

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 John Coleman  
4 Susan Neal, M'Lynn Hobbs,  
Baylee Crawford  
5 Stacy Bastin, Megan Gersbach,  
Jennifer Naser  
6 Pete Rondeau  
9 Eddie Luna  
10 Wayne Drummond  
12 Nancy B. Sammons  
13 C.J. Porter  
14 Gary Doughty  
15 Luke Williams  
16 Avery Gragg  
17 Jalee Luna  
18 Erin Sims  
19 Barbara Thompson  
21 Tom Ecker, Crystal Gragg,  
Christin Ivey  
27 Amber Gresham



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

11 Charles & JoAn Beechem  
15 Joe & Diana Massey  
23 Russell & Joyce Reinhardt

## MEMORIALS

In memory of **Fern Pipkin** by Katherine Maedgen, Barbara Thompson,  
Joe & Diana Massey, Mickey Goss  
In memory of **Felice Zepeda** by Katherine Maedgen, Lynn Owens,  
Larry & Sarah Stewart, Mike & Nancy Mercer  
In memory of **Barbara Melikan** by Tooter & Susan Creech  
In memory of **Bettye Weathers** by Tooter & Susan Creech, Richard & Betty Hester  
In memory of **Selma Lawler** by Tooter & Susan Creech  
In memory of **Jerry Hargrove** by Tooter & Susan Creech

### THANK YOU NOTES...

To my friends in Christ,  
You are the best!! I want to let you know how much I have enjoyed the  
beautiful poinsettia. It has reminded me constantly of the love in your  
congregation and the kind thoughts you have for me.  
May God continue to enrich your ministry.

Blessings, Jamie Dooley

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Thank you all for the phone calls, cards and prayers for my recovery from knee sur-  
gery. All is going well so far. I truly appreciate the love and prayers.  
Nancy Holmes

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Thank you for the prayers, cards and memorial gifts following the passing of Donald.  
All are appreciated. A special thanks to UMW for the poinsettia. We are still  
enjoying it.

Minnie Knepp and family

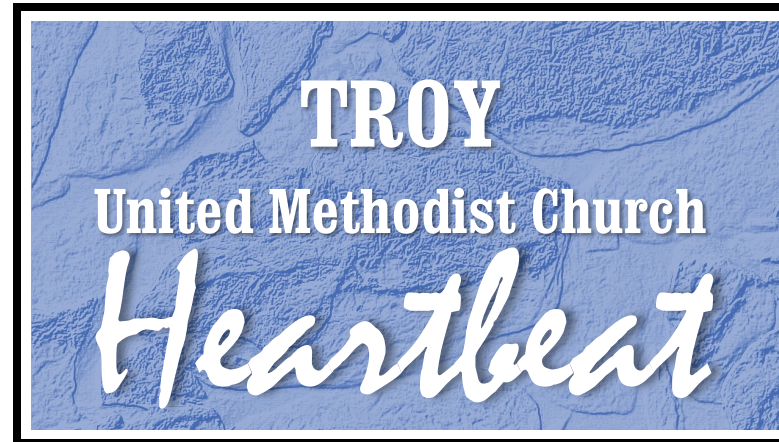


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## FEBRUARY 2018 Church Newsletter & Ministry Updates

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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 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.



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Bring your family and your appetite and allow the youth to wait on you as you  
enjoy a delicious spaghetti meal. They will have take-out meals available  
between LYFE Groups and the late service and again following the 11:00 worship  
service. Candlelit table dining will be from 5:30-7:00 that evening..

Donations will be accepted as this is the youth's biggest fund raiser for their  
summer mission trip. Your generosity will be appreciated.

If you can provide a dessert for them to serve that is always a big help. Let Joey  
know if you plan to bring something sweet to serve.



Mark Winter, One Man Show  
Ministries will be sharing with us  
during both worship services on  
Sunday morning, February 11.  
You won't want to miss his creative  
story telling and witness.

### TROY United Methodist Church's VISION STATEMENT:

**"Bringing our BEST to the Community!"**

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



## FROM THE CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY MINISTER...



Are you looking for a place to learn and grow so that you can begin Living Your Faith Everyday? A new LYFE Group is being formed and is temporarily being held in the Choir Room. They have begun a study called "Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age". This LYFE group is open to anyone interested. Topics will vary but will be decided on by the group.

Please see Lindsey Hester or Andrea Durbin if you have any questions or would like to check them out. We hope to see you soon!

Room 26 LYFE Group (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders) have begun working on writing the service and message for Children's Sunday. If you haven't had the pleasure of watching these children share their faith, then you do not want to miss this...actually, no one should miss this opportunity to share the love of Christ. Room 26 will be doing the planning, but all children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in both worship services on Sunday, May 6. Practices will be held during the LYFE group hour on Sunday mornings.



