December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# 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 being perfected through Jesus Christ, our Savior, 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 videos 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 work of the church.

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!* 

# **Troy Church of Christ**

December  $8^{th}$ , 2024

Welcome & Prayer Advent - PEACE Still, Still, Still Isaiah 26:3 It Is Well with My Soul - #490 John 14:27 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear - #995 Kids' Time I've Got Peace Like a River Communion Near, Still Nearer - #478 Offering **Special Offering** Sermon **Pastoral Prayer** 

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





# **TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

# DECEMBER

- $8^{th}$  Bible Class 10:00AM In Person & Zoom
- 8<sup>th</sup> Worship Service 11:00AM In person & Zoom
- $8^{th}$  Food, Fellowship 12:300PM @ the church building
- 9<sup>th</sup> Zoom Bible Reading 7:15PM
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bible Break Ladies Bible Study 10:00AM @ the church building
- 11<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Dinner 6:00PM @ the church building
- 11th Mid Week Bible Study 7:00PM In Person & Zoom
- 12<sup>th</sup> Zoom Bible Reading 7:15PM
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bible Class 10:00AM In Person & Zoom
- 15<sup>th</sup> Worship Service 11:00AM In person & Zoom
- 15<sup>th</sup> Food, Fellowship 12:30PM @ the church building

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

# **Minister's Corner**

Shalom aleikhem! שָׁלוֹם עֲלוֹם Peace be upon you!

A blessed morning to you and thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are in the second Sunday of Advent as we move from the theme of HOPE to the theme of PEACE for this week. If HOPE is the essential ingredient to survival in a fallen world, then PEACE is the necessary ingredient to happiness and JOY, which is our theme for next week. In Christ we have each of these essential ingredients welling up to a fullness of life. Each builds upon the other, so let peace today reign on the living hope we've explored all week, for we already know that in all circumstances God is supreme and even when our environment doesn't warrant our hope that we continue to trust, just as the Apostles did, that God continues to rule and that all that takes place is for our benefit.

# This Wednesday – December 11<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Dinner & Mid-Week Bible Study

From 6:00PM we will get together for our fellowship dinner. This is a BYOD (Bring Your Own Dinner) type of event. It's our family time of getting to fellowship and "take a load off."

From 7:00PM we will have a bible study led by Manu.

*Birthdays this week: Kenny Burtch* (10<sup>th</sup>); *Ron Palmer* (14<sup>th</sup>)

## Bible Break – Ladies Bible Study – Tuesday 10:00AM

Every Tuesday morning, a group of ladies from different congregations joins a group of our ladies for a Bible class. Currently studying Romans. Please invite any of the ladies you know.

#### Zoom Bible Reading – Monday & Thursday from 7:15PM

Please plan to join our Bible Reading group. This session they will be reading through the New Testament. You can use the same Zoom link as you use to join the services on Sunday morning.

#### Church of Christ Care Center – THANK YOU.

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who showed up at the Church of Christ Care Center last Sunday. I was told by one of the residents there that Troy Church comes with the biggest number of people and people who are happy and joyful. Know that you are a breath of fresh air to those folks and once a month is definitely not too difficult for any of us to bless them this way. THANK YOU!

#### Christmas Eve Service & Christmas Dinner

Please make plans to attend our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4:30PM on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The service will be followed by our Christmas Dinner. A BIG THANK YOU to Charles & Maureen who have agreed to facilitate this year's Christmas Dinner yet again. If you want to help, please get in touch with Charles.

#### **Offering**

This morning besides the offering plate, you can as always have the option to make your contribution online at <u>https://troychurch.net/give</u>

...If neither one of these options are suitable, please send a check to Lisa Jones. Her address is in the directory. Thank you.

## We bring our requests to you O Lord:

*For those who have suffered loss:* Dick Martin & Family; Tomes Family, Agustin & Ambrosio Families; Oja & Pryludko families.

*For those healing:* Fran Birdwell, Kenny Burtch, Karl Randall, Nancy Schroeder, Bobby Westerby, Diane Flatt; Kerry Appolson, Pat Zurlinden, Landon Oja

#### ... For the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel & Palestine

God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing. – C.S. Lewis

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