

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 JoAn Beechem, Madison Gonzalez
- 3 Andi Gilliland, Katelyn Webb
- 5 Mikey Giebler
- 6 Jayci Coleman
- 7 Pat Lackey
- 8 Ryleigh Amato
- 10 Burnell Payne, Buddy Roberts,
Julie Ramage
- 11 Ellen Huffman, Tim Bastin
- 14 J.T. White
- 15 Alyssa Ketcham
- 17 Mickey Goss, Brittany Clark
- 19 Mackie Cantrell
- 20 Sarah Stewart
- 21 Bill Tyler
- 22 Pam Lewis, Amanda Rurup
- 23 Karey Tedrow
- 24 Nate Rurup
- 29 Barrett Ledger



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Kyle & Jana Letbetter
- 8 Don & Cindy Havard
- 24 Richard & Betty Hester
- 29 Jon & Megan Gersbach



MEMORIALS

In memory of Thomas Mullen by Katherine Maedgen
 In memory of H.C. Arthur by Katherine Maedgen

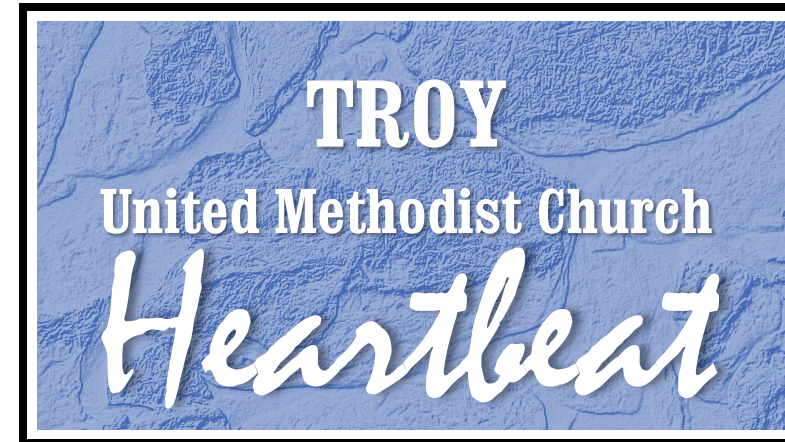


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LEADERS IN AREAS OF MINISTRY

Ministers: All
 Pastor: Rev. Leslie Byrd
 Administrative Assistant: Jamie Roucloux
 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
 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 olds
 Kindergarten & 1st Grade
 2nd & 3rd Grades
 4th & 5th Grades
 Youth Class: 6th-12th Grades
 Adult Classes: 4 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 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE:

5:30-7:00 p.m.



As we continue to grow, the staffing needs of our church continue to grow. We would like to welcome Jamie Roucloux to the Troy United Methodist Church staff April 2nd as the Administrative Assistant over Finance/ Communications and Media. Jamie has served at Troy UMC as a media and communications volunteer since January 2014. She graduated from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor with a BA in Graphic Design in 2013 and has worked as the Media operator for an area church while simultaneously operating two part-time businesses and bookkeeping. She is currently completing courses in Financial planning and will be an asset to the current tremendous staff at Troy. Jamie will take care of the financial records of the church as well as the on-line newsletter, brochures, website, event publicity and worship media.

Betty Hester, the people centric heartbeat of this church, will become our new Administrative Assistant over Congregational Care. Betty's organizational and people skills will allow us as a church to take care of every single person who enters into a relationship with this church in more in-depth ways. Some of those ways include hospital needs and notifying the Lay Minister Visitation Team weekly of sickness/surgeries/hospital stays to assist the pastor with follow-up, our community outreach with pantry and commodities, and all stages of life down to wedding and funeral service arrangements. In addition to remaining the right hand to the pastor, and taking care of year end check-out data, Charge Conference Data and worship bulletins, Betty will take care of all scheduling, visitor follow-up, new member assimilation materials, attendance tracking, and be available to care for any special needs of the members of this church.

The work schedule for these two wonderful ladies remains 20 hours a week and will overlap mid-day in order to allow the church office to remain open to minister to the community from 9:00-5:00 Monday -Thursday. They will share office space in what is currently the pastor's office and Leslie will be moving into the current main office. The "office flip" will be occurring before April 2nd, so we ask for your patience as we make the necessary adjustments. Please join me in saying a heartfelt thank you to both of these ladies for the ways in which they will bring the presence of God into every person who attends or visits Troy UMC.

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

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



This is the **LAST** newsletter that we will be mailing via snail mail. Beginning with the May letter, they will be sent out on e-mail. There will be hard copies available on the information boards for you to pick up if you would like to, and we will be happy to mail to anyone who does not have access to a computer.



