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SUNDAYS

Coming Events

Friday, August 7
3:00-9:30 pictures taken
for new directory
5:30 Tigers' Game
Saturday, August 8
11:00-5:00 pictures
taken for new directory
August 11-14
Camp E.D.G.E.
Vacation Bible School
August 16-23
South Oakland Shelter

Looking Up

Dear Friends,

I have borrowed generously from what others have said about these ministries so that you might share with me the commitment, excitement, and vision for these great ministries. I invite you to be part of what's happening in the name of Christ at Troy First. John Wesley would say to each of us: "Do all the good you can by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, as long as ever you can."

Vacation Bible School is going to be here August 11-14, Tuesday through Friday. We need tents and camping gear to make our theme work. Do you have any tents to put outside or pop-up tents that we could borrow for a few days? On Thursday night, we will have a campfire and s'mores for the whole church at 7:30pm. If you have neighborhood children or grandchildren, invite or bring them to the E.D.G.E.— Experience+Discover+God+Everywhere.

The week following vacation Bible School is S.O.S. week from Sunday, August 16th, to Sunday, the 23rd. You can sign up during coffee hour to help out. There is a job to do or a donation that could be offered by each of us. We are looking forward to this outreach program with the involvement of the

entire church family.

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See you in church,

Dr. Hal Weemhoff

Only Every Ten Years!

Beginning July 27, 2010, our United Methodist Conference is offering a 9-day trip to the world famous 400-year-old Passion Play of Jesus in Oberammergau, Germany, and to other Alpine Wonders. The Passion Play is presented only every ten years!

Joyce and Karl Henn of Troy First UMC are excited about being hosts for this Christian-based Educational Opportunities Tour. Call the Henns for more information. Brochures are available in the church office, or online at www.eo.travelwithus.com - "Find a trip," Tour PP10, Code 072710K, Group leader #52113. "Print a brochure."

Financial Report as of June 30 2009

	Operations and Ministries		Building/Mortgage Reduction	
	June	YTD	June	YTD
Budgeted Income	32,333	193,998	Mortgage Pmt	17,568
Actual Income*	24,359	193,813	Actual Income#	10,877
				87,603

*Includes income from Troy Co-op and CLC

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Soon we will be starting another season of handbell music and are always looking for new musicians to join us. Troy 1st offers 3 handbell choirs:

Genesis—Beginners

Jubellee—Teens who can read music

Bellissima—Adults

If you are at all interested or would like to know more about our programs, please contact Nancy Heffron for Genesis or Sheryl Dukes for Jubellee and Bellissima.

Crucifers and Acolytes

Would you like to serve your church? If you are in 5th through 8th grades, you can be an acolyte and carry the flame into and out of the sanctuary. Then 9th through 12th graders are crucifers and carry the cross. We would like to hear from **new** 5th graders. If you have been an acolyte or crucifer and have not notified us to take your name off, you will be on the new schedule. Please call the church office if you are interested. After the schedule is set, we will have a training session to explain to you what happens on Sunday mornings.



We realized a successful blood drive in June by going over our goal by receiving 28 units of blood. This is the first time in over a year that we reached our goal. The next blood drive is August 28 which makes it 63 days from the last one and before the Labor Day weekend.

Thank you to the volunteers and those who provided the meal which the staff always appreciates very much. And a big thank you to the faithful donors.

Bernona Fry

Free Business Advertising

Many of you who attend Troy First have established your own business. Our committee has created a notebook where you can now place an advertisement (following the guidelines that are indicated in the notebook) for your business.

This notebook has been placed in the Gathering Area on the coffee table. Our hope is that when other members of Troy First need a service, they will check this notebook for possible “matches.”

If you have any questions about it, please call Lyle Pushman, chair of the Space Usage Committee.

You Did It!

You donated, adjusted your busy schedules, worked, prayed and shopped. You even had your friends and relatives help. Thank-you to everyone who enabled UMW to earn a profit of just over \$4050 for missions! Next year's sale is scheduled for May 22. We're already working on ways to simplify the process!



