

## Spring & Summer 2012

### Upcoming Events

**A Celebration of Women**  
Sun, May 6, 2pm @ First Place

**Graduate Sunday**  
May 27, All Services

**Vacation Bible School**  
July 9-13, 6pm

**Church Camp Sunday**  
Lunch: May 20  
Church Camp: Aug 2-5

**Church Picnic & Pool Party**  
Sun, Aug 12, 6pm

**Back to School Blessing  
Kindergarten Bibles**  
Sun, Aug 19, all services

## A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

*"You are fearfully and wonderfully made!"*

*Psalm 139:14*



Live ~ Love ~ Laugh with your Mothers, Daughters, Girlfriends, Sisters, Aunts and Cousins! Join us on Sun, May 6, from 2-4pm at First Place for an afternoon celebrating the JOY of all women in our lives! Entertainment will be provided by: The UnCalled Four. Desserts & beverages will be provided and a love offering will be received. Please RSVP to Cindy Stienecker at 937-308-5652, cindylou1313@woh.rr.com or to Sue Martin at smartin@troyfumc.org or 335-2826. This celebration is hosted by the Troy Joy Share Group.

## LET'S GO!

We have some great trips coming up! Deposits are due for the following trips.

- Travel Wisconsin: Trip Dates: July 26-29; Deposit due Apr 15 (will take in May if there is room)
- West Virginia Riverboat: Trip Dates: Sept 12-14; Deposit due June 1
- Mystery Trip Date: Aug 8; Deposit due June 15
- Red Hot & Blue (Bearcreek Farm) Trip Date: Nov 8; Deposit due Aug 1
- Whitewater Valley Railroad Trip Date: Oct 25; Deposit due Aug 15

## CHILDREN & YOUTH



Troy FUMC Church Camp 2012 - Pleasant Vineyard

Church Camp 2012 will take place Aug 2-5. Registration will be limited to 100 children and youth so register early to guarantee a spot! Registrations forms will be available beginning Sun, May 20 during our Camp Sunday Kick Off. After that date, registration forms will be available in the Gathering room or on the website at: [www.troyfumc.org](http://www.troyfumc.org). Please contact Penny Hoekstra for additional information.



Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 9-13, 6-8:15pm each evening. Children will hear about God's love as well as see it, touch it, sing it and put it into action through God Sightings! Volunteers are needed so please contact Penny Hoekstra at 335-2826 or by email at [phoekstra@troyfumc.org](mailto:phoekstra@troyfumc.org) if you are interested!

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Graduate Sunday** is May 27. If you or your son/daughter will be graduating please contact the church office with your/their name and school. We want to celebrate this important milestone in life's journey. We will show pictures of the graduates on the screens so please email or drop off a senior picture or photo to the church office. Photos may be emailed to: [smartin@troyfumc.org](mailto:smartin@troyfumc.org). The deadline for submitting photos and names is Monday, May 21.

**All Church Picnic & Pool Party** will be held on Sun, Aug 12, 6pm at the Dolphin Swim Club. Please bring your lawn chairs/blanket and swimsuit & towels (if you will be swimming). Food, drinks and tableware will be provided. A freewill offering will be received.

**Our Annual Back to School Offering** will be held on Sundays, Aug 2 & 9. We will receive our "Back to School" offering in the pencil boxes. This offering goes to help local school children with school fees, school supplies, and back to school clothing. This is a joint effort with other downtown Troy churches.

**Back to School Blessing & Bibles Presented to Kindergarteners** on Sun, Aug 19, during each service. We will have a Back to School Blessing for the children as they prepare for a new school year. Children may bring their backpack for the blessing. We will also present a Bible to each of the Kindergarteners.

# From Your Trustees

The Board of Trustees have a difficult task maintaining all the properties and facilities for our church. We again want to express our gratitude for the faith you have in us and the work we do.

We always strive to be diligent and faithful in our attempt to maintain our property in the most cost effective and efficient means possible.

We have identified several important capital needs we must address in the next two years.

First, as you are well aware, we continue to restore our stained glass windows. This past week the nativity window in the balcony was removed. As the restoration crew removed the window, they told us the window had deteriorated to the point it could have fallen out on its own.

The next phase, scheduled for late this year, is to complete the restoration of the dome windows. Even though we are getting close to the end of the overall project, the most expensive phase is ahead of us.

We have three other projects that need immediate attention. Over the past couple of years we have made several major improvements that have resulted in a substantial savings in energy cost. A new boiler was installed under the Sanctuary and many of the windows in the Education wing have been replaced.

The Trustees monitor our energy savings monthly and the result are positive. The replacement windows and new boiler are saving operating expenses.

With all this progress we still have more projects ahead of us.

- Stained Glass Windows Phase 8: Est. to complete is \$90,000
- Nursery window replacement: \$15,000
- Education Wing A/C: \$40,000
- Church Building Security System: \$30,000

As you can see the challenges are many. Each project is a need that must be met. The opportunity to contribute and support each project is before us. We hope you will continue to support us with your prayers and giving.

Your Trustees:

*Ed Butcher  
Susan Furlong  
Bobby Phillips  
Sue Sutton  
Bob Blythe  
Ryan Muhlenkamp  
Chuck Adams  
Bill Christie  
Doug Amheiser*



## Strawberry Sunday

As you probably know, the 2012 Strawberry Festival will be held in the downtown streets this year. Parking is prohibited on West Franklin Street as it will be a thoroughfare for traffic. The festival will open at 10am on Sunday morning, June 3. This means the streets surrounding the church building and First Place will be very congested. SO...we are moving worship to the

Troy High School Auditorium There will be one service that morning and it will be held at 10:30am. This will be a special time for the WHOLE First United Methodist Church congregation (folks from all four services) to gather together for a special time of worship.



## First Kids Book Fair

First Kids Preschool will host a Scholastic Book Fair on Sun, Apr 29 and Sun, May 6, in the Gathering room after all services. Funds raised will help purchase books for each preschool class. Everyone is invited to attend this fun book event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

This event is a great way to assist First Kids Preschool AND obtain books for all children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to utilize for summer reading. Books also provide a quiet, fun activity for children on long car rides during summer vacation months.

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, bestsellers, and other great reads from more than 100 publishers.

Book Fair customers may also help build First Kids' resource library by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List program and adding loose change to the One for Books donation jar. Please visit First Kids' very own Book Fair website between Apr 27 and May 7 for more details and shopping ideas. <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/firstkidschristiancoopps>

Thank you for supporting the ministry of First Kids Christian Cooperative Preschool. This ministry allows children to obtain a Christian preschool education that might not otherwise be available to them. Your support touches many young lives. If you have any questions regarding the Book Fair or First Kids Preschool, please contact Bridget Haines, Preschool Director, at 335-2826 or [bhaines@troymc.org](mailto:bhaines@troymc.org)



### First Kids Preschool Fundraiser at

**When:** May 9<sup>th</sup> 3-8:30 pm  
**Where:** Jumpy's Fun Zone  
 1528 W. Main St. Troy, Oh.  
**Why:** To help support First Kids Preschool

**\*Cost:** Laser Tag \$6.00  
 Jumpers \$5.00

For every FLIER that is brought in on First Kids behalf Jumpy's will donate a big portion BACK to First Kids! YOU MUST HAVE THIS FLIER!!

Reminder, you **MUST** have this FLIER



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