

# Troy United Methodist Church

## Heartbeat

April 2019

Bringing our BEST to the Community!

### TROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

"The Business of Church"

Every once in a while, a pastor will hear someone make the statement, "The church isn't a business". Pastors, District Superintendents and Bishops will tell you that the business side of church leadership is biblical. Jesus taught a great deal about money and about how to handle the treasury of the temple, how to oversee helping the poor, how to delegate leadership responsibilities, worship responsibilities, and how to organize volunteers.

This day and time, we add to the mix the following business transactions every month: banking transactions, utility contracts, phone and internet services, insurance liabilities and policies, denominational-required Ministry Safe compliance which involves background checks and training to avoid legal implications and problems. Then there is staffing, workman's compensation, salaries that involve quarterly taxes, accountability to personnel/SPR teams with evaluations, district level paperwork and filings, conference paperwork and filings – and business is very necessary to make sure we are legitimate, fully functioning and in compliance with legal laws. Jesus even said, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." (Matthew 22:21)

So what is the flip side of the business of the church? That is the spiritual side of the church. That is preaching, teaching, caring, Bible study, children and youth ministry, JOY Ministry, lay visitation, mission work locally and globally. The spiritual side is baptisms, weddings and funerals. It is Confirmation, Promotion Sunday, Children's Sabbath, Vacation Bible School. It can be seen in care for others like: Thanksgiving Baskets, Kids Against Hunger, Snack Buddies, Food Pantry, Senior Commodities, Worship Beyond the Walls, Brushstroke of Love, and Back to School Bash. It is lived out through Stephen Ministry, United Methodist Women and Women's Ministry. And it is visible through hospitality moments with parking lot

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greeters, door greeters, secret service angels, ushers, liturgist, media techs, Praise Team, Handbells and Youth Praise Group.

Business is defined as a vocation, calling, field, profession, occupation, position, pursuit; marketing, merchandising, dealings, transactions, negotiations, proceedings - where goods or services are exchanged. The goods here is the Good News and the exchange is hearts transformed. Business is definitely part of the church and has been since the beginning. The way this church has been so successful over the last several pastorates is to balance both the spiritual and the business. As we continue to grow, we have to assess both sides and keep the balance. Sometimes that means looking at God's vision laid out for us and then asking ourselves what is best for the church as a whole.

For instance many thought Ministry Safe was too much business. But, if you turn on the news these days and see the devastation that has happened in the Catholic Church and on a local Baptist University, you are witnessing the legal liabilities and implications of not taking a more active business stance and creating safeguards for children, youth, women, vulnerable adults, staff, and the institution itself. We have had a number of new families comment on how glad they are that we have these systems in place.

"Churches can learn sound operating principles from the business world. And at the same time, keep business in its proper perspective. Judas betrayed Jesus because he put financial concerns ahead of spiritual. The church that ignores the reality of its business side will eventually find itself in trouble legally, financially, or both; the church that overemphasizes its business side will eventually cease to meet the spiritual needs. Between these two extremes is the healthy church whose sound operating principles serve and facilitate its spiritual ministry."

As the church universal stands on the corner of a wonderful opportunity to minister to the world in new and exciting ways to a generation that did not grow up in the church, those who did grow up in the church have much to offer. We will need to offer many doors for which people can enter and get involved, but we have the people here who are about the business of making disciples for Jesus Christ - corporately and spiritually.