Smile! Its time for an all-church directory!

Yes, it's that time again! We are planning on producing an all-Church photo directory. **AND THERE IS NO COST TO YOU!** That's right. Every family that has their photo taken for the directory gets a complimentary 8" X 10" picture and a free directory. You may purchase other photos, if you wish, but the 8" X 10" picture is yours for free. You can sign-up after church on the 26th, or you can call Robin Ostergaard, or you can sign-up online at www.signup.olanmills.com. The dates for photo appointments are:

Friday, August 7, 3:00-9:30pm

Saturday, August 8, 10am-5pm

Monday, August 24, 3:00-9:30pm

Tuesday, August 25, 3:00-9:30pm

Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

If you are not available to come to our church for a photo appointment, other arrangements can be made so that we make sure your family is included in this directory. If you have any questions, you can contact Robin Ostergaard. Keep smiling!

Candid Photos Needed

We are looking for some candid photos for the activities' pages of the new pictorial directory. We prefer digital format but could use CDs also. Please turn in any photos of activities, special worship, mission work, etc. to Jennifer Voight no later than August 1st. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer, Jim Wilson or Robin Ostergaard.

Mission Trip 2009!

This year our team of 26 youth and 6 adults did home repairs for needy families in Sullivan, Illinois. You'll be hearing about the amazing ways we felt God's presence on Mission Trip Sunday.

We couldn't do it without all of your support from prayers to attending the auction, from buying holiday bread to buying grocery certificates. You have made this mission trip a reality!

Thank you to all of our church family who once again supported the youth mission trip!

Our church family is blessed with an attitude of service and our youth have shown their commitment to sharing God's love.



We're recycling. Are you? Please recycle this newsletter **and** all your newspapers and other recyclables. We need to go green!

Donna Klungle, Editor



2009 Vacation Bible School is around the corner! Come join the fun for children ages 4 thru 5th grade Tuesday-Friday mornings, August 11-14th. The fun begins daily at 9:30 and ends at 12:00

The theme is Camp E.D.G.E.— Experience + Discover God Everywhere. Each day will have a special theme and activities. Thursday evening from 7:30-9:00pm, families are invited for campfire and s'mores. Registration forms are available now. Teachers and leaders and youth helpers are needed to make this program a success.

Tents and camping gear are also needed for this year's VBS camping theme. Do you have any tents to put outside or pop-up tents that we could borrow for a few days? Please contact Meg Wilson if you can lend these supplies.

WHOF!!!

What is happening with our Facility? I'm hoping this will be a monthly column so that everyone in the church can be kept aware of the different activities and rentals that are taking place. I will try not to bore you with the every week, every month rentals, but try to inspire you to help me think of new ways and ideas of how to make good use of our facility. Maybe you have a crazy idea, email it to me! Maybe you've thought, what about....., let me know! I welcome everyone's ideas about ways to better maximize this space with which we have been blessed. Here are just a few things that have been happening:

June was a great rummage sale! We used the CLC 24/7 right up until the date of the sale. God Bless the UMW who took on this HUGE task and made it successful!

We welcomed the Royal Scottish Country Dancers for the first of six nights of FREE dance lessons in the CLC. Try out a class, there are still a few left in late July and August.

UMW General Meeting/Potluck, Blood Drive, Graduation Party, All-Church Potluck - four events in four days!! Whew!

July 4th was all quiet at church but later there were two weddings and the UMW Eastside Ministries Picnic! Hope you were able to help!

Our business rental, Contract Testing, was in the building for two days, as were their 100 women and 100 men testers, tasting a product and watching a show in our theatre!!! Boy! did they LOVE our facility!!!

That's it for this month, if you ever want to know what's happening, just come up to me and say, "WHOF" and I'll tell you.

*Lisa Head
Facilities Coordinator*

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please recycle it!**

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Information and survey packets will be sent out to our families soon and we are hoping to recruit **volunteers of all ages** to assist us. There will be opportunities to serve as dinner table hosts, kitchen crew, Bible Study Leaders, music programming, and games and recreation. We are asking that you prayerfully consider a commitment to this exciting ministry. Please contact Nancy Dolehanty or Meg Wilson with your questions.

