

First United  
Methodist Church  
of Troy

Rev. Hal Weemhoff  
(248) 879-6363  
FAX (248) 879-7552

Volume XXVI Issue 16  
October, 2008  
Publisher: D. Klungle

# Tidings



[www.fumctroy.org](http://www.fumctroy.org)  
[www.findyourfaith.org](http://www.findyourfaith.org)



troyfirst@sbcglobal.net  
drhalw@sbcglobal.net  
megwilson42@sbcglobal.net  
cindy.spiritseekers@gmail.com  
donnaklungle@sbcglobal.net  
julieolsavsky@sbcglobal.net  
lisaheadcl@sbcglobal.net  
cyndi.peltonen@gmail.com  
krawlin1@hfhs.org  
pfabdull@oakland.edu  
swapnabagchi4@yahoo.com

## SUNDAYS

9:30

Traditional Worship  
in the Sanctuary  
and

Contemporary Worship  
in the Christian  
Life Center

10:30-10:50

Coffee Hour

10:50-11:30

Sunday School for  
All Ages

6:30-8:00 UMYF

## Coming Events

October 2, 7:00-8:30

Book Study in YF

October 5, World

Communion Sunday

2:00 p.m. Road Rally

October 9

9:30 Ruth Circle in the  
CLC/K/Chapel

7:30 Deborah Circle in  
the Youth Room

October 12

Children's Sabbath

3:00 Blessing of the  
Animals

## Looking Up

The trees are clothed in their finest colors of the year. I know that my next task will be to rake up those leaves, but while they are shining at me, it is my favorite time of year. Nothing can compare to the magic of a majestic Michigan Autumn.

Autumn reminds me of beginnings and endings. Summer has ended and winter is on the way, and for a few short weeks, nature is reminding us to prepare for what's coming next.

We begin to see the shift in the patterns of our lives. Golf, tennis, fishing, picnics, the beach, and boating are almost done for another season, and we are forced inside for the winter. We turn to school schedules, church schedules, and more rigid routines.

The Lord says, "Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing that I am going to do. It is happening already—you can see it now!" Isaiah 43 (TEV). It's the time of year for goodbyes and new hellos. It is time to move forward with faith through tears of sorrow and tears of joy.

Making room for people in our lives, and allowing others to make room in their lives for us comes from

having an open heart, mind, and spirit. Yes, there will be things we miss as the seasons of life change, but with change comes new life. It is risky to move on, but Fall is our annual reminder to move on. The question is: will we embrace the thought, or try to ignore it, deny it, or just dismiss the whole idea and live a fantasy with no chance for hopes and dreams to come true?

***"It is time to move  
forward with faith  
through tears of  
sorrow and tears of  
joy."***

Life is all about choice. We can get set for what's next or simply let life pass us by. The birds are beginning their loud gatherings to fly south, and like them

we have a need to gather to remind each other of what and where God is calling us to do together. Faith is always a "we" issue. So we shall see where we are going together as we gather to give thanks for all of Our Lord's Blessings!

Troy First is an exciting place. I sure haven't had a dull moment since I arrived. I hope the same is true for you! Our fall programs are in full swing. Don't miss a moment of it. Be part of it!!!

See You in Church,

Rev. Hal

## Primer For Holy Living

This fall Troy First will be jointly studying Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living by Rueben Job. It will be a continuous theme in Rev. Hal's preaching as well as in the adult classes and special classes. The book is a short study on John Wesley's three rules: Do no harm, Do good, and Stay in love with God. Rueben Job is a United Methodist Bishop. He has written this book to bring us back to our Wesleyan roots so that we as individuals and as a church can tell the world that God loves us, is with us, and needs us.

## Halloween Boxes for College Students

This is a reminder that the church office and Laurie Urbach need your college student's address. Please email [donnaklungle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnaklungle@sbcglobal.net). If we don't have their address, they will not be able to get a gift box from the church. Please let us know if your student is staying at home.

