



**TROY**  
METHODIST CHURCH

# REACH

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*

Jesus spent more time teaching about the Kingdom of God than any other subject matter. The Kingdom of God is God's reign which is good news and brings salvation.

If God reigns in our lives, what does that mean for those things we spend most of our time doing? We spend the vast bulk of our lives working and resting, earning and spending money, and managing the resources of God's good creation. That's the definition of "economy" – the management of the resources of a community. So, if we live under God's reign, how do we live with God's Economy in mind?

Join us for this practical six-week series as we learn how to live our everyday lives as part of God's Kingdom.

- **June 22:** Upside Down Kingdom – *Matthew 13:24-30; Luke 17:20-21*
- **June 29:** Money – *John 12:1-8*
- **July 6:** The Environment – *Genesis 2:15; Romans 8:19-22*
- **July 13:** Work Part 1 – *Genesis 2-3*
- **July 20:** Work Part 2 – *Genesis 1:28, 2:15; Ephesians 2:10; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 1:17*
- **July 27:** Rest – *Matthew 11:28-30; Jeremiah 6:16*

# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

## THE NEED FOR A “RESET”

I grew up playing video games. It started with my parents buying the Intellivision when I was little, but my journey really got started when I received the Nintendo Entertainment System for Christmas in 1987. On the front of the console was a “Reset” button. If you wanted to start over, just push that button and you could start from scratch. Eventually, there were games where you could save your progress, so when you hit reset, you could begin where you left off. As I write this, I am nearing the end of a much needed personal and spiritual reset and I’m looking forward to picking up where I left off!



My time away began with a 12-day road trip vacation with my family to Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding area. It was spectacular. Amy Jo and I made a similar trip in 2006, so part of our great joy was sharing it with our kids. Spending quality time as a family of four was nourishment for our souls. Doing so without conflict and in majestic places was priceless! Being in God’s creation with the people I love most was reset number one!

Next came a week in Michigan at our Great Lakes Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Anna and I traveled north on Sunday and stayed in a dorm room together for five nights. We spent two days learning about multiplying disciples and leaders, then joined with several other

delegates from Troy Methodist Church for an inspiring time of worship, training, hearing about what God is doing around the world, and yes, even doing a little business of the church. Reset number two was just what I needed to remember the big picture.

After a great Father’s Day worship at TMC where we welcomed back Rev. Dennis Price, I’ve been blessed by reset number three at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana (pictured here). I’ve had much needed quiet time with God, reflection on ministry, along with prayerful discerning and planning for the next year at Troy Methodist Church. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement during this time away. I can’t wait to be back with you on Sunday and resume where our progress left off!

Faithfully,

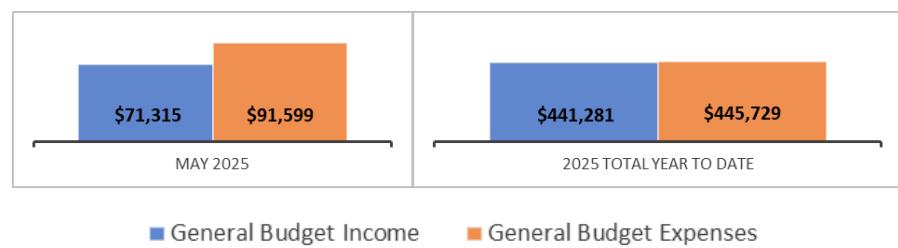
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## STRATEGIC STATS

Worship Services	May Average	Year to Date Averages
9:00 a.m. - In Person	121	118
9:00 a.m. - Online	130	155
10:30 a.m. - In Person	164	176
10:30 a.m. - Online	111	123
Sunday Children	68	63
Wednesday Youth	51	51
<b>Average Weekly In Person Worship</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>427</b>
<b>Average Weekly Online Worship</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>278</b>

## General Budget



# SERVE & CONNECT

## PRESCHOOL SUNDAY CELEBRATION! Sunday, August 3 at 11:45 a.m., Family Life Center

On August 3, we have the opportunity to celebrate our thriving 1st Step Preschool Ministry! As we go into a new school year, we want to take time to pray for the start of the year, the teachers, the kids, and the new director, Amy Burrelsman!



