

Troy United Methodist Church

Heartbeat

March 2019

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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

"It is finished"

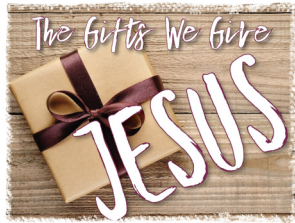
I just finished a six-week study on the book "Traveling the Prayer Paths of Jesus." Those involved in the study commented on how revealing it was at just how much Jesus himself prayed and all the places He modeled prayer for us. In week six, we looked at his prayers on the cross. His final words were, "It is finished." Those are powerful words. They could mean that the suffering and death was completed. It could also mean that the mission God sent Him to earth for was now done. It could also mean that the plan for redemption was complete. It could mean that God's people would once again be reconciled to Him. It could also mean that Jesus had defeated sin and death for us, and our new life was now a reality.

I believe it meant all of these things. Rev. John Indermark, said it best in his book, "As we enter into the season of Lent, it is a season of soul searching and remembering what Christ has done for us. May we remember that in every season of mission and ministry the words, "it is finished" remind us to see Jesus' prayer of completion and accomplishment as a confessional statement, revealing our view of what occurs on the cross. "It is finished" reflects the faith we bring, the God we discern, and the hope we carry in this life. The purposes of God's sending the Beloved have been fulfilled. "It is finished" imposes two disciplines upon us. First, we are called to remain steadfast in our work and ministry until it is done. Second, this prayer seeks a readiness to acknowledge what is completed, accept it, and move on. What was finished on the cross was not the entire work of God but of Jesus' earthly ministry. Likewise, what we "finish" may continue after us, taken up by other hands in different ways, and that is good."

As we enter into Lent, what can we let go of and say, "It is finished" so that we can take hold of the new life that Jesus offers us?

Proud to be your Pastor,
Leslie Byrd

News and Notes



Lent

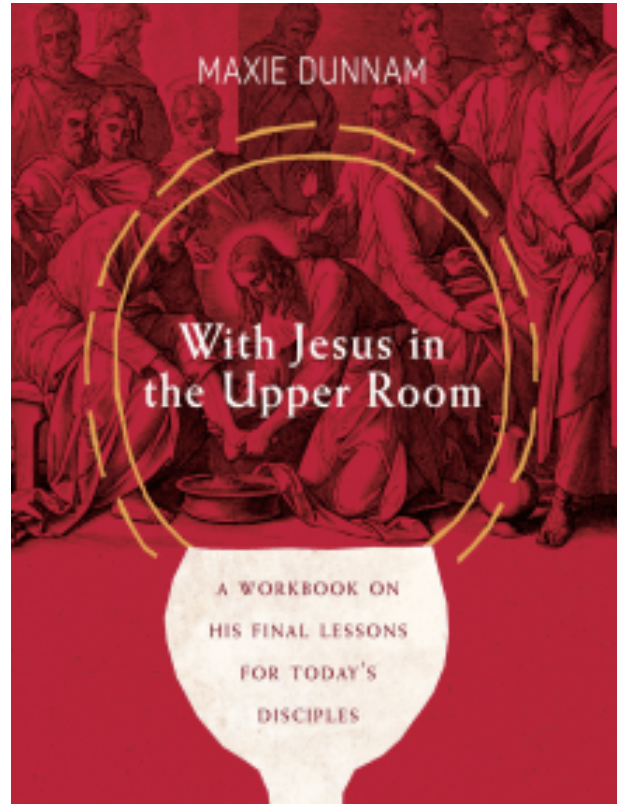
March begins Lent. Wednesday, March 6th, is Ash Wednesday and we begin the season of Lent with our traditional Pancake Supper from 5-5:50 pm and Worship at 6 pm, led by our Confirmation Class. The sermon series for Lent this year is "The Gifts We Give Jesus". It promises to be a time of reflecting on key moments in Jesus' life where He was given a gift that invites us to look deep within at how we give that same gift. The gifts during Holy Week invite us to walk with Jesus the last week of his life.

Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, re-commitment, and a new resolve to walk closer with Christ. It is a period of 40 days (not counting Sundays) in which we choose to "let go" of something that is holding us back from a deeper relationship with God or "take on" something new that will strengthen our faith walk and become a real gift both to Jesus and those around us. What gifts do you offer the Christ? I invite you to commit to being in worship throughout the Lent season to reflect and re-commit.



5th Sunday Brunch Service *Sunday March 31 at 10:50 am*

You are invited to participate in LYFE GROUPS from 9:45-10:45 am and then stay for the 5th Sunday ONE SERVICE on that Sunday, which begins at 10:50 am. We will share a brunch meal together around the table as we worship through song, prayer, witness, and discussion. Continuing our sermon series, "THE GIFTS WE GIVE JESUS" we will focus on some activities for the whole table group promoting fellowship and faith.



New Bible Study Beginning

March 19th – for 7 weeks

Offered at 10 am and 6:30 pm on Tuesdays

The last supper with Jesus was a momentous occasion for the disciples. This was the last intimate time Jesus had with His disciples, and had been called "Jesus' final Discourse." Some biblical scholars refer to it as 'Jesus' Last Will and Testament to His Church.' In this seven-week study, Maxie Dunnam, a United Methodist minister, leads readers through John 13-17 to this most precious legacy of Jesus' teaching, the distillation of His thought and message and what he really wants us to hear. We are His modern friends, to whom He speaks as lovingly as He did to His friends in the Upper Room. His words in the Upper Room were as monumental for his twelve disciples then as they are for His contemporary disciples now. Knowing all of this, will you listen to Him? Join us on Tuesdays beginning March 19th.

A workbook, costing \$16, will be purchased for you. Deadline to sign-up is 3/5/19.

Ministry Corner

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:

April 14 - children will participate in the Waving of the Palm 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

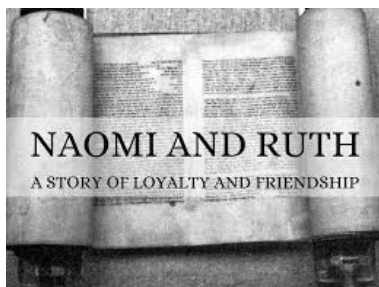
July 20 - VBS decorating event...NEED ADULT HELP

July 28 through August 1 - Vacation Bible School "ROAR" from 5:30-8:00pm 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 5:30-7:00pm

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



Women's Ministry

The Women's Council recently met and our focus for the year in Women's Ministry is looking at Biblical Friendship between women while trying to meet the needs of women feeling isolated. Women of all ages and stages of life have a lot to offer other women such as wisdom, stage of life knowledge, understanding, mentoring, and friendship.

We talked about the relationship of Naomi and Ruth that is found in the bible and the lessons that can be learned from that relationship. I read the following two articles to get a better understanding of these two women's relationship and what biblical relationships should look like:

<https://everydayediths.wordpress.com/2017/08/24/3-lessons-on-friendship-from-ruth-naomi/>

<https://lifehopeandtruth.com/relationships/friendship/six-characteristics-of-biblical-friendship/>

Part of fostering friendship and building relationships is to spend time together. Women's ministry will offer several opportunities throughout the year for girls and women to sit around the table and interact with each other while serving others or learning more about God. We hope you will join us and invite your friends to experience growth in friendship.

ShaShawna Bush
Volunteer Director of Women's Ministry

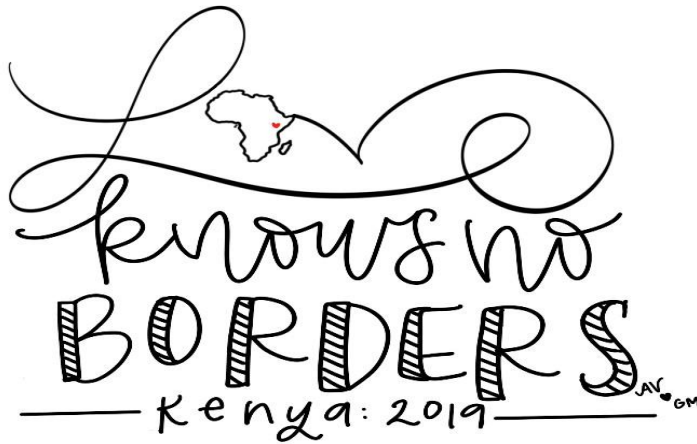


STEPHEN
MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry

An important theme of the upcoming Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it.

