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SEVEN

Transformation from Sin to Virtue



On June 23, we began a study of the BIG seven – the “Seven Deadly Sins”. In the coming weeks, we will discover what makes each so dangerous to our spiritual lives. More importantly, we will call upon the Holy Spirit to transform us to live a virtuous life!

In this series we will learn about the lifelong journey to restore God’s image in us, explore each of the “Seven Deadly Sins” and their opposite virtues, as well as soak in extended times of prayer and worship seeking transformation only God can bring. You won’t want to miss out on this life-changing summer series!

June 23 – Luke 5:27-32 – Restoring the Image

June 30 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-20 – Lust to Purity

July 7 – Proverbs 26:13-16 – Sloth to Passion

July 14 – Galatians 5:16-26; Romans 12:9-15 – Envy to Honor

July 21 – 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 – Washed

July 28 – Luke 12:15-21 – Greed to Generosity

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*



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR UPCOMING SUMMER MUSIC EVENTS!

Summer Worship Nights - July 6 and August 3

Summer Jam Sessions - July 20 and August 24

(You can find the details at troymc.org/events.)

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

A MOST MEANINGFUL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Have you ever been surprised by God's Spirit? In my 20+ years of attending annual conferences, I had never truly experienced God move in such a meaningful way as I did in Marion, Indiana last month. Clergy and lay representatives from the Global Methodist congregations in our Great Lakes Conference (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin) gathered June 5-7 on the campus of Indiana Wesleyan University. We gathered to worship and learn together as well as do the business of the annual conference including the election of delegates to represent us at the convening General Conference of the GMC to be held in Costa Rica this September. I arrived a few days early to participate in a training for church multiplication. That training in and of itself was worth the trip! I can't wait to share more about the hopes and dreams God birthed in me during that pre-conference. But for now, I want to share some of the wonderful highlights from Annual Conference.

First, **the times of worship** we shared were a little glimpse of heaven. Not only did we sing and praise God together, we heard challenging preaching from our bishop, our conference president, and others while also finding time to minister to one another through powerful times of prayer. God's Spirit is alive and at work through the leaders of the Global Methodist Church.

Second, our **delegate elections** were truly blessed by the Holy Spirit. We had no campaigning or politicking, and yet we elected delegates that provided a perfect cross section of our conference including Troy Methodist Church's own **Tom Finley** who will represent us and our conference in what is sure to be an historic General Conference in Costa Rica. **Rev. Bob Phillips**, a retired GMC pastor who regularly attends TMC was also elected as a clergy alternate. I am thrilled by those who will represent us!

Third, we had another amazing **ordination** service with nearly 50 ordinands including our very own **Noah Durbin** who continues to be a student at Asbury Seminary. Noah was ordained as a Deacon, and I had the privilege to lay hands on him during his ordination.

Finally, I attended my final cabinet meeting as I concluded my tenure as a Presiding Elder in our conference. Our new PE is the **Rev. Jon Carrell** who pastors the Sherman Global Methodist Church just north of Springfield. Before we concluded my final meeting, the other presiding elders laid hands on me and prayed for me and for our church. It was so encouraging. I also wanted to share that as my final act as a Presiding Elder, I submitted the paperwork to our bishop to have the **Rev. Dan Perry** appointed to Troy Methodist Church effective June 1, 2024. Pastor Dan has served our church in a staff position since 2018, but now that he is officially a Global Methodist Pastor, he joins Rev. Bonnie and me under appointment to TMC. As you can tell, it was a most meaningful annual conference!

Faithfully,

Andy



STRATEGIC STATS

Worship Services	May Average	Year to Date Averages
9:00 a.m. - In Person	106	114
9:00 a.m. - Online	124	147
10:30 a.m. - In Person	141	167
10:30 a.m. - Online	94	104
Sunday Children	54	59
Wednesday Youth	34	36
Average Weekly In Person Worship	335	392
Average Weekly Online Worship	218	251

General Budget



MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMER UPDATE: TRADITIONAL WORSHIP MUSIC

By *Rebecca Koebbe*

Summer Ensemble rehearsals have begun! Five groups and a few soloists will be providing the special music for our regular services from June through mid-September. We've recently been blessed and encouraged by several people who have begun participating in our ensembles. We're happy to welcome them and embrace the opportunity to get to grow together!