Check out the decorated box in the gathering area for items to bring for the goodie boxes. We like to remember our college students. Thank you.

## Experiencing God's Grip



What does it mean to experience God's grip? Is it a personal commitment? Trust? Confidence? Letting God set your priorities?

Do you feel God's grip in fellowship and support? In reaching out to the wider community?

Each one of us experiences God's grip differently; in fact, the experience may alter as we go through life's changes. We suggest that the experience may include elements of **Giving, Receiving, Inviting, and Participation.**

This is the theme of our 2009 Finance Campaign.

As we move through the Fall season toward Commitment Sunday on November 23, we invite you to think about your experience of God's grip. You will have opportunities to share your thoughts, hear experiences of others and deepen your understanding of what God's grip can mean for your life. October 19 during Sunday School in the CLC—Overview of 2009.

## Book Club in October

The Book Club is coming back and all are invited—meeting every other Thursday—October 2, 16 and 30 from 7-8:30 p.m. This fall's choice is quite different from any previous selection. **Beginner's Luck** by Laura Pedersen is an irreverent look at a teenager's struggle to "fit" in. Both Elizabeth Daly and I loved the book and think you will enjoy reading and discussing it. The book is free (from the Troy Library Book Bags) so just let me know if you'd like to join us. The book will be available in the CLC on Sunday mornings.

*Jan Peacock*

## Blessing of the Animals

Come and worship with your pets on Sunday, October 12th at 3:00 p.m. This is a brief outdoor service which be held rain or shine. We'll move indoors if it rains.

This service is to honor and bless the beloved animals of our lives. It follows an old tradition started by St. Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226.

All animals are welcome and humans too! Stuffed animals may be blessed if your household doesn't include any living creatures! Please have your pets restrained for safety. So bring your goldfish, dogs, cats, hamsters, horses and any other creature to this afternoon of fun and celebration!

Rev. Hal will officiate with help from the youth. Refreshments will be served to both human and animal participants.

## Save the Dates

We're so excited to announce the 2009 Senior High Mission Trip for incoming Senior High (9th grade and above)! The 2009 trip will be July 11th to the 18th. We'll be going to Sullivan, Illinois, to do home repairs. A \$50 deposit is due by September 21st.

## Trick or Trunk is coming back by popular demand!

Trick or Trunk is a Halloween event for children and their families organized by the youth. This year's event will be on **Sunday, October 26th, from 2-4 p.m.** There will be games and refreshments and, of course, a costume parade and trick or treating in our parking lot.

You can participate by coming to the event and passing out candy to the children from your car trunk. You can decorate your car in a Halloween theme.

Trick or Trunk provides a safe and fun way for the children to experience trick or treating from the safety of the church parking lot! If you've never come before, you'll be in for a treat! Come enjoy an afternoon with our youth and children. Grandchildren and neighbors welcomed. It will be a frightfully good time!



It is truly an amazing thing to be on the receiving end of the love and support from our church family. I am so thankful for your prayers, phone calls, visits and all the beautiful cards over the summer while I recovered from cancer surgery. My family would like to especially thank you for all the terrific meals you brought. Last but not least thank you for the beautiful prayer quilt, it's very special to me.

*Laurie Urbach*

## Another Thank You:

On September 4, 2008, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary wrote:

"Thank you for your recent gift of \$2,310.00 to Garrett-Evangelical. We deeply appreciate your support.

Your gifts of \$2,285 and \$25, applied toward our capital campaign, have been credited to the Peacock/Broyles Endowed Scholarship Fund. More and more of our students are finding it very difficult to finance their theological education. Contributions such as yours are of material help in making a quality theological education possible.

We are grateful for your partnership. We hope you receive much satisfaction in knowing that your gift is playing an important role in preparing future church leaders.

Again, thank you for your fine support.

