

Troy United Methodist Church

Heartbeat

February 2019

Bringing our BEST to the Community!

TROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Family & Children's Minister: Christin Ivey

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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

Stewardship is one of the things the Bible talks about. Since Genesis, we have been commanded to be good stewards of the earth and everything within. In Genesis, we are introduced to the tithe (a tenth) when Abraham and Jacob give a tenth of everything they have to the Lord. Leviticus reminds us of the command to give a tithe back to God. In Numbers, even the priests were commanded to give from the tithes they received, a tenth back to God. Nehemiah reminded the people of their responsibility to restore the tithe to God as they rebuilt the temple wall. Malachi rebukes the people for not entrusting to God the tithe, and with his rebuke comes God's promise if we do tithe. Romans reminds us that faith is about following God and God's Word. So, as we can see Stewardship was no secret.

Giving to God and "money" is mentioned over 800 times in the Bible! God knew money would be something we would hold tightly to and place a lot of importance on. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:21, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Ouch. This means that if my heart truly treasures my walk with God, then my giving to God's ministries should reflect that. For many years, I had this backwards. Since moving slowly towards the tithe in my 20's, and then tithing 10% from the age of 30 until now, I have experienced Malachi's words about God's promise. I have seen God's provision multiplied over and over.

In February each year, the church prays for how we can be good stewards. I invite you to join me, as the Finance Team plans for our 2019 budget, to pray about your place in tithing your "first fruits", followed by offering "second-mile" fruitfulness, and third, those occasional gifts to certain areas that make your heart sing. While the tithe is always first, our tithes, offerings and gifts are important to God and to His Holy Church. May our prayers and all our gifts be pleasing to the Lord.

Proud to be your Pastor,
Leslie

Ministry Corner

Cross Gen Ministries

Cross generational ministries, or Cross Gen, is part of faith formation across generations that utilizes intentionality to specifically focus on building life-giving relationships between members of different generations.

While you will still see things like Children and Families Ministry, Cross Gen will be incorporated into some of these events as well as have events all their own. Children's ministries will be geared toward children's faith development, Family Ministries will have a focus on parents/grandparents (or other primary caregivers) to children and youth but is NOT exclusionary. Cross Gen will encompass relationship building with both the familial and church family relationships across generations.

As parents of middle schoolers and elementary age children ourselves, ShaShawna and I see and know the benefit of these intergenerational relationships not only for our children, but for our family and ourselves as individuals wearing the multitude of hats that so many adults wear.

So, be on the lookout for more information and events that encompass intentional, cross generational learning, loving, and living!

- Christin Ivey

Acolyte and Parent RE-Training & Training

On Sunday, February 10 from 9:50-10:40 am, Christin will hold an Acolyte Training and Re-Training session.

Acolytes are an integral part of worship. They help begin worship by symbolically bringing in the light of Christ and are a visual reminder to quiet ourselves and turn our hearts toward a time of reflection and reverence as we begin worship. At the end of the worship service, they again symbolically carry the light of Christ out of the worship area into the world as a reminder that it is out into the world that we should carry His light.

ALL children who are currently in Kindergarten or above will be asked to complete this training in order to

begin or to continue to be utilized as an acolyte. Other than being in at least Kindergarten, there is no age limit on who can be an acolyte.

Registration for Acolyte RE-training and Training will be completed in the gym during the same time as LYFE Group sign in on February 10. The training will be conducted during the LYFE Group hour. At least one parent (or adult who brings them to services regularly) will need to be in attendance during the training in order to learn about the process, the procedure, and the promise of being in service as an acolyte.

VBS Construction Team

Vacation Bible School decor is an integral part of the immersive experience for the children who attend VBS. We are in need of a willing group of people who can work to create, paint, glue, cut, and imagine!

No previous construction or art experience necessary. Must be willing to meet with the rest of the team to accomplish tasks designated by the Team Leader, Christie Richter. Construction times will likely be on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7 pm. We NEED everyone's time and talents for this project!!

