



TROY
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INVITING PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS

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Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service
(Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. Modern Service
(Family Life Center)
*Children's ministry, nursery,
and online worship at both services*



EASTER SERVICES *Sunday, April 20*

Invite your friends and family to worship on Easter with you at Troy Methodist Church! We will be celebrating that in Jesus' resurrection, the old has gone and *The New has Come!*

Easter Sunday Schedule:

- 7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary
- 7:45 a.m. – Free buffet breakfast in the Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
(Children's ministry & nursery available)
- 10:30 a.m. – Modern Worship in the Family Life Center and Online
(Children's ministry & nursery available)

Service of Shadows



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE *Friday, April 18, 6:30pm Family Life Center*

Join us in the Family Life Center at 6:30 p.m. as we share in the passion of Jesus' last hours in this powerful "Service of Shadows." We will reflect on and remember the depth of pain and suffering that Jesus endured on our behalf. We will walk through the Scriptures and experience soul-moving music during this unforgettable worship. We will conclude with silent communion and depart in quiet reflection. There is no childcare, but the service is suitable for all ages.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

INVITING PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS

That's our mission at Troy Methodist Church, and this April is your perfect opportunity to live it out! Not only can you look forward to an amazing month of worship, but you can also look forward to sharing it with others. If TMC is your church home, please consider participating in our mission in one or more of the seven following ways in April:

1. **Invite** – This is by far the best way to live out our mission! Invite a friend to experience the hope of the resurrection and the joy of new life in Christ. Grab a few invite cards at worship and share them with your family, friends, coworkers and neighbors. Keep one on you at all times so you're ready to invite whenever God opens a door. And don't forget to invite people to any of the other exciting services or events this April!
2. **Social media** – Get your picture taken at worship on Palm Sunday, April 13, and post it to Facebook or Instagram inviting your friends to Easter worship services. We also plan to have a profile frame available on Facebook for you to add to your profile picture temporarily. Let's get the word out about the new life Jesus offers and our worship opportunities this Easter.
3. **Come early, park and walk** – We expect our parking lots to be full and maybe a tad chaotic on Easter Sunday. If you are able, please consider coming early and parking as far away as you can (softball fields even!). Leaving the close spots open for guests and those who cannot walk long distances is a great form of hospitality. And coming early will help relieve congestion in the parking lot.
4. **Join us for the sunrise service** – Consider coming early for our 7:00 a.m. Sunrise service in the Sanctuary! It will not only be an awesome service, but coming early will create more space for guests during our normal service times. (And you can easily stick around for breakfast at 7:45 a.m.!)
5. **Sit up front** – We expect our sanctuary to be full for Easter, so consider sitting closer to the front or scootching into the center of your row to allow more space on the aisles and in the back for guests or late-comers.
6. **Serve** – In order to provide radical hospitality for everyone, we are calling you out of the stands and onto the field! We anticipate needing extra hands to usher, greet, serve in children's ministry and as parking attendants. If you are willing to serve during one or more of the worship services, please contact bonnie@troymc.org.
7. **Participate in worship** – I am looking for around 50 people who have experienced the love of Jesus to play a special (and easy) role in our Easter worship services. You won't have to say anything, but it will be a powerful way to proclaim God's goodness. Email or call me and I will share more! Anyone middle school age and up could participate.

I can't wait to live out our mission together!

(And I will give a special reward to anyone who lets me know you did so in all 7 of these ways!)