Cordially,

David Heetland

Vice President for Development

P.S. Thank you so much for honoring Richard Peacock on his retirement by adding to his scholarship."

## FROG (Friends Reaching Out to God)

Middle school mission day camp June 22-26 is for 2009 incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

## Back to School means moving toward Advent!

The first Sunday of Advent is November 30. Once again we are planning on making our traditional Advent Booklet part of our experience of this special season. To do that, we need YOU—and your articles reflecting your thoughts and memories of Christmas. This year we will not have a specific theme so it will be easier for everyone to participate. Contributions should be a few paragraphs highlighting whatever you find meaningful about Advent and Christmas. They may be personal experiences, a poem, or something you have read and have been touched by.

Please email submissions by October 31 to Sara Matthews or Sheila Wilson. Questions? Call us!

## How Are You Feeling Today?

Most of us when asked "How are you feeling today?" make a quick reply. "Oh fine." Sometimes that is not the truth. We really don't feel fine, but we don't want to burden others with our troubles. Maybe you or someone in your family is going through a serious illness. Are you having problems dealing with a relationship in your family or at work? Could you be losing your job or are you having trouble finding a job? Do you feel depressed?

If you are going through a period in your life where things don't seem to be going well, you might consider a Stephen Minister from Troy First. We have Stephen Ministers who are available to listen and share their spiritual training with you. This would be a supportive, prayerful and confidential caring relationship. If you would like to know more or are in need of a Stephen Minister, please call Betty Kalvoda.

## Youth Special Events

**Middle School** sleepover and fun event!

Come have fun with church friends. We'll laugh and eat, play and worship and maybe even sleep a little!

Come Friday night, November 7, at 8 p.m. and end Saturday, November 8, at 9 a.m. Bring munchies to share, a sleeping bag and a permission slip. Cost is \$6.

**Senior High** Retreat is from Friday, November 14, at 5:00 p.m. to Saturday night, the 15th, at 5:00 p.m. We'll be going to Bayshore Camp. The cost will be \$40 per person if you sign up by October 15 and \$50 if you sign up between October 16-November 7. Activities will include zipline, team building and devotions.

## Healing Service

The Stephen Ministers invite you to a Service of Prayers for Healing and Hope on Wednesday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. This is a time of meditative worship and soothing music for those experiencing brokenness of body and/or spirit. Friends are welcome.



## Tails from the Manger

The "tails" have gathered 'round to tell the Christmas story! So, mark your calendars! Save your Wednesday evenings! It's time again for the Children's Christmas Musical for students in grades K through 5!

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, November 5th, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Additional rehearsals are November 12 and 19, December 3 and 10. Our dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 13th, from 10:00—Noon. We will share our musical with our church family on Sunday, December 14th at the combined 9:30 worship service. Call Allison Rhoades or Jennifer Voight. Come and be a part of the fun!

## Veteran's Day

On November 9, 2008 we will again be honoring our veterans by producing a Power Point Presentation to be displayed that morning during worship. The presentation includes pictures of all of our veterans. If you have a picture of yourself, a parent, grandparent or good friend who has or is serving our country in any of the military branches, please forward that picture (preferably in uniform, but it is not required) to Chuck Tincknell, or bring the picture to church and drop it off at the church office. Pictures will be returned. Deadline for submitting a photo is November 1.

## Three Committees Sponsor ONE Event On November 22, 2008

The Worship Committee, Membership and Evangelism (M&E), and the Christian Education Committee are sponsoring a COMBINED 'Decorating of the Church' for Advent on Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. We will be decorating the church for Advent (with a special tree lighting in worship on November 23), providing the necessary materials for our annual CRAFT experience for families and of course enjoying the fellowship of each other while we share breakfast together. Please mark your calendars today for this all-church event. If you have questions or would like to coordinate one area of the church to decorate, please contact Jennifer Fry or Judy Pritchett.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## World Communion Sunday

Available at the church office you can get an envelope for your World Communion Sunday offering which is October 5th. Your offering provides scholarships for U. S. (racial- and ethnic-minority) and international students. Nurture students to lead, today and in the future. Thank you.

