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SUNDAYS

9:30

Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary
and

Contemporary Worship
in the CLC

10:30-10:50

Coffee Hour

10:50-11:30

Sunday School for
All Ages

11:30 One Voice Practice

Coming Events

November 2

All Saints' Day

November 9

Veterans' Sunday

November 22

9:00-11:00

Advent Church Family
Festival

November 23

Commitment Sunday

November 30

First Sunday of Advent

December 1

7:00 Annual Charge
Conference

Looking Up

I cannot believe it's November already. Chris and I have been with you at Troy First for almost four months. Time flies when you're having fun. This is a great place to be. You're a family and we're beginning to feel part of it. As we approach Thanksgiving Day, you are at the top of our list for the gifts God has brought into our lives. Thanks for seeing strangers and taking them in.

The Pilgrims gave thanks to God for each other on that first Thanksgiving Day.

They also gave thanks for the Native Americans without whom they would never had made it through the grueling winter months. I encourage you to pause and give thanks for those persons in your life who have helped you get through this past year. You may be surprised at who they are and what they actually did to help you.

We need others to help us and it happens in places where people create space where strangers can become friends. I believe that it is the genuine love within a home that allows newcomers to feel welcomed. It is not just the hospitable greeting. People can sense when people love each other and accept each other for

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who they are and to discover if the door is really open for them to feel safe enough to join in and discover more about who they are and who they might

become.

I invite each of us to give thanks for those at Troy First who have helped us during this past year to experience God in our lives...

Happy Thanksgiving,

Rev. Hal

Spirit Seekers

During October, the Spirit Seekers are learning about "The Story of Rebekah and the Trouble with Twins." We are playing a table manners game called, "Burp, Slurp, and Spills", creating art collages of hospitality words, preparing Camel Custard Crunch Cups, and writing postcards from some very friendly camels who are on a desert journey.

In November, we'll learn about Moses going up against the mighty Pharaoh. There promises to be plagues, pestilence, parting of seas and Passover. Let my people go!

Our Advent Christmas unit will be "Christmas Through the Eyes of the Shepherds." We need:

clean jam jars with lids

Legos (note that they cannot be returned)

*Cindy Blakely
Spirit Seekers Children's Ministry*

Veteran's Day Tribute

We will be recognizing veterans and persons in active duty in a video tribute during worship on November 9th. Please contact Chuck Tincknell to ensure you or your loved ones are properly recognized. The tribute will include name, branch of service, induction date, and pictures if available.



Thank you for the birthday cards and notes to honor my 90th birthday. I especially enjoyed the celebration during coffee hour with the four cakes and ice cream (my favorite!). See everyone in church!

*Sincerely,
Jack Peacock*

I can't thank you enough for the cards, prayers, and visits from so many of you and Rev. Hal. Until you have been in the hospital, you don't realize how uplifting a card or a prayer can be.

Hope to see you soon.

Eunice Kraase

New Advent Event on Saturday Morning, November 22nd

The *first annual Advent Church Family Festival* will be a delightful opportunity for all ages!

Do you like Saturday morning breakfast?

Do your children enjoy Christmas crafts?

Is the making a candy house part of your family's tradition?

Do you like how beautiful the church looks for Advent and Christmas?

Then let's join together for this all church event on Saturday, November 22nd from 9-11 a.m. as we prepare for this Advent season.

Breakfast will be served followed by crafts and candy house making for children of all ages.

While the children are enjoying creating Christmas crafts, the adults will be decorating the church. Trees need to be trimmed, wreaths will be hung, nativity scenes will be placed and lights will be strung all to welcome a newborn king!

All members are asked to attend this event—come do your part to make the church sparkle with the splendor of Christmas!

Breakfast will be served at 9 am. A donation is requested to cover the breakfast expenses.

