



TROY
METHODIST CHURCH

REACH

INVITING PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS

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SEVEN

Transformation from Sin to Virtue



At the end of June, we began our current series on the Seven Deadly Sins. We've discovered what makes each so dangerous to our spiritual lives and have spent time in prayer, calling upon the Holy Spirit to renew us to live a virtuous life!

In August, we will conclude with the final three deadly sins, Gluttony, Anger, and Pride. Join us as we allow God's Word to diagnose our sickness and turn to God's Holy Spirit to heal, forgive, and transform our hearts and lives!

- August 4** – John 6:35 – Gluttony to Contentment
- August 11** – Ephesians 4:26-32 – Anger to Patience
- August 18** – 1 Peter 5:5b-6 – Pride to Humility
- August 25** – Romans 12:1-2 – Transformed

THANK YOU FROM HARVEST MINISTRY!



Thank you to Troy Methodist Church for the support and partnership with Harvest Ministry! This has been an incredible 29th summer of music and ministry leadership. On behalf of the 2024 team, thanks for the prayers, meals, housing, and support.

Our entire church family is invited to the closing celebration service for Harvest on Sunday, August 4 at 2:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. You can find out more and view photos and videos at harvestministryteams.com.

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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

SEEKING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

You need to know this about our church family! We are filled with humble and dedicated spiritual leaders who sacrificially volunteer their time, talent, and energy to the important work of leading and administering our church's ministry. **Our church council will meet to approve our 2025 leadership team and budget on Tuesday, October 8** before a yet to be scheduled Charge Conference with our Presiding Elder to formalize our work. In preparation, our lay leadership team will be meeting on Tuesday, September 17 to pray for, discuss, and deploy potential leaders onto the following teams:

- **Church Council** – the highest decision-making body of the church – gifts of leadership, administration, and/or discernment
- **Staff Parish** – the “Human Resources” group of the church – gifts of administration and encouragement as well as experience in HR is helpful
- **Trustees** – tasked with overseeing the management of the church building and property – gifts of administration, helps, and/or craftsmanship
- **Finance** – overseeing the church’s finances – gifts of administration and faith as well as experience in bookkeeping, accounting, or other financial fields
- **Mission** – administering our mission budget; maintaining mission partnerships – gifts of administration, mercy, and/or discernment as well as a passion for missions
- **Lay Leadership** – helps assess and deploy church members to serve on the above teams – gifts of discernment and wisdom as well as a knowledge of many members helps
- **1st Step Preschool Board** – supports the director, sets policies, and evaluates the preschool ministry. Helpful to have administration and encouragement gifts along with a heart for the preschool

Gifts and experience are beneficial, but of greater importance is a heart for God and strong character. Please consider some of these biblical qualifications for servant leadership to help you make recommendations for our church.

1. Not a brand-new believer (1 Timothy 3:6)
2. Displays growing spiritual maturity (Titus 1:8)
3. Humble, self-controlled, and hospitable (1 Timothy 3:2)
4. Generous with finances (1 Timothy 3:3)
5. Stable and respectable home life (1 Timothy 3:4-5)
6. Exhibits a tamed tongue (James 1:26; Titus 3:2)

Members of our church have the important role of identifying potential servant leaders for these teams. If you know of a member (including yourself) whose gifts and experiences make her or him a good fit for one of these teams, [please submit names along with your rationale to me before Sunday, September 8](#). Browse our current leadership roll on the following page as you consider your recommendations!

Faithfully,



STRATEGIC STATS

Worship Services	June Average	Year to Date Averages
9:00 a.m. - In Person	107	113
9:00 a.m. - Online	115	140
10:30 a.m. - In Person	149	163
10:30 a.m. - Online	105	104
Sunday Children	56	59
Wednesday Youth	28	35
Average Weekly In Person Worship	340	381
Average Weekly Online Worship	220	244

General Budget



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

TROY METHODIST CHURCH 2025 Administrative Committees

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Recording Secretary
Senior Pastor
Lay Member of Annual Conference
Lay Member of Annual Conference
Lay Member of Annual Conference
Lay Leader
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Bookkeeper
Staff Parish Relations Representative
Committee on Finance Chairperson
Board of Trustees Chairperson
First Step Board Chairperson
Scouting Coordinator
UWF Representative
Methodist Men Representative
Missions Team Representative
Youth Representative
Staff Members (ex-officio, without vote):
 Office Manager