**If you print this newsletter,  
please recycle it!**

## SOS — What a great week!

What a wonderful week we experienced with our South Oakland Shelter guests. We hosted an average of 30 guests per night. The 155+ volunteers logged in over 920 hours. What a great ministry! The guests shared fellowship, meals, theatre time, recreation time, quiet time, along with lots of laughs and joys during the week (August 17-24.) The guests were very complimentary of our wonderful facility. They especially liked the showers and the friendly atmosphere. We were able to once again house the male guests all in one room. They liked the idea of having a bathroom in their room and being right next to the showers. We used 5 rooms for the female guests in the upstairs education wing. The women had plenty of room and each area was air conditioned for our guests' comfort. A huge thank you goes out to the very dedicated coordinators of all areas, especially the many who tried to fill the very large shoes of Harry Saeger. He was definitely missed during this week. This program is a great success because of YOU! Thank you also to those of you who were able to share your time during the week. Whether you picked up mattresses, drove, prepared a meal, spent the night, made beds, did laundry, mingled with the guests and/or donated money or items to this great cause, your presence was definitely felt. If you didn't get the chance to serve during the week, please try to make time next year - you will not be sorry. The dates have been set for August 16-23, 2009. Mark your calendars! Thank you!

*Julie Olsavsky, Kathy Sobanski & Gary Williams, Jr.,  
Co-Chairpersons, SOS Committee*

### **Our volunteers for the week were:**

Abbey, Ken & Sue  
 Alling, Duane  
 Aurand, Scott, Patty, Andrew & Victoria  
 Bagchi, Swapna  
 Barnes, Cheryl  
 Bauer, Mark & Carole  
 Bauman, George & Joyce  
 Becker, Danike  
 Becker, MaryAnn  
 Berard, Joyce  
 Berkompas, Woody  
 Berquist, George & Jane  
 Blair, Martha  
 Blakely, Bob, Cindy, Lydia & Abby  
 Bryson, Scott & Dotty  
 Butterbaugh, Ron  
 Byrd, Ed, Lisa & Ryan  
 Chamberlain, Jan  
 Clark, Paul\*  
 Clay, Sam & Faith  
 Conley, Art  
 DeVilling, Linda  
 DiBartolomeo, Angela  
 Dietz, Betty  
 Dolehanty, Nancy  
 Drager, Bob  
 Dukes, Craig & Sheryl  
 Durnil, Lois  
 Egermann, Jane  
 Elliott, Gary, Traci, Bryce & Trevor  
 Engelmann, Ken  
 Freeland, Ed & Gloria  
 Freeman, Michelle  
 Fry, Bernona & Jennifer  
 Garrett, Jan  
 Gordon, Dominic  
 Grusnick, Bob  
 Gullion, Chris  
 Hansard, Stewart  
 Hanson, Corwin  
 Head, Lisa & Becky  
 Henn, Karl & Joyce  
 Hervey, Graham  
 Himes, Bob  
 Horning, JoAnn  
 Jasionowicz, Gary & Cathie  
 Kalvoda, Betty  
 Ketterer, Dave & Travis  
 King, John & Sherry  
 Klungle, Donna  
 Knoper, Kurt & Chris

