

# Troy United Methodist Church

## Heartbeat

June 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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Choir /Praise & Worship Leader:

Cameron Roucloux

Youth Minister: Joey Gresham

Children's & Cross Generational Ministry: 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 Great Church"

June is my last month as your pastor and I want to celebrate all we have accomplished together. John and I had the privilege of knowing many of you before we came to pastor at Troy because of youth missions. We had served with Troy on CTCYM for the 4 years prior to our appointment. We already knew what a strong body of believers you were.

In our time together that has been affirmed in many ways. You continue to reach out into the community and the world around you to make Disciples for Jesus Christ. I know you will continue to be faithful to complete the work of Christ before you – "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World" as our Conference Mission Statement states, by "Bringing our BEST to the Community!" as the Troy Vision Statement states.

I have been so very proud to be your pastor. We have met and served alongside an entire church who has been our family, and we have loved each of you tremendously. Just like any family, we have had times of joy and sorrow, easy times and harder times, times of learning and times of fellowship, times of continuation and times of discovery, times of agreeing and of disagreeing, and times of being strong as well as times of holding others up when they were overwhelmed. We have served, loved and built strong relationships with people in this community who serve both inside and outside the church with honor and integrity.

Together, we have grown from average worship of 138 to our present 184. We have received 74 new members to date, baptized many, laid to rest 16, married 5 couples, and confirmed 42 young people. We have started new ministries, added 2 new staff positions, celebrated 3 "Worship Beyond the Walls" Sundays, and I participated in 3 CTCYM mission trips and 1 college-age mission trip. Finally, 113 persons attended biblical studies and grew in their faith where some were called

# Pastor Perspective

to begin new ministries and teach as a result. This is a church filled with people who are growing in their discipleship! God is at work in the lives of the people of Troy United Methodist!

As John and I begin a new chapter in a new place July 1st, I will continue to pray for the mission, ministries and people of Troy UMC. I will pray for and lift up Rev. David Ray who is an amazing pastor and you will be deeply blessed by his many years of experience in ministry. You have been such a tremendous blessing in my life, and I love each of you and pray God's hand of majesty continue to be upon each of you.

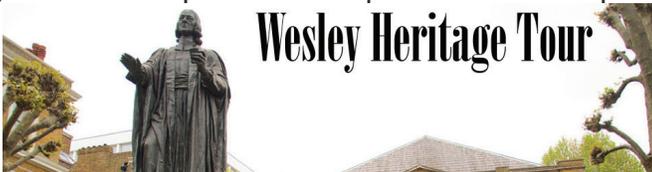
So very proud to have been your Pastor,  
Leslie



## Brunch Worship Around the Table

ONE SERVICE BRUNCH – 10:50 am June 30

Join us after LYFE Groups (9:45 a.m.) for ONE worship service and brunch. This will be John and Pastor Leslie's last worship service with us. We will have a pancake and sausage brunch by donation and Cross-Generational Worship together around the theme of prayer and the importance of prayer. Let's lift one another up in prayer and pray for our church as it begins a new chapter and new pastoral leadership.



## Wesley Heritage Tour

March 7-15, 2020 in England

Rev. Leslie Byrd, Rev. Kissa Vaughn and Rev. Mike Kerzee are leading an Educational Opportunities Tour of the history of how the Methodist movement began. For more information about the trip, come for an informational meeting on Sunday, June 23rd during LYFE GROUP from 10:00 – 10:45 am in the Worship Space at the front. We would love to have you join this trip that will take you to York, Epworth, Cotswolds and Stratford, Oxford, Bristol, Stonehenge and London. Visit the historical places, learn the history and see the beauty of England.

## Capital Campaign Report

\$429,882.58 raised as of 5/20/19

\$545,316 pledged 6/1/2016

Our three-year "Beacon of Light" Capital Campaign to raise funds for Phase 2 - the MAC (Ministry Activity Center) is drawing to a close. Many persons heard God's call placed upon their hearts and answered the question "What is God calling me to do?" Many people chose to honor God and leave a lasting legacy for generations to come, for a place where learning about the faith and growth in their walk with Jesus could take place. Their gifts truly will make a lasting difference.

Even though the campaign is nearing completion, you can continue to be part of the legacy and help us to reach 100% of our pledged goal. Maybe you have joined since June of 2016 and you wish to donate to the "Beacon of Light" Campaign or give a gift in honor or memory of a loved one. There are lots of places we can donate in this world, but this donation helps to shape lives for Jesus Christ & offers an eternal impact.

For more information about how to donate or about ON-LINE giving toward the campaign – contact Jamie Roucloux, Administrative Assistant of Finance and Communications.



## New Sermon Series - May 26 – June 23

This last series preached at Troy UMC by Rev. Leslie Byrd will focus upon addressing the gap that exists between what we talk about in church on Sunday and how we live out our lives on Monday and the rest of the week.

On Sundays each week, we gather for worship...we sing out glorious songs about our love for God, we offer our prayers to God, we hear the message proclaimed and we get fired up about our lives and how God calls us to live in relationship with both God and others...and then Monday gets here and it's hard to do that.

So as we go through this message series, we are going to talk about this gap that exists, and we are also going to talk about what creates that gap. You are invited to join a time of worship that invites us to go deeper in our walk with Jesus.

# News and Notes

## UMW

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  
(254) 718-4000



## Grief Share

Troy UMC's Stephen Ministry is bringing the GriefShare program to Troy. This program and support group features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed.

Grief share will meet weekly at the church for 13 weeks starting at the end of August. More information will be coming in July on how to register. Please share this opportunity with anyone you know that has experienced the death of a loved one.