South Oakland Shelter Is Coming!

SOS week is coming **August 16-23**. Sign up during coffee hour every Sunday. There is a job to do or a donation to be made by everyone. Do you have a garden this year? Donate fresh veggies. Do you like to bake breads? Donate breads or sweets. Do you buy in bulk? Buy something extra to donate for SOS! Sign up for a job too! We need people to work during the week by driving, cooking, greeting, mingling, taking shower duty, helping with laundry, helping with set-up and clean-up and spending the night. The entire week takes place here at Troy First. We are looking to involve the whole church in this wonderful outreach program. With everyone's help South Oakland Shelter is sure to be a great success this year and for many years to come. Sincerely,

*Julie Olsavsky, Kathy Sobanski &
Gary Williams
Co-Chairs 2009 South Oakland Shelter*

Chemo Caps Needed

The United Methodist Women are collecting chemo caps for its ingathering 2009 project. There are sewn patterns, as well as knit and crochet patterns. You can also purchase chemo caps to donate. Contact Ann Goff for patterns or questions. A collection box with patterns in it is in Mercer Hall. Thank you for participating in this worthy cause.



Thank you to all who have supported our family during my foot surgery and recovery and also the death of Jeff's mom. The meals, cards and calls were deeply appreciated. We are truly fortunate to have TFUMC as our church family.

Jeff and Ann Goff



WELCOME TO Head Bros. Circus

YOU are all welcome to come and see the circus, on Saturday, August 1, 2009, at the LOT of Ken and Lisa Head, 129 Nottingham Ct. Troy. The circus takes most of the morning to set up, so the best viewing times are from 3-6pm. If you've seen it before, bring a friend. If you've never seen it, you won't believe your eyes! Bring a camera and a friend! This is a one-day display of a complete miniature circus hand carved and hand made by one man, Ken's Dad, Herb Head. Here is a brief history on how he got started.

Today and only today, you will be able to see Head Bros. Circus come to life! This only happens one day a year; just like the Cole Bros. Circus back in the 1930's only came to town for one day. This is a re-creation of a 1930's circus day, from the train arriving in town, to the horses pulling the wagons to the circus lot, to the set up of the cookhouse, complete with food and stove, to the menagerie and side show and finally to the BIG TOP Show.

Enter into the world of Herb Head, master craftsman and creator of this entire spectacle that you are about to experience. As a seven-year-old boy, Herb played with an umbrella in a milk bottle, as his first circus "tent." He then started turning pork 'n beans cans into Mack trucks and carving blocks of wood into horses and elephants.

It has taken Herb Head; husband, father and grandfather, 76 years to expand his display to what you will delight in today. Everything you see has been hand-carved, hand-painted, hand-sewn, and handcrafted for the past 76 years of Herb's life. In the scale of 1/12th, where one inch equals one foot, there are 24 train cars, including five stock cars, (where the animals are kept), seven coaches (where the people ride), and 12 flat cars, holding 54 hand-made wagons, filled with all the tents, side show, seats, rigging, transformers, and paraphernalia needed to run the circus.

We model our circus day through accurate historical re-creation, like a show from the 1930's. We begin when the train arrives into town, unload the train with the horses doing most of the work, set up the cookhouse (as the real circus would), and hold true to the motto: "no one eats until the cookhouse is ready, and the 'flag' is up." This was a "secret" signal around the circus lot letting the workers know "the food was ready, come & get it!"

Our circus day begins at 7:00am, and ends after midnight; when the last train car is loaded and ready to move on to the next town for tomorrow's show.