Dan Yarger
Karen Caires
**Andy Adams

Tom Finley
Deb Inman
Becky Rushing
Julie Bernreuter
Greg Symons
Ron Finnан

Craig Nelson
Bridget Taylor
Carl Inman

Don Satterlee
**Bonnie Abel
Blaine Stolle

**Sharie Meyer

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Dan Yarger	Barb Buck	
Tami Buchwalter	Eric Brault	

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Suzanne Price	Tom Wilkerson	
Jenny Van Middendorp	Jeanie Parsons	
Rich Vierdag	Jennifer Zahn	

Lay Leader: Deb Inman
Chairperson: **Andy Adams

MISSIONS TEAM

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Carol Block	Beth Barbour	
Pat Staley	Tyson Graham	
Jon Hemker	Pam Ramsey	

Minister: **Bonnie Abel

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
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Jon Brandt
Stephanie Lawson
Jaime Ingle

Lay Leader: Deb Inman
Sr. Pastor: **Andy Adams

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
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Keith Forman
*Craig Nelson
Rod Repp

Sr. Pastor: **Andy Adams
Staff: **Sharie Meyer

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairperson	** Andy Adams
Senior Pastor	
Church Council Chairperson	
Lay Member of Annual Conference	
Lay Member of Annual Conference	
Lay Member of Annual Conference	
Lay Leader	
Treasurer	
Financial Secretary	
Bookkeeper	
Trustees Representative	
Staff	

Tom Finley
Deb Inman
Becky Rushing
Julie Bernreuter
Greg Symons
Craig Nelson
**Sharie Meyer

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEMBERS AT LARGE

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Ken Blumberg	Steve Barbour	
Jeff Dossett	Fred Parsons	

FIRST STEP LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL BOARD

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Keri Hemker	Rebecca Hepfer	
Karen Baxter	Erica Graham	

[*chairperson **non-voting member]



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR FINAL SUMMER MUSIC EVENTS

You are invited to come, be ministered to, and minister to each other. Our hope is to encounter the Lord together in a meaningful way - through music and praise. If you have questions, reach out to our Director of Modern Worship, Marissa at marrissa@troymc.org.

August Worship Night - Saturday, August 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

August Jam Session - Saturday, August 24 @ 6:30 p.m.

(You can find the details at troymc.org/events or in the weekly eReach)

Grief Support Group



Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The Fall session of **GriefShare** will begin **August 20** and runs for 13-weeks. We will meet every Tuesday evening 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Family Life Center.

Each week the group will watch a *GriefShare* video covering topics essential to your recovery from the hurt of grief and loss. Videos feature interviews with grief recovery experts, mini-dramas, on-location video, and real-life stories of people who have experienced the death of a loved one.

To sign up, go to griefshare.com, in the “find a group” box, type in TROY IL, click on Troy Methodist Church, click on “register for this group”, type in your email address and you will receive an invitation to join our group.

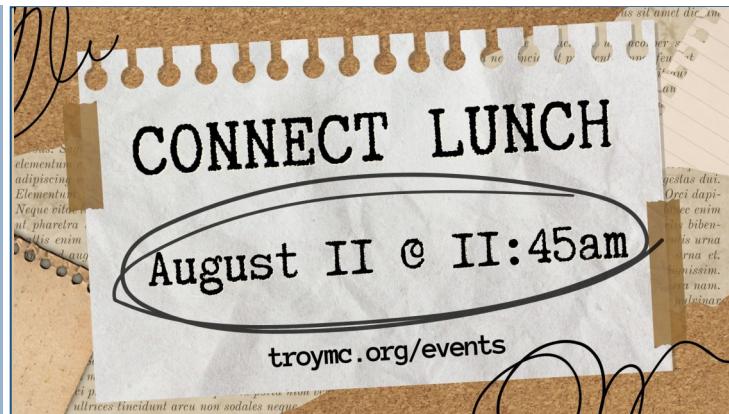
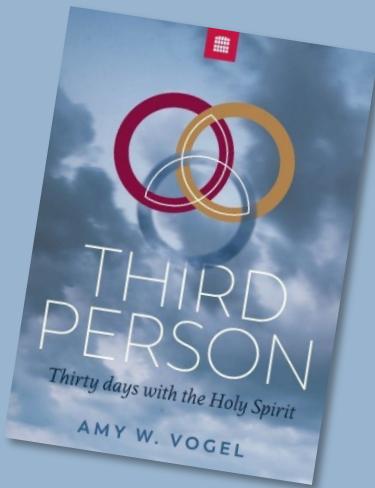
If you have questions, contact Care Pastor Dan Perry at (618) 830-5589 or dan@troymc.org

