

Troy United Methodist Church

Heartbeat

November 2018

Bringing our BEST to the Community!

TROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

As the kids were growing up, we tried to make sure we ate dinner together each weeknight. It was not always easy, and we often might do that with a picnic at the ballpark or meet up at CiCi's pizza after dance class (I didn't say we necessarily ate the healthiest every meal), or dinner would be at 8:00 at night (again, not the healthiest choice) but what mattered was that we made sure to connect each day – all in one place whether it was over peanut butter sandwiches or pizza. At mealtime each person around the table would share their "bad thing" and "good thing" for the day.

It was always the highlight of the day to hear where each of us were challenged and how we saw God at work in our day. It gave us the opportunity to realize God is always with us. This amazing God loves us so much that God refuses to leave us helpless and hopeless. I cannot tell you how many times I was so thankful to hear how God showed up and loved us through the moments that were challenging as well as the moments that made us smile. I think that is what it means to be thankful for the blessings from God.

November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. What are you thankful for? Why are you thankful for that thing named? How do you show your thankfulness to God? My prayer is that as you sit down to the Thanksgiving Table – or any table, any night of the week – that you will take a moment to pause, take a deep breath, lift up a prayer and a smile and tell God, "Thank you" for the people and the moments in your life that remind you how much you are loved by Him.

Proud to be your pastor,
Rev. Leslie Byrd

News and Notes

All Saints Sunday

November 4th we will celebrate "All Saints Sunday". All Saints Day is celebrated every year on the Sunday around November first. It is a day which commemorates all the saints of the church who have gone on to life eternal during the past year. It began its celebration during this time of the year in the early 700's. The Greek word, "saints" means "those who are set apart; holy." We have such a great cloud of witnesses who in each generation have handed down the faith to the next generation and we wish to celebrate their lives and remember the ways in which they gave of themselves for others. We invite you to honor a loved one who has passed on to life eternal since last November by the lighting of a candle during our time of worship. These names will be read aloud, and a candle lit by a family member or one of our Stephen Ministers – whichever you prefer.

Health and Wellness Ministry

One of the new ministries that Troy UMC is brainstorming ways to launch is a "Health and Wellness" Ministry. We have many ideas – and we would love to hear yours. Please email Rev. Leslie Byrd (leslieb713@yahoo.com) with your idea for ways God may be guiding us to live out this ministry. In the meantime, to start us off, we are planning to start in January with a simple indoor walking and stretching program two times a month. It will include a devotional, a way to track your progress, incentives, bottled water and over time evolve into more in-depth ways to build relationships with those in the community. This walking program will be for older adults (45+) who do not work and have time available during the day. Watch the newsletter and the church website for more details and share your creative ideas for health and wellness with us.

Spiritual Stretching

Join Jana Letbetter on Tuesday mornings at 8 am in the MAC as she leads in a time of stretching and renewing your body while listening to a devotion or Christian music. The art of stretching your body is a way of taking care of your physical self so that you're better equipped to serve others around you. The class is by donation and all donations will go directly toward special church ministries such as Snack Buddies.

SCRIP Program

Do you know about the SCRIP Program at TUMC? SCRIP allows us as a church to purchase giftcards from many different retail stores at a discounted rate. We sell those cards at face value to those in the congregation and are able to make a small percentage of profit to benefit the church. To utilize this program, it takes a little bit of planning but if it's money you plan to spend anyway, what a great way to honor the church by using SCRIP cards! To see a list of the stores for which we can get cards, see the list on the church kitchen bulletin board. For more info or to purchase SCRIP cards, see Gaylon Ivey on Sunday mornings or stop by the church office during the week.

Fundraiser for Megan Miller

Megan Miller is a 33 year old single mother of a 5 year old son, Rowdy. She is a member of our congregation and has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will have a double mastectomy in the coming weeks and almost immediately after will begin chemo. We are raising funds to help defray the medical expenses linked to Megan's recent diagnosis including surgery and chemo treatments. We will offer a BBQ Sandwich lunch to eat in or order carry out on November 4. Carry out meals will be available beginning at 9:45 am and at 11 pm for sit down. The meal is by donation with a \$5 minimum per meal. Lunch includes a BBQ Sandwich and chips. Tea, soft drinks, bottled water, and individual desserts will be available for an additional donation. There will be a bake sale where you can purchase whole cakes and pies to take home to benefit this cause as well. All this is a wonderful expression of Christ's love as we support this young single mother and her son. Everyone is invited!