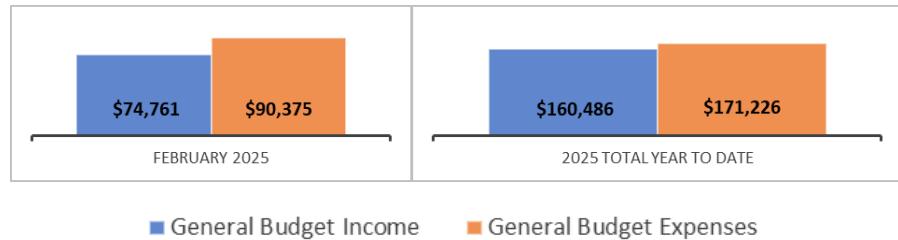
Faithfully,



STRATEGIC STATS

Worship Services	February Average	Year to Date Averages
9:00 a.m. - In Person	106	105
9:00 a.m. - Online	185	186
10:30 a.m. - In Person	171	168
10:30 a.m. - Online	147	136
Sunday Children	51	55
Wednesday Youth	52	51
Average Weekly In Person Worship	367	371
Average Weekly Online Worship	332	322

General Budget



APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We have planned an amazing April and you won't want to miss any of it!

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

Sunday, April 6, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. worship services

We will have special guest missionaries from Jews for Jesus share a Passover Seder meal with us! We will learn how Jesus is God's **Second Exodus** who came to lay down his life as a Passover lamb, to deliver all people from the bondage of sin and death. This is a "can't miss" Sunday when you will see the Old and New Testaments come together in a powerful way. As we share Holy Communion together that day, we're confident you will have a renewed love and appreciation for Jesus.

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. worship services

We will continue our Second Exodus theme as we celebrate Palm Sunday and look toward Holy Week! Comb your hair! We will have a festive backdrop and will be taking family photos after each worship service.

GOOD FRIDAY - Service of Shadows

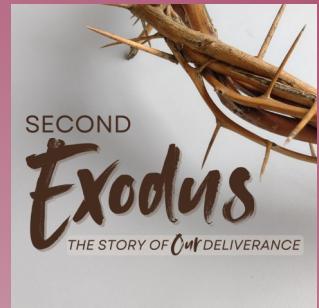
Friday, April 18, 6:30 p.m., Family Life Center

Join us for our Service of Shadows as we share in the passion of Jesus' last hours.
(Full details on the front page.)

EASTER SUNDAY

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. worship services

Join us as we celebrate the 2025 Confirmands! They will be introduced in the 9:00 a.m. worship service and will be confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

LENT PRAYER INITIATIVE

During the season of Lent, we are providing meaningful ways for you to encounter God in prayer.

On Wednesday mornings, from 7:30 - 8:00 a.m., you are invited to the Sanctuary for prayer with Pastor Bonnie. During this time, you will have the opportunity to prayer walk, pray in silence, or pray together. Everyone is invited! Parents with kids – feel free to drop in and pray with Pastor Bonnie and Micah on your way to school!

Additionally, on Wednesdays, the Sanctuary will be open for prayer between 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for you to spend one on one time with God.

You are also encouraged to set an alarm on your phone for daily prayer at 4:16 p.m. The Word of God reminds us in 2 Corinthians 4:16 that, *"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."* Spend just a few moments daily in pursuit of being renewed by God. Pray for a soft heart, petition for others, sit in silence and listen for God to speak. My prayer for our church is that we would know that God is with us and that He longs for us to be in relationship with Him through prayer!



UPWARD 2025 MISSION PROJECT

This year, our Upward participants, coaches, and families participated in their annual Upward Paper Drive and extended the invitation to our church family to be a part of the fun! Mission projects are such a great opportunity for everyone involved to remember the importance of both service and generosity; and boy, were you all generous!

This year the group collected 1,251 rolls of toilet paper, 226 rolls of paper towels, and 84 boxes of Kleenex, along with a handful of packages of napkins, paper plates and Clorox wipes! Because of the generosity of everyone involved we have helped stock the shelves of five area pantries! Thank you to everyone who chose to give generously! What a joy it is to serve our communities together and share the love of Christ in such a tangible way!



