

Troy United Methodist Church

Heartbeat

June 2018

Bringing our BEST to the Community!

TROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor: Rev. Leslie Byrd

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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

Another school year has come to an end! Families can celebrate the accomplishments of the year and take a much-needed break from the daily routine. Grandparents get to spend more time with the grandkids, and vacations are on the calendar for many. The end of the school year has allowed the church to celebrate Children's Sabbath (May 6th) and Graduating Seniors (May 20th) and Baccalaureate (May 27th) at Troy this year. Now we turn our gaze to summer – in which the church does not take a vacation – but, does get to spend time with people of all ages and stages of life in different and meaningful settings – inside and outside of worship together! For instance, if you travel during the summer – we ask that you bring us a bulletin from the church you attend and send us your favorite snapshot from vacation showing us the beautiful places in God's creation you have visited! At the end of the summer, we will take these and put them into a presentation to share in worship which celebrates "A summer of exploring God's great world."

- Rev. Leslie Byrd

News and Notes

“May-kit a Memorable Summer!”

“MAY-KIT A MEMORABLE SUMMER!” by participating in the Fundraiser, “Great Wall of Giving.” Last year was our first year for “Great Wall of Giving” and through this fundraiser, we were able instead to host ONE large fundraiser instead of hosting several fundraisers (for both children and youth). Last year, we raised over \$7,000 for youth missions and Glen Lake camperships. Each youth pays for his/her trip cost, but it takes \$700 rental per van, plus gasoline. We need to rent at least 3 more vans besides the two we now own. The children pay for at least half their camp costs (\$375 for the week for room, meals and supplies) and then the church works to offer scholarships for those who cannot afford the other half. We know that CAMP and MISSION TRIPS change lives and enable children and youth to become connected to a family of faith. To donate, 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 “Amazing Grace” box on the table. OR, you can Text-Give through our Website: www.troymethodist.org It’s that easy to change a life! So, let’s “MAY-KIT A MEMORABLE SUMMER!”

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.

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.

Letter of Gratitude

Dear Church family,
I’m so sorry this is late. I had a pretty good set-back when I spent over a month in area hospitals. I’m home now and doing so much better. Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy both come by the house two times a week. I am blessed I have that care, because I am definitely getting stronger. We also still have clinic visits weekly. I know I have a little longer to recuperate, but I have come a long way.

I absolutely adore my church family and hopefully will be able to return to church soon. Thank you all for the food, cards, flowers, thoughts, visits, texts, calls, and especially the prayers. Don and I are so appreciative of all the help and kindness we have received from everybody.

When I was at my worst, this last hospital stay, I put my situation in God’s hands. I know He pulled me out because of all the prayers He received on mine and Don’s behalf from all of you. “Remember, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3:16-27). God didn’t put out the fire. He just put Jesus in there with them and they came out without harm. It’s not about God stopping all the things that seem bad; it’s about who is in there with you.

Again thank you all for everything.

Sherry and Don Valenta

UMW Cookbooks

Cookbooks are now on sale for \$10 to purchase for friends and family who may not have a church home! We want to be a church that reaches out to our community in any way possible. Grab a cookbook to gift to a friend for \$10 and introduce them to our church in a fun way by sharing recipes!

Ministry Corner

Youth

Summer is here! Lots of events are happening this month. Fundraising for mission trip continues. We also will not be having WNL during the summer.

A couple of dates to keep in mind.

June 20th- Six flags trip (date change due to volleyball camp)

June 27th- Tonkawa Falls Trip

See me for details and sign up!

In Christ
Joey Gresham

Children's Ministry

June 3rd is Promotion Sunday for children moving up in LYFE groups as well as Bible presentation to those going into the 3rd grade. This will be held during both worship services.

It's time to start thinking about VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!! Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus VBS will be held Sunday, July 29 - Thursday, August 2 from 5:30-8 pm. Volunteers are needed to be crew leaders and station leaders. Please see Christin if you are willing and able to volunteer for this huge community outreach event.