Youth Scavenger Hunt

The youth will once again be doing the Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt to provide meals for the needy on November 11 from 4-7 pm. If you would like to donate a frozen turkey or ham please talk to one of the youth or me. This is an amazing outreach to the community, and the recipients are very thankful! I ask that you pray for both the youth collecting/delivering, and also the people receiving the dinner boxes! Thank you all for always supporting our youth and their projects!

In Christ
Joey

Ministry Corner



Honoring our BEST at Wednesday's BEST

Wednesdays are still busy at the church! There is youth every week, Bible Study each semester, staff meetings once a month, Praise Team practice each week, Emmaus groups that meet, and a handful of short-term events. However, our Wednesday Nite Live has transformed to be held on the first Wednesday of the month and we call it, "WEDNESDAY'S BEST". In November we are hosting a "Honoring Our BEST" Veterans Day Dinner and program. The dinner will be a Thanksgiving dinner with chicken and dressing, vegetables, rolls and dessert. There will be speakers and an opportunity for all ages to help with our "Mission of Encouraging Words" letters to those military actively serving from our area. The meal is free, but we are taking donations to mail the letters and to give a love offering to the annual Camo Santa Toy Drive for Military Families hosted by HEB and Channel 6. We ask for reservations just so we can plan the food accordingly, but all are welcome and invited. Tell your friends!

Children's Christmas Program

The annual Children's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 9 at 5 pm. All children through 5th grade are encouraged to participate in this annual event where they get to witness to others about the birth of Jesus. Jayci Coleman will be directing the program. Please watch the notepad and website for more information regarding auditions and practices.

For the month of November, we will be practicing for the Christmas program on Sunday mornings during the LYFE group hour. Not every child with a part will practice every Sunday and we will do our best to let you know which Sundays which children are needed. Children not practicing on a particular Sunday are highly encouraged to attend their age level LYFE group. Notes with changes or needs will be sent home via your child as needed. For questions or clarification, please see Jayci Coleman, Christmas Program Director or Christin Ivey, Family & Children's Minister.



Stephen Ministry

STEPHEN
MINISTRY

We will be commissioning our new class of Stephen Ministers on November 18th! I am so excited as I watch God grow this ministry that I am so passionate about. New Stephen Ministers means more space to reach those who are burdened and need support. As the holidays approach we all need to be mindful that for many the holidays are sometimes the hardest part of the year. Those who are lonely, hurting, or missing a loved one can find these burdens even heavier as they face days that for some are full of family, traditions, and joy.

With that in mind, Stephen Ministers will be participating in this year's All Saints Sunday on November 4th. Each candle represents a loss, a hurt, and for some a burden in the last 12 months. If you are having a candle lit for your loved one our thoughts and prayers are with you. If you are not lighting a candle this year please keep those who are in your prayers. Give them a hug or smile to remind them that they are not alone.

If you are feeling alone, tired, over burdened or the upcoming holidays are hard for you please reach out to Pastor Leslie or myself and let us connect you with a Stephen Minister.

ShaShawna Bush
Stephen Leader



November Birthdays

- 2 Joey Gresham
- 4 Glen Thompson
- 5 Tamryn Medrano
- 6 Gunnar Huffman
- 7 Melissa Vaculin
- 8 Trisha Hart
- 11 Allie Maedgen, Angel Martinez
- 14 Karen Machalek, Megan Mosley-Mick
- 15 Jessica Stermer
- 16 Michael Lindberg, Gracin Ivey
- 17 Peyton Crawford, Henry Gersbach
- 18 Jake Roberts
- 19 Shannon Willis, Melissa Alverson
- 23 Evelyn Gover, Rowdy DeLeon
- 24 John Byrd, Kylee Ecker
- 25 Eva Marie Trantum
- 26 Charles Beechem, Christie Richter
- 27 Jamie Roucloux
- 30 Donna Allison

Memorials & Honorariums

In memory of Margaret Willson by
David & Nancy Holmes, Scott & Denise Whitley,
Lynn & Matlyn Webb

In memory of Minnie Lancaster by Larry & Sarah Stewart,
Katherine Maedgen, Tooter & Susan Creech,
David & Carolyn Walston, Charlie & Janice Porter

November Anniversaries

- 14 Terry & Shelley Martinez
- 22 Jeff & Erin Sims
- 29 Gary & Lori Roessler