This event is sponsored by the *wonderful Worship, enthusiastic Education and marvelous Membership and Evangelism committees!*

INTERFAITH GROUP THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

This year's Thanksgiving Celebration will be at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 23rd. It will be held at the Islamic Association Greater Detroit Mosque, 879 Auburn Road, south side just east of Adams. Many faith communities will be represented to create an evening truly celebrating the rich diversity of our great country. Please mark your calendar and come to be part of something special. We're still accepting youth essays for the annual contest. Call me for details.

*Judy Stone
Troy 1st Representative to Troy Interfaith Group*

Celebration of Pastor Rich Peacock's ministry

We have DVD copies of Pastor Rich Peacock's final worship service on June 22nd, 2008, and the afternoon good-bye party available for purchase. The cost is \$5.00 per DVD.

This is a wonderful way to remember this special occasion. Contact the church office if you would like to reserve your own copy.

UMYF Special Events

The *middle school youth (grades 6-8)* will be spending the night at the church for a sleepover on November 7th to Saturday morning, November 8th.

The *high school youth (grades 9-12)* will be going on a mini retreat from Friday evening, November 14 to Saturday evening, November 15th.

These events are great ways to connect with other youth and to grow in your own faith.

A detailed information sheet will be available in the youth publications.

Smell the aroma of fresh baked bread!

The youth will be selling delicious holiday breads on Sunday, November 23rd, following worship. The bread will be \$7 per loaf or 2 loaves for \$13.00. The proceeds will benefit the South Oakland Shelter and the youth mission trip programs. You can serve homemade holiday breads and help those in need at the same time!

Christmas Will Be Here Soon!

This Christmas we will once again be providing Christmas gifts for the Baldwin Christmas program and the Angel Tree prison ministry.

These giving opportunities will be in early December. A detailed list of gift needs will be available at church during Advent.

If you like to shop early, the Baldwin Christmas Store is always looking for clothing for adults, youth and children along with toys and household items.

Fun and Faith Playgroup

We have started a playgroup for parents and their children ages infant to 5 years old. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Mark your calendars for November 5th and December 3rd. The group meets in the CLC from 10-11:30 a.m. for fun, friendship and faith. Everyone is welcome. There is no cost and friends are encouraged to join us!

New Member Class

There will be a class for new members to join our congregation on November 9 during the Sunday School time from 10:50 to 11:30 a.m. Child care is available. New members would then join on Sunday, November 16. Please call the church office at 248-879-6363 if interested so that we have enough materials for everyone. Thank you.

Since our campaign kickoff on September 21, you have heard members of our congregation talk about how they have experienced God's grip in their lives. You have seen posters with **Giving, Receiving and Inviting Participation** and the carabiner clip logo all over the church. You have received a letter from the Finance Committee talking about our projected expenses for 2009. You may have attended the Question and Answer session on October 19 during Sunday school hour in the CLC. If you missed that one or have thought of more questions, we will hold another Q&A session on November 9 during Sunday school hour in the CLC.

The Finance Committee, in partnership with the staff and committee heads, is dedicated to containing expenses while still maintaining the level of programming expected by the congregation. We anticipate, based on energy costs alone, that expenses will rise for 2009. We ask you to refer to the "stairstep" pattern on the back of the October 8 letter from the Finance Committee and prayerfully consider making a step up in your giving for both Operations and Ministry and Mortgage Reduction. If you are unable to move to the next level, we encourage you to take a step forward at your current level. We ask you to consider increasing your pledge by \$6 per week (\$2.50 for Operations and Ministry, \$3.50 for Mortgage Reduction.) If you have not pledged to our mortgage reduction fund in the past, we ask for your support. As of September 2008, our mortgage balance is approximately \$2,500,000. Commitment Sunday is November 23, the day we celebrate as Thanksgiving Sunday.

We truly hope and pray that you have been **GRIPped** by your worship, educational and fellowship experience at Troy First and that you appreciate the many, many people who are involved in creating these opportunities. We are glad that you are part of our Troy First family.

