May 21, 2017

Commitment Sunday

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

Our Mission: Invite ~ Equip ~ Engage
Welcome to Worship

Prelude
Community Sharing: (Announcements – Registration Pads – Birthdays – Anniversaries)
Time of Greeting
Introit
Rondo Jubilate
* Rex Abke, Cornet and Jan Wise, Piano

*Hymn
Opening Hymn #77
*Invocation
*Affirmation #883
*Gloria Patri

Chancel Bells
* The Lord’s Prayer”

Prayer Requests, Joys & Concerns
Silent, Pastoral & the Lord’s Prayer
Prayer Response #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.

Holy Baptism
* Today we celebrate the baptism of Taylor Bechtol.
She is the daughter of Collin & Nikki Bechtol.

Hymn
* Jesus Loves the Little Children”
Children’s Message (10:45)
All children are welcome to come to the chancel steps.
3 yrs-2nd grade will go to room 304 with Abby & Nate Fischer.

Offertory
* Shout to the Lord”
Joyful Noyz: Tami Ganley, Cindy Stienecker & Sue Kauffman

*Doxology #95
*Hymn #707
*Hymn #156
*Hymn of Promise”
Bell Choir

Scripture: Acts 1: 1-11
*The Main Job”
* I Love to Tell the Story”
Ted Ristoff
Rev. Dave Leckrone

Please bring up your Capital Campaign Pledge Cards during the hymn.

*Benediction
*Whisper a Prayer”
Postlude

*congregation stands if able
Strawberry Sunday is Coming!

On Sunday, June 4, we will gather at the Crystal Room for a whole church celebration. There will be plenty of parking! The Crystal Room is located at 845 W. Market St. It is north of Kroger and south of Boston Stoker.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today!

We are so glad you are visiting today. We would like to get to know you. Please stop by the Visitor Table in the Gathering room, located near the south end of the church. We have a special gift just for you!

Nursery Care: Room 202
See Usher for assistance.
Childcare Staff Person(s):
Sandra Makemson and Patty Mathews

Stock & Mutual Fund Gifts
If you have recently directed your broker to transfer stock or mutual fund assets to the church for the capital campaign, or you plan to soon, please contact our Church Treasurer, Brett Bogan, so he can be sure to match the gift with the donor. Brett can be reached at (937) 524-7374, or at bdbogan@troyfumc.org.

Attendance
5/14/2017
Worship: 433 Sunday School: 82

Mother’s Day Photos
Mother’s day photos are available for pick up TODAY in the Gathering room.

First Friend of the Week:
(Take a moment to send a note/card to our First Friend.)
Herb Hartman
225 Kiser Ln., Troy
Herb was recently honored for his 50 years of coaching track at Troy High School.

Graduate Sunday
Next Sunday, May 28, we will celebrate our graduates. If you or your child is graduating please let us know so we can celebrate with you. If you would like to submit a photo for the slide show, please email a picture to: smartin@troyfumc.org or drop off a picture at the church office. For the bulletin insert please submit graduate’s name and the school from which they will graduate. The deadline for submissions is Mon, May 24.

UMW General Meeting
May 23
Everyone is invited to the United Women’s general meeting on May 23rd at 7pm in First Place. Our speaker is Bob Lybarger, executive director of Isaiah’s Place. Isaiah’s Place is a private, non-profit foster
care agency that provides services based on Christian values. Following his busy life career as the former owner of two businesses, and being our associate pastor, Bob is now leading this agency where high quality foster care services are the foundation of their program. At Isaiah’s Place, the belief is that every child deserves hope, protection, love, and relationships that will last a lifetime. We encourage everyone to hear of the agency’s strong partnership with counties in order to maximize a child’s chances to live happily and successfully within the family and community.

Troy United Methodist Women

**Partners in Hope**
PIH is in need of the following items for their clients:
- Dish detergent
- Women's and men's deodorant
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Kleenex
- Shaving cream
- Laundry detergent

Please drop these items outside the church office or at First Place. Thanks for your help!

**Altar Flowers**
The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God by Brad and Laura Bemus, and to honor their 34th wedding anniversary.

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday: May 21**
Bechtol Baptism

**Monday: May 22**
- 9:00am  First Kids Preschool
- 9:30am  Staff Meeting
- 3:00pm  Senior Exercises, FP
- 3:45pm  Pilates Class, FP
- 5:45pm  Girl Scouts
- 6:00pm  Care Partners

**Tuesday: May 23**
- 8:30am  First Kids Preschool
- 3:00pm  Troy Virtual Market, FP
- 7:00pm  UMW General Meeting, FP

**Wednesday: May 24**
- 9am  First Kids Preschool
- 9:30am  UMW Board, FP
- 3:00pm  Senior Exercises, FP
- 3:45pm  Pilates Class, FP

**Thursday: May 25**
- 10:00am  Hands 4 Hearts, FP
- 8:30am  First Kids Preschool
- 6:00pm  Bible Study, 321
- 6:30pm  First Kids Graduation, Sanctuary
- 7:00pm  Praise Team, FP

**Friday: May 26**
- 9am  First Kids Preschool: last day

**Saturday: May 27**

**Sunday: May 28**

**Let’s Go!**
Final payments for Rome and Cleveland are due NOW! Deposit for China is due now. Other trips are filling up so if there is one that you are interested in please sign up now.

