



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Michael & Karen Lindberg
- 13 Kevin & Kellie Johnson
- 20 Stephen & Crystal Gragg
- 22 Burnell & June Payne

MEMORIALS

- In memory of **Bernard Franken** by Lynn Owens, Larry & Sarah Stewart, Pam Lewis, Mike & Nancy Mercer, Charlie & Janice Porter
- In memory of **Don Knepp** by Katherine Maedgen, Troy UMC Quilters, Larry & Sarah Stewart, Barbara Thompson, Charlie & Janice Porter, Dave & Nancy Holmes
- In memory of **Carol Doughty** by Dave & Nancy Holmes
- In memory of **Lou Klement** by Dave & Nancy Holmes
- In memory of **Fern Pipkin** by Charlie & Janice Porter, Larry & Sarah Stewart, Richard & Betty Hester

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
The family of Amy Graham thanks everyone from the bottom of our hearts for the overwhelming generosity your congregation has shown for her two boys Callan and Avery. It brings us comfort to know they have their needs and wants met thanks to each and everyone of you. The family is truly blessed when there are such giving people in a time need like ours.
God bless you all, Sue Haire (Amy's aunt)

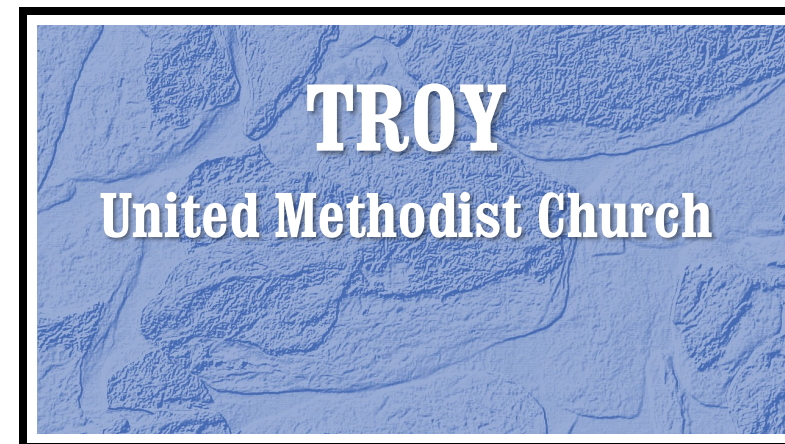
- 7 June Payne
- 8 Susan Creech
- 9 Teresa DeLeon
- 10 Josh Pausewang
- 12 Megan Pyle
- 13 Wes Hart
- 14 Tooter Creech, Billy Hobbs
- 16 Christina Porter, Hannah Maedgen
- 17 Bill Ledger
- 18 Terry Cavanaugh
- 19 Matt Lynch
- 23 Richard Hester, Brandon Lindberg, Kacie Tedrow
- 25 Tammy Cavanaugh, Megan Miller, Kylie Allred, Dallas Sanders
- 26 Amy Pyle
- 27 Billy Joe Ledger
- 28 Larry Stewart
- 30 Sandy Vargas, Bill Maedgen, David Willis

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JANUARY 2018 Church Newsletter & Ministry Updates

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LEADERS IN AREAS OF MINISTRY
Ministers: All
Pastor: Rev. Leslie Byrd
Administrative Assistant: Betty Hester
Choir /Praise & Worship Leader: Cameron Roucloux
Youth Minister: Joey Gresham
Family & Children's Minister: Christin Ivey
Nursery Coordinator: Destany Oliver
Women's Ministry: ShaShawna Bush
Communications: Jamie Sikes Roucloux
JOY Senior Ministries - Cindy Havard
Lay Leader: Don Havard

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship
LYFE Groups ~ 9:45 a.m.
Nursery: 0-2 Years
Children's Classes: 3-4 year old's Kindergarten & 1st Grade
2nd & 3rd Grades
4th & 5th Grades
Youth Class: 6th-12th Grades
Adult Classes: 3 Classes offered
YOUTH on Sunday Nights
United Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:00 p.m.

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY
Covenant 1A- Tuesday 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Covenant 1AA- Wednesdays 5:30-7:00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE
5:30-7:00 p.m.



ON-LINE GIVING You now can go to the church website and under the "Give" tab, set up your ON-LINE giving personal account. Our ON-LINE giving is through a secure company called VANCO, which has been Conference endorsed and serves over 18,000 churches in the United States. They will route all donations to the church account, you simply set up your preferences and password and VANCO takes care of the rest. You may donate by direct deposit from your account, debit card, and text. For more information, pick up a brochure with "How To" tips at the church.



TROY United Methodist Church's VISION STATEMENT:
"Bringing our BEST to the Community!"
*Building relationships, Equipping Disciples,
Sharing Christ's love, Transforming the World*



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Happy New Year! This year is going to be very exciting! We anticipate that Phase 2 of our Building Program will be completed in late April/early May. That is going to open a whole new phase of ministry for this church and strengthen existing ministries. We will have the space and opportunity to reach deep into the community and meet some important needs. The vision

that God has placed before us is in "Bringing our BEST to the Community" and that we will seek to serve God and the people in the Troy area in ways that deepen their relationships with Him.

