



December 8, 2013
Second 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

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Paul Manz

*Opening Hymn

"Surely the Presence"

*Hymn #220

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Second Sunday - *Hope for Those Who Are Weary*

8:15am: Allen & Carol Marheine

10:45am: Ed & Neville Butcher

Responsive Litany

The Light shines in the darkness,
but the darkness has not overcome it.

During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:

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.

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.

Choral Anthem

"The Yearning"

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The First United Methodist Church

First News

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Christmas Caroling

TODAY, we will go Christmas Caroling for our "Special Folks", something they always look forward to and thoroughly enjoy. We will meet in the Social room at 3pm, we will be divided into teams to be sent out. When we return we will enjoy pizza together. Please join us!

Flowers for Our Special Folks

Today, flowers for our special folks are at the front of the worship areas. Please plan to pick up a flower or two and deliver it/them to the person(s) whose name appears on the card. Addresses will be on the back of the card. ****Please note: Flowers for those in Care Centers are grouped together so if you are taking a flower to a Care Center please consider taking the other flowers that go to the same Care Center.** This is a wonderful family activity as our Special Folks love to see the children and truly appreciate seeing members of their church family.

***Care Centers w/more
than 1 FUMC resident***

Dorothy Love: 2 Troy Center: 4

First Friend of the Week:

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

Carolyn Kreider-Christian

167 Dronfield Rd., Troy

Happy Birthday Today!

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>

Heart to Heart Holiday Cheese Spread Sale

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 & Dec 15 in the Gathering room and at First Place after all 4 church services. Pick-up will take place at the same locations on Dec 15 & 22. Each 8-ounce cheese spread costs \$6. Thank you in advance for your support!

Let's Go! 2014 Trip Preview

Just a reminder, our 2014 Trip preview will be at 6pm tomorrow, **Dec 9** at First Place. We hope to see many of you there. Bob & Ann Baird, 335-4883

Altar Roses

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

- † **Marcia Jenkins**, who passed away Nov 28. She was a longtime member of FUMC.
- † **Mary L. Davis**, who passed away Dec 2. She is the mother of Georgianna Farace.

Roses are courtesy of Baird Funeral Home and family members are welcome to take the rose.

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: tims511@aol.com or call 339-4110.

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

Ho Ho Ho! Merry Christmas! It's the Christmas season here with TFY. We hope any 6th-12th grade students will be able to join us for Wednesday Night Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 @ First Place. Our Christmas theme over the next few weeks will be leading up to our Christmas Party on 12/18. Lastly, Senior High get ready for a Sunday Funday on 12/15. Questions? Contact Zack Conway, (570) 617-8345 or zconway@troyfumc.org

Weekly Calendar

Today: December 8 *2nd Sunday of Advent / Christmas Caroling / Flowers 4 Special Folks*

- 8:15, 9:30, & 10:45am Worship
- 8:30am Community Breakfast @ First Place
- 3:00pm Christmas Caroling to our Special Folks

Monday: December 9

- 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 Let's Go! Preview (FP)
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts
- 7:00pm TFY Mini Mission

Tuesday: December 10

- 9:00am First Kids Preschool
- 12:00pm UMW & Staff Luncheon
- 2:00pm Fidelity Health
- 6:00pm Hospice Family Party (FP)
- 6:30pm B.I.B.L.E. Class
- 7:00pm Cartwright Circle

Wednesday: December 11

- 9:00am First Kids Preschool
- 10:00am Tuba Quartet
- 3:00pm Food Pantry (FP)

3:00pm Senior Chair Exercises (FP)
 3:45pm Pilates Class (FP)
 5:30pm Hospice Christmas Party (FP)
 6:00pm Team G(race) UpnRun
 6:30pm TFY (Youth Group)
 7:00pm Susanna Wesley Circle

Thursday: December 12

8:00am Hospice Volunteers (FP)
 9:00am First Kids Preschool
 6:30pm Chancel Bells
 7:00pm Praise Team (FP)
 7:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday: December 13

9:00am First Kids Preschool
 1:00pm Food Pantry
 5:30pm CRSI Christmas (FP)

Saturday: December 14

7:30am Men's Prayer Bfast @ Friendly's
 7:30am Men's Life @ Bob Evans
 9:00am Girl Scouts

Next Sunday: December 15 3rd Sunday of Advent / Fair Trade Sunday

8:15, 9:30, & 10:45am Worship
 8:30am Community Breakfast @ First Place
 12:00pm TFY FunDay
 5:00pm Team G(race) Dinner, FP
 7:00pm Ensemble rehearsal



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

- ♥Tony Sutton ~ knee replacement surgery
Fri, Dec 13 @ KMC
- ♥Ivan Kunkleman ~ staph infection of the brain
- ♥Sharon Miller ~ upcoming knee surgery
- ♥Jim Vodde ~ Myelodysplastic syndrome
- ♥Nick & Karla Tumbleson ~ health issues
- ♥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 obtaining their permission and then contacting the church office at 335-2826 or staff@troyfumc.org.

Preaching Schedule

Dec 15

8:15 & 10:45am Rev. Dave Leckrone
 9:30 & 10:45am Bob Lybarger

Dec 22

8:15 & 10:45am Rev. Dave Leckrone
 9:30 & 10:45am Bob Lybarger

2014 Altar Flowers

The sign up list for donating the Altar flowers in 2014 is now available in the Gathering room. The following dates are still available: May 4 & 18, July 13 & 27, Aug 24 & 31, Sept 21 & Nov 9. This is a special opportunity to honor or remember our loved ones.