Bob and Ann Baird 335-4338

**Usher Captains Needed**
We need Usher Captains for June 11, 18 & 25th. Please call the church office if you would be willing to serve on these Sundays.

**Greeters**

**8:15am:**
- Franklin St  Nancy & Jack Cox
- Cherry St  Pat Swank

**10:45am:**
- Franklin St  Linda & Bill Christie
- Cherry St  Julie & Dave Milligan

**Ushers Captains:**

**8:15am:**  Lew McClelland

**10:45am:**  Collin Bechtol

**Acolytes**
- Taylor Bechtol & Kendra Kovacs
Announcing
Drama Camp for 2017!
Drama Camp will be held this year on June 12-16 from 10 am to noon at First Place. All children who have completed Kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to participate. Come discover new drama games, new stories, new songs, and new friends! For more information contact Miss Susan at 667-6607 (sfurlong90@gmail.com) or Miss Marilee at 667-8046 (hartlandm@gmail.com). Registration forms are available in the Gathering room and at First Place, and online at sfurlong90@gmail.com.

Summer Music
Our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir take time off in the summer months. If you would like to provide special music on one or two Sundays, please contact Wayne Gillespey at: wgillespey@woh.rr.com.

Thank you!
I would like to thank everyone for the acknowledgements and the cards I received as First Friend of the Week for working on the capital campaign. Our Lord enabled me to do this work for Him, and for you, His faithful and loving First UMC church family. (Romans 12:6-8) May God's grace and blessings be with you always!

Cindy Shepherd

To our friends at First United Methodist Church: Thank you for your recent gift and continued support! Please know that your contribution will serve to strengthen the Clinic’s part of providing health and hope! We couldn’t do what we do with you!

Justin, Health Partners Free Clinic

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that were presented to me on Mother’s Day. They are so beautiful!

Pearl James

UMW Mission Moment
Whenever I thought of being a missionary I never imagined myself living on an organic farm in rural Japan. I pictured myself in Africa or Latin America where my heart had always longed to be. Now that I am here and have listened to God’s call, I have realized what blessedness is all about. I have had the opportunity to work with people from 20 different countries, four of these being African countries. I have been blessed through interactions where words are few and hugs are plenty. I have been blessed by God’s children all over the world.

Meg Gaston, Global Mission Fellow, Japan
Stewardship Report

General Operating Pledged/Unpledged Giving

Stewardship Update
General Operating Pledged/Unpledged Giving

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Notes
1) The 2017 General Operating Budget is $689,211 ($13,254 per week/$57,434 per month). This year’s budget is 2% higher than the 2016 budget.
2) We have received 30.9% of our 2017 income budget year to date.
3) Total Online Giving for all funds through 4/30: $51,143.

Questions? Ask the Treasurer: bdbogan@troyfumc.org

Last Week’s Offering

Money Received for the General Operating Fund

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Capital 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.

Food Pantry 150  Camp 510  Youth Mission Trip 5480
Capital Campaign 155  Memorial 20  Bradley’s HoH
Let’s Go! 1508  Native American Sunday  FISH 75
May 13, 2017

"The poor and the oppressor have this in common: The Lord gives sight to the eyes of both."

— Proverbs 29:13

Africa

• Pray for wisdom and creativity for our system reform team in Uganda as they focus on changing cultural norms that reinforce the exploitation of widows and orphans. Pray for their meetings with communities, government, and church partners, that they would be willing to stand against violent attitudes toward women. Pray for a change of attitude toward women, particularly that Ugandans would see God’s heart for all – especially vulnerable groups.

Latin America

• Pray for our legal team in Bolivia as they support a large volume of cases currently in trial on behalf of children who survived sexual violence. Legal cases in Bolivia can often be delayed and rescheduled for months on end, so we are praying that all of our scheduled hearings move forward on time. Please also pray that the prosecutors, judges and other court staff would all be sensitive to the needs of the children we serve. Ask God to fill our team with joy and strength during this busy time.

South Asia

• Please pray for two of our offices in South Asia as they work together to search for a boy we believe has been enslaved in a factory. The boy’s family has not heard from him since January, and his cousin believes he has been trafficked to a distant state. We are doing our best to pinpoint his location and mobilize authorities to rescue him—but we need God’s help to guide our team and find this boy quickly. Pray for wisdom and coordination for us and for safety for this boy.

Southeast Asia

• Praise God for the Philippines’ first ever Survivors’ Prayer Gathering! Recently, 68 survivors of sex trafficking gathered together to celebrate their journeys toward restoration and freedom in Christ. They also prayed for the end of human trafficking in their communities. Let’s praise God for his continued healing and the survivors’ strong hope in him!

IJM HQ & Global Partners

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

Please pray that we would hire a Senior Program Manager, Africa. This person would use their program design, monitoring, evaluation and analytical skills to work with the Senior Program Manager and Vice President of Regional Operations, Africa in managing IJM’s projects and programs in Africa. In this program role, you will have the opportunity to shape the way IJM conducts work in Africa to secure rescue and relief for IJM clients.
Strawberry Pancake Breakfast

Join us for pancakes, sausage & of course: STRAWBERRIES!!!

Saturday, June 3, 8am-12 noon
First Place Christian Center
16 W. Franklin St., Troy

Freewill Offering
Proceeds will fund Local missions