Some of the ways we hear God's call is through healthy ministry to the elderly, to the children and youth, designing a powerful small group ministry and for our church to place a large emphasis on combating hunger. Our Ministry Activity Center – MAC for short – (aka Gym), will be a place for a community Health Fair, providing information and resources for the community, an indoor walking program and exercise, sporting for health events, upwards basketball, after-school opportunities, spring break and summer day and week camps for children, mission teams to have a place to stay while working in the area, expanded youth ministry opportunities, Christian concerts, and much more.

As the staff – both volunteer and paid – work hard to prepare for the physical changes of the facilities over the next few months, we ask that you prayerfully consider where you might be of service. John Wesley, the founder of the United Methodist movement, put social justice and service at the top of what it means to be United Methodist.

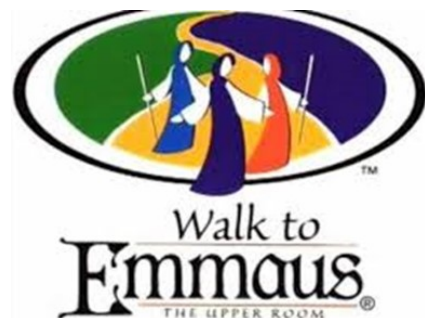
One important way we can all focus on what "our individual part" of being part of this body of Christ will mean in 2018 is to attend the JANUARY 28TH church-wide conference, led by our Healthy Church Initiative Coach, Rev. Molly Simpson, entitled, "Surviving and Thriving as a Growing Church". This will allow us as a body to understand and move forward in positive ways during our transition in late April/early May. We cannot wait until the building opens, and to transition we have to work ahead of the curve. I am very excited to hear ways we can grow and maintain our distinct character. So, please mark your calendars and plan to join me, the staff, and the persons serving on leadership teams on January 28th.

Proud to be your Pastor,

Leslie

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2018

For those who are currently in 5th grade and above, we are excited to begin this year's Confirmation Classes on Sunday, January 21st from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We ask that one parent please attend the first 30-minutes of the first class to receive class instructions, the schedule, information on the banner, and sign-up for snacks. We will celebrate Confirmation on Sunday, April 8th. For more information, you may contact Pastor Leslie.



NEXT MEN'S WALK TO EMMAUS SPIRITUAL RETREAT

is scheduled for **February 8-11th, 2018**. This is a 3-day spiritual retreat for all men, and is an opportunity to grow even deeper in your faith walk with Jesus Christ.

It will be held at Greene Family Camp in Bruceville-Eddy. You may pick up an application at the desk in the Worship Center. We have over 25 men in our congregation who have attended the Walk to Emmaus and any one of them would be excited to sponsor you for this spiritual retreat.

For more information, contact Kirby Bush.



The Staff of Troy UMC wants to say "thank you so very much" for the generous Christmas bonuses given during the holiday season. All gifts are greatly appreciated and will be used to glorify our God. It's so nice to have an acknowledgement for the work done by our great staff.



JANUARY YOUTH NEWS

Contact Joey Gresham,
Youth Minister
generation268@yahoo.com



Hey guys and gals!! I'm excited about the new year and all the upcoming events! It's time to start thinking about mission trip, because sign up is coming soon! New youth calendars are available!!

JANUARY SCHEDULE

- 7th Bible Study and games 5-7:00
- 14th Bible Study and games 5-7:00
- 21st Movie Night at the church 5-7:00
- 28th No youth

10th ANNUAL UMW EPIPHANY BRUNCH

Saturday, January 13th
First United Methodist Church
Family Life and Worship Center, Temple
9:30-noon
The program is "A New Day"
led by South District Superintendent, Brad Brittain
Admission and childcare are free, however reservations are requested by January 5th to:
Jacque Watson 254-774-9824
kwatson5@hotmail.com
or
Ilene Miller 254-778-4369
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Growing God's Church

"Surviving and Thriving as a Growing Church" **church-wide seminar**, SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. for all church members - especially the staff and those who are serving on leadership teams (SPR, Finance, Trustees, Evangelism, Fellowship Team, Children's Council, Worship, UMW, Lay Leadership, and Women's Ministry).



The 2018 altar flower has lots of available dates. Please consider honoring or remembering someone special with an arrangement. Cost is \$35.00, payable the week you provide them. Following the late worship service you are encouraged to take them with you to enjoy or to share.

BUILDING UPDATE:

To date – we have received \$248,804 of the \$545,316 pledged by our membership. We are at the halfway point of the campaign and thank and encourage each contributor to remain faithful to their commitment. The Building Committee met recently to hear a report from the builder and discuss electrical in the MAC (Ministry Activity Center), that the roof is to be completed in January, and the doorways and windows to begin installation. In February, we will have a church-wide time of writing scriptures on the floors and studs of the new building as we bathe God's vision for this church in God's holy Word.



SCHEDULE YOUR EVENTS EARLY



Calendaring will become important as we open the new Phase. Please make sure that you schedule your major ministry events now for the first half of the year.