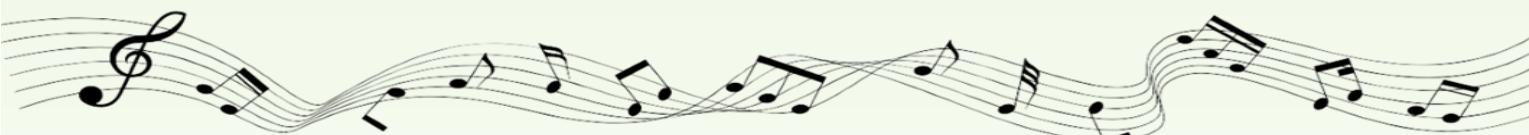
The turnout for rehearsals this week was excellent: eight participants were present for the men's vocal ensemble and fourteen in the women's ensemble, which is a record, I believe! I'm grateful for each person who came, and I'm looking forward to sharing with you the music we are preparing.

In addition to the vocal ensembles, we have two inaugural ensembles: Flute Ensemble and Family Bell Ensemble. Within our congregation we are blessed to have several flutists who will be combining their talents at the Traditional service on August 11. The Family Bell ensemble is comprised of a few regular members of our bell choir and their children, along with two other families who have either played with us before or have agreed to learn. To say I'm excited about these two new ensembles and the potential they have would be an understatement! Finally, to wrap up the summer ensemble Sundays, our incredibly talented in-house saxophonists will again come together on September 15. Praise God for all of these blessings!

Thank you also to the soloists who are sharing their gifts with us this summer: Cathy Vano, saxophone (June 9), Kathy Hahn, voice (June 16), Angela Wilkerson, flute (June 30) and Erin VanMiddendorp, violin (July 28). I would also like to acknowledge and thank Jane Scott, who often leads hymns for us and shares in beautifully moving vocal solos. Also greatly worthy of mention are the selfless and gifted pianists who bless us on a regular basis: Connie McBride (who is also our fantastic organist!), Mickey Jackson, and Tom Burroughs. Our Traditional music program is richer by far for their generous participation. Thank you, my friends!

Many people in the Traditional music program go above and beyond singing and playing music. Several operate behind the scenes in one capacity or another, making the space more beautiful (Tom Finley), spearheading filing and organization efforts (Cathy Vano and Jessica Grieshaber, and many helpers at times), providing innovative setup and sound experiences (Tom Wilkerson, Dan Yarger, Josh Case and David Caires), and various others whose assistance meets ongoing needs when they arise. We truly are each tiny parts of a far greater and complex body of Christ, and it is a tremendous privilege to get to work with all of these lovely people who are also faithful friends and followers of Christ. I'm blessed beyond measure!

We hope you are each encouraged in your worship by the offerings we bring. It is a family environment that I'm grateful to benefit from, and we are always ready to welcome others who may wish to participate. May our Lord be forever praised and honored!



A NEW HOME FOR THE SAINT JACOB CHURCH PIANO

The Saint Jacob Property Team (formed by the TMC Church Council in March) along with the church Trustees, closed on the sale of the Saint Jacob Church property on May 31, 2024. Opportunities were offered for former members to collect items and memorabilia that had been given to the church in memory of family members. A few items were also selected to be used in other churches, including the new church start TMC is supporting. Rebecca Koebbe, Director of Traditional Worship, recognized the quality of the church piano and it was moved to our rehearsal room in anticipation of many years of use.

A big thank you to the team, to Ron Finn for arranging the piano move, and to Craig Nelson, chair of the Trustees.

SERVE SATURDAY SUCCESS STORY!



Thank you to all the volunteers who came out on Saturday, June 15 to serve! Our church has never been so dust-free and just overall clean! Additionally, there was so much accomplished in the Kid's Ministry area that we are postponing our next Serve Saturday! Instead of serving together in July, be on the lookout for a new date to come out for a Serve Saturday this fall! We are already working on a list of projects to tackle! If you have any questions regarding how you might be able to serve or suggestions on projects for the Serve Saturday team to tackle, just reach out to our Discipleship Pastor, Bonnie, at bonnie@troymc.org.



JULY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

There are still a few openings to be a part of the Summer Lunch Program this summer! If you are available on Mondays between 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. check out the SignUpGenius link and sign up today! Go to:

signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA4A82DA6FEC61-49541089-summer#/

Summer is also a fantastic opportunity to check out the numerous ways to serve on a Sunday morning! Did you know that on any given Sunday morning there are easily over fifty volunteers serving? This summer is a terrific time to find your serving fit! Maybe you were meant to greet people with a smile and a kind hello, perhaps you are musically talented and want to make a joyful noise for the Lord, or possibly you'd prefer to be behind the scenes and serve on our tech team! These are just a few of the many ways you can serve! To learn more or to talk about where you feel God leading you to serve, reach out to our Discipleship Pastor at bonnie@troymc.org.



COME HELP OUR GARDEN GROW

The Community Garden is a ministry of the church that is reaching people in our community in a unique way. Out of the fifteen garden beds, fourteen of the beds are being gardened by community members who are not yet a part of our church family! The garden is a place for these individuals to find community, learn a skill, provide their families with sustainable and healthy food, while being loved on by the Garden Team.

