

Troy United Methodist Church

Heartbeat

May 2019

Bringing our BEST to the Community!

TROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor: Rev. Leslie Byrd

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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

"A Time of Transition"

I have had the opportunity to spend some time visiting with and touring the parsonage, the town and the church with Rev. David Ray. He is a wonderful man of God and Troy will be tremendously blessed by his ministry here. Between now and July 1st, he and I will visit several more times, hand over information and materials he will need to smoothly transition and pray for each other as we say good-bye to our respective church families and hello to new church families.

As members of the clergy family in the Central Texas Conference, David and I celebrate the ordained ministry and all the rich blessings and opportunities God places before us. As a church that practices extravagant hospitality, I know that you will welcome the Rays with open arms as you have welcomed John and me.

Over the next two months, there will be opportunities for us to share what 5 years of ministry at Troy has meant to both of us. It has been amazing to watch the growth at Troy continue and to live into the next size of a church. David will carry the church into the next stages and God will continue to guide and bless this great church.

There is a wonderful reminder from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership called 50 Ways to Welcome Your New Pastor – 2019. Below are just 10 of the top ideas on ways to begin with prayer and end with relationship building. I thought I would share the 10 with you that meant a lot when John and I arrived:

When a church is to receive a new pastor, there are things you can do to welcome your new pastor.

- Begin praying daily for the new pastor and family, even as you continue to pray for your departing pastor and family.
- Make sure the parsonage and pastor's office are clean and ready.

Pastor Perspective

- Stock the parsonage refrigerator and pantry with some basic staples. Make sure there are kid-friendly foods and snacks in the refrigerator if children are arriving.
- Have a small group on hand to greet the new pastor and family when they arrive and help as needed.
- Provide food for the first few days or give gift certificates to several of your favorite restaurants in the community.
- Plan a worship celebration of the new appointment.
- Introduce yourself to the pastor repeatedly! You have one name to learn; your pastor has many names to learn. Even if name tags are not a tradition, paper nametags for the first couple of weeks will really help.
- Provide a list of hospitals, nursing homes and community service agencies.
- Introduce the new pastor to public and community leaders.
- Ask church members in civic clubs to take the new pastor to one of their meetings.

Proud to be your Pastor,
Leslie

Meet Rev. David Ray:

I grew up in Haslet, Texas and am a cradle Methodist. My earliest memories are of my home with my parents, my grandma's and grandpa's house where I spent every Wednesday as a young child, and Haslet United Methodist Church where I was raised to know and love Jesus. I received my first call to ministry when I was 8 years old as I was looking at the stars from the passenger seat of my dad's '89 F-150 when we were coming home from the grocery store one night.

When I was in high school, I met the love of my life, Mandi at Glen Lake Camp. We became good friends, and I spent the next four years convincing her that she needed to marry me.

I went to Texas Tech University and graduated with a B.S. of Architecture in 2005. Half way through my degree at Tech, I gave into my call to ministry and began the process of becoming a pastor in the United Methodist Church. After graduating from Tech, I moved back home and enrolled at Brite Divinity School, earning my Master of Divinity in 2010. During my time at Brite, Mandi and I were married. We settled in Hamilton and I commuted to seminary, while serving as the youth director at Hico UMC. In 2008 I received my first appointment as the Campus Minister at Hill

College and Associate Pastor at Hillsboro FUMC. In 2011 I was appointed to Newcastle FUMC and Jean UMC, serving there for 5 years. While in Newcastle, Mandi and I had our children: Ellie who is now 6 and Josiah who is 4 and will turn 5 in July. In 2016 I was appointed to the churches I currently serve, Comanche FUMC and Gustine UMC.

Mandi graduated from Texas A&M with a Bachelor of English. If I were to properly state it, she's a member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2006. She also holds a Master of Library Science from Sam Houston State University. Mandi is a teacher and has primarily taught high school English. Her greatest passion is reading and helping her students fall in love with reading as well.

While Mandi has one hobby in reading, my hobby is collecting hobbies. I love to read as well, but also I dabble in photography, wood working, gardening, hunting, fishing, shooting, keeping chickens, playing guitar and a few other instruments, and working on my truck (there's always something to fix)...to only name a few.

It's difficult to write about strengths in ministry in only a few sentences. However, I feel that one of my strengths lies in putting together and leading worship. I like to have a well thought out, cohesive, and passionate worship service that glorify our Lord and Savior, and help congregants experience the presence of the Spirit. Though I am an introvert, when given time, I develop deep relationships with those around me. I try to be an incarnational pastor, a member of the community I serve, and a representative of my God, my Savior who relies upon the Spirit in all things. I also love to teach and help others explore and grow in their faith.

My family is excited to become a part of your church family and community!



News and Notes

“Meet and Greet” our new Pastor

May 3rd at 6:30 pm – Covered Dish Dinner
The SPR and Pastor Leslie would like to introduce Rev. David Ray and his family to the Troy UMC family. We invite you to join us for a time to meet and greet David, Mandi, Ellie and Josiah. John and Leslie have already spent time with the Rays and want you to have a chance to meet them before David begins his appointment here July 1st. So bring a covered dish large enough to feed your family plus two – and be sure and bring a variety of main dishes, side dishes and salad. We will provide a cake for all to enjoy and tea and lemonade.

