

December 15th, 2019

PEACE

GLORY TO GOD
IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN,
AND ON EARTH **PEACE**
TO THOSE ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

Building Hope through Jesus' Name

TROY CHURCH of CHRIST

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Calendar of Events: - before attending please ALWAYS check against troychurch.net/calendar

DECEMBER

15th – Men's Breakfast – 8:30AM @ the Church Building

17th – Bible Break Ladies Study -9:30AM @ the Church Building

18th – POTLUCK – 6:00PM @ the Church Building

18th – Family Movie Night @ the Church Building

24th – Christmas Eve Service – 4:30PM @ the Church Building

- New items added to the calendar will appear in red font when first added

Minister's Corner

I am grateful to God to see you here today. I thank you for being here as well. Your presence here today is an encouragement to me, and I know, to others in the congregation. We are walking through the journey of Advent toward Christmas and today we will be lighting the **LOVE** candle. We've talked about the **FAITH** and **HOPE** candles, acknowledging that God is always in control and that He is not delaying in keeping His promise but that He is tirelessly at work so that all may come to the knowledge of Christ and thus be saved. And this is indeed our **HOPE** that as God kept His promise of the Messiah, He will keep His promise and the Messiah will come again. We are waiting for this promise to be fulfilled.

The Bible is clear, as expressed in **John 3:16** that "16 ... God *so loved* the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." Last week Jon was talking about gift giving as an expression of love, and the Bible tells us that is exactly how God expresses His love to us, but there is a bit more to **LOVE** than gift giving and we will be talking about it today. Thanks again for being here.

This Wednesday – December 18th – POTLUCK & Family Movie Night

This Wednesday from 6PM we will have our POTLUCK birthdays and anniversaries celebrations for December. Please come out to honor and celebrate your brothers and sisters born in December, as well as those who marked another landmark in their marital journey. Bring a dish to share please.

From 7PM we will have our Family Movie Night. Originally, I was going to show the movie inspired by a Max Lucado story, called The Christmas Candle. However, I will let majority choose between The Christmas Candle & Charlie Brown Christmas.

December Birthdays: *Jeremy Parent (5th); Ron Palmer (14th); Pat Oja (15th); Jon Balun (29th)*

December Anniversaries: *Manu & Leslie Florescu (22nd)*

Church Questionnaire - update

Thank you in advance for your dedication to this process. Although this may be a little bit of an unusual process, I want to assure you all that there are no right or wrong answers. Well, biblically there might be some wrong answers ☹️ but as your Minister, that is not what I am after.

1. I wanted us to have this questionnaire because it helps me to understand you better and is of great help to me as I think and prepare my sermon series in 2020.
2. I wanted us as a congregation to come to a common denominator in regard to purpose & how practically we fulfill that purpose.
3. I want you to have a clear understanding of how you fit in God's purpose at Troy.

This questionnaire does not have as a purpose to guilt you into any type of additional work. I want to make it clear that it is between you & God, ALWAYS, in regard to the things you do or don't do, the amount of time you give or don't give to the Church. What I do want is for each one of us to be certain of our calling.

Small Groups

If you would like to be a Small Group leader after considering this ministry prayerfully, let me know by **TODAY** if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

Assembly Leaders for December

Greeters: Keith

Welcome: Gary

Communion: Manu, Jon, Pat, Keith

Children's Ministry - Wiggle Room recommended ages: 5 and under

TODAY – Linda

December 22nd – Jan

Please help us by filling this card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I would like to know more about:

I would like prayers for:

Ebrahim Firouzi, John Cao,

Bakhrom Kholmatov

(imprisoned for their faith)

I would like prayers for an unspoken request – □

I need help:

- food clothing
- shelter medication
- counseling
- other

Comments:

Dear Guest,

Welcome to the Church, the group of believers in Christ that gathers at this location.

Whatever the reason that brought you through our doors we are very happy you chose to be with us today. We are not perfect as individuals, but we are perfected in our love for each other and the love for God.

Although our affiliation is with the acapella Churches of Christ as an organization, our services include some instrumental music as well as the participation of women in prayer and different elements of our assembly time.

We observe the Lord's Supper every Sunday as the focal point of our gathering and also take a collection to support the church's work.

As a guest you are not expected to take part in any of these practices and we hope they will not create you any discomfort. We would love to talk to you about any of our practices. – *Please see the other side of this flap. Fill out and place in the Offering Plate. Thank you!*

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Welcome & Prayer

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Joy to the World

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

There is No Other Name

When Love Was Born

Bible Message

Communion

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

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Suggestions box in the lobby. Please help us by providing feedback.