A fun way for you to be a part of this ministry is through our “Watering Weekdays” initiative!

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday we are asking **YOU** to come and water the garden! This should only take 60 minutes and it's an activity for the whole family or just an individual to participate in. At your initial watering weekday, a member of the Garden Team will be present to help you learn the ropes! If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions reach out to our Discipleship Pastor at bonnie@troymc.org. The sign-up sheet will go live through the eReach on Tuesdays! If you would like to water on a weekly basis or just try it out once, there is a place for you!

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Every day we have the opportunity to pray for one another; and what an opportunity that is! Theologian Oswald Chambers reminds us that "prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work!" As you pray this week think about different ways that you might engage in this great work. You might think about spending time in silence, provide time for God to speak and you to listen. You could also spend time prayer walking! You could prayer walk your community and pray over each of the homes of your neighbors, or the businesses that are nearby. The church Sanctuary and Family Life Center are also fantastic places to prayer walk! Throughout the week there are opportunities for you to come and pray over the space asking God to move in our lives. You can even take the time to pray for each row or each chair; praying that the individual sitting in that space will accept Christ as their Savior or dive deeper into their relationship with God. What a privilege we have to carry everything to God in prayer! Find a creative way to pray this week, and if you would like to prayer walk the Sanctuary or Family Life Center, call the church office and find a time when the spaces are empty. Come and pray!

UPCOMING JOURNEY GROUP OPPORTUNITY

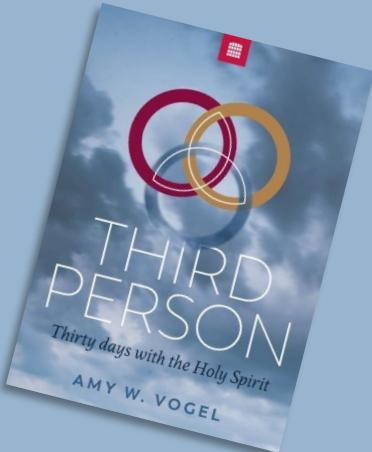
This September, our entire church family will be embarking on a journey with the Holy Spirit! Together we will be studying and learning from the book "Third Person" by Amy W. Vogel.

During this time, we want **EVERYONE** to join in and be a part of a Journey Group. We currently have twelve Journey Group options, but we would **LOVE** to start up more!

If you are interested in learning what it might look like to facilitate a group for the month of September, please reach out to our Discipleship Pastor at bonnie@tromyc.org!

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.

Maybe you can be a part of making that happen!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

The July JOY SEEKERS lunch and program is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23 beginning at noon in the Family Life Center.

The Rivers of Life Clergy Band will provide the entertainment (Pastor Dan is a member). They will be playing Christmas music, as well as songs from their CD titled "FORGIVEN."

Please call the church office at (618) 667-6241 to make a reservation between **July 15-19**.

(They ask for a \$10 per person donation to help cover food and other expenses.)



TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO CONNECT

We invite you to join us for our next Connect Lunch on Sunday, July 21 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, provided from Fire and Smoke BBQ, and we will 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 at bonnie@tromyc.org.

A NIGHT WITH THE INMANS

Tuesday, July 9, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us to learn more about the work the Inman family is part of in Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam, and Indonesia! Josh and Lisa Inman will share about the work they are doing as a follow-up to their time here preaching in June. They will also share about a variety of international mission trip opportunities in 2024 and 2025. This will be both a learning experience and an opportunity to ask questions about how you might step out in faith and participate in missions around the world! We will gather together in the Upper Family Life Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!



TROY METHODIST KIDS

THANK YOU FROM JENN!

Wow, our VBS workdays have been absolutely amazing! It's been such a fantastic experience to see so many families come together to make a real difference for the kids who will be joining our VBS this month. The turnout has been incredible, and together we've achieved so much. From painting candy necklaces to creating large VBS props, it's been a true team effort.

I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has come out to help. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and it's thanks to all of you that we've been able to achieve so much. We have a few days left until our VBS on July 8. Let's keep up the great work and continue to make a positive impact on the kids who will be joining us!

AT YOUR SERVICE

Thank you to the families who participated in Serve Saturday last month. We accomplished so much, and it was amazing to see how dedicated the kids were to their tasks. They cleaned, dusted, vacuumed, organized, and had so much fun working together!

Please consider joining us this fall for our next Serve Saturday.

(Watch the weekly eReach for details.)

GET READY TO PARTY!