Women's Ministry

The Women's Council and Retreat Team are busy putting together a fun and relaxing retreat scheduled for September 15th. More information will be coming out in June and July so please stay tuned for our theme and how to register. This retreat will be for everyone 18 and up.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is dear to my heart and I truly believe that having someone to walk beside you as you face the challenges that life brings can make a world of difference. Stephen Ministers are not here to tell you what to do or fix your "problem" They are here to listen and be present with you. Even if you don't feel that you need a Stephen Minister you probably know someone who could benefit from this caring ministry. Talk to that person and then speak to myself or Pastor Leslie. We will be happy to talk to them or you and set up the one to one relationship with one of our Trained Stephen Ministers!
ShaShawna Bush, Stephen Leader

Maybe you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister and walking alongside someone who is struggling by listening and being present. Stephen Minister Training will start in August. We will have an informational meeting on July 15th at 10 am to answer any questions that you may have.

From a care receiver from another church: "Fourteen months ago, I was at a point where I needed someone to talk to about the struggles in my life. My pastor recommended I consider meeting with a Stephen Minister—another man, trained as a caregiver, who would walk with me during this difficult time. Trusting someone with personal information about my life was something I feared at first, but my pastor reassured me that everything was confidential, so I agreed to give it a try. I'm so glad I did! My Stephen Minister walked with me through a really dark part of my life, pointing me to the truth and love that is in Christ. 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. If you are dealing with some type of crisis or difficulty in life, I encourage you to meet with a Stephen Minister. You won't regret it!"



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Do Not Miss It!

Some things you want to make sure you don't miss this summer include:

The Consecration Celebration of Phase 2

Summer 2018 – date to be coordinated with District & Conference offices

Blessing of the Animals

Summer 2018 – date to be coordinated with Henry Gersbach

S'port Your Team Community Fundraiser!

Sunday, June 3rd is our big gym fundraiser. This will allow us to raise funds for equipment for the MAC (Ministry Activity Center – Gym) with a night of dinner and entertainment. We are all excited about the many ways the MAC will allow us to minister to children, youth and adults in the Troy community! We hope you will come out and "S'port Your Team!" for a fantastic evening. See ticket information in newsletter article.

Church-wide Round Rock Express Baseball Night Out

Saturday, June 30th – 7:05 pm, more details to come

YOUTH MISSION TRIP with CTCYM (Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission)

Sunday, July 15th – and we have a record number attending this year! The group will be going to Magnolia, Texas to serve those in need in the area. For additional information contact Joey at generation268@yahoo.com

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 29th – August 2nd is Vacation Bible School and you will not want to miss this exciting year! We will experience "SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus" pre-school through 5th grade. For additional information contact Christin at troyunmckids@sbcglobal.net

Churchwide Pool Party

Sunday, August 5th, 6-9 pm at Walker Pool in Temple

WORSHIP BEYOND THE WALLS

Sunday, August 12th during Sunday morning services

Blessing of the Teachers, Students, and Backpacks

Sunday, August 26th – plus the "Back to School Bash"

God has blessed us with a family of faith – let's spend time together with the family!

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 toward 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 A capella 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 and seniors 65+. At the door, ticket prices go up \$5 so make sure to get your tickets ahead of time!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Joey Ledger
- 3 Sandra Mikesell, Jennifer Valle
- 4 Elaine Roberts
- 6 Paul Willson, Lynn Owens, Tiffany Hensley
- 8 Lori Maedgen, Neal Roessler
- 10 Kyle Letbetter, Ava O'Donnell
- 13 David Thompson, Campbell Ivey, Daniel Bush
- 15 Darin Crawford
- 17 Kay Nan Ledger
- 20 Justin Stermer
- 21 Tony Ross
- 23 Harriet Prinz, Claudette Oliver, Joey DeLeon, Maggie Ross
- 24 Jagger Blackler
- 25 Adelyn Valle
- 26 Ronnie Gilliland
- 28 Kacy Jarma
- 30 Mark Maedgen

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 John & Jayci Coleman
- 12 Billy & Lori Hobbs
- 13 Johnny & Mikey Giebler
- 15 Steve & Judy Schiller
- 20 David & Carolyn Walston
- 21 Terry & Tammy Cavanaugh
- 23 Billy Joe & Kay Nan Ledger
- 24 Bill & Kay Tyler
- 25 David & Arlynda Roush, Darron & Julie Ramage

THANK YOU

I am truly blessed!

The prayers lifted up on my behalf were definitely felt and made a difficult procedure easier to withstand. Thank you to those who brought food (which my waist line did not need), sent cards, called, and the ones who made it to the hospital in the wee hours of the morning. I am so fortunate to have such a strong church family. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.
Lynn Owens