

# Troy United Methodist Church

## Heartbeat

August 2018

Bringing our BEST to the Community!

### TROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### LEADERS IN AREAS OF MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. Leslie Byrd

Administrative Assistant for Congregational Care:

Betty Hester

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Jamie Roucloux

Choir /Praise & Worship Leader: Cameron Roucloux

Youth Minister: Joey Gresham

Family & Children's Minister: Christin Ivey

Nursery Coordinator: Destany Oliver

Building Superintendent: Kirby Bush

Custodian: Edward Mendoza

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

## Pastor's Perspective

Summer is winding down and all eyes are focused now on September. People are getting ready for back to school and back to the rhythm of the school year. Many are working in that final vacation or weekend trip. The beauty of summer is that people take the opportunity to spend quality time together as family. God gives us the gift of family and we are called to be good stewards of that gift. This includes our church family.

There are people in our church family, like Bill and Russell in room 26, who are key in faith formation of 4th and 5th grade students. People like Joey, Amber, Marcus, Alyssa, Bridger and Kate, who shape the hearts, minds and souls for Christ of youth in 6th-12th grades. A whole team of teachers alongside Christin and Destany, who help children from nursery to 3rd grade understand the Bible stories and then apply what they learn at church to everyday life.

The gift of Christ's church is that the church offers insight and wisdom for navigating life in the name of Jesus. People of all ages interact together, support one another and share their faith stories every single week. We are called to be good stewards of this family also. That means that we commit to one another just like we commit to thousands of other things each week. We make our faith a top priority and actively choose to grow in our faith so that we can grow stronger in every other area of our life. Faith in Christ IS the hinge-pin of all areas of life. As your pastor, I invite you to join me as we renew our covenant to walk closely with Christ and gather as a faith community to learn and grow together. Let us focus our eyes on putting our faith first in this new school year – which will indeed change the world around us.

Proud to be your pastor,  
Rev. Leslie Byrd

# News and Notes

## Have You Tried Text Giving?

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 helps people continue in their faithfulness to God's glory. To give it a try:

- Text a donation amount to (254)739-6828
- Click the link that will be texted back to you and fill out your information on the secure site
- Enter your payment information and click process donation

For more information, please visit our website or contact Jamie Roucloux, Administrative Assistant of Finance and Communications.



## The Dedication Service of Phase 2 Ministry Activity Center *Sunday, August 19 at 11 am*

We will come together in ONE WORSHIP SERVICE on August 19th to conclude our sermon series and then move into the dedication to God of our Ministry Activity Center. This is a day of celebrating the vision God has completed through the hands, feet and hearts of the people of Troy UMC. We will be dedicating back to God the space we have worked in so many ways to complete for His use and purposes. We want everyone to come and be a part of this great day! Bishop Mike Lowry will be with us in worship and will be preaching for us. Our District Superintendent Brad Brittain will also be with us. We will have a covered-dish luncheon in the gymnasium space immediately following the dedication service. Children, youth and adults will be helping with this special day!

## Back To School *Sunday, August 26*

Before the school year begins we would like to have a blessing of the students and their backpacks, teachers and administration. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks, or lunchboxes if in preschool, and we will start off the school year with our blessings and prayers at BOTH services.



## Community Open-House *Wednesday, August 22 from 6-8 pm*

We want to share this great gift to the glory of God with the entire Troy community. We will be inviting people to come and tour the facilities and just enjoy a time of mingling and fellowship. This means that we will need to clean, tidy-up, and organize all areas of the church. We are asking LYFE groups, small groups, and staff to help with this task. If you use an area, could you please clean, organize, and purge those things no longer needed to the garage sale barn, by August 15th, so the building will be welcoming for our August 19th Celebration/Dedication and the August 22nd Open House.



## 4th Annual Worship Beyond the Walls *Sunday, August 12 at 8:30 am*

Get out your jeans or capris, tennis shoes, and church T-shirts and let's gather up our tools and "can do" spirit as we head out into the community to show the love of Christ through small projects. We will gather at the church to sing, pray and have a short devotion, then we will disperse, "Bringing our BEST to the community!" It is a Sunday to put into action what we talk about every single Sunday – serving Christ in the world around us!! So, don't miss out on this special day of faith and fellowship.



# Ministry Corner

## Summer Slump

While our attendance continues to break through the 150-barrier and we experience new people worshipping with us, our giving back to God has experienced the "summer slump". Don't forget that we now have online and text giving as options to help you remain current in your gifts, your tithe, or your offerings; giving back to God out of the many blessings God has given you. For more information on either of these quick, easy and simple ways for giving, contact Jamie Roucloux, in the church office. Jamie is available noon-5:00 Monday-Thursday each week to answer your questions and walk you through the process.



