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6 Louise Spohn
8 Jaynie Ecker
9 Emily Jolliff
10 Shirley Haas, Betty Hester
12 Zach Allen
15 Darryce Ross, Melissa O'Donnell,
Donal Bush
17 Manette Fowler, Jana Letbetter,
Amber Crawford
20 David Coufal
21 Brigitte Allen, Adam Roessler,
Becca Jolliff
22 Joshua Bastin
23 Johnny Giebler
25 Sean Huffman
27 Diana Massey
29 Carolyn Walston
30 Bret Allen
31 Nancy Birdsell, Brady Hart



1 Paul & Margaret Willson
7 Glenn & Jennifer Webb
14 Cameron & Jamie Roucloux
16 Joey & Amber Gresham
20 Robert & Megan Mosley-Mick
23 Jack & Becky Hobday



In memory of **Juanele Loudermilk** by Katherine Maedgen,
Richard & Betty Hester, Rita Hayes, Rena Jeffers

In memory of **Dorothy Sue Cearley** by Rita Hayes

A huge **THANK YOU** to Joe Massey for putting up
the information boards at the back of the worship
center. It looks great and will serve us well in
getting information to people.

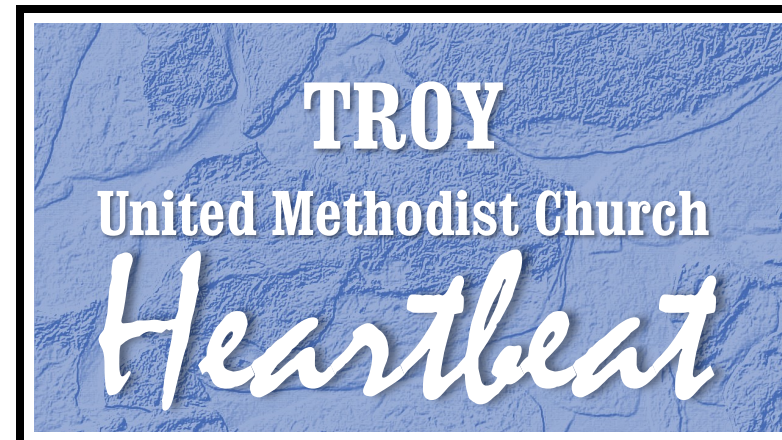


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LEADERS IN AREAS OF MINISTRY

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.



Available now!!

You can go on-line and set up regular donations to be sent to the church as your offering to the general budget as well as set up payments to go toward the Capital Campaign. If you go to our web site, there is a link that will take you right to on-line giving! Check it out today and consider setting up your account to do this regularly. It's also available to contribute via texting.

After 2017 being so crazy the women's council and I have decided to focus on 2 big events for 2018. Once the building is complete and 2019 rolls around, Women's Ministry will look at bringing back more women's ministry offerings. Please mark the following dates for 2018 and keep an eye out for more information:

May 6th - Ladies Luncheon

September 15th - Women's Retreat

We are busy planning each of these events and will get more information out soon. As always we would love to hear from ladies of all ages what events or offerings you would like to see for women at our church.

ShaShawna Bush

Women's Ministry Chair



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

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



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 1
6:45 a.m.



The Annual Easter Eggs-travaganza will be on Saturday, March 31. There will be food, activities for the children and lots of fun for everyone! Children need to bring a basket to hold some of the many eggs that will be "hidden".

Very soon, the eggs will be counted and bagged, just waiting to be filled with wrapped candy!! If you can bring a bag (or two or three bags!) of candy that will fit in the eggs, that would be wonderful! Or if you are willing to take some bags of eggs and fill them, that would be awesome!!



There will be NO Wednesday Nite Live on March 14 (Spring Break) or March 28. However, that's the night of Journey to the Cross, so please make plans to come see how these ladies have worked to tell us the Easter story!

A meal will be served.

