

Troy United Methodist Church

Heartbeat

January 2019

Bringing our BEST to the Community!

TROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

In Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers, the Israelites made a very long pilgrimage through the desert. They carried with them the "tent of meeting" where people could go and worship God. For some periods of time they sat in a place for a while, but following the sitting always came the moving forward on their journey toward the Promised Land. We have been in a period of sitting, resting, and just enjoying getting used to new space and worshiping God since we completed Phase 2, the Ministry Activity Center (MAC). We were coming out of a busy time with lots of changes to prepare us for the next phase.

With January, it is now time to pick up the tent and keep moving forward. We have rested, we have acclimated, and we have seen those things put into place work effectively. Now we are called to move forward. Just like the Israelites, we cannot just sit still or become comfortable – that is when churches move into the bell curve of decline. We have been called to move toward the Promised Land and that means being at work in our community and the world around us in ways that bring others to know of Jesus.

See inside the newsletter for a beginning list of those things that people in the church have expressed a real interest in starting - to reach out to others. Like the Israelites, we are called to remain faithful to serving God. Where will you say, "yes" to serving God in an area of promise?

Proud to be your Pastor,
Leslie

News and Notes

God's Vision for Troy UMC in 2019

Several have expressed how they feel we are being called to begin some new ministries that will reach out and meet the needs of this community. Please be in prayer as to where you can help start, serve, and equip with these ministries:

- Indoor Walking Program for the Community – 2 mornings/evenings a week
 - 3 ISD Break Camps – once a month – for children (June, July & November) - seeking a Grant for this extension ministry
 - Spring Area Health Fair – April – a one day event
 - “Back to School Buzz” – school supplies, information, free haircuts, etc. - August
 - United Methodist Men's Group – to begin meeting here
 - Brushstroke of Love – in-town mission project – 2 times a year
 - CTCYM Youth Summer Mission Trip Team hosted here – possibly July
 - Men's Open Volleyball Night – two times a month
- What ideas do you have?



January Sermon Series

It's a jungle out there...

Things, people and situations can cause a stampede. Then...the "animal within" begins to come out. How do you deal with the unexpected? What emotions rise to the surface? Where is Jesus? How do you continue to walk as a Christian? As we begin the new year, we can begin new ways of being and responding to moments in the "forests of life". Join us as we explore temptation, fear, anger and control.

Confirmation Classes to Begin

If you have a young person who is in 5th grade or above, they are eligible for the 2019 Troy United Methodist Church Confirmation Class. These classes help prepare students for accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, learn more about Christianity, and learn about the United Methodist Church. If you are interested in being in this year's class – please contact Pastor Leslie at leslieb713@yahoo.com

Nursing Home Visitation

Would you like to visit some of our shut-ins in nursing homes? Betty has been making these visits and would love for members to accompany her. They normally happen on Tuesdays every 4-6 weeks. The joy on the faces of those visited makes it all worth our time and effort to go. If you would be interested in sharing this ministry, please contact the church office. Along those lines, if you have someone who needs a visit, please let us know that as well.

Ministry Corner

Children Check-In Procedures

Beginning January 6th, Children's L.Y.F.E. Groups will begin transitioning to a new check in procedure. These procedures are in place in order to ensure every child is provided a safe place to learn, love, and worship.

What you will see is that check in will now be done in the MAC (Ministry Activity Center aka the gym). Parents/Guardians must physically bring their child to be signed in and will then leave their child with the Ministry Safe approved adult managing sign ins that morning. All children will be provided an opportunity to eat donuts and participate in a large group activity before moving to their classrooms with their L.Y.F.E. Group leader.

In the coming months, (hopefully by early February) an electronic check in system will be introduced. We know that there will be kinks and glitches as we figure out what works best to ensure our children's physical and faith needs are met. We ask that you be patient with this process and adhere to the designated process as fully as possible. Your constructive feedback is always appreciated so that we can continue to provide our BEST.

Christin will be available each Sunday morning to help answer questions and guide families during this transition process.

