

It's Time ...



To examine:
how we live and
how we give.

OCTOBER TIDINGS

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Dear Friends,

We launch into October with our Generosity Campaign: It's Time.

Jesus talked a lot about time. "... the time has come, now is the time... in this time..." The word "time" is mentioned in 212 places in the New Testament.

You know that the writers of the New Testament spoke Aramaic, but they wrote the scriptures in Greek. The Greeks had two words for time... the first is Chronos that is chronological time. (Our worship service is at 10 am.) This tick tick tick passing of time is Chronos and that accounts for more than 50 places in the New Testament. The predominate word for time used in the New Testament is Kairos. It is a moment in time, a perfect moment in time. The word gets its roots from archery. It is that moment when the archer finds the perfect opening to shoot the arrow and hit the target. That is where I believe we are at Troy First. We are in this important and special moment in time. We are poised to do amazing things in the community and in God's kingdom. But, to set us in the right direction it is also the perfect time for us to examine just where we are, how we live and how we give. We are going to spend a few weeks exploring where we are as a church and as individuals and where we want to be headed.

I met with our Generosity Campaign team last night. (Led by Chris DeVilling, with Betty Kalvoda, Traci Elliott, Rob Jewel, and Jeff Olesen.) The team has put together a campaign that will be inspiring, challenging and just plain fun. The fun starts on October 22 with the Community Bonfire. (We are a church, generous in spirit in the community.) We will have special music at this year's Bonfire, Erica and Jason. They sang at our outdoor worship service in July and I'm so excited they are coming back to be with us. Mark your calendar because you don't want to miss this event. Then on November 5 as we celebrate All Saints Day, we will have a special dinner to celebrate the life of Diane Martin, to honor the incredibly generous gift she has given our church and to look at how we all might participate in the endowment started with her gift. The dinner is November 5 th . Be sure to sign up and save your spot. (Look for a sign-up sheet at the welcome desk)

It is indeed a busy time, a challenging time, and a beautiful time. It is OUR TIME. Let's make the most of it together.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Myra

AT A GLANCE

1. Pastor Myra
2. Rummage Sale
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REV. MYRA MORELAND

Senior Pastor

RUMMAGE SALE

Yes, Virginia, there is a Rummage Sale! And, it's right around the corner!

What a great opportunity to get rid of the stuff you can live without and make it available to someone who will continue to love it!

We will be collecting:

- Men's, Women's and Children's Clothing
- Men's, Women's and Children's Outerwear
- Purses and Boots (not shoes unless almost new looking)
- Towels, Blankets, and Sheets
- Household Items – Dishes, Pot, Pans, Small Kitchen Appliances, Silverware; Utensils
- Jewelry
- Games, Puzzles and Toys, and Children's Books
- Sports Equipment
- Holiday Decorations and Ornaments
- Men, Women and Children outdoor wear: Coats, Jackets, Hats, Gloves, Mittens and Boots
- Please note that adult books aren't on the list. Please save those for our annual spring Book Sale.

Donation and Work Hours

Sunday, October 15th ----- 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday, October 16th ----- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, October 17 th --- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Work Hours Only

Wednesday, October 18 th ----- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, October 19 th as needed

Rummage Sale Hours

Thursday, October 19 th EARLY BIRD SALE 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Friday, October 20 th RUMMAGE SALE 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday, October 21st BAG SALE 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Saturday, October 21 st FREE SALE 11:00 am- 12:00 pm

We welcome all those who would like to help set-up, work the sales floor and/or clean up.

It takes the whole church to make this fundraising fun and financially rewarding.

No experience needed!

RUMMAGE SALE COLLECTION INFO

15-17 ———— OCTOBER

What to bring?

- Towels
- Blankets
- Sheets
- Dishes
- Pots & Pans
- Small Kitchen Appliances
- Silverware & Utensils
- Men's, Women's, and Children's Clothing & Outerwear
- Holiday Trim & ornaments
- Purses & Boots (not shoes unless almost new looking)

Rummage Sale

10/19-10/21

Thursday 4-6pm

(Early bird- \$3)

Friday 9-2pm

Saturday 8-11am

(Bag Sale)

Sat FREE SALE 11am-noon

Shop for Men's, Women's, and Children's Clothing & Outerwear
Holiday Trim & Ornaments
Purses, Boots & Jewelry
Household Items
Games & Toys



Community Bonfire

Sunday Oct 22
6pm

S'mores & Music
Troy First UMC

6363 Livernois Troy, MI 48098



**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

October 29th
2:30 pm car set up
3:00 pm begin trunk or
treating

Troy First United Methodist Church
6363 Livernois

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**



NOISY OFFERING



SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

**BRING YOUR COINS OCTOBER 29TH FOR
OUR NOISY OFFERING SUPPORTING OUR
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES.**

FINIANCE UPDATE

As our church heads toward the end of the year, it is good to look at where we are financially after three quarters. Here is a good summary of our church finances. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Williston or any member of our finance team.

