

Don't you just love it when you come into your office on Monday morning, sit down at your desk and God starts working on you. Even before I had a chance to check my e-mail this past Monday, God spoke to me. I sat down and while I waited for my computer to get started I read my daily devotional. Here is what it said, "Lord I don't want to compartmentalize my faith. I want it to be in every part of my day. So, when I get too distracted to think of You, interrupt me! Shockingly, if you must, so that I can live for you and not be hypocritical. Maybe there's a lot of change necessary in me but I want to change God! Amen."

Who is ready to be challenged by that on a Monday morning? I wasn't, but it caused me to think about my life and faith. Then I started getting ready for our book study Tuesday morning and I read this, "Most of us don't mind Jesus making some minor change in our lives but Jesus wants to turn our lives upside down. Fans don't mind him doing a little touch-up work, but Jesus wants complete renovation. Fans want Jesus to inspire them, but Jesus wants to interfere with their lives." (excerpt from *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idelman) There it was again, God speaking to me. Sometimes God speaks to us at the most inconvenient times (usually with a message we don't want to hear.) When God says something very similar two times, it is time to start listening and thinking.

It is so simple to allow Jesus into some parts of our life and not into others. We don't mind Jesus dealing with certain aspects but Jesus should not be involved in everything. We are called to surrender our whole lives – good, bad, and ugly – to God. Listen to these words from Jesus in Luke 9:23-25 from *The Message*, "Then he told them what they could expect for themselves: 'Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat—I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you?'"

Since I was so challenged by what God was saying to me, I decided to share it with you. I hope that you are challenged by it as well. Misery loves company. Let's take a good look at just how committed we are to God. Allow God into every nook and cranny of our lives. May God interrupt us when we get too distracted by the things of this world. Let's let Jesus interfere with our lives!

In His Grip,
Kissa

The mission of Troy United Methodist Church is to be a Bible based community church where people are transformed by the Spirit of God into deeply committed followers of Jesus Christ.

OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO...

ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOMES

Brooksie Curlee ~ Meridian, Temple
 Betty Havard
 Vi Howell ~ Garden Estates, Temple
 Johnnie Krumnow ~ Temple Living Center, Temple
 Wil Long ~ Park Place, Belton
 Margaret Maedgen ~ Park Place, Belton
 Henry Olejnik ~ Wm. Courtney Home, Temple
 Laverne Reinhardt
 Alma Smith ~ Temple
 Ruth Taylor ~ Weston Inn, Temple
 Louis Zaleski ~ TLC Western Hills, Temple

HOME/CONTINUING CARE

Grace Allison	Donette Collier
Wanda Dorsey	Lois Fellows
Laurie Herring	Janet Klement
Don & Minnie Knepp	Kenny Knepp
Billy Joe Ledger	Rowan Sebek
Jamie Thomason	

We appreciate updates on those on our prayer list.

FRIENDS OF TROY UMC

Randi Allen	Jesse Alford
David Barta	Jerry Beene
Roger Boone	Patti Branscum
Dylan Brown	Maudie Bulls
Earl Butts	Corbin Burke
Shawn Cambell	Jacque Collier
Jim Collins	Eddie Cox
Charlie Dupree	Kathy Edmundson
Alma Rose Ellis	Dean Evans
Jack Flinn	Gabe Frampton
Gene Fricke	Elly Gill
Susan Hester	Bobby Johnson
Bobby Jones	Cameron Jordan
Shirley Kelly	Judith Koke
Sandy Lansford	Jeannie Lynn
Weldon Mahan	Barbara Massey
Mary McGuire	Lori Meyer
Ed & Francis Miller	Kim Morris
Deborah Muller	Leona Murrach
Mrs. Henry Olejnik	Sayleigh Olveda
Annette Ortiz	Freddie Parker
Marsha Perry	Michelle Price
Sharon Richards	Sarrah Fawn Romero
Al Ruppert	Adam Russell
Connie Salsiccia	Nancy Snead
Eugene Westford	Ed Tsyitee Family
Laura Westmoreland	Larry Wharton
Jeff White	Marsha White
Perry White	Betty Zook



OUR SERVICES

Sunday Worship
Services
 8:30 am (Contemporary)
 11:00 am (Traditional)

Sunday School
 9:45 a.m.