Glen Lake Camp Deadline

The deadline to apply for a Glen Lake Summer Camp Scholarship is January 20th (extended deadline from January 6).

If your child wishes to attend Glen Lake Camp this summer and you would like assistance with the cost of the camp, please download and complete the paper registration form and provide to Christin Ivey on or before January 20.

Camp dates are posted on Christin's door, the back wall of the worship center, and a link to dates and registration form are provided on the Troy UMC Kids Facebook page.

Troy UMC

EPIC

Philippians 4:13

Student Ministry

January

6th - Bible Study and games 5-7 pm
13th - Nerf Wars and games 5-7 pm
20th - Bible Study and games 5-7 pm
27th - Bible Study and games 5-7 pm

EPIC Wednesday Nights start back on January 9th from 5:30-7 pm

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

January

January Birthdays

7	June Payne
8	Susan Creech
9	Theresa DeLeon, Peyton Stermer
10	Josh Pausewang
13	Wes Hart
14	Tooter Creech, Billy Hobbs
16	Christina Porter, Hannah Maedgen
17	Bill Ledger, Breanna Medrano, Tony Medrano
18	Terry Cavanaugh
19	Matt Lynch
23	Richard Hester, Brandon Lindberg, Kacie Tedrow
25	Tammy Cavanaugh, Megan Miller, Kylie Allred, Dallas Sanders
27	Billy Joe Ledger, Linda Knight
28	Larry Stewart
30	Sandy Vargas, Bill Maedgen, David Willis

January Anniversaries

7	Michael & Karen Lindberg
13	Kevin & Kellie Johnson
22	Burnell & June Payne

Memorials & Honorariums

In memory of Frank Thompson by Larry & Sarah Stewart

In memory of Bob Vaughn by Larry & Sarah Stewart,
Richard & Betty Hester, Katherine Maedgen
and Troy UMC Quilters

In memory of Bill Byrd by Larry & Sarah Stewart,
Richard & Betty Hester, Katherine Maedgen, and
Troy UMC Quilters

In memory of Celest Helcel's mother and father-in-law by
Troy UMC Quilters

In memory of Tom & Bena Kirkscey by
Tim & Janice Kirkscey

In memory of Jamie Dooley by Richard & Betty Hester

In memory of Lou, Theron and Bill Byrd by
Richard & Julie Payne

In honor of Ricky Sanders' birthday by
Katherine Maedgen

Thank You's

Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.
Thank you so much for all the delicious food you served after Mama's funeral. Your kindness was truly appreciated.
Margaret Willson's Family

Just want to say a "Big Thank You" to my church family for the calls, the texts, the visits, the flowers, the cards, and the food. It means the world to me that each of you took time out of your day to brighten my day! May God bless each of you! Thank you again!
With love & much gratitude,
Diana Massey

Dear Friends at Troy UMC,
I would like to take this time to say thanks for the very nice gift you gave to me for Christmas. I will use it every time it gets cold and every time I use it I will always remember my friends at Troy United Methodist Church. Thanks very much and may God bless each of you always.

Charlie Davis

Dear Church Family,
How blessed I am to be a part of this wonderful church. Your monetary gift at Christmas is sincerely appreciated and will be used wisely. Each of you is a blessing to me and you are loved.

May the new year hold wonderful things for you and your families. I'm looking forward to another year of working in ministry with you.
In His name,
Betty Hester

Thank You TUMC Family!

Your acts of Christian love through your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and food have been greatly appreciated during my surgery and rehab. We are all blessed to have such a caring church family.
Blessings!
Joyce Reinhardt

John and I want to share, from the depths of our hearts, our gratefulness and how thankful we are for the Christmas gift from the congregation. We love you so much and your expression of love for the whole staff means the world! Thankyou again!
John and Leslie Byrd

TUMC Family,
We are blessed beyond belief by your generosity this Christmas! We both speak often of how blessed we are to serve in a church that loves their community and each other and, on top of that, cares so much for their church staff. Thank you for your gifts but more importantly giving us a place to call our church home. Blessings this new year!

Cameron and Jamie Roucloux