JOY Ministry Dinner at Oscar's

Join us for food and fellowship February 16 at 6 pm at Oscar Store for dinner. Please let Cindy know by Tuesday, February 12 if you will be joining us so she can reserve a table. Also let her know if you need transportation.

JOY Tour of Walker Honey Farm

We will meet at the church at 9 am on March 2 to load the bus for a tour of Walker Honey Farm. Following the tour we will travel to Belton to have lunch at Miller's BBQ. We encourage you to bring a friend or grandkids. Cost for the tour is \$5 for those aged 18+, \$2 for ages 13-17 and free for 12 and under. We are also requesting an additional \$2 each for transportation. Please register and pay for the tour and transportation by February 27. You can register and pay on line or by contacting the church office or Cindy Havard (254-721-8512).

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Children's Ministry Save the Dates

Children's Ministry works hard throughout the year to provide quality faith experiences and learning for children from birth through 5th grade. Some of the events currently scheduled for this year are:

February 10 - Acolyte and Parent Training and RE-training

April 14 - children will participate in the waving of the palms during both services on Palm Sunday

April 20 - 11-1 Easter Eggstravaganza

May 5 - Children's Sunday (children will coordinate and lead both worship services)

June 2 - Promotion Sunday - children will be promoted into the next LYFE Group according to grade levels

July 20 - VBS decorating event...NEED ADULT HELP

July 28 through August 1 - Vacation Bible School "ROAR" from 5:30-8 pm
Be watching for volunteer sign ups soon!

August 4 - VBS Sunday in worship and Church Family Pool Party in the evening

October 27 - Harvest Fun Night 5:30-7 pm

December 15 - Children's Christmas Program at 5:30 pm

Women's Ministry

Troy United Methodist Church's Women's Ministry was started to support women of all generations and stages of life while bringing them into conversation and relationship with each other. My belief is that God made women to be in relationship with other women so that we can learn from each other and grow to give our BEST to God, our families, and our communities. Look at Ruth and Naomi's relationship in the Bible for an example of the relationships I would love to see built here at Troy United Methodist Church. The Women's Council will be meeting soon to start planning what events and activities will be offered this year and we would love to hear your suggestions and ideas. If you would like to join the Women's Council to help plan these events please get with ShaShawna soon.



Also, save the dates for the following events already on the calendar and keep an eye out for more details and additional ways to connect to other women in our church.

Ladies Luncheon - 5/5 at 12:15 pm

Women's Retreat - 9/21 from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm

ShaShawna Bush

Volunteer Director of Women's Ministry



STEPHEN Stephen Ministry
MINISTRY

In addition to the cold weather outside, many people experience winters in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, a cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support.

If you are going through a difficult time or know someone who is, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis. To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with either myself or Pastor Leslie. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you! Also, please read this article that talks about how a Stephen Minister helped a person going through a winter in their life.

-ShaShawna Bush



Stephen Ministry *in Action*

Comments shared by people who have received care from a Stephen Minister

The care and support I received from my Stephen Minister was every bit as important to my recovery as the excellent medical care I received from the doctors and nurses. This is truly a life-giving ministry.

Tom

I've heard the phrase "the peace of God that passes all understanding" many times in church. My Stephen Minister has helped me experience that peace in a very real, very heartfelt way.

Anne

I'm so glad I accepted my pastor's offer to match me with a Stephen Minister. I was reluctant at first, but my pastor was right: Having someone I could regularly meet with and talk to really did make a difference.

Tony

Within five minutes of meeting my Stephen Minister, I knew she was right for me. She listens and cares—never judging or criticizing me. She has shown me God's unconditional love, something I had never fully experienced before.

Sarah

When you first hear the word *cancer*, you wonder if you're going to die. My Stephen Minister couldn't fix or change that. But she let me share my fears, anxieties, and concerns with her. I knew I could always count on her—I wasn't alone.

Maria

Life is so chaotic right now that I don't know much for certain. But I do know that my Stephen Minister is there for me and praying for me. And I've also come to realize that (even though I don't always feel it) God is there too and really is at work in my life.