Herb Head's circus started out with fewer train cars, less tents, and not quite so many spectators. The circus used to be set up by Herb alone, and then he needed his two sons, Herb III and Ken. Now, with all the added circus acts, animals, and wagons, it takes the entire Head family to make circus day happen on schedule. Herb and his wife Wilma, reside in Canton. The five children, and six grandchildren contribute greatly to make a successful circus day. Herb III, Ken & wife Lisa, children Tom and Becky, Jeanie Head Miller & husband Glenn Miller, Shari Ward & husband Randy, children Nate and Katharine, and Kathy Berliner & husband Jeff, children Josh & Meghan, are all circus workers that you might catch a glimpse of today.

Thank you for showing an interest in this life-long hobby of a retired GM electrical engineer, who loved the circus so much that he wanted to create one of his own. Hope to see you there!

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP ****Volunteers Needed

<i>Activity</i>	<i>August 2</i>	<i>August 9</i>	<i>August 16</i>	<i>August 23</i>	<i>August 30</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	Bob and Barbara Schultz	The Aurand Family	The Abdo Family	The Ostergaard Family	UMYF
<i>Ushers</i>	Ed Freeland Marie Leverenz Liz Sidner Doug Smith	Duane Alling Ben Olesen Tom Stevens Marie Watson	Patti Aurand Chris DeVilling Corwin Hanson Bob Himes	Terry Pritchett Lyle Pushman Roger Steiger Chuck Tincknell	UMYF
<i>Crucifer</i>	Tess Van Gorder	Ashley Sadlier	Jackson Steiger	Anna Olsavsky	Gary Williams
<i>Acolytes</i>	Geoffrey Williston	Victoria Aurand Anne Drake	Jacob Carl Merrick Rumel		Jason LaCombe Kurt Leverenz
<i>Sound Engineers</i>	Steve Olsavsky	Rick Wright	Jerry Michaux	Karen Carl	Jane Egermann
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Call Jeff Boelter if you would like to help.				
<i>Monday Counters</i>	Judy Conley Linda DeVilling Barbara Schultz	Joyce Berard Ben Olesen Lee Ann Teagan	Jane Egermann Nancy Heffron Jayne Saeger	Duane Alling Marie Watson Julie Olsavsky	Janice Drager Jan Garrett Chris Gullion
<i>Trustee on Duty</i>	Art Conley Rick Wright	Ralph Truelove	Bill Schaper	LaNae Michael	Bill Rampenthal
<i>Altar Flowers</i>	Dolehanty Memory of Colin		Woods Emily's 15th b'day		
<i>Jr. Church</i>	Patti Aurand Kathy Sobanski	Lori Ann Rumel Lee Ann Teagan	Michelle Williston	Tom Stevens Lyn Moore	Noisy Sunday No Jr. Church
<i>Faith in Action</i>	No Faith in Action during the summer.				
<i>Nursery (Newborns & Crawlers)</i>	Lisa Michaux Gwen Simon Tina Olesen	Jane Berquist Melissa Meek	Angela Di Bartolomeo Christine Knoper	M. Robertson	Julie Geggie
<i>Toddler Room (Walkers-2 year olds)</i>	Geoffrey Williston Gary Williams	Jessica Urbach	Jennifer Rivera		
<i>3 & 4 Year Olds</i>	The Mitchener Family.	Ann Goff Katie Kuiper	Sharon Ostrander Kristen Truelove	Emily and Jill Woods	Meena Macwan

Memorial Book Focus for August Did You Know

August 2—Donald Pasley perpetuated in Youth Mission Trip

August 9—John King perpetuated in Youth Mission Trip

August 16—Dora M. Saeger perpetuated in Challenge Fund/New Building

August 23—Bonnie Elliott perpetuated in Challenge Fund/New Building

August 30—Kenneth Trevarton perpetuated in Challenge Fund/New Building

The Memorial Garden Book focus is on Albert Emil Keebler for the month of August.

The United Methodist Church is launching a major new advertising campaign directed at 18-34 year olds. It is called "Rethink Church" and is a continuation of the "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" campaign.

Through www.10thousanddoors.org, seekers will be directed to the Rethink Church campaign and then will be able to find a church. There will be a lot of information about our church and a link to our website.