



For His Glory

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From Pastor David



You've probably noticed a difference in the foyer as you've come into our worship space in the past month and seen our new prayer cross. You might have also wondered why there's yarn tied to it and what the different colors of yarn in the buckets and tied to the cross are. The purpose of the prayer cross is to be an intentional place to seek God's presence in our lives and world as we enter into our place of worship and as we leave to live as disciples in the world. Each of the six buckets next to the prayer cross has a different color of yarn representing different people and things we can be in prayer for: Community, Church, Healing, Family, Personal Prayers, and Answered Prayers. You're invited to pause and take time as you come and go to lift your prayers and petitions to God by taking a piece of yarn and lifting your prayers to the Lord as you tie them to the cross.

Last month Pastor David wrote a little bit about the changes and future facing the United Methodist Church. In the past month, there have been many developments regarding this issue which are difficult to adequately and thoroughly cover in a written newsletter article. To this end, we've scheduled two informational question and answer sessions to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep everyone as informed as we possibly can regarding the changing future and possible outcomes for the future of our church. These meetings will begin with a presentation by Pastor David covering the history that has brought us to where we are, the denominational structure at work in many of the conversations regarding the future of the United Methodist Church, recent developments regarding the founding of the Global Methodist Church, the current position of our Church Council regarding these issues, and what comes next with the future of our church. Following this presentation, Pastor David will answer any questions that those in attendance may have. There will be two meetings, the first at 6:30 pm on June 22 and the second at 10:30 am on June 29.

We had a great day on May 29 when we worshiped outside the walls of our church's building! So often we get used to 'church' being when we gather together as a group within the walls of our building. Beyond that, we can get used to calling our building the church, and lose sight of the fact that it is us, the people, who are the church! This is one of the reasons that make what we did on May 29 so important, to express that we are not only the church who gathers, but the church that is sent out into our world by the Holy Spirit to be the hands and feet of Christ. We want to start by thanking everyone who was able to participate, especially since it was a holiday weekend. Because of your help, we were able to complete everything that we set out to complete and help to make our community a better place and to show that Troy United Methodist Church seeks to shine the light of Christ beyond our walls. We painted the pipe fence around Troy City Park, packaged 2,000 pencils to give to our school's teachers when the next school year begins, prayed at all the schools and through town, helped a neighbor in Belfalls with repairs to a shed, trimmed trees and replaced some bleacher and bench seats at the Troy Softball Association fields, and mowed Shiloh cemetery and replaced the flags there. It was a wonderful day filled with an outpouring of love and support for our community. We can't wait 'til next time we can go and worship outside the walls!



Vacation Bible School

July 31st – August 4th



Come join us for a fun-filled week at Vacation Bible School with activities, games, music and learning about Jesus!

VBS is for ages 3 years - 5th grade. We need volunteers to help in all areas!

See Lisa Browning for more details.

To register your child for VBS and/or to sign up to volunteer please visit

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/troyunitedmethodist>

Mission Trip 2022

We have 15 youth and 6 adults and one toddler traveling to Antlers, Oklahoma July 10-15th. Enrollment has ended. No supplies are needed currently but donations are always appreciated. Please keep these youth and adults in your prayers as they prepare for this trip to be the hands and feet of Christ.



As Christians, we are all commanded to help each other or "bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2, NRSV) Stephen Ministry is one way that we answer this command at Troy United Methodist Church. I am passionate about Stephen Ministry and the support this ministry can offer to anyone finding life difficult or overwhelming. Stephen Ministry has been part of Troy United Methodist Church since 2016, and I have been a Stephen Leader since July of 2016. We currently have five trained Stephen Ministers ready to come alongside someone who needs support.

Every time I have watched the news or looked at social media over the last month, I am incredibly grateful that our Stephen Ministry program is growing. We added Pam Lewis as a Stephen Leader in April. Right after she finished Stephen Leader training, we started a Stephen Minister training, consisting of 50 hours of training that equips lay members of our church to provide Christian care and support. We have three women participating in training to join our Stephen Ministry team as Stephen Ministers, and they are halfway through the 50 hours. They have covered topics such as the art of listening, feelings, distinctively Christian care, boundaries, and using mental health professionals, among others. In July, we will commission them during both services to celebrate their accomplishment of completing training and the care and support they will provide to their future care receivers.

