



# For His Glory

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## From Pastor David

One thing that I always try to do as a preacher is to follow the path of the Christian Year. To mark the points and seasons of the year with appropriate sermons and worship services. One thing the Christian year does is follow Jesus' life, from our expectation of His arrival at Christmas to our expectation of His return to earth. Between these two points of expectations for the coming of our Lord, we follow His life and how God leads us back to Him through salvation in Jesus and the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. As we follow Jesus' journey on earth through the Christian Year, we are invited to participate in how Christ breaks into our world and seeks to enter into our lives. We stand at the brink of the beginning of Lent. March 2 is Ash Wednesday when we'll be invited to prayerfully reflect upon our lives the honest condition of our souls as we begin to watch Jesus' journey to the cross.

This time of year is generally bittersweet for me, as I give thanks for the self-emptying love of God's grace shown to us through Jesus while coming to terms with my own sin and need to be remade in Christ. To add to this weight, Ash Wednesday will be forever linked in my mind to the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. On Ash Wednesday 2020, I offered Ashes-to-Go in our community and that afternoon everything began shutting down as COVID became a reality we all had to face, and subsequently changing our world. We shut down the church that Ash Wednesday and two years later still feel the effects of an event we had initially hoped would pass in the span of a few weeks. The hope of Lent, and the cross and grave that looms in the distance is that at the end there is an empty tomb! Whatever sin, brokenness, pain, apathy, inaction, or questioning belabors us, can be overcome by Christ who went to the cross, because the one who rose from the dead is making all things new!

As we've struggled a bit as a church to come back from COVID, we make a statement this Lent. That we move forward in Christ to reclaim and do new things. We invite you to join us as we worship and seek Jesus. We'll meet Ash Wednesday. Pastor David will be offering Ashes-to-Go again in the morning out in the community, and we'll be meeting for pancakes and worship on March 2nd in the evening. We invite you to participate in two opportunities to learn and develop spiritually. We'll be offering a 5 week Sunday School class about Spiritual Gifts. We will also be offering a Bible Study (beginning March 1 on Tuesdays in the morning or evening) about the cross and all that the cross means to our world. We hope that you'll join us as we continue our walk with our Lord this Lenten Season!



## Ashes-To-Go

Pastor David will be out in town at the old Jr. High parking lot offering Ashes-to-Go in this come-and-go event starting at 7:30 am.

Come join him for a short prayer and the imposition of Ashes as we begin Ash Wednesday giving all we have to the Lord.

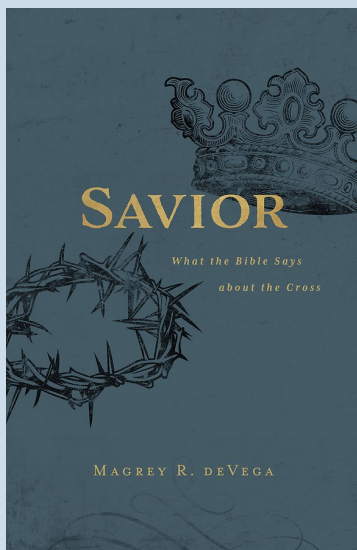
## Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper and Worship

We invite you to join us Wednesday March 2nd at 5:30 for a pancake supper and time of fellowship followed at 6:30 for Ash Wednesday worship.



## Lenten Bible Study

On March 1st we will begin a Bible Study about the cross called "Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross". It will be a six week dive into the meaning of the cross. We hope that you'll join us as we explore the cross that Jesus took up, what it means to us, and how it leads us to a deeper relationship with Him. We'll be offering a morning class (Tuesdays at 10:30) and an evening class (Tuesdays at 6:30). Please call the office or Pastor David to let us know that you want to participate so we can order books for everyone!



## Spiritual Gifts Sunday School

On February 27th we'll start a new 5 week Adult Sunday School class about Spiritual Gifts. We will take a look at what Spiritual Gifts are, do a Spiritual Gift inventory for everyone participating, and then talk about how all Spiritual Gifts are given so we can give to Jesus' Church and to the world.





# GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

It is Girl Scout Cookie Season and Troy UMC has 4 first year Girl Scouts in the church. Harper & Hadley Payne and Harper & Bowyn Jarma are working hard to earn their cookie selling badges and need your help! Each of them are working to sell 300 boxes each, and although we have tried, Moms and Dads just can only eat so many. We have 9 cookie flavors this year and they are all \$5 each with the exception of our Gluten Free Caramel Chocolate Chip variety which is \$6. All of your favorites are back and ready for you to snatch up and store up for all year eating (They freeze wonderfully!).

If you don't want to eat the cookies, we do take donations and those donations allow us to send cookies to our Military Friends serving overseas so they are not left out of the yearly traditions of Girl Scout cookie time either.