United Methodist
Youth Fellowship

Jr. and Sr. High
 5:00 ~ 7:00 p.m.

*They share a light meal
 each week.*

Coffee and doughnuts
 are served before
 Sunday School each
 week. Join us!!





Marie Gover

{August 27, 2011}

Mickey Goss



Sunday, November 6 we will have a service of remembering those we love who have gone before us. If you have lost a family member whom you would like to be remembered by the calling of his/her

name and the lighting of a candle, please let the church office know as soon as possible.

Hey everyone!

The youth have set a goal of 20 meals to provide to families during the Thanksgiving/Christmas season. They will be collecting turkeys and all the trimmings soon. If you see a good deal on a turkey at the store, please pick one up to donate to this cause. The youth will be doing a scavenger hunt to collect the rest of the food. If you want to support this and would like for a youth to stop by your house, please let me know.

Thanks for all you do to support our youth ministries.

Joey



- 2 Joey Gresham
- 4 Glen Thompson
- 10 Amanda Morse
- 11 Cody Coufal, Brandon Payne, Allie Maedgen, Angel Martinez
- 13 Kaytlan Mast
- 14 Karen Machalek
- 16 Michael Lindberg, Gracin Ivey
- 17 Peyton Crawford, Jourden Stubblefield
- 18 Jake Roberts
- 19 Shannon Willis
- 20 Kristen Look
- 23 Evelyn Gover
- 24 Kylee Ecker
- 26 Charles Beechem, Millie Carnes
- 27 Ethan Mast, Tanner Vaughan
- 28 Kenny Knepp
- 29 Ricky Sanders

ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Terry & Shelley Martinez
- 27 Gary & Carol Doughty
- 29 Gary & Lori Roessler



Sunday, November 20 ~ 6:00
Sponsored by Troy Ministerial Alliance



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HEB Grocery is offering an instant 11 cents savings per gallon of gasoline when you purchase it with an HEB gift card. This offer is good through the end of 2011. Please consider purchasing that gift card through our SCRIP program!!



Our Trustees have set new fees for the use of our current church facility. They are as follows:

“Sanctuary” and kitchen

\$35.00 for up to 4 hours (members)

\$50.00 for up to 4 hours (non-members)

\$70.00 for 4-8 hours (members)

\$100.00 for 4-8 hours (non-members)

Classrooms

\$25.00 per room used—up to 4 hours

A \$50.00 deposit will be required from EVERYONE in order to get the key. It will be refunded when the key is returned and the building has been inspected for cleanliness.

Christmas Cantata



Steve has started practicing the Christmas cantata with the chancel choir. We would love for you to join the choir, even if it's just for this season!! This is a wonderful way to serve your Lord by sharing the word in song.

For the next few weeks, practice will be at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings. Closer to performance date (Dec. 18) there will probably be more practice times set.



The Gift

The Children's Team is already gearing up for Christmas, too. We're preparing a float for the Troy Christmas parade on Saturday, December 3. We need your creative ideas and talents to pull it off. Please see ShaShawna Bush or Christin Ivey to share your thoughts. Our theme is "The Gift"...we can't wait for you to share your gift with the community.



The church offices will be closed Thanksgiving Day, November 24, as well as Friday. We pray you have much for which to be thankful this year and will be with those you love.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!



Poinsettias

Christmas is fast approaching and it's time to order your poinsettia to grace the sanctuary during Advent. It's a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. Cost is \$10.00, due when you order. The plant will be yours following the worship service on Christmas Day.

