

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Joey Gresham
- 4 Glen Thompson
- 6 Gunnar Huffman
- 8 Trisha Hart
- 11 Cody Coufal, Allie Maedgen,  
Angel Martinez
- 14 Karen Machalek, Megan Mosley-Mick
- 16 Michael Lindberg, Gracin Ivey
- 17 Peyton Crawford, Henry Gersbach
- 18 Jake Roberts
- 19 Shannon Willis
- 23 Evelyn Gover, Rowdy DeLeon
- 24 John Byrd, Kylee Ecker
- 26 Charles Beechem, Christie Richter
- 28 Kenny Knepp
- 29 Ricky Sanders
- 30 Donna Allison

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Terry & Shelley Martinez
- 22 Jeff & Erin Sims
- 29 Gary & Lori Roessler

## MEMORIALS

*In memory of Carol Doughty* by Bob & Kathy Ranly, Steve & Miki Ranly,  
Doris Johnson and family, Tooter & Susan Creech, James & Susan Neal,  
Bret & Brigitte Allen, Lynn Owens, BJ Finch, Mary Thomason

*In memory of William & Martha Schumann* by Tooter & Susan Creech

*In memory of Lawrence Cavanaugh* by Barbara Thompson

*In memory of Chester (Bubba) Bulls* by Rita Hayes

*In memory of Stanley Kirk* by Pamela Stewart

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I don't know where to start telling all of you 'thank you'. During the past  
2 1/2 months I have been in and out of the hospital, had surgery and many complications.  
I really don't know how I would have survived without you. The prayers, visits, calls,  
cards, food and flowers were all so much appreciated.

I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am looking forward to returning  
to church services and being able to be a part of our wonderful church family. May God  
bless each of you. Harriet Prinz

We would like to thank Megan Mosley-Mick, Chance and Graycee for bringing the taco  
soup to Edna Rankin. She said it was the best she had ever had. It was such a nice thing  
to do. Evelyn Rankin

It was so nice to see so many loving friends at the church last week. We have received  
many visits, cards, food, smiles and prayers. God must be smiling to see Christians doing  
His will.

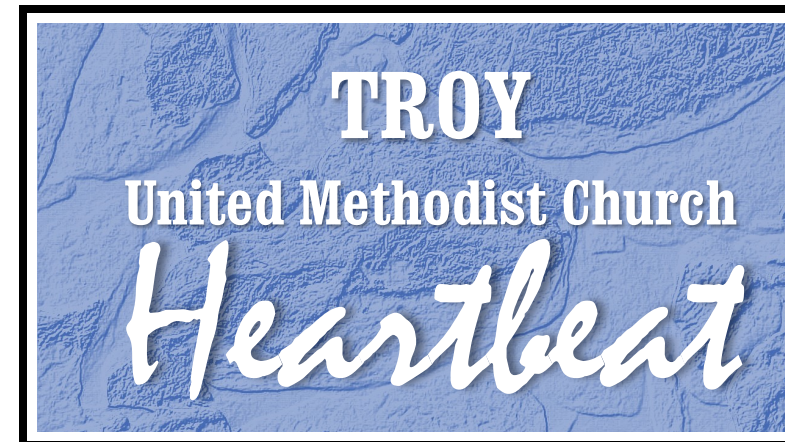
Thanks again for all your love and prayers. Gary Doughty



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## NOVEMBER 2017 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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 a.m.

Nursery: 0-2 Years  
Children's Classes: 3-4 year olds  
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.



Thank you to each of you for your time, talents, and donation of items!

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS BEGIN Nov. 5th

It is hard to believe that in just 40 days, we will be watch-  
ing our beautiful children bring the Christmas story to life.  
Rehearsals will begin on November 5th on a rotating  
basis during the Sunday school hour. We want every  
child to be part of this great gift to the community. So,  
set aside Sunday mornings to come and learn lines,  
staging and get fitted for costumes. It is just around the  
corner!



## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY AT TROY UMC Sunday morning November 19th



The entire community is invited at 8:30 and 11:00.  
Each family is encouraged to bring a snack donation  
to go to the Snack Buddies ministry as we fill up a  
"blessing basket" of food to share with God's children  
in Troy. Our Sermon will be "Reclaiming Table Time  
- the Sacred Art of Breaking Bread Together."

## TROY United Methodist Church's VISION STATEMENT "Bringing our BEST to the Community!"

*Building relationships, Equipping Disciples, Showing Christ's love,  
Transforming the World*





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In January a called Church Conference passed the proposal to adopt the Healthy Church Initiative prescriptions. Eleven months later, we are progressing well and living into our prescriptions with positive results. We still have 6-8 months left in our process, but lots of learning and great conversations have already taken place. Thus far we have:

- ♦ Celebrated a Day of Prayer to ask for God's guidance in all things.
- ♦ Drafted, refined, and articulated a vision for the congregation. Our VISION STATEMENT IS: "Bringing our **BEST** to the Community!" It is the statement to which everything we do or create is measured against. **B**=building relationships, **E**=equipping disciples, **S**=spreading Christ's love, and **T**=transforming the world. We should always ask ourselves if we are bringing our **BEST**. Christ deserves our **BEST**!
- ♦ The Pastor, in consultation with our coach, named a team of 3-5 persons who conducted a "Mission and Ministry Assessment". We had a team of 3 persons (Don Havard, Sarah Stewart and Lynn Owens) who went through every single ministry of the church and asked how it aligned with the VISION of the church. We will assess this yearly to ensure that we spend our time wisely in those areas of ministry where we offer the BEST.
- ♦ The Pastor, in consultation with our coach, named a Discipleship Team of 3-5 persons who are creating a step-by-step Pathway for Discipleship. This team is made up of Russell Reinhardt, Jennifer Valle, Megan Gersbach, Christin Ivey, and Stacy Bastin. Conference resource person, Rev. Amber Massingill, Associate Director of Faith Formation on the conference staff came and presented some information and what other churches have come up with. She helped us think through our own unique formation path for Troy UMC. The team has put in many hours and continues to work on our Path to be presented to the Church Council in the early spring and implemented after Lent.
- ♦ The Pastor, in consultation with our coach, named a Hospitality & Assimilation Team of 3-5 people who reviewed the current practices and worked on a church-wide plan that was presented to the Church Council this summer and is currently being implemented in segments. This team consists of Karen Machalek, Pam Lewis, Joyce Reinhardt and Kate Bush. Between now and February, we will fully implement, but have already seen the "fruits of our labor."
- ♦ SPR is now working on the "Staff Assessment" of all positions (volunteer & paid) to review and update job descriptions (in alignment and support of the vision and mission) and allow staff to be evaluated against set goals. We will continue to work with staff through change and the transitions of a growing church and "bring our BEST" to our different areas of serving in ministry. Beginning in March of 2018, our staff meetings will include time for individual and general goal reviews.

As you can see, we have been hard at work. Pastor Leslie has met monthly with 3 other clergy from 9-Noon to read, study, and examine leadership with the Regional Coach. In January, our coach, Rev. Molly Simpson will host a Workshop on understanding church size transitions and how to sustain the growth happening at Troy!



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR ...

I shared how October has been a busy month of training. Usually it does

not all fall in one month, but it did this year. Training is really a good thing though - especially in the church - because the world is changing so fast. We live in a world where technology replaces itself every few months, news is transmitted at great speed, the workforce has changed, the environment has changed, and politics has changed. The world people live in is so different from 20 years ago - and this is the world that we are inviting to embrace the love of Jesus Christ.

It is a challenge when those who are studying these trends tell pastors that "it is harder than ever to reach a person for Jesus Christ." So, I embrace training because it helps us to think around the table, study the data, and look at what has been discovered to be positive ways to reach a new generation. Jesus turned the world upside down and brought about revival. I believe Jesus can still do that. I am called to lean into what Jesus is calling me to do and learn how to minister in the 21st century. I serve as the Spiritual Director for the Board for the Walk to Emmaus, on the District Committee of Ordained Ministry, the Board of Ordained Ministry, and continue to work on HCI in our local church and many other areas of ministry and give thanks for every opportunity I have to learn, grow and touch the lives of others.

I am not perfect, I make mistakes, get tired, have to "re-boot", and constantly work to maintain healthy boundaries, but I love serving our Lord. By His Grace, I hope to serve for many, many more years - and am grateful I get to do so here at Troy United Methodist Church!

*Proud to be your Pastor,  
Rev. Leslie Byrd*

## NOVEMBER YOUTH NEWS:

Lots is happening in November!  
For more information about events  
-contact Joey Gresham, Youth  
Minister at

[generation268@yahoo.com](mailto:generation268@yahoo.com)



### NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

5th - Bible Study and games 5-7:00  
12th - Thanksgiving canned food drive 4-6:00  
19th - Bible Study and games 5-7:00  
26th - Youth Nerf Wars 3-5:30



It's time to order your poinsettia for the Advent and Christmas season. Cost is \$13.00 each, payable when ordering. They may be in honor of memory of a loved one.



## JOY Ministries (Just Older Youth):

**THURSDAY, November 9th at 1:00** will be a day at BOARD & BRUSH in Belton to create your own rustic sign from their many pre-cut designs. Make a sign for Thanksgiving, a Christmas gift, or just to decorate your home. All ages are welcome for this fun afternoon. Let Cindy Havard know if you are interested or call the church office at 254-938-2364 and leave your name and number for Cindy to call you back. The cost for the class is \$65 and you take home something special.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATES WITH 2 BRIDAL SHOWERS...



You are invited to a bridal shower honoring  
**Cody Lee & Anna Birdsell**  
on Saturday, November 4  
at 10:00 a.m.

*Registered at Target and  
Bed, Bath & Beyond*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

**GLEN LAKE CAMP NEWS...** We will have a firm deadline of January 31 for church sponsored scholarships and assistance for registration for camp this summer. Watch for more details.



## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd - CITY OF TROY

We have a theme "Sweet Love of Jesus" and some decorations, with more to be added. Now we need YOU! Come ride the float, walk alongside and hand out candy and flyers about Christmas Eve Services and Children's Christmas Program. Let's share the love of Christ for celebrating His birth and at the same time celebrate "Bringing our BEST to the Community!"



## "FEED MY SHEEP" SACK LUNCHES FOR 5th Thursday of the month.

Help us put together 200 sack lunches on Thursday, November 30th. We will get the sacks set out and condiments put in the bags on Wednesday, November 29th and make the sandwiches on Nov. 30th so they will be fresh. If you can lend a helping hand, it goes really fast.

## CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE - Sunday, November 12th at Salado UMC - 6:00 p.m.

*You are invited to a bridal shower  
honoring  
**Tabitha Bland & Jeff Durbin**  
on Saturday, November 11  
at 10:00 a.m.  
*Registered at Target, Home Depot  
and Bed, Bath & Beyond**