Romans 12:10, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

Our Care Ministry is excited to announce a new ministry area under our umbrella. We're calling this new area **Caring Hearts Ministry** — it's a special outreach dedicated to ensuring that every person homebound or in a facility receives a personal phone call and visit each month. We plan to kick off this new ministry on April 1, 2025. We want each person to feel they are a cherished part of God's family, and no one should feel forgotten or alone.

The ministry's goal is to provide emotional support, companionship, and encouragement to elderly individuals who may feel isolated or overlooked. The mission and purpose is to love and care for them through personal interactions to ensure seniors feel valued and remembered, offer prayer, encouragement, and meaningful conversation, and to identify needs and provide help when possible.

This ministry has two components: 1.) Gold Members – Church members 90+ and 2.) Homebound – members who live in their home, but physically unable to get out and those who live in a facility.

We are putting together teams of volunteers (in teams of 2), and each team will be assigned to regularly call and visit those seniors in our congregation who are shut-in or in a facility. Visits include friendly conversation, prayer, and checking on any specific needs. Calls serve as a reminder that they are loved and provide encouragement and a listening ear.

This initiative ensures those members receive regular care and stay connected to their church community, reinforcing the love and presence of God in their lives.

If you are interested in being a Care Ministry team member, please contact Pastor Dan at dan@tromyc.org.

SERVING OPPORTUNITY: *Lawn Care Team*

If you love the outdoors, join our Lawn Care Team! We need help mowing and trimming around the church grounds. We form volunteer teams of around three people to mow 1-2 times each month, April through October. No experience necessary, we will train!

If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Sharie at sharie@tromyc.org

PALM SUNDAY PHOTO SHOOT



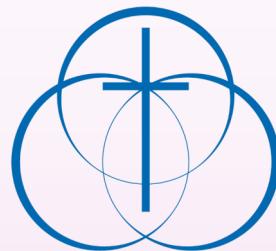
Stop by the backdrop after the 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services and we will take your picture

UPCOMING CONNECT LUNCH AND MEMBERSHIP CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

You are cordially invited to attend our upcoming Connect Lunch or Membership Class in May! If you have never attended a Connect Lunch and you would like to find ways to "connect" at TMC we would love for you to save the date for our upcoming lunch on **Sunday, May 4** at 11:45 a.m. in the Upper Family Life Center. During our time together we will have lunch from Fire and Smoke, and you will have the opportunity to learn about the ministries of Troy Methodist Church. From journey groups to serving opportunities, we would love to share with you a variety of ways to get involved. We will also take a tour of the building to help you get to know your way around. We will also have ample opportunities for you to ask questions and learn more about our church family!

Our next Membership Class will be **Sunday, May 18** following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Upper Family Life Center. This class is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about our church family and what it means to become a member of Troy Methodist Church! If you are a long-time attender and want to find out about what it means to be a Global Methodist congregation, we would love for you to attend this lunch and learn more. If you are a new visitor to our church, this lunch is for you! We will have a meal together and time for questions and answers.

Childcare is provided upon request for both events, and if you have questions feel free to reach out to Bonnie, our Discipleship Pastor, at bonnie@tromc.org.



TROY METHODIST WOMEN

FAITH • MISSIONS • SERVICE

we will firm up our visit to Midwest Mission on May 8, as well as finalize our plans for the Saturday, May 10 event, "Children's Celebration of Motherhood". (See back page for event details)

For more information on our ministry, please contact Libby Gregg at lgregg129@gmail.com or (618)954-6263

APRIL MEETING Thursday, April 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Family Life Center Welcome Spring!

The Troy Methodist Women are excited to bring back Julie Tracy with Equipping the Called as our guest speaker. At our business meeting,

we will firm up our visit to Midwest Mission on May 8, as well as finalize our plans for the Saturday, May 10 event, "Children's Celebration of Motherhood". (See back page for event details)

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J.O.Y. SEEKERS (ADULTS 55+)

*Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!"
Philippians 4:4*

Spring is in full bloom, and with it comes the renewal of God's blessings in our lives! April is a season of hope, new beginnings, and joy in the resurrection of our Savior. This month let's embrace the beauty of life, fellowship, and service together.