UPCOMING JOURNEY GROUP OPPORTUNITY

This September we will be embarking on a journey with the Holy Spirit as we study and learn from the book “Third Person” by Amy W. Vogel. This five-week commitment is something that everyone can be a part of! On Sundays we will be learning about the Holy Spirit together in worship and throughout the week we all have the opportunity to join a journey group to go deeper.

If you haven’t ever been a part of a journey group, this series is the perfect time to join in! We currently have twelve Journey Group options, with more to come! Now is the perfect time to get connected! Feel free to reach out to our Discipleship Pastor at bonnie@troymc.org to find the right group for you. Our hope is to have groups in a variety of locations around our region and opportunities every day of the week with options during the day and in the evening. Being a part of a journey group is a vital part of your personal growth in Jesus, and we believe that this is a group for YOU! Come be a part of journeying with Jesus through journey group ministries!

Next month we will share more details as we prepare for this journey together!



We invite you to join us for our next Connect Lunch on Sunday, August 11 following the 10:30 a.m. service. We will meet in the Upper Family Life Center.

This event is open to anyone who hasn’t attended a Connect Lunch in the past and would like to, you guessed it, find out how to get connected! Our time together is the perfect chance to learn more about our church, meet a variety of church staff, and find opportunities to be involved here at TMC!

During our time together, we will eat lunch from Fire and Smoke BBQ and fellowship together. If you have kids, they are welcome to attend! Kids will eat lunch with the entire group and then go to Kids Ministry with volunteer leaders to have fun while we continue to fellowship together. To sign up, simply RSVP by emailing our Discipleship Pastor, Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org.



“JOY” SEEKERS - JUST OLDER YOUTH! (age 55+)

Hey JOY SEEKERS! Mark your calendar for our next lunch and program on Tuesday, August 27 starting at noon. Watch the weekly eReach for details.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Dan at dan@troymc.org

CONNECT & SERVE

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK – AUGUST 25

As we come to the close of our summer months, we thought it was the perfect time to bring everyone together for another all church potluck! So pull out the recipe cards and find a favorite dish to share. This is always a great time of food and fellowship together!

We will meet in the Family Life Center right after the 10:30 a.m. service. The church will provide all paperware & utensils, drinks and rolls; you provide a dish:

Families/Individuals:

Last name A - F – bring a salad (lettuce/jello/coleslaw/etc.)

Last name G - L – bring dessert (pie/cake/cookies/etc.)

Last name M - R – bring a main course (meats/casserole)

Last name S - Z – bring a hot side (beans/veggies/potatoes/etc.)

Please bring food that will serve 10 - 12 people.

There is no need to register, just bring a dish - it's a potluck so anything goes! If you have questions or you'd like to help set up/clean up: contact our Discipleship Pastor, Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org

HOSPITALITY TEAM: COFFEE & CONNECT

Every Sunday morning our hospitality team works to provide for all of the people who come into our services. We greet them with a smile, provide them with bulletins full of information, and we offer coffee and snacks!

The Coffee & Connect Team is a fun, behind the scenes way to serve in our church! You simply arrive at church around 9:00 a.m. and work to make the coffee for both services. If you would like to learn more about this team or are ready to be trained, please reach out to our Discipleship Pastor, Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org.



MISSION PROJECT: SHOE DRIVE!

Our mission team is hosting a shoe drive fundraiser August 4 through September 8 and we are collecting gently worn, used, or new shoes. Our goal is to collect at least 100 pairs of shoes!

Here's how it works:

- We will have collection baskets in the kid's ministry area and in the Family Life Center and Sanctuary foyers.
- You can start by checking around your home for pairs of shoes that you have outgrown, don't fit correctly, or are no longer in style or season. These shoes can be tennis shoes, sandals, boots, dress shoes, heels, or flats.
- You could also buy a new pair of shoes when you are back-to-school shopping!
- Bring the shoes in to one of the drop-off baskets and the mission team will do the rest!