Proud to be your Pastor,  
Leslie

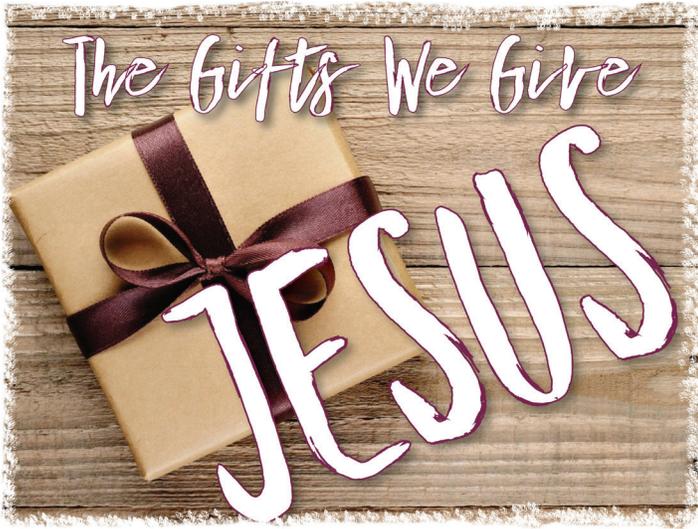
## Pastoral Change

On Sunday, March 31st, the SPR and Leslie announced at the end of the worship service that she has accepted a new appointment by the Bishop and the Cabinet to New World United Methodist Church in north Arlington. When the position at New World became open, the cabinet felt that Leslie had the gifts and talents needed to fill this appointment. Leslie accepted the position and was seated as their incoming pastor to become effective July 1, 2019.

Both John and Leslie are filled with both excitement and grief. Excitement that they will be able to live together every single day after ten years of living apart for a portion of the week. They are excited to be close to their children and immediate family. But most of all they are excited to see what God has in store for them and for New World UMC. They are grieved because they LOVE the people of Troy UMC and have loved serving in Troy for the past five years. Much has been accomplished and the church has moved forward in great positive strides to meet God's vision for a growing community. "The people of this church are our family and we will miss them tremendously. And we could not be prouder of the work accomplished here at Troy to the glory of God!"

The SPR, Leslie and the District Superintendent discussed at great length what was needed for Troy to continue forward and grow and the SPR unanimously chose to welcome Rev. David Ray. As our DS, Rev. Brad Brittain, shared, "Troy has had 3 excellent pastors in a row and the cabinet wanted to send someone to continue that excellence and continue to move the church forward in a call to making disciples here in the Troy community." David will be an excellent addition to the pastoral history of this church. David, his wife Mandi, and their two children, Ellie (6) and Josiah (5 in July) will become the pastoral family on July 1, 2019. The SPR of Troy UMC will host a Pot Luck "Meet and Greet Dinner" with Leslie introducing David, for the people of Troy to get acquainted before he begins God's work here on July 1st.

# News and Notes



## Emmaus Gathering

The Emmaus Gathering for April will be at Troy UMC on Sunday, April 14th. 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.

## Easter

As always, Easter is an exciting time in the life of the church as we look toward the cross and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We hope that our Holy Week services will be meaningful and special and will truly magnify the wonderful act of Christ redeeming us in His death and resurrection. See below for our list of Holy Week services.

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 18th 6 at pm

### Good Friday

Friday, April 19th 6 at pm

### Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 20th from 11 am - 1 pm

### Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 21st at 6:40 am

### Easter Sunday Services

Contemporary Service - 8:30 am

LYFE Groups - 9:45 am

Traditional Service - 11 am

JOIN US FOR

# SOUND AFFECTS

HELP US FUNDRAISE TO PROVIDE  
SOUND PANELS FOR THE MAC

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

5:30-7:30 PM AT TROY UMC

DINNER & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!

THE TEXAS COUNTRY

GENTLEMEN & THS POLYFONIKS

LASAGNA \$10 OR

MAC & CHEESE \$7

TICKET PRICES GO UP AT THE DOOR SO BE  
SURE TO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY THROUGH  
THE CHURCH OFFICE OR AT CHURCH ON  
SUNDAY MORNINGS

# 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 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)



## Ladies' Luncheon

Let's Flamingle! Troy UMC Women's Ministry is hosting their annual Ladies' Luncheon on Sunday, May 5 from 12:15-2 pm at Troy UMC. We will join together for lunch, fellowship, and a short devotional. This is a great time to get to know the women of this church and community. We invite you to come and bring a friend, mom, aunt, sister, daughter, or granddaughter with you to join in the fun! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

ShaShawna Bush  
Volunteer Director of Women's Ministry

## Easter Eggstravaganza

Make plans to attend our Annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 20 from 11 am - 1 pm at Troy UMC. This event is for children 5th grade and younger and their families. We will provide all sorts of activities as well as a hot dog lunch, the sharing of the Easter story, and an Easter egg hunt. This event is free to the public so bring friends and family and enjoy the day with us as we celebrate Easter weekend. Don't forget your camera to snap some pictures with the Easter Bunny!