Joyful Challenge

Take time to write a note of encouragement to a friend, family member, or church member who may need a little extra joy this season.

Stay Connected!

For updates and event details, contact Pastor Dan at dan@tromc.org or Brenda Newton at brnewto@siue.edu

For our April gathering, we are making plans to take a fieldtrip to the Old Spaghetti Factory and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis on Tuesday, April 22. Watch the weekly eReach for details.



TUCANOS
BRAZILIAN GRILL

TROY METHODIST MEN'S EVENT
"MEAT & GREET"

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
10:15 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

TMM TRAVEL TO TUCANOS FOR "MEAT & GREET"

Saturday, April 12, 10:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All guys (all ages) are invited to join us for a fun day of fellowship & food (lots of food!) at Tucanos Brazilian Grill in St. Charles, MO.

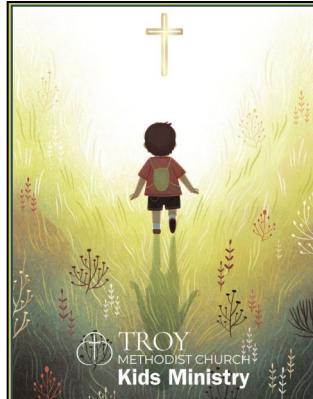
TIME: Meet at TMC Parking Lot at 10:15 a.m. Leave TMC Parking Lot at 10:30 a.m. Arrive at Tucanos around 11:15 a.m. Return to Troy MC around 2:00 p.m.

COST: Meal is \$35 plus tip. There is also a \$5 fee to ride the church bus.

WANNA GO?: Call the church office at (618) 667-6241 to register with your name and phone number. Space is limited, so sign up early.

NEED MORE INFO: Contact Carl Inman at (618) 604-7551 or ask some of the guys who have been before.

TROY METHODIST KIDS



Walk in the Light
Easter Event

PALM SUNDAY
April 13, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

register now at troymc.org/kids

TROY
METHODIST CHURCH
Kids Ministry

Here's what's in store:

Hands-On Bible Learning – Kids will experience the incredible story of Jesus' resurrection through interactive activities that bring the message to life.

Light-Up Lantern Project – A creative craft that reminds us to shine the light of Christ! (Light-up portion subject to availability.)

Praise & Worship – Lift up voices in joyful celebration with songs of faith and love.

Fun treat – A tasty break to refuel and refresh.

Recreational Games & Egg Hunt – Run, play, and search for eggs filled with special prizes!

Important Details: Parents, drop off your kids in the Kidmin. area at Troy Methodist Church on Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. Pick up is at 4:00 p.m.

Sign Up is Required! Space is limited, so be sure to register in advance at troymc.org/kids.

We can't wait to celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World, with you! Come join the fun and make meaningful memories with us. See you there!

Volunteers Needed! If you'd like to help make this event a success, please see Jenn or Tim, or contact Jenn at Jenn@troymc.org.



Parents: follow our social media accounts for the most current announcements and lots of photos of our kids!

WEBSITE
troymc.org/kids
FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM
[@troymethodistkids](http://troymethodistkids)

CONTACT
Tim - tim@troymc.org
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ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER CAMP?

Here are the two great camps we're planning to take Troy Methodist Kids to this summer!

Beulah Bible Camp, Eldorado, IL - June 23 - June 26

This camp is for students who have completed 4th, 5th, or 6th grades. The bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 23 and return at about 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 26.

Beulah Beginning Camp - June 27 - June 28

This overnight camp is for students who have completed either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grades. The bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 27 and return home at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 28.

We will be staying in our Troy Methodist Cabin, which is divided in half - a guys side and girls side! Students will love Beulah Camp - with worship, preaching, activities, bookstore, snack shack, classes, and a ton of fun!