LaCombe, Alexandra  
 Lamm, June  
 MacDonald, June  
 Macwan, Atul, Meena & Mitesh  
 Matthews, Sara & Lauren  
 Meek, Lynne, Melissa & Joe  
 Meyers, Gail  
 Michael, LaNae\*  
 Michaux, Brenda  
 Mitchener, John, Laurie & Molly  
 Olesen, Susan  
 Olesen, Tina  
 Olsavsky, Steve\*, Julie\*, Anna & Kara  
 Ostergaard, Robin  
 Palmer, Tyler  
 Parker, Dick & Mildred  
 Peacock, Jan  
 Phillips, Beth  
 Pischel, Tyler, Corey & Kasey  
 Pritchett, Terry  
 Rampenthal, Bill & Joyce  
 Reid, Lois  
 Rhoades, Allison  
 Rivera, Sandy, Jennifer & Joe  
 Robertson, Mary  
 Saeger, Jayne  
 Sands, Sandy  
 Schultz, Bunny  
 Smith, Doug  
 Snyder-Pitts, Valorie  
 Sobanski, Kathy\* & Andrea  
 Steiger, Megan  
 Stevens, Tom & Ann  
 Stone, Art & Judy  
 Sullivan, Lauren  
 Turner, Scott, Michelle, Brooke, Nic & Mara  
 Urwiller, Kimberlee  
 VanGorder, Keith & Tess  
 Voight, Jennifer, Drew & Rachel  
 Vos, Clarence & Maren  
 Watson, Marie  
 Whitford, Bob & Suzanne  
 Williams, Gary Sr., Diane & Gary Jr.\*  
 Wilson, Jim & Meg  
 Wilson, Sheila & Robert  
 Witherell, Kirk  
 Woods, Emily  
 Wright, Rick & Linda

\*Members of the SOS Leadership Team, 2008

(We apologize for any missed names)

## Get your Oil Changed & Start Your Engines!

The 2008 Road Rally date has been announced, so you need to start planning your triptik! The date is Sunday, October 5, at 2:00pm, starting at church. We will end up at a place for dinner, and sign-up flyers will be available soon! Get your team together; a four-girl car, two couples, or four singles will make your Sunday "drive" a fun trip! One person needs to be the driver, one the navigator, and the others; the clue solvers! It's a fun way to bring new people to church, and it's a fun way to get to know each other better! A little friendly competition never hurt anyone! This year's road rally is being put on by last year's winners, Scott & Michelle Turner, Lisa Byrd & Lisa Head. Questions? email Lisa Head @ [lisaheadclc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisaheadclc@sbcglobal.net). Mark your calendars today!

## Are You Creative or Wish You Were?

We are hosting a great one-day event on Saturday, October 18. It's a get-a-way chance for the Christian Life Center to be full of scrapbookers! We have a scrapbooking consultant who brings in all her supplies and ideas, and we have ladies who LOVE to be in our CLC scrapbooking. Won't you consider joining them? Registration is due by October 10, and the hours are 8am-4pm on Saturday! It's 8 hours of creativity! Food, prizes, contests, and lots of ideas are included in the \$30.00 fee for the day. Please email Lisa Head at [lisaheadclc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisaheadclc@sbcglobal.net) for more information and registration, but invite your scrapbooking friends to our great event on October 18!

## Bible Sunday

On October 12 we will continue our tradition of giving our third grade students a Bible. If you have a third grader or an older child who hasn't received a Bible, please contact Meg Wilson at 248-879-6363 or [megwilson42@sbcglobal.net](mailto:megwilson42@sbcglobal.net). The children will receive their Bibles in a combined children's Sabbath worship service. What a wonderful way to encourage our young readers to treasure the best book ever written.

## Spirit Seekers' Sunday Adventure!

Our theme for October will be "Rebekah: Sent On Her Way to Serve." Rebekah was a strong and determined woman who was chosen by God. God chooses us, like Rebekah, to show hospitality and kindness to others. God gives us opportunities to serve, it's up to us to take the first step on our journey of faith. Our Bible story reference will be from Genesis 24; 25, 19-26.

Does anyone have a DVD copy of "Fiddler on the Roof" we can borrow?