Earl

My Stephen Minister listens—really listens. I never realized how helpful and healing such a simple act can be.

Michelle

My Stephen Minister was there during the darkest of times—patiently listening and trying to understand my pain. Looking back, I can clearly see how my Stephen Minister kept me connected to God when I was falling away.

Nathan

News and Notes



Kids Against Hunger

Save the date! February 24th from 2-4 pm we will host Kids Against Hunger in the MAC (Ministry Activity Center). Churchwide participation is encouraged!



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Save the date! February 17th from 4:30-7:30 pm is the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in the MAC (Ministry Activity Center). Salad, Spaghetti, bread and dessert will be served by donation for families of all sizes. Enjoy a night out and let our fantastic youth wait staff serve you. All proceeds go toward the 2019 summer youth mission trip



Emmaus Gathering

The Emmaus Gathering for February will be at Foundation UMC on Sunday, February 10. Bring a dish to share during the meal at 5 pm followed by worship. This is for anyone that has been on a Walk To Emmaus or is interested in attending a Walk To Emmaus.

Troy UMC

EPIC

Philippians 4:13

Student Ministry

February

3rd - Bible Study and games 5-7 pm
10th - Bible Study and games 5-7 pm
17th - Youth Spaghetti Supper 4:30-7:30 pm
24th - Bowling (Spare Time 2-4 pm)

EPIC Wednesday on the 6th, 13th, and the 20th

March

3rd - Bible Study and games 5-7 pm
10th - Mystery Trip TBA
17th - R.A.K. 4-7 pm
24th - Bible Study and games 5-7 pm
31st - Bible Study and games 5-7 pm

EPIC Wednesday Night on the 20th and 27th skipping Ash Wednesday and Spring Break

February

February Birthdays

- 3 John Coleman
- 4 Susan Neal, M'Lynn Hobbs, Baylee Crawford
- 5 Stacy Bastin, Megan Gersbach, Jennifer Naser
- 6 Pete Rondeau
- 9 Eddie Luna
- 11 Erian Medrano
- 12 Nancy B. Sammons
- 13 C.J. Porter
- 14 Gary Doughty
- 15 Luke Williams
- 16 Avery Gragg
- 17 Jalee Luna
- 18 Erin Sims
- 19 Barbara Thompson
- 21 Tom Ecker, Crystal Gragg, Christin Ivey
- 23 Shirley Ketcham, Mike O'Donnell, Bowyn Jarma
- 25 Jett Coleman
- 27 Amber Gresham

Memorials & Honorariums

- In memory of Frank Thompson by Katherine Maedgen
- In memory of Jamie Dooley by Katherine Maedgen,
Tooter & Susan Creech
- In memory of Barry Goff by Mike & Nancy Mercer,
Tooter & Susan Creech, Tim & Janice Kirkscey
- In memory of Bill Byrd by Gary & Donna Allison,
Tim & Janice Kirkscey
- In memory of Wayne Drummond by Tooter & Susan Creech,
Richard & Betty Hester, Tim & Janice Kirkscey
- In memory of Clinton Taylor by Richard & Betty Hester,
Edgar Childers, Larry & Sarah Stewart,
Mike & Nancy Mercer, Katherine Maedgen,
Tooter & Susan Creech, Tim & Janice Kirkscey,
Russell & Joyce Reinhardt, Robert & Glenda Hargrove,
James & Susan Neal, Pat & Ellen Patterson,
cousins of Clinton Taylor

February Anniversaries

- 10 Jim & Eva Marie Trantum
- 11 Charles & JoAn Beechem
- 15 Joe & Diana Massey
- 18 Nathan & Karen Maedgen
- 23 Russell & Joyce Reinhardt

Thank You's

Thank you to Troy United Methodist Church for the visit during the season of celebrating our Christ's birth. I enjoyed visiting with Andi and Nancy and I am still enjoying the plant and candy. All this was very thoughtful and is appreciated.

In Christ's love,
Frances Graham