

Troy United Methodist Church

Heartbeat

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Bringing our BEST to the Community!

TROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship, Sunday Classes & Offices

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Pastor: Rev. Leslie Byrd

Administrative Assistant for Congregational Care:

Betty Hester

Administrative Assistant for Finance/Communications:

Jamie Roucloux

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 am - Contemporary Worship

11 am - Traditional Worship

LYFE Groups 9:45 am

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 pm

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY

Summer Break

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Summer Break

Pastor's Perspective

I want to express my appreciation for this wonderful church family. A family works together in all things and all circumstances. While family members may not always agree on everything, they do agree that the family pulls together and works for the greater good.

Many in this family thought my going to Israel might not be the safest place to visit. They were concerned and said things like, "I would never go there." I must first say, "I never felt a bit unsafe while there. In fact, as I watched the news of the Austin mail bomber here while I was in Israel, I felt safer there." But, when we were unable to return on our designated date due to the Noreaster storm on the East Coast that shut down some 5,000 flights, this pastor was a bit frantic.

After all, it was Palm Sunday I was missing! I love Holy Week!! It was amazing to be in the Holy Land the week before Holy Week, but I was ready to be home and share the trip with my "family" at Troy UMC. Armed with only a cell phone and a computer in the hotel with a keyboard in Hebrew, I quickly notified all the various people needed to carry on in my absence.

This "family" filled in all the gaps, said, "You don't worry about a thing – we have got this", and upon my return and subsequent upper respiratory infection, helped moved offices around, put together desks, move furniture, and run errands for me.

I have shared with many about this great "family" and my deep love for them. I strive for nothing but the best for this "family" and often kneel in the quiet of the sanctuary to both pray for and thank God above for the beautiful "family" at Troy UMC.

- Rev. Leslie Byrd

News and Notes

“May-kit a Memorable Summer!”

by participating in the May fundraiser “Great Wall of Giving.” Last year was our first year for “Great Wall of Giving” and we raised over \$7,000 for Youth Missions and Glen Lake Camperships. This year, we are doing the wall a little differently, but still offering one great opportunity to support two missions that impact the lives of children and youth. All you need to do is to take an envelope, fill out the paper inside and place both the paper and your donation in the envelope – then seal it – and put it in the basket on the table. It’s that easy to change a life! So, this MAY – let’s “MAY-KIT A MEMORABLE SUMMER!”

Healthy Church Initiative Update

A handout was shared with the congregation on April 15th giving everyone an update on where we are in the HCI process. The wonderful changes that are happening physically, with staffing, and in both hospitality and faith development are all part of our HCI prescriptions. We are grateful for the many hands, feet and hearts – as well as leadership teams who have been hard at work to make this great church even more for the glory of God. If you missed church on the 15th and need a handout, they can be picked up from Betty in the church office.

Online and Text Giving

are available! We are seeking ways to make it easier and more convenient to give back the blessings you have received from God. Your giving makes it possible for others to be blessed by the missions and ministries of Troy United Methodist Church. We don’t all carry checkbooks or cash anymore – so text giving and on-line giving help people continue in their faithfulness to God’s glory. For more information, please visit our website or contact Jamie Roucloux, Administrative Assistant of Finance and Communications.

Baccalaureate

Sunday, May 27th at 6 pm at Troy United Methodist Church. We will be needing parking lot attendants for this event. If you can help direct traffic for parking, please contact Betty Hester in the church office.

Capital Campaign for Phase 2 Update

We are fast approaching May 1st and completing year 2 of a 3-year Capital Campaign. To date, we have brought in \$336,339.84 of the \$545,316.00 pledged. Many people have become a part of this church family who were not yet a part when the pledges were made. They may also wish to invest in the legacy to be left for our children and our grandchildren through the amazing ways Phase 2 will touch the lives of those in this community. If you wish to make a monthly pledge or a one-time donation to the Phase 2 Building Campaign, please contact Jamie Roucloux in the church office. Every gift makes a huge difference!

Letter of Gratitude

Dear Church family,
We are deeply thankful for your outpouring of love given to us upon the quick arrival of Keegan. Our words will fall short, but thank you for all the gifts, cards, phone calls and prayers. We will always remember how you all walked with us during this season of change, and we treasure our church family beyond measure!

With love and many thanks,
Kyle & Jana Letbetter and family

Senior Sunday

Sunday, May 20, we will honor all our High School Graduating Seniors at both services and at a brunch between services. Those being recognized are Camren Cavanaugh, Mason Cavanaugh, M'Lynn Hobbs, Jaylee Luna, Angel Martinez, Nick Mischian, and Chance Mosley. Please bring a breakfast item to share as a way to express our congratulations to these young men and women.

Please Mind the Sand Pile!

Please help us monitor the sand pile next to our playground. The contractors of our new building have asked that we please keep children from playing in it so that we don’t lose sand and have to purchase more.