Here are the 4 websites you can visit to order your cookies. Each girl has their own and you can choose to have them directly shipped to you or have them delivered by the girls/parent. Cookies are on sale through Feb 27.

We appreciate your support and love our church!

Brett & Maggie Payne, Harper & Hadley

Matt & Kacy Jarma, Harper & Bowyn

<https://bit.ly/HGP2022> <https://bit.ly/Harper2022>

<https://bit.ly/HPCookie22> <https://bit.ly/Bowyn>

## \$5 COOKIES

Shortbread

Lemonades (OH My Mama, Lemon!)

Thin Mint (choc/mint)

Caramel Delites (formerly Samoas, coconut/choc/caramel)

Peanut Butter Sandwich (oatmeal cookie/pb filing)

Peanut Butter Patties (pb covered in choc)

Toasty Yays! (French toast w/maple glaze)

Adventurefuls (Chocolate brownie w/caramel & sea salt)

## \$6 COOKIE

GF Caramel Chocolate Chip





Part of Stephen Ministry is regular meetings to offer support to each other and complete continuing education to stay prepared for serving anyone who needs care. During our January meeting, we talked about trust. Trust is an integral part of any Stephen Ministry program being successful. We talked about three areas where trust is essential. First, trust in God, Trust in others (care receiver with their Stephen Minister, for example), and self-trust.

Stephen Ministry is a caring ministry that tries to point care receivers back to God and all he is doing in their lives. At times in our lives, situations or struggles can cause us to lose trust in the faithfulness and love of God. Our role at that point is to help that person see that even amid hardship, they can still trust God. If that is not possible, we as the Stephen Minister can still trust God to be there and act in that person's life through the meetings we have with care receivers.

Another aspect of trust is self-trust. I know that there have been times in my life when I lost trust in myself and my emotions or feelings. Part of self-trust is acknowledging that we need help and then reaching out for that help, whether professional counseling, meeting with Pastor David, or reaching out to me to start seeing a Stephen Minister. Trusting yourself does not mean doing it all by yourself.

The last aspect of trust that we discussed was trust in others. The trust of this congregation in Stephen Ministry has been appreciated, and we strive to keep that trust. We keep trust as Stephen Ministers by keeping care receivers' names and what they discuss with their Stephen Ministers confidential.

When life is hard, it can be hard to trust others to sit in the hard with us, and that is what Stephen Ministers are trained and willing to do. Will you trust yourself and reach out when you need someone to talk to and sit with you? Will you trust us with your friends and family members and tell them about Stephen Ministry so they can get support?

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Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 6!!** The youth will host a spaghetti meal as one of their biggest fund raisers of the year. Spaghetti, salad, hot bread, tea and dessert will be served to you at the table by our youth. This is all for a donation—no tickets needed!! AND....if you would like to make a dessert and donate for them to serve, that would be a great help.

**To-go plates after LYFE groups**

**To go and dine-in 5-7:00**



Troy UMC office will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day.

There will be a Safety Team Meeting Thursday, the 17th, at 6:30. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend. At this meeting they will go over a variety of scenarios, discussing the best ways to handle each if the need arises.

**SAFETY TEAM**



## BIRTHDAYS

1 Liz Pincombe  
3 John Coleman  
4 Susan Neal, M'Lynn Hobbs, Baylee Crawford  
5 Stacy Bastin, Megan Gersbach, Jennifer Naser  
6 Pete Rondeau, August Brauer  
11 Erian Medrano  
12 Nancy Sammons, Clara O'Donnell  
13 CJ Porter  
14 Gary Doughty  
15 Luke Williams  
16 Ellie Ray  
17 Hadley Payne  
19 Barbara Thompson  
21 Christin Ivey  
23 Shirley Ketcham, Mike O'Donnell, Bowyn Jarma  
25 Jett Coleman  
27 Amber Gresham

## ANNIVERSARIES

10 Jim & Eva Marie Tranum  
15 Joe & Diana Massey  
23 Russell & Joyce Reinhardt



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### ~ MEMORIALS ~

*In memory of Jack Collier* by Tim & Janice Kirkscey

*In memory of Larry Hester* by Oneta Taylor, Gary & Donna Allison, Tim & Janice Kirkscey,  
David & Nancy Holmes

*In memory of Brooke Volney* by Charlie & Janice Porter, Mike & Nancy Mercer

*In memory of Susie Garrett* by Dorothy Dewey

*In memory of Evelyn Gover* by Gary & Donna Allison, Charlie & Janice Porter, Katherine Maedgen,  
Barbara Thompson, Richard & Betty Hester, Jay & Suzanne Copeland, Mike & Nancy Mercer,  
Tim & Janice Kirkscey, James & Susan Neal

*In memory of Ruth Koester* by Troy UMC Quilters

*In memory of Johnie Elsenburg* by Emily Hester, Elyn & Emory Elsenburg, Cynthia Hester,  
Jim & Anne Hester