Come watch this FREE event on Saturday, April 21st, 2018 that will include some of today's most trusted and respected experts on the dynamics of blended families. You will be challenged, inspired, encouraged and realize that you are not alone! This event is for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families. To watch a video or get more information about the event go to www.blendedandblessed.com. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. — event will be 9:00 am-4:30 p.m. Please register at www.troymethodist.org. Lunch and childcare will not be provided. Children will not be permitted during the event. For questions please email the church at troymethodist@sbcglobal.net



- Wednesday, March 28**
Journey to the Cross
will take you through the last days of Jesus before he was crucified
 - Thursday, March 29—6:00**
Maundy Thursday Service
 - Friday, March 30—6:00**
Good Friday Service
 - Saturday, March 31 11-1:00**
Easter Eggs-travaganza
 - Sunday, April 1—6:45 a.m.**
Sunrise Service
 - Sunday, April 1 8:30 & 11:00**
Regular worship services
- We hope you can join us for these services. They are powerful, and necessary to get to the Resurrection.*



There are so many people who volunteer their time and energy to our church and we are ever so grateful. Mikey Giebler made the beautiful Lenten banners. She and Jennifer Valle have done the planning and shopping for Snack Buddies all year. Ronnie Gilliland does a great job keeping the grounds looking good. Our many worship volunteers are vital as they make everyone feel welcome on Sunday mornings. The list is endless, and this is just the tip of the iceberg. If we don't tell you in person, please know that you are all appreciated.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR ...

As I write this article, I am less than 24 hours from boarding a flight to Israel to co-lead an Educational Opportunities Tour of Israel the week before Holy Week. I will be helping with Bible Studies and worship times. This trip has been on my "bucket list" for years. As I walk and witness the many places where Jesus walked and witnessed, I will be reading the scriptures that will literally come to life in a whole new way.

For instance, when Jesus said, "You are the light of the world, a city on a hill; let your light shine" literally, the people could see the city on the hill by the sea of Galilee. They would have looked over at the city and said, "Yes, we understand."

On Palm Sunday, after I return from Israel, I will be preaching in Troy on the "I AM" saying "I AM the Gate." There are 8 gates in Jerusalem and on the trip, we will be able to see the gate where Jesus entered Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday. What powerful moments there will be to see the places of Jesus' final week of life. I look forward to sharing these places during our Holy Week Services of Palm Sunday (8:30 and 11:00 with the children waving the palms), Maundy Thursday (6:00 p.m.), Good Friday (6:00 p.m.), and Easter Morning (6:45 a.m.— led by the Confirmation students), 8:30 and 11:00.

Invite someone to join you and attend each of these special services during Holy Week. It is a special and sacred time to remember the loving sacrifice that Jesus made for each one of us, so that all of us would have the gift of eternal life.



Contact Joey Gresham, Youth Minister at generation268@yahoo.com

Hey all! I'm excited about upcoming events! I have youth calendars available for April-June. Mission trip sign up has begun! I will hold a parent's meeting concerning mission trip on April 8th at 3:30 pm!

Other important date for April—April 6th last day to sign up for early fee for mission trip!

APRIL SCHEDULE

- 1st—no youth—enjoy Easter with families
- 8th—Bible Study and games 5-7:00
- 15th—Bible Study and games 5-7:00
- 22nd—Photo Scavenger Hunt 4-7:00
- 29th—Bible Study and games 5-7:00



If they so choose, the current Confirmation Class will make their decision public to become followers of Jesus Christ and become full members of Troy United Methodist Church. These young people will be recognized in both worship services on April 8.

At 9:45 that day, we will come together for a covered dish brunch in their honor. Bring your favorite breakfast dish (casserole, fruit, muffins, etc.) and join us in celebrating with them.



You are invited to a shower for Bridger & Kate Bush as they prepare to celebrate the upcoming birth of Aspen Bryer
Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m.
They are registered at Target and Babies R Us



On Sunday, April 15 at 9:45, Leslie will be leading a class on what it means to be a United Methodist. Whether you are new to the church or have been a life long Methodist, you are invited to attend this class. She will be able to answer any questions you may have.

The next Sunday at the 11:00 service we will have a **GREAT DAY OF JOINING**. If you have been wanting to become a member but didn't want to make the walk down the aisle alone, this is the time for you to do it with others of the faith. Please visit with the pastor before that day if you are interested in becoming a member of Troy UMC.



As the end of the school year approaches, we certainly want to recognize our graduating seniors. If you have a graduate in 2018, please make sure we have their names. On May 20 they will all be recognized in the worship service.

AFTER EASTER SALES!!

We have a special request for plastic eggs for next year's Easter Eggs-travaganza!! We will not recycle the eggs this year, which means we will start over next spring. If you would pick up some bags of plastic eggs when they are marked down, it will be greatly appreciated. Christin is willing to store them for the year, so when you buy them, bring them to the church. This will save lots of time trying to "match up" the egg halves!!

