

With the coming of a fresh year people always strive hard to have a good beginning. Every year most of us make unique and new resolutions. We plan it well and stay determined to fulfill those resolutions. But somehow only a few have the relentlessness to keep up their resolutions.

Here are the top 5 New Year's resolutions for 2012.

- 1) Lose weight
- 2) Get organized
- 3) Spend less and save more
- 4) Quit smoking
- 5) Get fit

All of these resolutions have to do with our own willpower and work. They are about us changing our behavior to improve our life. None of them involve improving our relationship with God. According to the Barna group, less than 2% of all resolutions have to do with our spiritual lives. Why wouldn't we want to improve the most important relationship in our lives? Why wouldn't we want to ask God to help us make the kinds of changes we resolve to make?

Instead of a resolution, I want to invite you to make a covenant with me in 2012. A covenant is different from a resolution. A covenant is a binding agreement between two parties, one being more powerful than the other. A resolution is simply a promise to yourself. I want us to covenant together and with God to pray each day in 2012. Not just any prayer but a specific one – the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism wrote this prayer in 1780 and prayed it daily. He also asked each Methodist to pray it as well. Each year in January they had a special worship service where they covenanted together to pray that prayer and asked God to help them be faithful to living it out. This Sunday we are going to do the same thing. Will you join me in praying this prayer each day in 2012?

Wesleyan Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

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*
 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	Gary Doughty
Dean Farrell	Laurie Herring
Janet Klement	Don & Minnie Knepp
Kenny Knepp	Billy Joe Ledger
Lynn Owens	June Payne
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
Billy Bush	Jimmy Burns
Earl Butts	Corbin Burke
Shawn Cambell	Brent Cogburn
Jacque Collier	Jim Collins
Nayda and Lorabel Collins	Charlie Dupree
Kathy Edmundson	Alma Rose Ellis
Jack Flinn	Gabe Frampton
Gene Fricke	B.J. Hice
Wayne Honeycutt	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	Deborah Muller
Leona Murrah	Mrs. Henry Olejnik
Annette Ortiz	Freddie Parker
Marsha Perry	Michelle Price
Sharon Richards	Sarrah Fawn Romero
Al Ruppert	Adam Russell
Connie Salsiccia	Nancy Snead
Eugene Tedford	Sharon Walker
Larry Wharton	Jeff White
Marsha White	Perry White
Brian Woodbury	Betty Zook



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

John 14:1 NRSV

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!!



“I  Have  a DREAM...”



- 1 Jeff Durbin
- 6 Shannon Edwards, Victoria Reynolds
- 7 June Payne
- 8 Susan Creech, Richard Fisher
- 14 Tooter Creech
- 16 Christina Porter
- 17 Jamie Thomason, Bill Ledger
- 18 Terry Cavanaugh, Brian Neal,
Jamie Luna
- 19 Matt Lynch
- 20 Lou Klement
- 21 Don Lewis
- 23 Richard Hester, Brandon Lindberg,
Kacie Tedrow
- 24 Robby Edwards
- 25 Tammy Cavanaugh, Dallas Sanders
- 27 Billy Joe Ledger
- 28 Larry Stewart, Hamilton Vaughn,
Kinsley Sammons
- 29 David Willis
- 30 Bernice Krugman, Sandy Vargas,
Bill Maedgen

January Anniversaries

- 5 Chance & Megan Sebek
- 7 Michael & Karen Lindberg
- 13 Kevin & Kellie Johnson
- Doug & Kissa Vaughn
- 20 Tom & Janette Clark
- 22 Burnell & June Payne



Join us in worship on January 8 for a service of baptismal renewal. It will be a time to remember your baptism and be thankful. You won't want to miss this special service.



REUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, January 29 we will have a combined worship service at 10:00. This gives those who attend each service a chance to worship with those who normally worship in the 'other' service.

Join us for this time to be together as one church family. There will be no Sunday School on this day!





2012 COMMITTEES/TEAMS

CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR: Gaylon Ivey

LAY LEADER/VICE CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR: BJ Finch

LAY DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Lindsey Hester, Betty Hester

TREASURER: Oneta Taylor

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN REPRESENTATIVE: Janice Porter

YOUTH MINISTER: Joey Gresham

MINISTER TO CHILDREN: Christin Ivey

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Ellis

WORSHIP: Lois Fellows, Tom Ecker, **Sarah Stewart (chair)**, Barbara Thompson, Mikey Giebler, Katherine Maedgen, BJ Finch, Steve Ellis (ex-officio)

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Lori Roessler, **Johnny Giebler (chair)**, Don Havard, Susan Creech, Bill Ledger, Joyce Reinhardt

TRUSTEES: **Kirby Bush (chair)**, Darin Crawford, Gary Doughty, Glenn Willis, Gaylon Ivey, Justin Look

FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Karen Machalek (chair)**, Mark Maedgen, Alyssa Ketcham, Oneta Taylor, Kirby Bush, BJ Finch, Lindsey Hester, Gaylon Ivey, Johnny Giebler, Betty Hester, Russell Reinhardt, Sarah Stewart

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP: {formerly Nominations} Kissa Vaughn (chair), Donna Durbin, Susan Creech, Betty Hester, Sarah Stewart, Janice Porter, Kristen Look