Ministry Corner

Youth

Hey all! As the end of school and summer approaches, there are a lot of amazing things on our youth calendar. I have copies for anyone who needs it.

Mission Trip will be to Magnolia, Texas this year. Mission trip dates are July 15-20

- Deadline to register is May 11 unless discussed with me prior to date
- We are still in needs of adults! Without enough adults this mission trip can't happen.

I'm praying that God lays it on hearts to join us on this amazing journey! Those who have been, love it, and so will you!!

In Christ
Joey Gresham

JOY

JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministries is a ministry for adults 55 and above, though we never turn down any of the younger adults! Our goal is to provide the BEST for the "mature" community of Troy.

We will be taking a break for the summer beginning in May. Keep looking for our new upcoming program schedule that will start in September!

Ladies' Luncheon

Join us for our annual Ladies' Luncheon on May 6 at 12:15 pm. We'll join together, women of all ages, in fellowship over a light lunch and hear a devotional about depending on the Savior. This is always a wonderful time of fellowship together as women of faith and we are looking forward to seeing YOU there! All women are welcome to join us, kids included! You can register by picking up a form on the welcome desk or printing the form which can be found on Facebook and turning it in to ShaShawna Bush or the church office. Adults are \$15 and children are \$5. We hope you'll join us a bring a friend!

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women have been a part of the United Methodist Church for over 140 years. In 1868 there were 8 members, today there are over 800,000 world-wide and their focus has been on helping women and children have better lives and health. "Our work is not just about service. It's about worship, it's about standing up, stepping up, making our voices heard," a national level UMW member said. "We try to help governments see the world the way we see the world because it will positively impact the lives of women, children and youth."

The Mission of the UMW at Troy UMC is to visit the shut-ins, love our mothers and brides through showers, help welcome the community at the children's Christmas pageant, provide food for VBS, shower the graduating seniors with love and support at the Senior Luncheon, give our hands in the kitchen at the Fall Festival, provide funds for Trunk or Treat, Easter Eggstravaganza, Backpack Ministries, military boxes, Kids Against Hunger and UMCOR kits, and help with the garage sale, cookies for Kairos, and district events hosted by our church.

Women of all ages are invited to be a part of the UMW. Every UMW can be made up of multiple circles of women who meet and make a difference in the world today. For more information about how to begin a circle or meet with an existing circle, contact Carolyn Walston, UMW chair.

Family Fishing Day

TUMC Family Ministry is hosting a family fishing day on May 19 from 11 am - 6 pm. This event will take place at Stillhouse Hollow Park and is free to attend! Fishing, volleyball, and other outdoor activities will be available. You are welcome to bring your own food or you can contribute to the group meal. If you choose to eat with the group, you'll receive an email prior to the event to sign up for what you'd like to bring. Anyone 17 and over is required to have a fishing license to fish. We hope you'll bring family and friends out for a day of fellowship! To register, pick up a registration form on the welcome desk or download one from Facebook or the church website and turn in to ShaShawna Bush, Christin Ivey, or the church office.

S'port Your Team!

Sunday, June 3, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, we will be hosting a fundraiser called S'port Your Team. All proceeds from this event will go towards purchasing gym equipment and supplies for the ministries that will be offered to support children, youth and adults in the Troy/Temple community. As we continue "Bringing our BEST to the Community!" we are offering our best on this night with dinner AND entertainment! Dinner will consist of prime rib, sides, salad and dessert.

The Texas Country Gentlemen Singers, a 25 member 4-part Acapella harmony group who has been around for 25 years, will be entertaining us for the evening. They travel the Temple/Belton/Waco and Killeen area performing in many venues, providing all types of music. They have won the "Southwest District Award" and "Most Improved" group in the 5-state area". Between their sets, various children, youth and young adults will be sharing their talents with you as well!

You can purchase your tickets in the church office. Tickets are \$15 for Adults/\$10 for students 12 and under/Seniors 65+. At the door, ticket prices go up \$5 so make sure to get your tickets ahead of time!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joe Massey
- 2 Jon Gersbach
- 7 Leslie Byrd, Kristi Penny
- 10 Edna Rankin, Toni Garza, Samuel Wilson
- 11 Janice Porter, Janice Kirkscey
- 12 Don Havard, Judy Schiller, Zach Lynch
- 16 Jim Trantum, Emma Gersbach
- 22 Russell Reinhardt
- 23 Peggy Luna, Rhyann Gragg
- 24 Gary Roessler
- 28 Mike Maedgen, Bethany Lindberg
- 31 Gaylon Ivey, Kolby Sims

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Danny & Michelle Blackler
- 19 John & Leslie Byrd
Will & Amy Pyle
- 21 Darin & Amber Crawford
- 22 Gary & Donna Allison
- 26 Joey & Teresa DeLeon
- 31 Tony & Jill Ross

MEMORIALS

In honor of Diana Massey's birthday by
Katherine Maedgen