UMW

We would like to thank everyone who made our fundraiser for the sound panels in the MAC a HUGE success!! The totals were far above and beyond our expectations. What a great church family we have!!

Our next event is the upcoming luncheon we sponsor every year for the graduating class of Troy High School. This will be held on May 6th. We will need desserts from church members as we will be feeding all the seniors and their sponsors which is well over 100 people.

Our next big purchase for the church we are working toward is an industrial food warmer for our kitchen. We feel this is a real need for many events held throughout the year. Our goal is to have it purchased in time for this year's Fall Festival.

We welcome all women of the church to join us. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5 pm. However our meeting times will change for the summer and are not set yet.

Susan Creech
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Troy UMC

EPIC
Philippians 4:13

Student Ministry

EPIC Student Ministry Calendar

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)

Ministry Corner



Let's
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Ladies' Luncheon 2019



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

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

Children's Ministry

Promotion Sunday will be held on June 2.

VBS will begin on the last Sunday in July but preparations are already in the works. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents to make "ROAR" VBS the B.E.S.T.!

Crew Leaders - build relationships with approximately 5 children throughout the week and guide them through the rotations

Station Leaders - prepare a single lesson for each evening that is repeated for all crews

Music Leaders - learn the music and motions prior to VBS and help lead the crews during the opening and closing stations

Registration - greet parents and children each evening and make sure they get to their crew leaders

Troy UMC KidCheck is HERE! Our new electronic check in system is here and is being used on a limited basis as we figure it all out and hopefully work through all the kinks. However, we are ready to get the word out and have parents sign up via the website or KidCheck app. Please see the next page for details.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life! To find out more, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: ShaShawna Bush or Rev. Leslie Byrd. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!



Stay tuned for more info coming from Cross Generational Ministries!

What is KidCheck?

KidCheck is a secure children's check-in system that enhances your provider's security system and simplifies the check-in process. KidCheck helps ensure no one can pick up your child without your consent. **More information about KidCheck can be found at www.kidcheck.com.**

Key Benefits



Child Safety

- Easily create and update a list of who can (and cannot) pick up your children
- Upload photos of children and guardians for added security
- Provide medical and allergy information and alerts



Secure Information

- No one sees you or your child's information until you check-in to their facility
- KidCheck uses the same secure data technology as banks to keep your information safe
- KidCheck never asks for personal identification such as Social Security numbers, credit cards or banking information, and we never sell the information we do gather



Convenient

- Speedy check-in - simply input your 10 digit phone number
- KidCheck is web-based, so you can create and access your account from anywhere
- Text message notifications when your child is checked in and out, or in case of emergency

Account Setup Instructions

Signing up for KidCheck is easy and free for parents, guardians, and workers!

Sign-up

1. Visit <https://go.kidcheck.com> or **download the KidCheck app** on a mobile device
2. Select the link to create a free KidCheck account
3. Fill in the requested fields, and agree to the terms of use



Adding Children and Guardians

** If you are a volunteer/employee only, and have no kids to add, you may skip these steps*

1. Locate the "Kids" tab. Select the link to add a new child, and input your child's information and upload photos. Select the save button when you are done.
2. Locate the "Guardians" tab. This is where you will input additional guardians whom you would like to be able to pick up the children you've listed. Add their information and upload photos. Remember to click save when you are done.

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

www.stephenministries.org



May Birthdays

- 1 Joe Massey
- 2 Jon Gersbach, Kage Rodahl
- 4 Aspen Bush
- 5 Emris Medrano
- 7 Leslie Byrd, Kristi Penny
- 9 Lisa Browning
- 10 Edna Rankin, Toni Garza, Samuel Wilson
- 11 Janice Porter, Janice Kirkscey
- 12 Don Havard, Judy Schiller, Zach Lynch
- 16 Jim Trantum, Emma Gersbach, Kaelin England
- 20 Ronnie Vaculin
- 22 Russell Reinhardt
- 23 Peggy Luna
- 24 Gary Roessler
- 28 Mike Maedgen, Bethany Lindberg
- 31 Gaylon Ivey, Kolby Sims

May Anniversaries

- 18 Danny & Michelle Blackler
- 19 John & Leslie Byrd
Will & Amy Pyle
- 21 Darin & Amber Crawford
- 22 Gary & Donna Allison
- 26 Joey & Teresa DeLeon
- 31 Tony & Jill Ross

Memorials & Honorariums

- In memory of Grace Allison by Kevin & Kellie Johnson,
Richard & Betty Hester, Mickey Goss,
Larry & Sarah Stewart, BJ Finch, Gary & Donna Allison,
Katherine Maedgen, Barbara Thompson,
Tooter & Susan Creech, Minnie Knepp,
Tim & Janice Kirkscey
- In memory of Georgia Best by Katherine Maedgen,
Barbara Thompson
- In memory of Dr. Roy Bassett by Mary Bassett
- In memory of Rev. T.R. Brower by Richard & Marlene Havens
- In memory of Wayne Drummond by Minnie Knepp
- In memory of Clinton Taylor by Minnie Knepp
- In honor/thanksgiving for mowing of Ronnie Gilliland by
Tim & Janice Kirkscey

Thank You Notes

A heartfelt thank you to each of you for the concern, prayers and cards during my recent illness and hospitalization. All are greatly appreciated.

Minnie Knepp