BEREAVEMENT TEAM: Oneta Taylor, JoAn Beechem, **Jackie Lewis(chair)**, Fern Pipkin, Sherri Valenta

EVANGELISM/MISSIONS: Kathy Wilson, Bill Tyler, Lindsey Hester, Nancy Birdsell, Kay Tyler, **Russell Reinhardt (chair)**, Jennifer Valle

BUILDING TEAM: Gary Doughty, Johnny Giebler, Cindy Havard, Karen Machalek, Katherine Maedgen, Tanya Mikeska, **Larry Stewart (chair)**, Tommy Valle

CHURCH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP TEAM: Fern Pipkin, **Doug Vaughn (chair)**, Jodi Bartlett, Nancy Sammons, Kay Nan Ledger, Pat Lackey, Lisa Ledger

The above are your leadership teams for 2012. Please keep them in your prayers as they make important decisions regarding your church.



March 18, 25

April 1, 29

May 27

June 3

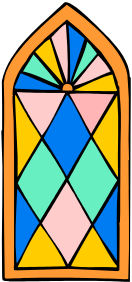
July 15, 22

August 19, 26

September 9, 30

December 30

These are the dates that no one has signed up to provide chancel flowers. We are able to get them at the reasonable price of \$30 by being consistent. When they are not designated, the church picks up the tab. If there is a special occasion or person you want to remember, this is a great way to acknowledge them.



Join us on Sunday, January 29 as we come together for a combined worship experience. There will be one service at 10:00—no Sunday School.

Immediately following we will share in a covered dish lunch!



Interested in serving as a greeter and/or an usher?? We can always use more people to serve in this capacity. Contact Betty in the church office to get on the list.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES



In this series, we'll tackle some of the tough questions we would like to ask God. If you have been searching for answers to some of life's toughest questions, you won't want to miss this series.

January 15

Why do the innocent suffer?

January 22

Why do my prayers go unanswered?

February 5

Why can't I see God's will for my life?

February 12

Why God's love will prevail?



We will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 5.

You will be asked to bring a can of soup and \$1.00 to help feed hungry people in our community.



SERVING IN JANUARY

GREETERS

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
1	10:00 service	Gary Doughty
8	Sherri Valenta	Becky Baker Norman Baker
15	Russell Reinhardt	Matt Jarma Kay Nan Ledger
22	Bill Tyler	Becky Baker Karen Machalek
29	10:00 service	Don Valenta

USHERS

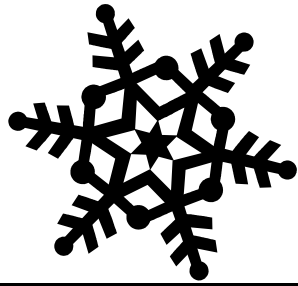
1	10:00 service	Darin Crawford Norman Baker
8	Gary Doughty Don Havard	Gaylon Ivey Matt Jarma
15	Lou Klement Russell Reinhardt	Barrett Ledger Bill Ledger
22	Don Valenta Sherri Valenta	Norman Baker Matt Jarma
29	10:00 service	Gaylon Ivey Tommy Valle

LITURGISTS

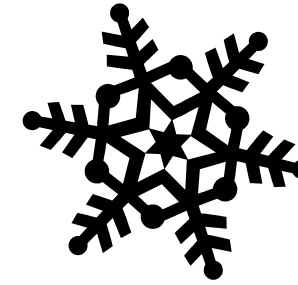
1	Bill Ledger
8	Norman Baker
15	BJ Finch
22	Jodi Bartlett
29	N/A





YOUTH MEAL PROVIDERS

1	NEW YEAR'S DAY—no youth
8	Rodney & Tracie Tedrow
15	Tommy & Jennifer Valle
22	Bret & Brigitte Allen
29	Bill & Lisa Ledger



January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 One Worship Service 10:00 No Evening Activities	2 Cub & Boy Scouts 6:00 and 7:00	3	4 Quilters 10:00–2:00 Choir Practice–6:00 Praise Team Pract.–7:00	5 Men’s Fellowship 5:15 Cub & Boy Scouts 6:00 and 7:00	6 EPIPHANY 	7
8 Baptism Renewal Sunday Farewell Reception for Linda Robinson 9:30	9 Cub & Boy Scouts	10	11 Quilters Choir Practice Praise Team Practice UM Women Mtg. 7:00	12 Men’s Fellowship 5:15 Cub & Boy Scouts	13	14
15	16 Church office closed Cub & Boy Scouts 	17	18 Quilters Choir Practice Praise Team Practice	19 Men’s Fellowship 5:15 Cub & Boy Scouts	20	21 
22	23 Cub & Boy Scouts	24	25 Quilters Choir Practice Praise Team Practice Church Council Mtg. 7:00	26 Men’s Fellowship 5:15 Cub & Boy Scouts	27	28
29 Reunion Sunday One Worship Service 10:00 Covered Dish lunch Immediately after	30 Cub & Boy Scouts	31 	SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES... Contemporary Worship 8:30 Sunday School for all ages 9:45 Traditional Worship 11:00		Jr. & Sr. High Youth meet each Sunday evening from 5-7:00. They share a light meal provided by parents and other members. If you would like to provide a meal, please contact the church office. There are about 15 youth in attendance.	