ShaShawna Bush, Stephen Leader

## Spiritual Stretching

Spiritual Stretching will meet at 9 am instead of 8 am for the months of June and July. This group will also not be meeting on July 16 due to the church housing a CTCYM mission trip that week. We hope you'll join us!

Jana  
Spiritual Stretching Leader

Troy UMC

# EPIC

Philippians 4:13

## Student Ministry

## EPIC Student Ministry Calendar

### 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 - Day trip to Turner Falls in Oklahoma - leave at 7 am (\$30)

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

Sign ups for the June trips have started! One change has been the overnight trip to Turner Falls in Oklahoma it has been changed to a day trip, and cost reduced to \$30.

Also Mission trip is just around the corner. At the writing of this we will have a record group going. We have 24 youth and 8 adults. I ask that you consider donating to the Great Wall of giving as costs have risen due to sheer number of people going.

Thank you for all the support that is given to the youth it is greatly appreciated and always noticed!!!

In Christ  
Joey

# Ministry Corner

## Children's Ministry

Make your VBS the "mane" event July 28 - August 1 from 5:30 - 8 pm! This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Registration is now open. Visit the church website at [troymethodist.org](http://troymethodist.org) and click on the banner to register your child!

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

To volunteer, be sure to go on to the church website and click the VBS registration banner!

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.



Stay tuned for more info coming from Cross Generational Ministries!



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

## Stephen Ministry

**A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend...**

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of Troy UMC who have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, coping with a cancer diagnosis, going through a divorce or separation, battling a chronic illness (or caring for a spouse or parent who is chronically ill), experiencing a great deal of stress, facing the loss of a job—or encountering any of countless other life challenges.

Stephen Ministers meet at least twice a month with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, or to seek a Stephen Minister for yourself talk with Stephen Leader, ShaShawna Bush or reach out to the church office Today! Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

# 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](http://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

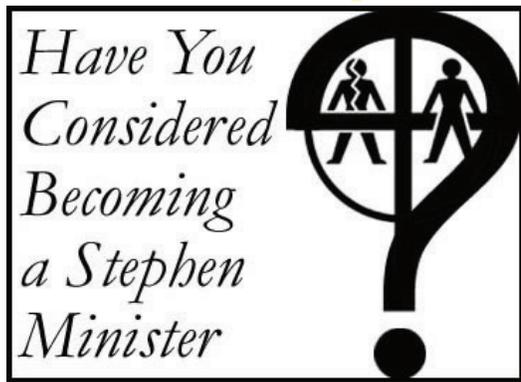


### Adding Children and Guardians

*\* 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.

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## Stephen Ministry

Ever thought about becoming a Stephen Minister? Our Stephen Ministry will begin training another class of Stephen Ministers in August. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. If you think you might be interested, talk with our Stephen Leader ShaShawna Bush or attend an information session on July 7th at either 10:00 (small room next to .Library) or 4:30pm (Library).

## Women's Ministry



The Let's Flamingle ladies luncheon was enjoyed by 10 ladies last month. We spent time around the table learning more about each other, doing an activity, having lunch, and giving away door prizes. We even talked about how we can be more like the majestic flamingo as we grow in our Christian lives. The time was full of laughter and friendship. A special thank you to the members of the Women's Council who helped decorate, plan activities, set up the photo booth, made gift bags, and provided door prizes! The fun activities that we have would not happen without their work behind the scenes.

Now that the Ladies Luncheon is behind us the Women's Council is looking ahead to the annual Women's Retreat. The Women's Council and retreat team are hard at work making this one day event special for every lady 16 and older who will attend.

Save the Date for September, 21st from 8:00 until 4:30. We will be here at the church. Our theme this year is "Birds of a Feather: Thrive Together". We will be talking about biblical friendship as our focus for the day while diving deep into the story of Naomi and Ruth. We will also have some fun breakout sessions to choose from in the afternoon. If you have a skill or topic you would be willing to share with ladies during a breakout session please get with me prior to August 1st.

Registration will open August 4th. Look for more details to come out in July. We can't wait to see you there!



## June Birthdays

- 1 Ian Browning
- 2 Joey Ledger, Justin Stermer
- 3 Sandra Mikesell, Jennifer Valle
- 4 Elaine Roberts
- 6 Paul Willson, Lynn Owens, Tiffany Hensley
- 8 Lori Maedgen, Audra Dunsmoor, Neal Roessler
- 10 Kyle Letbetter, Ava O'Donnell
- 13 David Thompson, Campbell Ivey, Daniel Bush
- 15 Darin Crawford
- 17 Kay Nan Ledger
- 20 Justin Stermer
- 21 Tony Ross, Grant Browning
- 23 Harriet Prinz, Claudette Oliver, Joey De Leon,  
Maggie Ross
- 24 Christopher Browning, Faith Vaculin,  
Jagger Blackler
- 25 Adelyn Valle, Lila O'Donnell
- 26 Ronnie Gilliland
- 28 Kacy Jarma
- 30 Mark Maedgen

## June Anniversaries

- 2 John & Jayci Coleman
- 11 Buddy & Elaine Roberts
- 12 Billy & Lori Hobbs
- 13 Johnny & Mikey Giebler
- 15 Steve & Judy Schiller
- 20 David & Carolyn Walston
- 21 Terry & Tammy Cavanaugh
- 23 B.J. & Kay Nan Ledger

## Thank You Notes

Bret Allen sends his thanks to our church family for the prayers, cards, and messages of encouragement. He is very grateful for the support of this church.