan 1: World Race 4 Hope 5K, 10am

Jan 4: Community Men's Bfast, 7:30am, FP

Jan 5: Un-hanging of the Greens, 12pm

Jan 19: Human Relations Sunday

Jan 20: MLK Day, Office Closed

Jan 22: ROCK & Children's Choir begins

Feb 2: Hunger Sunday

Feb 21: Father & Daughter Valentine Dance, 7pm

Mar 5: Ash Wed Service 7pm

Mar 21 & 22: Heart to Heart Retreat (FP)

Mar 30: One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday

Apr 11 & 12: UMW Rummage Sale, FP

Apr 13: Palm Sunday, Palm Walk 9:45am

Apr 13: First Kids Book Fair

Apr 18: Good Friday

Apr 20: Easter

Apr 27: Flowers for our Special Folks

May 2: Piano Concert, 7pm

May 4: Native American Sunday

May 11: Mother's Day

May 18: Camp Sunday, Camp Meal, 12pm FP

May 25: Graduate Sunday

May 29: First Kids Graduation, 6:30pm

Bell Choir Members:

Pam Sturtz, Bev Schroedel, Tawnie Johnson, Kathie Abke, Myrle Briggs, Mary Davis, Nancy Johnson, Stacy Morris, Scott Harshman, Carol Pinkerton, Diane Gary, Mary Miller, Rex Abke and Rick Matson.

Stewardship Report

General Operating Pledged/Unpledged Giving

Week 49 of 52

12/8/13	12/9/12	Change	% Change
\$14,131.00	\$10,375.10	\$3,755.90	+36.2%
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1/1/13-12/8/13	1/1/12-12/9/12	Change	% Change
\$523,728.28	\$517,087.13	\$6,641.15	+1.3%

Notes

- 1) The 2013 General Operating Budget is \$665,778 (\$12,803 per week). This year's budget is 3.51% higher than the 2012 budget.
- 2) To date, we have received 78.7% of our operating budget needs for the year.
- 3) Online giving is included in the year-to-date figures. Through 11/30, total online giving for all funds was \$89,527.

Questions? Ask the Treasurer: bdbogan@troyfumc.org

Last Week's Offering

Money Received for the General Operating Fund

General Pledged/Unpledged Tithes & Offerings	\$14131
Loose Plate	241.83
Sunday School	35.52
Coffee	32
Upper Room	0
Breakfast	87
Benevolence Fund	775
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.

PiH 300	Missions 110	Lemonade 33
Poinsettias 216	Ty & Carrie 130	First Kids PS 3480
Funeral Meal \$50	Missions-Poinsettias 174	Gifts for Christ 1772
Memorials 510	Race 40	

Choral Anthem

Choir: We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Congregation & Choir:

***O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.***

"We Three Kings"

Congregation & Choir:

O star of wonder, star of night,...

Choir: Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worshipping God on high.

Congregation & Choir:

O star of wonder, star of night,...

Choir: Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Choir: Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Sounds through the earth and skies.

Congregation & Choir:

O star of wonder, star of night,...

Hymn

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Children's Message

*All children are welcome to come to the chancel steps.
PreK-2nd graders may go to room 304 with Lori Robinson & Teen.*

Offertory

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Robert Hebble

*Offertory Prayer

Chancel Bells

"Traverse Afar, Following the Star"

Bell Tree Trio: Tawnie Johnson, Kathie Abke & Pam Sturtz

Out of the Manger and Into the World

LightReaders

*Hymn #240

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

*Benediction

Postlude

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

D.Eliot

Tawnie Johnson, Organist

**congregation stands if able*

***The flowers on the piano are presented to the Glory of God
by the family of Marcia Jenkins, in her memory.***