*Cindy Blakely*  
[cindy.spiritseekers@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.spiritseekers@gmail.com)

## Introducing "B2B: Bears to Blessings"

We are bringing a teddy bear ministry to Troy 1st UMC! Beginning October 12, we will have bears available on Sunday mornings for you to give to someone who is experiencing a serious illness or other crisis. Each bear will have an explanation tag which says,

"This bear comes to you from the 1st United Methodist Church of Troy, MI. It has been loved and cared for by our congregation. We pray that this bear becomes a blessing to you. If you would like to do so, please drop us a line and let us know how this bear is doing in his/her new home."

If you would like to contribute a like-new bear or a monetary donation for this ministry, we welcome you to do so. We ask that children select bears only with the supervision of an adult.

If you have questions or would like to contribute, please contact Cindy Blakely at [cindy.spiritseekers@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.spiritseekers@gmail.com).

## United Methodist Women News

The United Women have many things going on this Fall. We invite ALL women of the church to join us for mission work and fellowship.

- ◆ September 24 – Sandwich Making. 1:00 at the church – Contact Nancy Heffron if you'd like to help.
- ◆ September 26 – Fellowship Luncheon, 11:30am at Camp Ticonderoga. Contact Julie Olsavsky to sign up.
- ◆ October 5 – last day to bring blankets for Ingathering – contact Ann Goff to donate.
- ◆ October 9 – Ruth Circle, 9:30am – we will be making Blankets for Baldwin. Contact Connie Gill for information. You can bring a blanket to donate or we will have blankets for you to work on.
- ◆ October 9 – Deborah Circle, 7:30pm in the Youth Room at the church– Blankets for Baldwin. Contact Martha Blair.

A wonderful service we provide is doing funeral luncheons. If you have ever had need of the UMW at this difficult time you know how important this is.

We are always in need of people to help prepare, serve and clean-up after the luncheon. If this is a service you can provide, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Julie Olsavsky at to be put on our list of volunteers.

Please look over what we will be doing. If you have any questions or want to sign up to help, please contact Ann Stevens.

Thank you to those who serve this church.

**If you print this newsletter,  
please recycle it!**

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

\*\*\* Volunteers needed

| Activity                           | October 5   | October 12  | October 19  | October 26  |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Greeters</b>                    | Tom and Shirley Gergie                                    | Sandy and Jennifer Rivera                                 | Vivian and Bob Grusnick                                       | The Williston Family  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                      | Ed Freeland<br>Marie Leverenz<br>Liz Sidner<br>Doug Smith | Duane Alling<br>Ben Olesen<br>Tom Stevens<br>Marie Watson | Patti Aurand<br>Chris DeVilling<br>Corwin Hanson<br>Bob Himes | Terry Pritchett<br>Lyle Pushman<br>Roger Steiger<br>Chuck Tincknell |
| <b>Crucifer</b>                    | Trevor Elliott  | Andrew Aurand   | Chris Churay  | Gary Williams   |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                    | Kurt Leverenz<br>Beth Rhoads                              | Victoria Aurand<br>Ryan Moore                             | Merrick Rumel<br>Geoffrey Williston                           | Jacob Carl<br>Annie Drake   |
| <b>Sound Engineers</b>             | Steve Olsavsky  | Jane Egermann   | Rick Wright   | Kaj Ostergaard  |
| <b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>           |   | Dolehanty<br>Rampenthal                                   | Men's Breakfast   |   |
| <b>Monday Counters</b>             | Duane Alling<br>Judy Conley<br>Linda DeVilling            | Joyce Berard<br>Ben Olesen<br>Lee Ann Teagan              | Jane Egermann<br>Nancy Heffron<br>Jayne Saeger                | Duane Alling<br>Lisa Head<br>Julie Olsavsky                         |
| <b>Trustee on Duty</b>             | Art Conley  | Art Conley  | Jayne Saeger  | LaNae Michael   |
| <b>Altar Flowers</b>               |   | Fry Family in honor of Bernona's 80th birthday            |   |   |
| <b>Ringing of the Bell</b>         |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Lighting of the Cross</b>       |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Faith in Action</b>             | Remain in Church  | Remain in Church for Children's Sabbath                   | Marie Leverenz  | Karen Carl  |
| <b>Jr. Church</b>                  | Patti Aurand<br>Kathy Sobanski                            | Lori Ann Rumel<br>Lee Ann Teagan                          | Julie Olsavsky<br>Anna & Kara                                 | Tom Stevens<br>Cindy Blakely  |
| <b>Nursery (Newborns-Crawlers)</b> | Lisa Michaux<br>Gwen Simon<br>Tina Olesen                 | Jane Berquist<br>Melissa Meek                             | Angela DiBartolomeo<br>Chris Knoper                           | Mary Robertson  |
| <b>Toddlers (Walkers-2s)</b>       | Gary Williams   |   | Jennifer Rivera   | Katie Kuiper  |
| <b>3/4 Year Olds</b>               | Laurie & Molly Mitchener                                  | Ann Goff<br>Stephanie McNett                              | Sharon Ostrander<br>Kristen Truelove                          | M. Williston<br>Amanda Zeeman                                       |