So when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, talk to Pastor Leslie or Stephen Leader, ShaShawna Bush. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



BBQ LUNCH & BAKE SALE

MARCH 24TH 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM
TROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Come support four gals from Troy, Texas as they travel to Maua, Kenya to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ this summer. All proceeds will go directly to their work in Kenya to include the Aids Orphan Home project, Maua Methodist Hospital project, and Medical Camps/supplies.

****Will deliver to Central Texas VA, Baylor Scott & White, and McLane's Children's Hospital. To coordinate, call Megan at 254-760-8548.**

\$5 BBQ lunch –
includes chopped
beef sandwich with
the fixins, chips,
and a drink

Bake Sale
(by donation)
LOTS of yummy
homemade items

SILENT AUCTION
Starts at 10:45am
Ends at 1:30pm
***GREAT items!**
Best part – you
don't have to be
present to win



Ministry Corner

Spiritual Stretching

Spiritual Stretching will not meet on March 12th this month. We hope you'll join us the other Tuesdays during this month for a time of rest and restoration at 8:30 am in the MAC.



Emmaus Gathering

The Emmaus Gathering for February will be at Salado UMC on Sunday, March 10th. 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.

JOY Ministry Meeting

Join us Thursday, March 28th at 11 am for information on safety in the home. We will focus on safety issues to be aware of as we and our loved ones age. You will be provided with safety check lists for your home, information on safety with medications, and much more. There will be time to share ideas you may have learned as you helped your aging parents. Also join us for some social time as we enjoy lunch together. The meal will be provided.

Please let the church office or Cindy Havard know by Tuesday, March 26th, if you will join us so that we can plan for the food.

Also please be on the lookout for information about cookie decorating and a trip to see the Painted Churches in Schulenburg next month!

Troy UMC

EPIC

Philippians 4:13

Student Ministry

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

Hey all! Just wanted to thank everyone who helped and supported our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. It was a huge success, and gets us started towards mission trip! This year we hope to have 20 youth and 8 adults to go on the trip July 14th-19th.

If you or a youth have a desire to go please see me or you can sign up at CTCYM.org.

Also thank you to the individual responsible for the blessings throughout the year. They've been a true blessing.

Joey Gresham
Youth Director



March Birthdays

- 4 Katherine Maedgen
- 6 Louise Spohn
- 9 Emily Jolliff
- 10 Shirley Haas, Betty Hester
- 12 Zach Allen
- 15 Darryce Ross, Melissa O'Donnell, Donal Bush
- 17 Manette Fowler, Jana Letbetter, Amber Crawford
- 20 David Coufal
- 21 Brigitte Allen, Adam Roessler, Becca Jolliff
- 22 Joshua Bastin
- 23 Johnny Giebler
- 25 Sean Huffman
- 27 Diana Massey
- 29 Carolyn Walston
- 30 Bret Allen
- 31 Nancy Birdsell, Brady Hart

Memorials & Honorariums

In memory of Clinton Taylor by Bret & Brigitte Allen,
David & Nancy Holmes, Barbara Thompson,
Bob, Bernice and Connie Priddy, Gary L. Taylor,
Cousins of Clinton Taylor, Darryce and Patti Ross

In memory of Wayne Drummond by David & Nancy Holmes,
Katherine Maedgen, Rita Hayes

In memory of Martha Chancey by Tooter & Susan Creech

March Anniversaries

- 7 Glenn & Jennifer Webb
- 14 Cameron & Jamie Roucloux
- 16 Joey & Amber Gresham
- 20 Robert & Megan Mosley-Mick
- 23 Jack & Becky Hobday