



For His Glory

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
TROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MARCH 2023

From Pastor David

Saying goodbye. As a United Methodist Pastor, I knew that I'd have to say goodbye to the churches I serve whenever I am called to pastor a new congregation. What I didn't know when I entered the ministry in 2006 was how difficult it would be to say my farewells to a congregation. There is so much to say, and often words are entirely inadequate to express the depth and breadth of life that we've shared together. When I came to Troy in 2019 the vision I had in my head for how my time spent with you would occur ended up being absolutely nothing like I had thought, like none of us had thought. To say that we've had our share of difficulties together would be an understatement, it has been an unprecedented time in ministry for me as I know it has been for our church. I wish our time together could have been easier! But God didn't call us together during such a time. I hope you can see that I tried to guide our congregation through these unprecedented times as well as I could with as much integrity as possible. I want you to know that I have seen the character of Troy UMC shining throughout our time together, and I love you for it.

I'm sure you all know how special of a congregation Troy UMC is, but I want to tell you anyway! It is a rare church that is as friendly and welcoming as you are. I love you for the fact that when Josiah decided he wanted to dye his hair blue over the summer, that everyone commented on how well the color fit his personality. I love you for the continued focus on offering your best to the community and never ceasing to look for ways to reach out to those in need. I love you for the welcome and the place that is

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offered to everyone who comes through your doors. I love you for the support you have given me and my family over these years. I love you for how Ellie and Josiah know that they're loved and cared for by you. I give thanks to God that we got to spend four years with you!

I have great hope for the future of Troy UMC. In these last few months, I have seen God working in so many ways on behalf of this congregation, working to lead you to the next great thing. I wish I could be here to see what the Holy Spirit leads you to next, but I'll do my part from afar, praying for you and cheering you on. We love you and will miss you.

Mandi and I do have one request from you before we leave. In the sanctuary by the main doors there are two green journals, one for Ellie and one for Josiah. We've asked each church that we've served to write messages to Ellie and Josiah so that they can remember each church and person who has loved them and cared for them as they grew up. The journals will be out until Monday March 27. Please take a moment to write a message to them.



We will have a covered dish meal on Sunday, March 19 following the worship service to bid farewell to the Ray Family. Please bring your favorite recipe dish, enough to share. This will be a time of food and fellowship.

*We encourage you to join us for
Holy Week Worship and activities...*



*Palm Sunday 10:00—children will enter worship waving
palm branches*

Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00—Communion Service

Good Friday Worship, 7:00

Easter Eggs-ravaganza—Saturday, April 8 9-11:00

Community event—kiddos, bring baskets for the egg hunt

EASTER SUNDAY—LYFE Groups at 9:00, Worship at 10:00



Palm Sunday - April 2nd

Children are invited to process in waving palm branches. Meet Lisa in the foyer five minutes before service starts.

Open Gym for all youth in the community!!

Kiddos from 3rd grade through high school are invited to come have a good time playing volleyball, basketball, board games, or just hanging out!!



The gym will be open 3:00-5:00 each Sunday, followed by Youth 5:00-7:00 for those who want to stay and be a part of that group.

Brett Payne is the leader/coordinator for the Open Gym!!



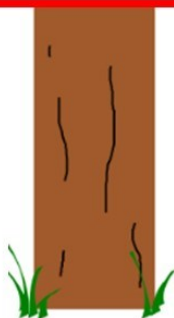
Troy United Methodist Church

Indoor Church Garage Sale

March 25th
7AM-5PM

2500 FM 935 (almost 2 miles East of I-35)
254.938.2364

Bake Sale
Breakfast Tacos
Sausage Wraps



Birthdays

- 4 Katherine Maedgen
- 9 Emily Jolliff
- 10 Shirley Haas, Betty Hester
- 12 Zach Allen, Drew Mitchell
- 13 Susan Tombosky
- 15 Darryce Ross, Melissa O'Donnell, Donal Bush
- 17 Manette Fowler, Jana Letbetter, Amber Crawford
- 20 David Coufal
- 21 Brigitte Allen, Adam Roessler, Rebecca Jolliff
- 22 Joshua Bastin
- 23 Johnny Giebler
- 25 Sean Huffman
- 26 Georgie Mitchell
- 29 Carolyn Walston
- 31 Nancy Birdsell, Brady Hart

Anniversaries

- 16 Joey & Amber Gresham
- 23 Jack & Becky Hobday



~ Memorials ~

In memory of Dick Jarma by Ted & Connie Williamson

In memory of C.F. (Sonny) Ellis by Brigitte Allen, Annette Minderman, Ross & Liz Smith,
Steve & Sylvia Ellis, Jeff & Pam Lockridge, Nancy Perkins

In memory of Ricky Sanders by Brigitte Allen

In memory of Bret Allen by Brigitte Allen

In honor of Darryce Ross' 100th birthday by Tim & Janice Kirkscey, Richard & Betty Hester