Just a reminder that Vacation Bible School (VBS) is just around the corner! It will be held from July 8-12, from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. If you're interested in signing up a child, it's not too late. You can do so at myvbs.org/troymc.

We're still looking for volunteers and donations, so if you'd like to help out or contribute by purchasing VBS items from our Amazon wish list, please get in touch with Jenn or Tim for information.

VBS is truly a wonderful opportunity for our church to instill Christ-like values and build relationships in a fun way. It serves as a powerful outreach tool, welcoming individuals into our church community to establish deep connections with one another and with Jesus. When we unite our efforts, we can achieve remarkable things!



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TROY METHODIST STUDENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP WRAP UP

A group of middle school students and leaders had a fantastic time serving during the middle school mission trip. At Love Packages, we shipped books and Bibles to leaders in nations where these items are not readily available. We stopped in various places around Springfield to pray with people and give away snacks. We invested in time at Midwest Mission scraping gum from bleachers (to prep wood for school desks), stained wood (one of the last steps for desks) and made bags for students. Each of these goes to students in other parts of the world who don't have these items. We also had a lot of fun! The group stayed at a camp on Lake Springfield, had awesome meals, had worship and devotions, and ran through a storm one evening, which was memorable!

Thanks to this group of students for investing time to be the hands and feet of Jesus!



One of the best ways to stay connected is to subscribe to the Troy Student Ministry texting!

TROYSTUDENTS
to 94000

Each Sunday morning during the summer we're inviting students to share a testimony about the camps, mission, and events they have been a part of! These videos can be found at facebook.com/troymethodiststudents.

SERVING OPPORTUNITY!

There are open positions for any student to serve during VBS! Please visit the VBS event at troymc.org/students to fill out the form.



STUDENTS ATTENDED BEULAH YOUTH INSTITUTE

A group of 14 students and leaders attended Beulah Camp this past week. This seven day event is focused on worship, preaching, and prayer. Our group joined over 200 other students from other churches, and we had the opportunity to stay in the new cabin, purchased by Troy Methodist this last year. Thanks Courtney Froidcoeur, Tom Wilkerson, and team who helped get the cabin ready! Beulah has been around for more than 100 years, and lives are changed by God's power and presence year after year. Pictured is the evening when others from the student ministry drove down to have dinner, attend worship, and visit our crew who stayed all week!

STUDENT MINISTRY - JULY ACTIVITIES

- July 3: Yard Games & Ice Cream
- July 10: "I Can Only Imagine" Movie Night
- July 17: Escape Room at Church
- July 24: "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Muny (\$40 & RSVP)
- July 31: Cardinals Game (\$5 Bus Fee & RSVP)

Other Opportunities:

- July 8-12: Serve at VBS
- July 15-19: Attend Epworth Camp

Visit troymc.org/students or contact Courtney Froidcoeur, courtney@troymc.org, for more information.

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JULY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
July 3	Student Ministry - Yard Games & Ice Cream (<i>page 7</i>)
July 6	Summer Worship Night (<i>front page</i>)
July 8-12	Vacation Bible School (<i>page 6</i>)
July 9	A Night with the Inmans (<i>page 5</i>)
July 10	Student Ministry - Movie Night (<i>page 7</i>)
July 17	Student Ministry - Escape Room (<i>page 7</i>)
July 20	Summer Jam Session (<i>front page</i>)
July 21	Connect Lunch (<i>page 5</i>)
July 23	Joy Seekers July Lunch & Program (<i>page 5</i>)
July 24	Student Ministry - "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Muny (<i>page 7</i>)
July 31	Student Ministry - Cardinal's Game (<i>page 7</i>)



OFFER THEM CHRIST

As Christians we're expected to care for and tell others about Jesus. It's often referred to as evangelism or witnessing and is sometimes associated with Christian missions. A missionary is someone who brings the good news of Christ to another.

"And then he (Jesus) told them, You are to go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere." Mark 16:15 (*The Living Bible*)

The volunteers involved in the Care Ministry are similarly missionaries for our church as they bring the Body of Christ to those who cannot come to receive Him at church. Our Care Ministry seeks to bring hope to those who are unable to leave their homes to attend services and to keep them connected to their church family.

Some of those we visit may have been very active at one time. One person may have helped as an usher or another may have played the piano. They gave so much when they were able to do so; now it is so important to stay connected with them and give back to them.

The Care Ministry members visit the homebound at a variety of visitation times. Some may be visited or called weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. One visitation minister said, "It is rewarding to see their joy when I come visit. It's a privilege to spend time with them and help keep them connected to the church. They are so grateful, but truly I feel like they give me more than I give them."

If you know of any homebound member who would benefit by having a Care Ministry visit, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Pastor Dan at (618) 830-5589 or dan@troymc.org.



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