Would your LYFE group or accountability group be willing to provide a booth for the Easter Eggstravaganza this year? We are in need of several booths that will provide a fun atmosphere for the community and congregational children while at the same time taking the opportunity to share the Easter story with them. Please

let Christin Ivey know if you or your LYFE group is interested. Christin can be reached at 254-541-6873 or by email at TroyUMCKids@sbcglobal.net

Thank you for allowing me to work with your children. They are a blessing to me! Christin <><



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR ...

February...people think of love and Valentines. This year's calendar is unique and yet I think it will preach beautifully. Ash Wednesday

is on Valentine's Day and Easter Sunday is on April Fool's Day. But, think about it...from biblical times, sprinkling oneself with ashes has been a mark of sorrow for sin. It is a sign of repentance, and repentance usually was accompanied by fasting. Jesus invited people who were fasting to avoid focusing on themselves and their actions, but to reach out to others in need. Jesus was always concerned about the state of our hearts. Ash Wednesday is a service that was started back in 601 by Pope Gregory, as a way of reflecting on the sacrifice Christ made for us. We enter the Lenten season with reflection, focus on the state of our hearts and minds, and remembering the sacrifice God made for us through His Son Jesus Christ. You might even say the symbol of the cross on our foreheads is a sign of the greatest love we will ever experience. How perfect that it falls on Valentine's. Even more perfect is that Easter falls on April Fool's. The officials thought they had silenced the proclaimed Messiah by his death, but Jesus rose from the dead. How foolish they looked. Of course, they denied his resurrection and circulated stories of a stolen body, but thousands witnessed his appearance and his presence with them. The greatest gift of love was fulfilled.

Our Ash Wednesday service, at 6:00 p.m. on February 14<sup>th</sup>, (with pancake supper from 5-6:00) will feature our Confirmation Class again this year assisting with the entire service. What greater gift of love can you give your significant other than to begin the season of Lent with the people you love who God has placed in your life. If you wait until Friday for "date night" you will save a lot on flowers, the meal, making a reservation, finding a sitter, etc. And, if you make Wednesday's "date night" a true remembrance of the greatest love — you will experience the heart of Christ as He chose to redeem the world. It is all a matter of perspective and what is *important* in life.

*Leslie*

## YOUTH NEWS

Contact Joey Gresham,  
Youth Minister at  
[generation268@yahoo.com](mailto:generation268@yahoo.com)



## FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

- 4 Study and games at the church 5-7:00
- 11 Study and games at the church 5-7:00
- 18 Spaghetti Supper-served 5:30-7:00 {take-out available for lunch or evening meals}
- 25 Study and games at the church 5-7:00

Hey Everyone!

I'd just like to thank you all for the wonderful Christmas gift. It was greatly appreciated!!!

It's been a fun start to the year! Youth calendars are out and sign up for mission trip has begun!

Mission trip is July 15-20th—I am needing adults to go! They are paramount to us being able to go each year! Without adults our trip would not be possible! I ask that you pray to see if God is leading you to go, and get with me if He is! Sign up at [CTCYM.Org](http://CTCYM.Org) for July Combo Trip

Spaghetti supper is February 18th. This is our biggest fundraiser and goes a long way toward van rentals, which this year could top \$2500.00, not including gas! Please plan on participating in the meal if you are a youth going on mission trip, and attending if not! I enjoy this every year and the service from youth is amazing!

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**Kids Against Hunger**  
Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

Christ, Joey

Join us on Sunday, February 18th from 2-4:00 to pack meals for Kids Against Hunger. These packaged meals are used to feed hungry children all over the world. It provides



It's exciting to see the roof being put on the new construction!! Progress is happening every day.



## Communion Stewards

## COMMUNION STEWARDS NEEDED...

First of all, we want to thank Bill & Kay Tyler for their service by being Communion Stewards for quite some time. They have been faithful in preparing the elements each month. Thank you for a job well done.

The Tylers have asked to step down from this position so we are seeking someone to begin these duties very soon. It entails purchasing the bread and grape juice (*you will be reimbursed if you desire*), preparing it for both worship services on the first Sunday of each month, and cleaning up after the late service. From time to time there will be special occasions when you will be asked to provide it as well.

If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Leslie or Betty in the church office. You will be a blessing to those who partake of this Holy Sacrament.



There will be NO Wednesday Nite Live on Feb. 7th or 14th. Troy ISD Fair days are Feb. 5-7 ~ Ash Wednesday Service will be on the 14th.



Please keep the upcoming Men's Walk to Emmaus in your prayers as some of our men (pilgrims) embark on a weekend of focusing on God, learning of His word and worshipping Him. The dates for this Walk are Feb. 8-11.