If you are struggling with life circumstances or with repeat tragedies affecting our community, state, or world, please reach out to me, and let's talk about how Stephen Ministry can be a support. If you know someone struggling in our community or church family talk to them about Stephen Ministry and have them reach out to me directly, or you can call me, and I will reach out to them. There are examples throughout the bible of people who struggled and needed help. If we are commanded to bear one another's burdens, the burdened person is also commanded to allow someone to step in and help them carry the load.

ShaShawna Bush
Stephen Leader



ALZHEIMER'S RESPITE CENTER in Temple is looking for volunteers for The Thursday Club. This ministry has struggled since COVID-19 hit and were unable to meet. They are meeting again but with less volunteers but perhaps more clients. This program gives caregivers a respite.

Volunteers may become a "buddy" for about 4 hours one morning a week. This may include serving coffee and cookies, lunch or just being with them through exercise programs and other activities. People are also needed to organize crafts, games, devotionals and other activities.

If you are able and willing to help with this inter-faith ministry, please contact Kent MacDougall (254-913-6277), Linda Eimen (254-773-5207) or Linda Knight (254-760-6370).

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022

ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held in Fort Worth June 12-14. Please keep David and your lay delegates (Lindsey and Betty Hester) in your prayers as they travel and attend to business of the church.

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Youth Schedule

June 12 Youth 5-7:00

June 15 Trip to Tonkawa Falls
(leave church at 9:00 a.m.)

June 19 NO YOUTH—Father's Day

June 26 Youth 5-7:00



Monthly Mission: June

Our Monthly Mission focus in June will be hearing from Courtney Dishongh, née Ledger and her husband Adam as they prepare to become missionaries to the Middle East. They will come and speak at both of our worship services on June 26 to tell us about the mission they will be involved in and how we can support them. We will also collect a special offering to support them in their missionary work.



Mark your calendars for the evening of July 27. The Revelation Youth Choir from Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano will be here to perform for us and our community. More information to come!



Birthdays

- 1 Ian Browning
- 2 Scott Tombosky
- 3 Sandra Mikesell, Jennifer Valle
- 4 Elaine Roberts
- 5 A.J. Brauer
- 6 Lynn Owens, Tiffany Hensley
- 8 Lori Maedgen, Audra Dunsmoor,
Neal Roessler, Charles Maedgen
- 9 C.F. (Sonny) Ellis
- 10 Kyle Letbetter, Ava O'Donnell
- 13 David Thompson, Campbell Ivey,
Daniel Bush
- 15 Darin Crawford
- 17 Kay Nan Ledger
- 21 Tony Ross, Grant Browning
- 23 Claudette Oliver, Joey DeLeon,
Maggie Ross
- 24 Chris Browning, Faith Vaculin,
Jagger Blackler
- 25 Adleyne Valle, Lila O'Donnell
- 26 Ronnie Gilliland
- 28 Kacy Jarma
- 30 Mark Maedgen

Anniversaries

- 2 John & Jayci Coleman
- 11 Buddy & Elaine Roberts
- 12 Billy & Lori Hobbs
- 13 Johnny & Mikey Giebler
Scott & Susan Tombosky
- 15 Steve & Judy Schiller
- 20 David & Carolyn Walston
- 21 Terry & Tammy Cavanaugh
- 23 Billy Joe & Kay Nan Ledger
- 24 Bill & Kay Tyler
- 25 David & Arlynda Rouch
Darron & Julie Ramage



MEMORIALS

- ~ *In memory of Charles Gover* by Tim & Janice Kirkscey, James & Susan Neal
- ~ *In memory of Mary Alice McMurtry* by Tim & Janice Kirkscey
- ~ *In memory of Norris Frazier* by Mike & Nancy Mercer
- ~ *In memory of Ricky Winnett* by Gary & Donna Allison
- ~ *In memory of Jeff Sims* by Mike & Nancy Mercer, Richard & Betty Hester,
Tim & Janice Kirkscey, Jane Randolph,
Bill & Renee Carberry, Larry & Karen Granfor,
Gary & Donna Allison. Matt & Kacy Jarma,
Katherine Maedgen, Barbara Thompson
- ~ *In memory of Catherine Beimer* by Matt & Kacy Jarma, Richard & Betty Hester