## Finance Update

You folks need to be congratulated! Based on your financial giving through August for Operations and Ministry (O&M), and assuming this same level of support continues for the rest of the year, we should be able to meet our 2008 budget requirements of \$415,000.

Our pledge drive last year indicated an income of \$360,000 for O&M so you can readily see that your Second Mile giving, new members, and increased participation has had a significant impact. The perceived deficit looks like it won't materialize. Thank you all!

Regarding support of our mortgage requirements, we have some work to do which the Finance Committee is addressing. We will be getting back to you on how you can help. The following chart reflects our current status as it relates to our mortgage reduction income through August.

| <u>2008 Mortgage Expense</u> | <u>YTD Mortgage Income</u> | <u>Mortgage Reduction 2008 Pledges</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| \$209,000                    | \$99,962                   | \$160,000                              |

Once again, I want to thank you for your continued financial support of Troy First and look forward to an exciting new year.

Regards,  
Doug Smith, Finance Chairman

## October 2008

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Every Sunday:</b><br>9:30 Traditional Worship in Sanct.<br>Contemporary Worship in CLC<br>10:30 Coffee Hour<br>10:50 Sunday School for all Ages<br>11:30 One Voice practice<br>6:30-8:00 UMYF | <b>Every Monday:</b><br>4:30-5:15 Genesis Handbells<br>5:30-6:40 Jubilee Handbells<br>6:45-8:15 Bellissima Handbells | <b>Every Tuesday:</b><br>1:30-6:30 Oakland Homeschoolers' Music, Inc.**  | 1<br>11:00-Pastor's Roundtable w/ lunch<br>6:30 Healing Service<br>7:30 Chancel Choir<br>7:30-9:30 Safe Boating Class<br>CLC LL   | 2<br>9:15 UMW ExBd @ Jennifer Voight's<br>7:00 FFF*<br>7:00 Book Study YR<br>7:15 Band CLC<br>7:15 Recovery, Inc. in the C                                | 3<br>9:15 TCP*** Board Meeting in 207 w/ Childcare in 206/208   | 4<br>9:00-10:00 Kim in Sanctuary  |
| 5<br>World Communion Sun.<br>2:00 Road Rally   | 6<br>4:30-8:15 Bells in Sanctuary  | 7<br>9:30-12:30 Staff Meeting<br>1:30-6:30 OHMI**<br>7:00 Education in 209 w/child-care in 208<br>7:00 Finance in the Chapel | 8<br>9:30 Space Usage in CLC LL<br>11:00-Pastor's Roundtable w/ lunch<br>7:30 Chancel Choir<br>7:30-9:30 Safe Boating Class<br>CLC LL                                   | 9<br>9:30 Ruth Circle in CLC/K/C<br>7:15 No band<br>7:15 Recovery, Inc. in the C<br>7:30 Deborah Circle in YR   | 10<br><b>Tidings Deadline</b><br>9:00-11:00 & 1:30-3:30 TCP*** in CLC   | 11<br>9:00-10:00 Kim in Sanctuary<br>7:00-2:00 TCP*** in CLC<br>7:30 Men's Breakfast in Kitchen<br>9:00-1:00 DED Annual Meeting @ Berkley UMC |