Landscaper Appreciation

The landscape volunteers focus on beautification of the outside areas of the church, by maintaining flowerbeds, trimming bushes and trees, and watering special areas not covered by the sprinkling system. A big thank-you goes to season 2008 participants: Duane Alling, Joyce Bauman, Martha Blair, Lisa and Ryan Byrd, Jan Chamberlain, Faith and Sam Clay, Gloria Freeland, Jan Garrett, Corwin Hanson; Cathie and Gary Jasionowicz; Diane Martin, Sara Matthews, LaNae Michael, Dick and Millie Parker; Jan Peacock, Kim Rawlings, Sandy Sands, Gwen Simon, Mary Smyth, Kathy Sobanski, and Kirk Witherell. Thank-you to any family members and friends who assisted, and folks who helped on Trustees' Work Day. Special thanks to those who worked on the parsonage landscaping early in the season.

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

United Methodist Women News

INGATHERING: Thanks to your generosity we took 51 blankets and 24 preemie caps to our UMW Annual Meeting on October 11.

BLANKETS FOR BALDWIN: At both Circles we have made fleece blankets to be sent to Baldwin for use in their Holiday Store. The sanctuary was bright and colorful on Sunday, October 19, as we blessed 45 blankets before sending them on their way to help those in need. We are grateful to everyone for their hard work and donations that made this possible.

BOOK SALE: We will hold our book sale on November 2 and 9. You can bring in your books beginning Sunday, October 26. This is a great way to get some books for those dull winter days and you will know that you helped out the Baldwin Reading Program and Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic. Our thanks to Fran Pruett, Jean Leach and Bunny Schultz for heading up this sale.

RUMMAGE SALE: We have changed the date of our annual sale to June 13th, 2009. This was made to accommodate our renters and activities of the church. We still need your support so please save items in order to make our sale a success. One hundred percent of the money raised goes to missions.

COOKIE WALK: Our cookie walk will be held on Sunday, December 14th, just in time for the holidays. We thank LaNae Michael and Laurie Mitchener for agreeing to be our co-chairmen this year.

We invite all women of the church to come and join us. Ruth Circle meets on the second Thursday at 9:30am at the church with childcare provided (Connie Gill, chair). Deborah Circle meets at 7:30pm in members' homes (Martha Blair, chair).

MEALS FOR HOSPITAL RETURNEES: We provide meals for families of people coming home from the hospital. We are looking for more volunteers to help provide these meals. You do not have to be in a UMW circle to do this. If you are interested in this ministry, please call Chris Gullion.



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 for more information. Come and be a part of the fun!

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP ****Volunteers Needed

<i>Activity</i>	<i>November 2</i>	<i>November 9</i>	<i>November 16</i>	<i>November 23</i>	<i>November 30</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	Vivian and Bob Grusnick	Veterans	Al, Kathy and Adam Hearne	Jeanette Landry LaNae Michael	UMYF
<i>Ushers</i>	Bob Himes 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>	Derek Miller	Molly Mitchener	Bret Miller	Anna Olsavsky	Kara Olsavsky
<i>Acolytes</i>	Brianne Abdo Jessica Abdo	McKenzie Gordon Zachary Gordon	Jason LaCombe Kurt Leverenz	James Hendrickson Merrick Rumel	Jessica Moore Ryan Moore
<i>Sound Engineers</i>	Steve Olsavsky	Jane Egermann	Karen Carl	Joe Meek	Jerry Michaux
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>				Meek and Berquist	
<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 Lisa Head Julie Olsavsky	NO FIFTH MONDAY
<i>Trustee on Duty</i>	Art Conley	Jayne Saeger	Jayne Saeger	LaNae Michael	Bill Deyo
<i>Altar Flowers</i>					
<i>Ringing of the Bell</i>					
<i>Lighting of the Cross</i>					
<i>Jr. Church</i>	Allison Rhoades Music	Lori Ann Rumel Lee Ann Teagan	Julie Olsavsky Anna & Kara	Tom Stevens Cindy Blakely	Noisy Sunday No Jr. Church
<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



We'd like to decorate our church with poinsettias again this holiday season. Please have your order along with your check made out to Troy 1st UMC in the church office by December 5.