Even if we can't collect a total of 100 pairs, it's okay. Every pair of shoes helps!

Where do the shoes go? The shoes our church collects are purchased from an organization that repurposes the shoes to help support microenterprises in developing nations such as Haiti, Cambodia, and Ghana. This is an opportunity to bless others around the world and share the love of Christ in a tangible way.

Join us & donate shoes!



United
Women
in Faith

LADIES FELLOWSHIP DAY *You Are My Sunshine*

We invite all women of the church to the UWF Ladies Fellowship Day on Thursday, August 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This will be a time for women to connect with one another. We want to build a supportive network because of our desire to support missions.

There will be lots of fun activities. To participate, just bring your purse that day.

Before the meeting, please supply a picture of yourself somewhere between the ages of toddler and grade school. Photos may be dropped into a folder in the church copy room/UWF mailbox.

We will also celebrate a 100th Birthday with a special ice cream cake!

If you have questions, please contact Bethel Rogers at rogersbethel@gmail.com.

TROY METHODIST KIDS

IT'S BEEN A GREAT SUMMER...THANKS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

We've had an absolutely fantastic summer so far! We had a group of kids attending Beulah Bible Camp. The Superman theme brought a lot of excitement and fun, with the kids participating in various engaging activities. Serve Saturday was also a huge success, bringing together kids and families for cleaning and organizing activities, fostering a strong sense of community and teamwork.

Throughout the summer, our main focus has been on our weekly VBS workdays. These days were filled with energy and enthusiasm as we prepared for the main event. Entire families, including kids, came together to serve and contribute to our VBS theme. The VBS itself was an incredible success, bringing joy and spiritual growth to all participants.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in various ways. Some contributed by building and decorating our sets, some helped monetarily, some assisted with feeding the volunteers, others volunteered their time and talents during the week of VBS, and others supported us through their prayers. Thanks to everyone's combined efforts, we were able to minister to an average of 110 kids and share the Good News!

This summer has been amazing, and we're looking forward to building on this momentum for future events.



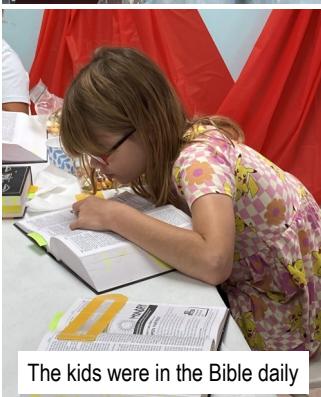
The boys vs. girls fundraising competition raised \$2,097.33 for Safe Families



Rec Time



The kids made tie dye t-shirts



The kids were in the Bible daily



3 kids prayed with Bonnie, several indicated they wanted to hear more about Jesus, and a few said it was their first time hearing about Jesus



Story Time brought the Bible to life

A PEEK INSIDE VBS 2024



126 kids registered, average of 110 came daily; 40 volunteers started the party and invited the kids to celebrate Jesus

TROY METHODIST STUDENTS



EPWORTH CAMP

A group of sixteen students and a couple of leaders took part in the week-long Epworth Camp, July 15-19, 2024. It was a powerful week of ministry!

Epworth Camp is hosted at Durley Camp in Greenville, IL. Each evening and morning, students head to worship and preaching. At nearly every service, students responded to Jesus and God's word at the altar, ***Praise the Lord!***

Each morning there were Bible classes and many other activities throughout the day.

Our Troy Methodist students jumped into the week by helping to serve meals, sitting in the front row during worship, creating the "Epworth Clap", and behaving well all week!

We continually pray for these students and the next generation as they keep growing in faith and following Christ.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

The week-long events and summer ministry nights have mostly concluded for the summer of 2024. What an incredible season of special ministry to help invite students on a journey with Jesus and to grow in faith!

Many thanks to:

- The sponsors at the Middle School Mission Trip in Springfield (16)*
- The sponsors at Beulah Youth Institute (14)*
- The sponsors at Beulah Kids Camp (8)*
- The sponsors for the High School Mission Trip in Kentucky (14)*
- The sponsors at Epworth Youth Camp (18)*
- Those who taught, led, and served during VBS week (160)*
- Those who drove the bus for student ministry events (4)*
- Those who helped lead on Wednesday evenings (~25)*
- Those who prayed for the ministries
- Families who registered, drove, and invested money into the events
- The church for providing the structure and helping to pay half of every registration through the camp scholarship fund!