| 12<br>Combined Worship in Sanctuary<br>Children's Sabbath<br>Bible Sunday<br>3:00 Blessing of the Animals<br>No UMYF   | 13<br>4:30-8:15 Bells in Sanctuary   | 14<br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br>1:30-6:30 OHMI**<br>6:30 Stephen Ministry—YR<br>7:00 SPRC in C                                   | 15<br>11:00-Pastor's Roundtable w/ lunch<br>7:00 Church & Society in 209<br>7:00 Facilities Team in 207<br>7:30 Chancel Choir<br>7:30-9:30 Safe Boating Class<br>CLC LL | 16<br>6:30 Great Lakes Depression Glass Board Meeting in 207<br>7:00-8:30 Book Study in YR<br>7:15 Band rehearsal in CLC<br>7:15 Recovery, Inc. in Chapel | 17<br><b>Tidings Mailed (Call the office if you'd like to help collate. Thanks)</b><br><br>6:30 Wedding rehearsal | 18<br>9:00-10:00 Kim in Sanctuary<br>8:00-4:00 Scrapbooking in CLC<br>2:00 church open for wedding<br>4:00 Wedding                            |
| 19 Bells play Power Point 2009 In CLC during Sunday School   | 20<br>9:30 Baldwin<br>4:30-8:15 Bell practice in Sanct.  | 21<br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br>1:30-6:30 OHMI**<br>7:00 M&E in 207<br>7:00 Trustees in 209<br>7:00 Outreach in C                | 22<br>11:00-Pastor's Roundtable w/ lunch<br>7:30 Chancel Choir<br>7:30-9:30 Safe Boating Class<br>CLC LL  | 23<br>10:00 LaLeche in 110<br>7:15 Band in CLC<br>7:15 Recovery, Inc. in C  | 24  | 25<br>9:00-10:00 Kim in Sanctuary<br>UMW Annual Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie   |
| 26<br>Laity Sunday<br>2-4 Trick or Trunk<br>No UMYF  | 27<br>4:30-8:15 Bell practice in Sanct.  | 28<br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br>1:30-6:30 OHMI**<br>6:30 Great Lakes Depression Glass in CLC<br>7:00 Church Council in C         | 29<br>11:00-Pastor's Roundtable w/ lunch<br>7:30 Chancel Choir<br>7:30-9:30 Safe Boating Class<br>CLC LL  | 30<br>9:00—4:00<br>Liberian Conference in Chapel<br><br>7:00 Book Study in YR<br>7:15 Band in CLC<br>7:15 Recovery, Inc. in C                             | 31  | *Fly Fishing Fellowship<br>**Oakland Homeschoolers' Music, Inc.<br>***Troy Cooperative Preschool  |

### TCP Hosts Mom-to-Mom Sale to Benefit New Playground!

Troy Cooperative Preschool is hosting a Mom-to-Mom Sale on Saturday, October 11th, 2008, in the CLC. All table sales and admission profits will benefit the purchase and installation of their new playground. Come and sell those cherished children's items for someone else to enjoy! Table rental is available for \$15 to \$20 depending on size, racks \$3 and large items \$1. For more information on rental, please contact Michelle.

Also, please come and **shop at the Mom-to-Mom Sale** on October 11, 2008. CLC doors open at 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$1 (no strollers please). Concessions will also be available.

Troy Cooperative Preschool is proud to say..."Come and see our beautiful new playground!" If you haven't had a chance, please visit it on the south side of the church.