Have Questions? Talk with Tim Price or Jenn Diliberto.

Registration is now open - sign up at troymc.org/kids.

TROY METHODIST STUDENTS

FIRE-UP WRAP UP

Thanks to Troy Methodist Church for hosting the Fire-Up Conference! What a gift it was to gather with over 180 students and leaders for the 29th annual event of preaching, worship, prayer, and calling the next generation to follow Jesus whole-heartedly. From the host team to the tech team, and everyone in between, thanks for your part - all glory to God! For more photos and videos from the weekend, visit harvestministrystudents.com/update.



APRIL CALENDAR

- April 2 - Regular Student Ministry
- April 9 - Regular Student Ministry
- April 16 - No Student Ministry
- *April 17 - Trip to St. Matthew for "Joy of Easter" (see troymc.org/students)
- *April 20 - Easter Sunday! See you at church!
- April 23 - Regular Student Ministry
- *April 27 - Confirmation Sunday - Class is confirmed at 10:30 a.m. - let's sit in front to encourage our 7th graders!
- April 30 - Regular Student Ministry

**indicates activity not on a Wednesday*

SUMMER MINISTRY

It's time to arrange your calendar to prioritize student summer camps and mission trips!

- June 15-22**
Beulah Youth Institute - Eldorado, IL
(7th-12th grades, completed)
- June 29-July 4**
High School Mission Trip to Red Bird Mission - Beverly, KY
(9th-12th grades)
- July 14-18**
Epworth Camp - Greenville, IL
(6th-12th grades, also post-high school)
- July 24-26**
Middle School Mission Trip - Springfield, IL
(6th-8th grades)

Visit troymc.org/students to get more information!

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*Care Pastor	Dan Perry
*Next Generation Minister	Tim Price
*Office Manager	Sharie Meyer
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*Director of Traditional Worship Music	Rebecca Koebbe
*Director of Modern Worship	Marissa Horning
*Children's Ministry Leader	Jenn Diliberto
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*Production Coordinator	Josh Case
*Administrative Assistant	Karen Wimmer
*Middle School Ministry Leader	Wenifer Greer
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APRIL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
April 6	Christ in the Passover (page 3)
April 10	Troy Methodist Women Meeting (page 5)
April 12	Troy Methodist Men's "Meat & Greet" Trip to Tucano's (page 5)
April 13	Palm Sunday (page 3)
April 13	Kid's Ministry - Walk in the Light Easter Event (page 6)
April 17	Student Ministry - Fieldtrip to "Joy of Easter" (page 7)
April 18	Good Friday Service (front cover)
April 20	Easter Sunday (front cover)
April 22	J.O.Y. Seekers Fieldtrip to St. Louis (page 5)
April 27	Confirmation Sunday (page 3)

A Children's Celebration of Motherhood

A MOTHER-AND-CHILD/CHILDREN AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP, REFRESHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING:



Saturday, May 10, 2025
Noon to 2 p.m.

Troy Methodist Church - Family Life Center
407 Edwardsville Road, Troy

TICKETS: \$10/ADULTS, \$5/CHILDREN UNDER 12
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!

SPONSORED BY TROY METHODIST WOMEN, BENEFITTING THE TMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, FIRST STEP LEARNING CENTER, & OTHER SUPPORTED MISSIONS.

"Children's Celebration of Motherhood"
Saturday, May 10
Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Family Life Center

Troy Methodist Women are hosting an afternoon of fun for the entire family. The event will include arts and crafts, a photo booth, refreshments, a gift shop, silent auction, and children's music.

The price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 12. (*Children must be accompanied by an adult.*) Tickets will be available to purchase from the church office, members of TMW, and before/after worship services on April 13, April 27, and May 4.

Proceeds from this event will go toward our children's ministry, 1st Step Learning Center, and the missions TMW support.

For more information, please contact Libby Gregg at lgregg129@gmail.com or (618)954-6263.



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