(*number indicates total number of students and leaders at each event)

YOUTH BANDS

First rehearsal for Youth Bands will be **Wednesday, August 21 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

The high school youth band is for students in 9th-12th grades. (And any post high students who help.) This group leads worship each Wednesday night for student ministry.

The middle school worship team meets from 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. This is for students in 6th-8th grades who want to learn and grow in musical skill and ministry. This group works on a selection of songs to lead once each semester.

Contact
Tim Price or
Ryan
Froidcoeur
for more
information.



STUDENT MINISTRY - AUGUST ACTIVITIES

August 7: Break - No Wednesday Night Student Ministry
August 14: Break - No Wednesday Night Student Ministry
August 21: Fall Kick Off - All students, parents, and leaders
August 28: Outreach Night - Bring a friend, free t-shirts, and small group ice breakers

Visit troymc.org/students or text TROYSTUDENTS to 94000 for more information

CONTACT

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troymc.org/students

FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM

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Staff

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*Discipleship Pastor	Bonnie Abel
*Care Pastor	Dan Perry
*Next Generation Minister	Tim Price
*Office Manager	Sharie Meyer
*Director of 1st Step Learning Center	Lisa Rayle
*Director of Traditional Worship Music	Rebecca Koebbe
*Director of Modern Worship	Marissa Horning
*Children's Ministry Leader	Jenn Dilberto
*Communications Coordinator	Deb Ellis
*Production Coordinator	Josh Case
*Administrative Assistant	Karen Wimmer
*Middle School Ministry Leader	Wenifer Greer
*Senior High Ministry Co-Leader	Courtney Froidcoeur
*Senior High Ministry Co-Leader	Ryan Froidcoeur
Custodian	Jacob Baum, Rex Repp
*Staff E-mail	[firstname]@troymc.org

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AUGUST SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
August 3	Bell Choir "Boot Camp" & Potluck Meal (<i>see below</i>)
August 3	Summer Worship Night (<i>page 3</i>)
August 4	Harvest Closing Celebration (<i>front page</i>)
August 8	Troy United Women in Faith August Meeting (<i>page 5</i>)
August 10	Chancel Choir Kickoff & Potluck Meal (<i>see below</i>)
August 11	Connect Lunch (<i>page 4</i>)
August 20	GriefShare Support Group Kickoff (<i>page 4</i>)
August 21	Troy Methodist Students - Fall & Youth Bands Kickoff (<i>page 7</i>)
August 24	Summer Jam Session (<i>page 3</i>)
August 25	All Church Potluck (<i>page 5</i>)
August 27	Joy Seekers August Lunch & Program (<i>page 4</i>)
August 28	Troy Methodist Students - Outreach Night (<i>page 7</i>)

ANNUAL TRADITIONAL MUSIC ENSEMBLE KICKSTART EVENTS

Bell Choir "Boot Camp" & Potluck Meal

If you are at least a basic music reader and are interested in trying your hand(s) at playing bells, join us on **Saturday, August 3, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** for our second annual **Bell Choir "Boot Camp"**: an opportunity to learn basic bell techniques, play easy music for bell choir and get to know our group! The bell choir plays at service approximately once a month, and we have a lot of fun making music and fellowshipping together.

Bell Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m. (set-up from 7:15-7:30 p.m.)

Chancel Choir Kickoff & Potluck Meal

If you enjoy singing with a choir or are interested in trying, we would love to welcome you to our **Chancel Choir "Kickoff"** event on **Saturday, August 10, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**! While music reading ability is greatly helpful, it is not an absolute requirement. At this third annual event, we will become better acquainted with one another, be introduced to some of the music selections we'll be singing, and have opportunity for fellowship over a shared midday meal. There will also be opportunity for interested singers to try on choir robes. On average, Chancel choir sings at two services per month.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, August 28, 6:00-7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary.

For questions regarding Chancel or Bell Choir, contact the director, Rebecca Koebbe, via email at rebecca@troymc.org



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