Finance Summary Page

	Budget	Actual YTD	thru 9/2023
Total Income	\$481,495	\$354,132	
Total Expenses	\$484,338	\$337,431	
Income - Expenses	(\$2,843)	\$16,701	

Income YTD

Income Budget Sources		Budgeted Income	Income YTD	YTD %
Actual O&M Pledge Received	67 2023			
	Pledge Cards \$315,502.00	\$390,000	\$277,577	71%
	Facilities Income	\$47,500	\$30,821	65%
	Unpledged Received	\$3,000	\$5,749	192%
	Loose plate	\$1,000	\$2,409	241%
	Intrest Income & Adj	\$16,000	\$11,254	70%
	Gifts and Other Income	\$23,995	\$26,322	110%
	Total	\$481,495	\$354,132	74%
	End of Month	12	9	75%

YTD % represents Year To Date funds received/ budget funds for respective item

Expenses YTD

Expense Budget Sources		Budgeted Expense	Expenses YTD	YTD %
	World Ministries	\$24,701	\$7,560	31%
	Pastorial & Staff	\$251,345	\$181,554	72%
	Trustees, Bldg Expenses, Maint	\$132,004	\$90,774	69%
	2023 Interest Only Payments			
	Church Bldg Mortgage	\$60,000	\$44,783	75%
	Worship & Music	\$3,000	\$3,066	102%
	Navigators	\$1,500	\$1,129	75%
	Finance	\$5,613	\$4,212	75%
	Education	\$5,675	\$4,353	77%
	Community Outreach	\$500	\$0	0%
	Total	\$484,338	\$337,431	70%
	End of Month	12	9	75%

YTD % represents Year To Date spent/ budget funds for respective item

Banking Details

95% Designated Funds	\$599,722	95%
5% Undesignated Funds	\$33,788	5%
Bank Funds on Deposit	\$633,510	
Mortgage Balance	\$1.3 mil	
Church Bldg & Contents Appraisal Value	\$8.9 mil	

OUTREACH

Our United Women in Faith (UWF) unit raises money throughout the year by holding a variety of fundraisers. And we always say that the money raised goes to missions. But where does this money really go? Here are the budgeted missions that we have paid this year:

A gift to mission-a pledge to the General Conference of UWF
Baldwin
Lighthouse lunches
Cass Community Social Services
Gleaners
UWF Legacy Fund
Ingathering projects

At the end of the year, we also select a variety of charities to support via our 2nd Mile Giving. We welcome suggestions of charities we can donate to at the end of this year. Our Executive Board of officers will be making 2nd Mile Giving decisions in November, 2023. For any questions, please contact Robin Ostergaard.

And as always, UWF thanks all members of our congregation for all of your support.

Robin Ostergaard
UWF Treasurer

1) Lighthouse Food Pantry--Please plan to join us on the 2nd Monday of each month to work (organizing non-perishable foods, filling food orders and delivering food orders to waiting cars) in the Lighthouse Food Pantry in Pontiac. 5 volunteers needed each month.



October 9	12:00noon-3:30pm
November 13	12:00noon-3:30pm
December 11	12:00noon-3:30pm

Sign-ups are available for October. Carpooling is available.

Sign up using SignUpGenius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F45ACAC2AA7F58-44989536-lighthouse>
or contact Robin Ostergaard

Lighthouse Lunches-October 29-November 4

We will be making lunches for the Lighthouse Family Shelter in Pontiac beginning on **October 29**. We will need help making /assembling/delivering lunches each day to Lighthouse.

Sign-ups will begin on **Sunday, October 8**.

Questions can be asked of Julie Olsavsky or Robin Ostergaard



YOUTH UPDATE



Our church youth group meets Sunday Nights from 6:30-8:00pm. We are welcoming all 5th - 12th graders and their friends! Our activities include service projects, games, crafts and lively discussions! Our youth group is growing which brings me great joy! One service project we did already this year was a BLAST! We cleaned and power washed the back staircase leading to the outside playground, making it look almost new! Thanks to parent Ralph Truelove for volunteering his power washer; each youth was able to try out their power washing skills. Leaves were swept and windows were washed, and that entryway has become much more welcoming to everyone who uses it. What a beautiful act for the youth to be in service to community, but especially right here in our own church! There are unique videos of each youth power washing, so ask me on Sunday to see your offspring in action!

After Trunk or Treat on Oct. 29, please donate your leftover candy and bring it to church, as our youth will package it up for our college kids. We will send them some sweet church love as they head into exams around Thanksgiving.

-Corinna Olesen



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 4** Denise & Bryan Dolehanty, Sharon & Jeff Stover
- 5** Susan Sanderson
- 8** Vivian Hansard, Cheryl Russell, Ashley Sadlier
- 9** Paul Clark, Kathy Deyo, Terry Pritchett
- 10** Jane Berquist
- 12** Bernona Fry -95th Celebration
- 13** Sheila Partington, Don Therrion, Jerry Michaux
- 15** Megal Corera
- 17** Aaron Goudie
- 19** Sue Oleson
- 20** Nathan Cardiff
- 22** Ann & Jeff Goff
- 23** Lynne Meek
- 24** Mary Smyth
- 26** Janis Peacock
- 28** Jonathan McNett, Caeley Smith
- 30** Gary Jasionowicz
- 31** Mary Smith, Carter Gordon

Troy First United Methodist Staff



Rev. Myra Moreland
Senior Pastor



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Associate Pastor



Rev. Chuck Sonquist
Associate Pastor of Care



Laynie Bryant
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Lisa Head
Ministries Facilitator



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Children & Youth Coordinator



Tim Schoenherr
Music Director



Sheryl Dukes
Handbell Director



Debi Szeliga
Collabrative Pianist & Organist



Sharon Smith
Receptionist