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!

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.

The Gift of Generosity

This Christmas season, we thank everyone who has supported Troy First this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit **www.troyfumc.org** or contact the church office, 335-2826, for more information.

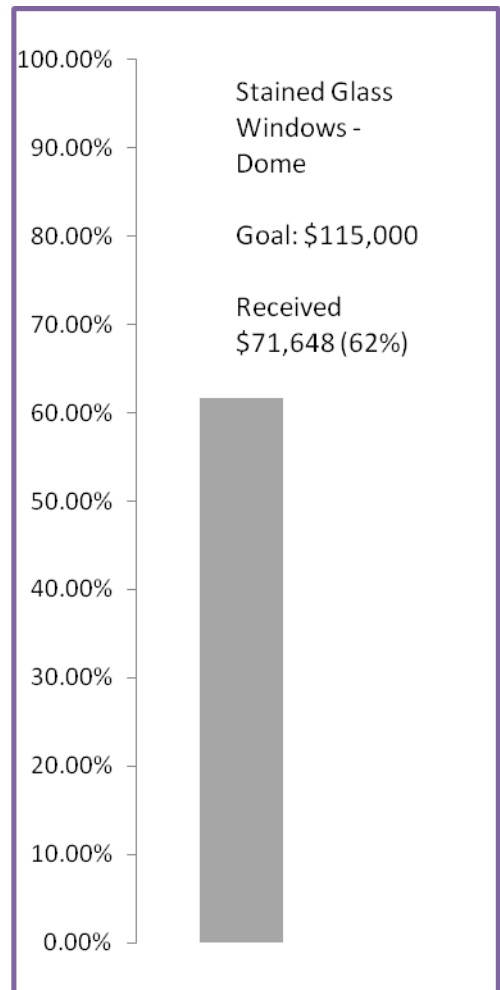
Pastoral Care

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.

Attendance

Worship: 557 Sunday school: 68

Special Campaigns



Third Floor Ceiling Project

Total Spent: \$48,248

Total Contributions Received: \$18,553

Deficit: \$29,695

Food Pantry 2013

November

Week 2:	Families	157
	Individuals*	586
	1 st Time Visitors	12
<u>Year</u> <u>to Date</u>	Families	5818
	Individuals*	17505
	1 st Time Visitors	479

**individuals = # of persons living in household*

The Fellowship Sunday School Class

The Fellowship Class continues an Advent Study on the book titled *While We Wait* by Mary Lou Redding. Everyone is invited to join us in Room 321 at 9:30am.

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.tcrtraycommunityradio.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 Nevin & Donna Elleman
Cherry St Nancy Yantis

10:45am:

Franklin St Bill & Linda Christie
Cherry Street Tom & Sarah Haydon

Usher Captains:

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

Acolytes ~ 10:45 Adam & Claire Tibbits

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

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

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> _____	_____	_____	_____	_____



LightReaders present:

Sun, Dec 15 @ 8:15 & 10:45 am

Often the Christmas season becomes all about the manger, but the manger is only the beginning of God's plan. We will find the redemption and peace we seek because the manger is empty, and Jesus is in the world.

Your Christmas celebration can last the whole year long because of His promise.

"Stay in My love, and I will be with you to the end of the age!"

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.

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

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

Upcoming Events

Today: Church Christmas Caroling, 3pm

Dec 9: Let's Go! 2014 Trip Preview, 6pm, FP

Dec 11: Let's Go! La Comedia's C-mas Spectacular

Dec 15: 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

Thank You!

"Reaching 80 years of age is truly a memorable event and when others join in the observance, it becomes a Joy-Filled experience. Thank you for giving me that kind of experience- You named me "Friend of the Week" on Nov 24; you sang to me at the service; you sent me bunches or cards and best wishes. And to top it all off Myrna Yoder shared a bouquet of Altar flowers with Arlene Ehlers delivering them. The Word "Thanks" seems inadequate, but it's the best we have-so-Thank you, with love!"

Carol Marheine

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 Bill & Mary Wolke.*

Offertory "Variations on 'Lo, How A Rose Eer Blooming'" edited by D. Bish
*Offertory Prayer
*Hymn #229 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 3: 9-12, 4:10-13 Lynne Snee
Sermon "A Burning Bush at Christmas Time" Rev. Dave Leckrone

*Hymn #213 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
*Benediction

Postlude "Praise with the Trumpet Sound" M. Shea
Tawnie Johnson, Organist

**congregation stands if able*

Choral Anthem "Blessed is the Lord"

Text: Susan Bentall Boersma Music: Craig Courtney

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by
ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.
There is a yearning in hearts that in the
darkness hide and in the shades of death abide,
a yearning for tomorrow.
There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised
One, the Firstborn of creation.
There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His
own, and by His death for sin atoned, to bring
to us salvation.

*Refrain: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our
hearts, the yearning.*

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those
who wait the day of His appearing,
There is a yearning when all our sorrows are
erased and we shall see the One who placed
within our hearts the yearning.

Refrain:

***The Altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God by Ivan and Pat
Kunkleman, in honor of their their 57th Wedding Anniversary.***