Your name _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Amount paid \$ _____



*You are invited to a
Christmas Open House
at the home of Doug, Kissa and Hamilton Vaughn
{1105 Lower Troy Road, Troy}
On Sunday, December 4 ~ 2:00-4:00 pm*

**We need your help on Monday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m.
to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season.
Wreaths will be hung, banners put up, the Christmas tree
strung with lights....With plenty of help, it shouldn't take too
long. Come and get in the Christmas spirit and enjoy the
fellowship of your church family.**



Just wanted to keep you updated on the status of our building project. We have received the changes on the foundation from our engineer and Maedgen Construction has sent the plans out for bidding by sub-contractors. When the bids come back within the next few weeks, all the information will be sent to Texas Methodist Foundation for final approval and financing. Once this process is completed we will have permission to proceed. While all of that was happening we have been working to get water and electricity to the site. Plans are underway to begin on a fence around the land as well. We are hoping that we will break ground in November.



Let's Make Some Casseroles!!!

Watch for the list of ingredients needed to make another round of casseroles to be posted in the sanctuary!! Then come help put together these meals for four on Monday morning, November 14 at 9:00.. This is a great fund raiser for our church and helps provide easy meals for families.

Choices of meals are Chicken and Spaghetti, Enchilada Casserole and Mexican Corn Casserole.



GREETERS SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER GREETERS

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
6	Sherri Valenta	Norman Baker Bill Tyler
13	Gary Doughty	Matt Jarma Kay Nan Ledger
20	Jamie Thomason	Becky Baker Norman Baker
27	Russell Reinhardt	Karen Machalek Bill Tyler

NOVEMBER USHERS

6	Darin Crawford Tommy Valle	Gary Doughty Bill Tyler
13	Russell Reinhardt Bill Tyler	Barrett Ledger Bill Ledger
20	Jamie Thomason Don Valenta	Gaylon Ivey Matt Jarma
27	Don Havard Sherri Valenta	Norman Baker Gary Doughty

NOVEMBER LITURGISTS

6	Norman Baker
13	Katherine Maedgen
20	Jodi Bartlett
27	Bill Ledger

NOVEMBER YOUTH MEAL PROVIDERS



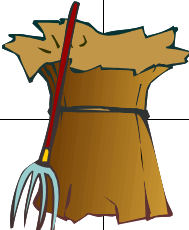
6	Eddie & Peggy Luna
13	Tommy & Jennifer Valle
20	Rodney & Tracie Tedrow
27	Bill & Lisa Ledger





November 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES... Contemporary Worship: 8:30 Sunday School for all ages: 9:45 Traditional Worship: 11:00 UMYF (youth): 5:00-7:00 a meal is served </div>		<i>1</i> Book Study 10:00 and 6:00 CTLC 12:30	<i>2</i> Quilters 10-2:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Praise Team Prac. 7:00	<i>3</i> Men's Fellowship 5:15 Boy & Cub Scouts 6:00 and 7:00	<i>4</i>  Veteran's Day	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> All Saints' Sunday celebrated in both worship services	<i>7</i> Boy & Cub Scouts 6:00 and 7:00	<i>8</i> Book Study	<i>9</i> Quilters Choir Practice Praise Team Practice UMW 7:00	<i>10</i> Men's Fellowship Boy & Cub Scouts	<i>11</i>  Veteran's Day	<i>12</i>
<i>CHARGE CONFERENCE</i> <i>5:00 Little River UMC</i>						
<i>13</i> Bring ingredients for casseroles!!	<i>14</i> Prepare casseroles to sell 9:00 Boy & Cub Scouts	<i>15</i> Book Study	<i>16</i> Quilters Choir Practice Praise Team Practice	<i>17</i> Men's Fellowship Boy & Cub Scouts	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> CTLC 8:30 Church reserved— all day
<i>20</i> Community Thanksgiving Service 6:00	<i>21</i> Decorate church for Christmas 10:00 Boy & Cub Scouts	<i>22</i> Book Study	<i>23</i> Quilters Choir Practice Praise Team Practice	<i>24</i> HAPPY THANKSGIVING	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 
<i>27</i> First Sunday of Advent	<i>28</i> Boy & Cub Scouts	<i>29</i> Book Study	<i>30</i> Quilters Choir Practice Praise Team Practice Finance Team Mtg. 7:00			