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of plants _____ (\$7.00 each).

Your poinsettia may be picked up following the Christmas Eve service you attend.

Total enclosed _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9:30 Traditional Worship in Sanctuary 9:30 Contemporary in CLC	Sunday Cont. 10:30 Coffee Hour 10:50 Sunday School 11:30 One Voice	Sunday Cont. 6:30 UMYF				1  TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK!
2 Communion All Saint's Day No Faith in Action Worship Meeting 11:45 UMW Book Sale	3 Charge Conference Reports Due No Genesis Bells 5:30 Jubellee 6:45 Bellissima	4 7:00 Finance in the Chapel 8:00-10:00 CLC in use	5 10:00-11:30 Play Group in the CLC 6:30-7:15 Christmas musical rehearsal for K-5 in C 7:30 Safe Boating Class in CLC LL	6 9:15 UMW Ex. Board @ Sally DeGriek's 7:00 Fly Fishing Fellowship in the Chapel 7:15-8:15 Faith and Friends	7 9:15 TCP Bd. Meeting in 207 w/childcare in 206/208 9:30 CWU World Day of Prayer at Em-bury UMC <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> 8pm—9am UMYF Middle School Sleepover </div>	8 7:30-9:00 Men's Breakfast in the K.
9 Bells play Veterans' Sun. New member class during Sunday School UMW Book Sale	10 No Bell practice 6:30 GLDG in 207	11 1:30-6:30 OHMI* Sanctuary & Chapel only 6:30 Stephen Ministers, YR 7:00 SPRC in Chapel 8:00-10:00 CLC in use	12 9:30 Space Usage CLC LL 6:30-7:15 Christmas musical rehearsal for K-5 in C 7:30 Safe Boating Class in CLC LL	13 9:30 Ruth Circle in K/CLC/C 6:30 GLDG in 207 7:30 Deborah Circle @ Martha Blair's	14	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> 5pm—5 pm Sr. High UMYF Retreat at Bayshore Camp </div>
16 New members join New member brunch after Sunday School	17 9:30 Baldwin 4:30 Genesis 5:30 Jubellee 6:45 Bellissima 7:00 TCP General Meeting in CLC/K	18 7:00 M&E in 207 7:00 Trustees in 209 7:00 Outreach in the Chapel 8:00 CLC in use	19 6:30-7:15 Christmas musical rehearsal for K-5 in C 7:00 Facilities Team in 207	20 10:00 LaLeche in Room 110 7:00 Education in 209 7:00 C&S in 207 7:15 Faith and Friends	21	22 9-11 Advent Church Family Festival Come and decorate the church
23 Commitment Sunday Baptism class during Sunday School UMYF Bread Sale Symbolic decorating	24 11:30 Fellowship Luncheon 4:30 Genesis 5:30 Jubellee 6:45 Bellissima 8:00-10:00 CLC in use	25 6:30 GLDG in CLC 7:00 Church Council in Chapel	26 No musical rehearsal No choir	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving </div> No Recovery	28	29
30 Combined 1st Sunday of Advent Noisy Sunday College Sun. Baptism	Dec 1 7:00 Annual Church Charge Conference	Every Tues. 9:30 Staff Meeting 1:30—6:30 OHMI	Every Wed. 11:00 Pastor's Roundtable w/ lunch 7:30 Choir	Every Thurs: 7:00 Band in CLC 7:15 Recovery, Inc. in Chapel		Every Sat. 9:00 Kim in Sanctuary

Youth need your help for Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. Our youth will be involved in this simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

Troy First youth will be collecting the following items for make shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child:

School supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, small writing pads, solar calculators, smaller coloring and picture books, etc.

Hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, and washcloth.

Other items: Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

Please drop off your contribution to the youth room at church on or before Sunday, November 23rd. You may also want to make a small cash contribution to help pay to ship each box.