

Troy United Methodist Church

Heartbeat

September 2018

Bringing our BEST to the Community!

TROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship, Sunday Classes & Offices

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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

Dedication Sunday, August 19th, was a day of rejoicing. Psalm 100 says it best: "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." I felt this Psalm in the depths of my soul on Sunday.

It was truly a day of rejoicing. God has placed before us a vision to reach beyond the walls. Now that we have finished Phase 2, we are being called to continue to live into God's vision. While we seek to be a church "Bringing our BEST (Building relationships, Equipping disciples, Spreading Christ's love and Transforming the world) to the Community," we should first and foremost be a church that is bringing our very best to God. That means we work together as one body for the glory of God. Part of living into God's vision for this church is that we continue to grow physically, spiritually, and mentally.

As I looked out across the room on Sunday, and saw two families who have expressed a desire to join as soon as possible, I realized that our living into Christ's command to go and make disciples means that we will continue to change in size over the years – and that is how we glorify Christ's love and sacrifice for us. There are so many in our part of the world who do not yet know of a personal relationship with Jesus. We are called to introduce them to Jesus through our caring, our support, our invitations, and this church family. Yes, it will mean we do not know everyone. But, by creating and becoming a part of small groups within the church, we can help everyone find their nucleus of "family" and that family will grow and walk in the faith and take care of one another.

Just because we are not in a building phase, does not mean we become complacent. For if we become complacent, we will become a dying church. A church that is thriving, and on the move, is always looking down the road to where God is leading – and God is leading us to be a "beacon of light" in this part of Texas! So, let us shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth and be a faithful witness throughout the generations that have been and the generations that are to come.

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.

Covenant Bible Study

Covenant Bible Study returns Tuesday, September 25. If you would like to be a part of Part 3 of this study, we have 6 spots available. Classes are held on Tuesday morning, Tuesday night or Wednesday night. Contact Pastor Leslie for more information.

39 Days Until Fall Festival

Where will you offer your hands and feet to serve? This is a church-wide event. We need everyone to make the festival a success and allow servanthood to be spread among the body of believers. This event is vital to the missions and ministry of this church and allows us to focus on missions and ministry all year long! The Fall Festival is a time to give back to God through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness, the 5 things we say "yes" to when we join this community of faith. Begin now looking for ways to offer your hands and feet – and watch our church's Facebook page for more specific ways you can bring items to donate for the festival. For a list of specific areas to serve, contact Kirby Bush, Fall Festival Chair, or Pastor Leslie.

Women's Walk To Emmaus

The next Women's Walk to Emmaus Retreat is Thursday night, October 11th through Sunday afternoon, October 14th. We still have some spots available for pilgrims. If you wish to know more about the Walk, see Cindy Havard, Lay Leader of this walk, for information.

New Worship Band

We are sad to see Nick (bassist) and Chase (drummer) leave us to go to college but we're very excited to have all new musicians in our worship band for our contemporary service this school year! We hope you'll welcome Cydney (vocalist) and Rueben (pianist) from UMHB, Adrian (drummer) from Temple High School, and Jill Ross (bassist) from our own congregation. These folks along with our faithful vocalists, Ellen, Amber, and Gary, make up our worship band and we are so blessed by all of their talents and their willingness to use them.

WEDNESDAY'S BEST AT TROY UMC

Join us this fall for Wednesday BEST with Troy United Methodist Church! The first Wednesday of each month we will be hosting an event for our church community as well as the community of Troy around us! Each month will look a little different but is sure to be a blast! Mark your calendars for the following dates and be sure to check the TUMC Facebook page for more detailed info for each month.

Back to School Bash

September 5, 5:30-7 pm
Trojan Park

Obstacles to Walking with Christ

October 3, 5:30-7 pm
Trojan Park

Bring a Veteran to Dinner

November 7, 5:30-7
Troy UMC MAC

Back to Bethlehem

December 12, 5:30-7
Troy UMC MAC

Ministry Corner



Women's Retreat 2018

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 and register online or pick up a form on Sunday morning at the welcome desk and 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 in September (up until 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 Needs

The Women's Council is looking for perfume bottles of all sizes, colors, and shapes to be used as decorations at the retreat. They can be empty, full, or in between. They will be returned to their owners after the retreat. If you have any bottles that you'd be willing to lend, please contact Trisha Hart or ShaShawna Bush. We ask that you put your name on the bottom of each bottle so that we can return them safely to you!

Harvest Fun Night

Mark your calendars for Harvest Fun Night on Sunday, October 28. More information will be in next month's newsletter and on the website. Christin is in need of volunteers to help with each of the booths, crowd control, set up and clean up. Please let her know if you're able to give of some of your time for the community wide outreach event.

Children's Bible Camp

Bible Camp is quickly approaching! Go online and register your 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader for this amazing camp at <http://glenlakecamp.com/biblecamp/>. Adults who are MinistrySafe approved or are willing to complete the MinistrySafe approval process are welcome to attend as well. You can register online for the Bible Camp and then notify Betty Hester in the church office (938-2364) for a MinistrySafe application. If you have any questions about the Bible Camp please contact Christin Ivey at TroyUMCKids@sbcglobal.net