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

## Stephen Ministries

Stephen Ministries was founded based on the example of Stephen in Acts 6:1-7. In this passage the 12 disciples recognize that they need to set others apart to do other things in the name of Christ while they go and preach his word. In this case they set apart Stephen and 6 others to care for those who could not care for themselves, namely the widows. Some members of our congregation have agreed to care for others by walking beside someone through life's difficult circumstances. These members have become Stephen Ministers and are highly trained to care for others.

They are doing as Paul tells us in Galatians 6:2, that we are to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ". I know that there are people in our church and our community who carry heavy burdens, some of which we may never know about. But all could use the relief of someone to walk alongside them. In the past year I have come to see that there is another side to what Paul is saying in Galatians, though Paul does not state it straight out. The other side is that for someone to help carry our burdens we have to allow them to take it from us. We have to be aware and honest that we need help. Somewhere along the way we have become a society of independent people who pick ourselves up by our boot straps and try and handle things alone. I would guess that most of us, myself included, would more easily reach out to help someone else than to accept help when we have something going on.

May through June of 2017 I found out that I could not "do it" on my own. From a cancer diagnosis to the death of my mother, life got more and more difficult. I kept hearing myself say I'm fine because I did not want to "bother anyone". Thankfully I had so many people that ignored my "I'm fine" and took so many of the burdens off my shoulders in acts big and small, that I was able to see God's love and care in very real ways. If I had not allowed them to help me I would have missed the blessings that God was sending to me and stolen the blessings that God was giving to those who helped me. I find that God often sends people to show us his love and care....we have to be willing to accept it.

Where are you struggling??? Where are your friends and family members struggling???? How can we as brothers and sisters of the faith help carry your and their burdens? Consider a Stephen Minister to walk with you or someone you know and receive some relief as your load is lightened. For more information please see me or Pastor Leslie. Stephen Ministry is 100% confidential.  
- ShaShawna Bush

## Women's Retreat

Registration for our annual Women's Retreat is now open! On Saturday, September 15 from 8 am - 4 pm, we will be hosting our annual Women's Retreat. Our theme will be "Poured Out". We will be looking at ways that we, as women, can be poured into by God so that we can then pour into others' lives around us to make a difference in this world. We hope you'll join us for the day filled with fellowship, worship, teaching, and hands on experiences! To register, visit [troymethodist.org/womens-retreat](http://troymethodist.org/womens-retreat) and register online or pick up a form on Sunday morning at the welcome desk. Turn it in with payment to ShaShawna Bush or the church office. The cost for this event is \$30 if you register in the month of August or \$40 if you register September 1 through the day of the retreat. Register early to save a little money! You can also order a retreat t-shirt for an additional \$12!



## Women's Retreat 2018



## August Birthdays

- 2 Tracie Tedrow, Glenn Webb
- 4 Patti Ross
- 6 Bailey Wormstadt
- 7 Lori Roessler
- 8 Susan Maedgen
- 9 Shelley Martinez
- 10 David Holmes
- 11 James Neal
- 13 Mike Mercer, Rodney Tedrow
- 15 Paula Thrift, Ronnie Porter
- 16 Rob Jolliff
- 19 Paul Gibson
- 20 Shirley Smith, Emily Roessler
- 22 Cindy Havard, Harper Jarma
- 25 James Oliver
- 26 Jason Lambert
- 30 Phyllis Lynch
- 31 Tracey Holmes

## August Anniversaries

- 5 Paul & Anne Gibson
- 9 Rob & Michelle Jolliff
- 10 Gaylon & Christin Ivey
- 18 Tooter & Susan Creech
- Seth & Amanda Rurup
- 21 Clinton & Oneta Taylor
- 22 Bridger & Kate Bush
- 25 J.R. & Melody Ledger

## Memorials & Honorariums

In honor of Harriet Prinz new brass candlesticks have been given by Kellie Johnson

In memory of Randy Reinach by Tooter & Susan Creech, Katherine Maedgen, Richard & Betty Hester, Barbara Thompson, Charlie & Janice Porter

In memory of Glenn Craig by Richard & Betty Hester

In memory of Thomas Myers by Mike & Nancy Mercer, Richard & Betty Hester, Larry & Sarah Stewart, Charlie & Janice Porter

In memory of Jess Nickerson by Larry & Sarah Stewart, Richard & Betty Hester

In memory of Barbara Savage by Richard & Betty Hester

In memory of Rita Remmy by Richard & Betty Hester

In memory of Diane Killingsworth by Richard & Betty Hester

## Thank Yous!

Dear church family, A sincere thank you to Pastor Leslie for being with us and praying for me before surgery. Thank you to our church family for prayers, cards, food and concern. I am recovering and so appreciate each of you.

Blessings, Janice Porter

A huge shout out of appreciation, love for, and thanks to Joey and Amber for heading up the Summer Youth Mission trip and the many ways in which they bless the youth of this church, and to Christin for her tireless and faithful work to make our Vacation Bible School a tremendous success each year. There are many moving parts to both of these key events in the life of Troy UMC – so please join both the SPR and me in thanking each of them!

Pastor Leslie