Make plans to join us for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 6:00 on March 29th and 30th. At the Thursday service we will remember the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples by partaking of Holy Communion. Friday's service will be somber as we remember our Lord being crucified. These are both very meaningful services and we hope you will come to prepare your heart for Easter Sunday.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR ...

As we approach May 1st, we will be at the 2 year mark of our 3-year Capital Campaign for Phase 2 building. As of February 18th, we have brought in \$302,357.62 toward the pledges promised of \$545,316.00. As we move toward completion of Phase 2 (with a hopeful completion date of April 28th) it will be a tremendous financial bonus to meet or exceed our pledges. We have many families who have joined the membership since the beginning of the Capital Campaign and some have asked how they can be a part of leaving this legacy for generations to come. It is not about the building, but about what the building can do to reach more and more people for Jesus Christ. The opportunities and possibilities are endless and we are super excited to follow the vision that God has laid before us to "Be a Beacon of Light." If you would like to make a contribution - one time or ongoing during the remainder of our Campaign, it would be a gift that spreads Christ's love to all who enter into fellowship and ministry in this wonderful family of faith. You may even wish to sign up for the on-line giving through our website by clicking on the "Giving" tab and creating your own secure profile. John and I have joined the ease of On-Line Giving and we are so excited we have been able to be a part of something great that God is doing here at Troy United Methodist Church. We invite you to be part of something great too.

Leslie



Paul & Margaret Willson want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits for them during her recent surgery and recovery. They are together at home now—it's a slow process but she is improving with the help of their family. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



Please keep in your prayers those in our church family who will be traveling to Israel during spring break!



YOUTH NEWS

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



MARCH YOUTH SCHEDULE

4th Bible Study and games 5-7:00
11th Bowling 4:30-6:30 (meet at Spare Time in Temple)
18th Bible Study and games 5-7:00
25th Bible Study and games 5-7:00



NEWSLETTER ON E-MAIL

In the near future we will be transitioning to sending out the monthly newsletter on e-mail. This will save paper and postage costs as well as the time spent folding. There will always be cop-

ies in the foyer of the latest copy for those who prefer a hard copy. And of course, if you prefer to have it mailed to you, we can certainly accommodate that, too.

Help us have the sanctuary filled with beautiful Easter lilies and blooming plants by ordering one today. Cost is \$13.00 per plant and is yours to take home following the Easter services.



Feel free to send your request and a check to the church at P.O. Box 9, Troy, TX 76579.

Please include the donor's name, if you would like it in honor or memory of a loved one and your choice of lily of blooming plant.



March 11—remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night!!



Join us for the 2018 Blended & Blessed Livestream Event on Saturday, April 21st, 2018. This event 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 starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 4:30 p.m. Space is limited so please register for the event. Go to www.troymethodist.org and click on the banner to register. No child care will be available. We will have a 1 hour lunch break at which time you may bring a sack lunch to eat at our facility or visit one of the five local restaurants; McDonald's, Subway, Jalisco's Mexican food, Milano's Pizza and Troy General Store.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

We all go through struggles in life from divorce to the loss of a loved one and everything in between. Personally, 2017 was a struggle for me and my family. We faced unexpected illness and the loss of my mother all in a 6 month timespan. There were multiple people who helped walk me through that time. They were there when I needed to talk and reminded me that God loved me and saw me during all of those hard moments. That is exactly what our trained Stephen Ministers do.

So, what is a Stephen Minister? A Stephen Minister comes alongside a hurting person and meets with that person on a regular basis to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support. Men are paired with men; women with women. Maybe you don't need a Stephen Minister right now but you might know someone who does, a friend, a co-worker, or a family member. This ministry is open to anyone, not just church members. If you need a Stephen Minister or know someone who might, see Pastor Leslie or myself for more information.

From a care receiver at another Stephen Ministry Congregation: "I thank the Lord for my Stephen Minister who did not try to solve all my problems but lovingly, as a Christian brother, walked along with me through this valley in my life."

Bear one another's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV)
ShaShawna Bush, Stephen Leader