

Troy United Methodist Church

Heartbeat

September 2019

Bringing our BEST to the Community!

TROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship, Sunday Classes & Offices
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LEADERS IN AREAS OF MINISTRY

Pastor: Rev. David Ray

Administrative Assistant for Congregational Care:

Betty Hester

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

I've grown a bit nostalgic since moving to Troy. One of Mandi's first Facebook posts when we moved here was a picture of the wonderful view from the parsonage back porch. A number of the church family I grew up with in Haslet commented that the view looked just like the Haslet area did twenty years ago. They are not wrong. One commenter said that "the only thing missing are the train tracks." I then informed them that those were just in the other direction. Driving down Lower Troy, Berger, Bottoms East, and 935 remind me of traveling down 156, Harmon, Hicks, and John Day Road in my boyhood home. There's something about these roads. The worn blacktop, fencelines and fields beyond obscured by overhanging sugarberry trees or grown up lamb's quarters and sunflowers. It was on a road like these that I received my first call to ministry. In so many ways, coming to Troy for me has felt like coming home.

When I was young, I wanted nothing more than for the world to stay as it was and to find a place on the blackland prairie outside of Haslet and make my home. Paul Harvey wouldn't have much of a reveal in this story; we can clearly see that I have been displaced from my boyhood dream and ideals of home. The world shifted around me while I dreamed of my own place. In Haslet, the prairie became filled with houses. The worn blacktop has been torn up and replaced with boulevards, lamb's quarter and sunflowers have been mowed down, and the sugarberry trees have been leveled and supplanted with something finer. Yet, I wonder these days if I was not displaced by development as I have so long supposed, but by God.

It has already been difficult for me here to not take a step back, survey my surroundings, settle back, and think that I have arrived back to my boyhood dream of home. My inclination is to settle and become comfortable in my own wants, but I believe God has a different plan. While my desire for the world around me is to never

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change, the realities of life prove different. The world is changing rapidly around us in so many ways, and one day even Troy may look drastically different. It's difficult to encounter these realities and not fight against them or be discouraged by them.

Yet, my own displacement and moves from one home to another in my ministry have convinced me of something fundamental about God, which is that God wants to remake this world and our communities more drastically than what occurred in my boyhood home. It is true that God's love is unchanging and eternal, but His plan for this world requires that the communities and the world around us not only be changed, but to "pass away" and be remade. This is our God who proclaims from the throne telling us, "See, I am making all things new...write this for these words are trustworthy and true" when He reveals to us in the book of Revelation His plan for the future. As people of faith, as a community of faith we are commissioned by God through Christ to join in His work of remaking the world in His name. While Jesus was alive, His disciples thought Jesus was here to overcome Roman rule, while Jesus saw the lost people of the world in need of redemption and God. Today we see rapid societal shifts, changing culture, communities developed, yet Jesus through time entreats us to look past these things and see the world through his eyes, "and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life." Our eyes may become fixed on our own earthly concerns and changes, yet Jesus still sees the lost people of the world in need of redemption and God. May we join with Jesus in His work, and offer Him to a changing world in need so that we and all whom we encounter may find our only true home and place in Christ Jesus.



September

- 1st - Bible study and games 5-7pm
- 8th - Bible study and games 5-7 pm
- 11th - EPIC Wednesdays start back up!
- 15th - Random Acts of Kindness 5-7 pm
- 22nd - Bible study and games 5-7 pm
- 25th See You at the Pole 7:20 am - leaders arrive at 7
- 29th - Post See You at the Pole Celebration 4-7 pm

In Christ
Joey



Women's Retreat

Our Women's Retreat is on September 21st from 8 am until 4 pm. The retreat is open to all women ages 16 and up. Our theme this year is Birds of a Feather: Thrive Together. We will be spending the morning talking about Biblical friendship while diving deep into the story of Naomi and Ruth. The afternoon will be spent in different breakout sessions; some just for fun, some about growing closer to God, and some about growing closer to each other (all of this with some worship time as well!). This retreat allows everyone of all generations to sit around the table together and get to know each other better. We could all use some new friends!

Retreat registration includes all activities, an activity guide for the morning sessions, as well as breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$45 per person. A retreat t-shirt will be offered for \$15. Go to the church website and click on the retreat banner to register, order the T-shirt and pay online, or pick up a registration form at the back of the worship center and turn it into the office.

ShaShawna Bush, Women's Minister

Spiritual Stretching

Spiritual Stretching has been moved to Thursday mornings beginning in September and will resume meeting at 8 am now that summer is behind us. Come join Jana Letbetter as she leads you through a relaxing morning stretch, good for the body and the soul!