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

## Stephen Ministry

For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, Easter can be a time of painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside but full of pain on the inside, and the joy of Easter seems far away, help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs; male Stephen Ministers are always matched with men, and female Stephen Ministers are matched with women. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Rev. Leslie Byrd or ShaShawna Bush. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

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**JOY Ministry**  
**Easter Cookie Decorating**  
with Jaima Ferguson

**Saturday, April 13 from 2-4 pm**  
**at the Troy UMC Kitchen**

Learn to decorate  
12 Easter cookies for \$25!

Sign up and prepay at the church office  
or online by April 10

You may bring a child or grandchild to help you decorate your delicious cookies. We are limited to 15 participants (not including your younger assistants) so sign up soon!



**JOY Ministry**  
**Painted Churches Tour**

**Monday April 29 in Schulenburg, TX**

We will leave Troy UMC at 7:30 AM and travel to Schulenburg for a guided tour of the Painted Churches.

Cost: \$33 – includes the tour, travel, and lunch.

Sign up and prepay at the church office or online by Wednesday, April 24



Stay tuned for more info coming from Cross Generational Ministries!

**Troy UMC**

**EPIC**  
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**Student Ministry**

## EPIC Student Ministry Calendar

### April

- 7th - Bible Study and Games at church 5-7 pm
- 14th - Bible Study and Games at church 5-7 pm
- 21st - No Youth - Easter Sunday
- 28th - Bible Study and Games at church 5-7 pm

EPIC Wednesday all month 5:30-7 pm

### May

- 3rd - Friday Night Fun 5-9 pm
- 5th - No Youth
- 12th - No Youth - Mother's Day
- 19th - Bible Study and Games at church 5-7 pm
- 26th - No Youth - Baccalaureate 6 pm

EPIC Wednesdays 1st and 15th. The 15th is the final meeting of the school year.

### June

- 2nd - End of School Bash 5-8 pm
- 9th - Bible Study and Games at church 5-7 pm
- 16th - No Youth - Father's Day
- 23rd - Bible Study and Games at church 5-7 pm
- 30th - Austin Park and Pizza - Leave after LYFE Groups

June 5th - Six Flags Trip - leave at 8 am (see Joey for info)

June 8th-9th - Overnight trip to Turner Falls in Oklahoma - leave at 7 am on the 8th and return at 7 pm on the 9th (\$45)

June 19th - Tonkawa Falls Trip - leave at 8 am (no cost)



## April Birthdays

- 1 JoAn Beechem, Madison Gonzalez
- 3 Andi Gilliland, Katelyn Webb
- 4 Logan Stermer
- 5 Mikey Giebler
- 6 Jayci Coleman, Keegan Lay
- 7 Pat Lackey
- 8 Ryleigh Amato
- 10 Burnell Payne, Buddy Roberts, Julie Ramage,  
Michael Cochran
- 11 Ellen Huffman, Tim Bastin
- 14 Jonathan White
- 15 Alyssa Ketcham
- 17 Mickey Goss, Brittany Clark
- 20 Sarah Stewart
- 21 Bill Tyler
- 22 Pam Lewis
- 23 Karey Tedrow
- 27 Rodney Knepp
- 29 Barrett Ledger

## Memorials & Honorariums

In memory of Wayne Drummond by Bret & Brigitte Allen,  
Drs. Wayne Matthews and Sandra Oliver

In honor of Mikey Giebler by Oneta Taylor

## Thank You Notes

Dear Church—

Bob & I would like to thank you for all the prayers sent up on Bob's behalf. This has been a very scary, emotional and humbling journey. I'm so glad God didn't need my Bob quite yet!! I don't know what we would have done without all our family and friends. We are so very grateful to live in this small community. Thank you again and God, please continue to bless Troy United Methodist Church.

Bob & Wendy Preece

## April Anniversaries

- 7 Kyle & Jana Letbetter
- 8 Don & Cindy Havard
- 9 Anthony & Jessica Medrano
- 24 Richard & Betty Hester
- 29 Jon & Megan Gersbach