GLEN LAKE CAMP PRESENTS
BIBLE CAMP
SEPTEMBER 14-15 2018
FEATURING 

First year attendees: 3rd & 4th Graders
Bible Discovery

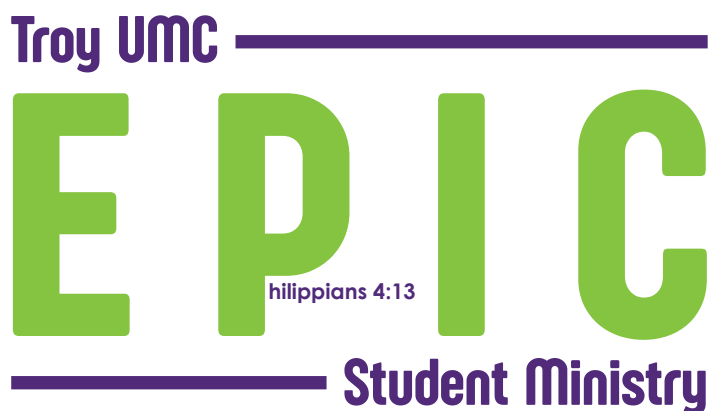
Second year Attendees: 4th & 5th Graders
Bible Exploration

For all Campers:
Swimming
Games
Worship

Registration opens June 1st
\$45
To register:
www.glenlake.org/biblecamp
or for more information call
254-897-2247

UMW Holy Land Presentation

If you would like to come and see and hear about the trip BJ Finch and Pastor Leslie took to the Holy Land this past March, join us Monday, September 17 at 6 pm at the church. You will see pictures, hear stories and enjoy fellowship together.



EPIC Student Ministry

Hey Everyone! It's been a busy, but awesome summer. As school starts up again there are lots of events that are on the calendar, and excitement with the new youth room. If you haven't had a chance to come check it out, you should. It's pretty amazing!

I'd like to thank a few people for all their work on the room. I hope I don't forget anyone. If I do please forgive me.

James, Christie, Morgan and Sydney Richter. Thank you for all the things you have done to make the room great!

Kirby Bush- Thank you for building the stage it looks great!

Tim Kirkscey- Thank you for your hard work on the stage backdrops!

Tommy, Jennifer, Addie, and Cooper Valle. Thank you for helping assemble everything and a special thanks to Addie for the amazing artwork!

Amber Gresham- Thank you for helping assemble the room!

Ellen Huffman- Thanks you for the EPIC letters that are on the wall

UMW- Thank you for the donated TVs. They look amazing and were a huge hit!

If I have forgotten anyone please know you are truly appreciated. This crazy wonderful adventure has left my mind blown!

EPIC Student Ministry Calendar

September 1st - Lock-In - 7 pm (change of time) until 9:30 am Sunday morning. We will have fun and games at the church to kick off the new school year with a bang! We will have laser tag, archery tag, movies, and more. Cost per student is \$10.

Sept. 2nd - No Youth - to recover from Lock-In

Sept. 5th - Wednesday's BEST - community event at Troy Park. We will have inflatables, hotdogs, archery tag, and a great time interacting with the community. Invite everyone you know. Young and old alike. Let's make this event a huge success!

Sept. 9th - Bible Study and Games at Church 5-7 pm

Sept 12th - E.P.I.C. - Wednesday Night for Youth at Church 5-7 pm (meal provided: suggested donation \$3)

Sept. 16th - Bible Study and Games at Church 5-7 pm

Sept. 19th - Open Gym - come out and play some basketball or volleyball with the youth. (meal provided: suggested donation \$3)

Sept. 23rd - Color Wars - This will be a fun paint filled event from 5-7 pm. Wear a white shirt and clothes that you don't mind getting a little paint on. There will be games followed by a message.

Sept. 26th - See You at The Pole - Student led prayer gathering at the flagpoles at each school. Start time will be 7:20 am (donuts and juice will be provided)

Sept. 26th - E.P.I.C. - Wednesday Night for Youth at Church 5-7 pm (meal provided: suggested donation \$3)

Sept. 30th - Bible Study and Games at Church 5-7 pm



September Birthdays

- 2 Anna Birdsell Lee
- 5 Sue Williams, Mark Roessler
- 7 Anne Gibson, Courtney Ledger
- 9 Lana Rondeau
- 12 Wade Knight
- 15 Becky Coufal
- 16 Minnie Knepp, Jackie Lewis
- 17 Anne Carole Redden, Bryson Lambert,
Mason Lambert
- 18 Sherri Valenta, ShaShawna Bush
- 19 James Richter
- 20 Grace Allison, Abby Rurup
- 22 Gigi Thompson, Michael Patterson
- 24 Stephen Gragg
- 25 Joyce Reinhardt, Kate Bush, Danny Blackler
- 27 Jacob Klingler, Reed Ketcham
- 28 Jack Hobday, Jean Machalek, Chance Mosely
- 30 Misty Lambert

September Anniversaries

- 15 Tim & Stacy Bastin
- 17 Ronnie & Melissa Vaculin

Memorials & Honorariums

In memory of Jess Nickerson by Katherine Maedgen

In memory of Diane Killingsworth by
Larry & Sarah Stewart, Katherine Maedgen,
Barbara Thompson

In memory of John Gordon Moore by
Charles (Chuck) Moore

In memory of Barbara Savage by Katherine Maedgen

In memory of Dan Meacham by Katherine Maedgen

In memory of William Joe Pitts by Katherine Maedgen

Thank Yous!

The family of Winston Sullivan acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you so much for the memorial.

Sincerely,
Judy, Marlon and Jina

Special Announcement!

There will be a gender reveal for Amber and Joey Gresham during the Sunday school hour on Sunday, September 16 at 10 am. We can't wait to find out if they will be having a little boy or little girl! Call or text Amber by September 1 to RSVP (254) 652-6015.