News and Notes

Job Posting

We are seeking an Administrative Assistant for Finance and Communication who will manage the weekly financial obligations of our church as well as engage the church and community regarding our ministries and missions. Responsibilities include:

- Preparing and submitting weekly deposits
- Paying bills and running payroll
- Keeping account records up to date
- Maintaining statements of giving
- Engaging the church and community through a range of media regarding our ministries

In this position, you will be the heart of our church's day to day and weekly financial operations as well as being responsible for all church communications. This position requires an individual who feels a specific calling from God to church organizational ministry. Good communication skills, confidentiality, and trust are necessary and required. You will also be engaging with the church and community regarding the missions and ministry of the church through a variety of ways, from social media, our website, and newsletter. Job qualifications are:

- Minimum High School or equivalent education, college degree (preferred)
- Experience in QuickBooks, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud, graphic design, web design, and all social media platforms
- Ability to adapt to meet the needs of a dynamic and growing church

This position is 20 hours a week, Monday through Thursday 12-5. Salary \$19,500 yearly with \$500 pension. Please contact the church office for more information and a complete job description.

Fall Festival is October 5th!

Where will you offer your hands and feet to serve? This event is vital to the missions and ministry of this church and allows us to focus on missions and ministry all year long! The Fall Festival is a time to give back to God through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness, the 5 things we say "yes" to when we join this community of faith. Begin now looking for ways to offer your hands and feet – and watch our church's Facebook page for more specific ways you can bring items to donate for the festival. For a list of specific areas to serve, contact Kirby Bush, Fall Festival Chair.

Silent and Live Auction Items

If you would like to donate live or silent auction items, the church would be so grateful! Please check items in with Betty Hester in the front office so that we can easily keep things organized and accounted for.

Garage Sale Items

Clean out your closets and bring whatever you don't need to the church before Fall Festival! We do not accept electronics or refrigerators.

Meal Donations

We always welcome donations to our Fall Festival meal. Drop a donation by the church office or drop a check in the plate on Sunday morning with "Fall Festival Meal" in the memo line.

Vendor Booths

Know a friend who sells crafts, make up, jewelry or something similar? Have a friend that owns a small business? Let them know we have vendor booths available for \$30. You can set up a table and sell your goods to all that come through our Fall Festival! See ShaShawna Bush for details.

Bake Sale

Like to bake? Help out by making desserts for the bake sale. Don't have a knack for baking but have a sweet tooth? Come to Fall Festival and buy up all the sweets!

Invite your friends!

While Fall Festival is a great fundraiser for our church it's also a wonderful time to meet people from our community and to invite guests into our church home. Join us for Fall Festival and help us welcome the community of Troy!



September Birthdays

- 2 Anna Lee
- 5 Sue Williams , Mark Roessler
- 7 Anne Gibson, Courtney Ledger
- 9 Lana Rondeau
- 12 Wade Knight
- 15 Becky Coufal
- 16 Minnie Knepp, Jackie Lewis
- 17 Anne Carole Redden, Bryson Lambert,
Mason Lambert
- 18 Sherri Valenta, ShaShawna Bush
- 19 James Richter
- 20 Abby Rurup
- 22 Michael Havard
- 25 Joyce Reinhardt, Kate Bush, Danny Blackler,
Andrew Mitchell
- 26 Eric Medrano
- 27 Jacob Klingler, Reed Ketcham
- 28 Jack Hobday, Jean Machalek, Chance Mosley
- 30 Misty Lambert

September Anniversaries

- 15 Tim & Stacy Bastin
- 17 Ronnie & Melissa Vaculin

Memorials

In memory of Charles Beechem by Katherine Maedgen,
Larry & Sarah Stewart, Jane Randolph,
Richard & Betty Hester, Tim & Janice Kirkscey, BJ Finch,
Barbara Thompson

In memory of Billy Jack Bush by BJ Finch, Mike & Nancy Mercer,
Richard & Betty Hester, Larry & Sarah Stewart,
Barbara Thompson, Katherine Maedgen,
Tim & Janice Kirkscey

Thank You

It is with joy AND sadness that I announce my resignation from Troy UMC effective August 31, 2019. I have been offered a full-time position with Architectural Plan Review in Temple where I have worked part-time since March. While it saddens me greatly to no longer work at Troy UMC, this full-time offer is an incredible opportunity for myself and Cameron. This bittersweet decision was made after much thought, prayer, and consideration. Cameron and I both care very deeply about Troy UMC and want the best things for the church.

I would like to take the time to thank Troy UMC for allowing me the opportunity to be the first to fill the position of Administrative Assistant of Finance & Communications. I came to work for Troy UMC at a particularly rough time in my career. TUMC has been a healing place for me. A place where I've been valued and loved. A place where people say "thank you for your work" and "you're doing a great job". TUMC is a family that takes care of each other and their community in countless ways and it is a blessing to witness. There are no words to say how grateful I am to have been welcomed so warmly into such an incredible church family and staff!

- Jamie Roucloux

Showers

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring

Ryan Allen and Landon Lucadou

Saturday, September 28 at 10 am
Troy United Methodist Church
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Registered at
Bed, Bath & Beyond