Lisa Rayle



Amy Burrelsman & family

We also have the opportunity to wholeheartedly thank Lisa Rayle as she steps back from her role as the director. Together we want to celebrate the almost two decades she has dedicated to the preschool ministry and recognize the sacrifice she has given! We are so thankful for Lisa and the passion that she has poured into the kids, teachers, and families as she shared the love of Christ with everyone she encountered. Come prepared to celebrate all God has done and continues to do in our midst through 1st Step Learning Center!



## PRESCHOOL SUMMER OPEN HOUSE Tuesday, July 22, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Do you have a 2,3, or 4-year-old? Are you looking for a preschool for your little one? Come take a look at 1st Step Learning Center on July 22 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. You will meet some of our teachers and take a tour of our school. We are a Christian based preschool at Troy Methodist Church. We will help your child grow both socially and academically.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Amy Burrelsman at (618) 667-6241 or (314) 603-9686. Amy can also be reached at [lisa@troymc.org](mailto:lisa@troymc.org)

## MATCHING MISSIONS MOMENT FOR RED BIRD MISSION!

During the month of June, the student ministry is taking a trip to Red Bird Mission to continue to build relationships and help with building projects! This is such a meaningful ministry for everyone involved! Red Bird Mission was founded in 1921 in the southeastern corner of Kentucky to provide education and Christian evangelism ministries to residents of the area. The story of Red Bird is one of deep faith in God and as the years have passed and the mission opportunities have expanded the dedication to the people of southeastern Kentucky has remained.

As a way to continue to support this important mission, the Troy Methodist Mission Team would like to create a mission matching moment! Our team will match up to 1000 dollars of donations that come during the month of July! If you would like to be a part of this opportunity, simply write a check to Troy Methodist Church with MEMO: Red Bird Mission Match and we will send out the total given the first week of August. If you have questions feel free to reach out to our Discipleship Pastor, Bonnie at [bonnie@troymc.org](mailto:bonnie@troymc.org).



## JOURNEY GROUP LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITY Tuesday, July 15, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This month we are inviting YOU to come find out what it means to facilitate a journey group! Come alongside current journey group leaders and learn the ropes about this important ministry!

On Tuesday, July 15, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Pastor Andy and Pastor Bonnie will be leading a training session in the Upper Family Life Center. They will explore topics such as: the vision of a journey group, inviting new people to your group, the roles of facilitator and apprentice, and many other themes. There will also be ample time set aside for questions and answers.

Reach out with questions or your RSVP to Pastor Bonnie at [bonnie@troymc.org](mailto:bonnie@troymc.org) by July 8.

## IT'S POTLUCK TIME!

This month we will be coming together to have an All-Church Potluck that is an opportunity for fellowship and outreach! On Sunday, July 13, we will have a VBS celebration during our 10:30 a.m. worship service as the conclusion of the 2025 VBS week. During the VBS week we will be inviting all of the kids and families that have been a part of VBS to join us for worship and a meal together. We encourage you to think about bringing a dish and a half! Our hope is that the VBS families come, without necessarily worrying about bringing a meal themselves and join us in worship.

We will meet in the Family Life Center right after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Families/Individuals:

Last name A - F – bring a main course (meat or casserole)

Last name G - L – bring a salad (lettuce salad, jello salad, coleslaw, potato salad, etc.)

Last name M - R – bring a hot side (beans, veggies, potatoes, etc.)

Last name S - Z – bring a dessert (pie, cake, cookies, etc.)

The church will provide all paperware & utensils, drinks and rolls; you provide a dish and a half OR two!

Please bring food that will serve 12-15 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 with set up/clean up: contact our Discipleship Pastor, Bonnie at [bonnie@troymc.org](mailto:bonnie@troymc.org).



## Worship CIRCLES

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 6:30 P.M.  
Upper Family Life Center



Thank you to everyone who came out to our first Worship Circle on June 13! It was a great time of worship and learning together, and we were blessed to have a mix of worship team members and others who are excited about making music for God's glory!

The next Circle will be Sunday, July 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Family Life Center. "All are welcome, all are invited -- let's worship the Lord together!"

If you have questions, contact Marissa, Modern Worship Director, at [marissa@troymc.org](mailto:marissa@troymc.org).



Come join our next Connect Lunch on Sunday, July 27 following the 10:30 a.m. service 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 some of the church staff, and find opportunities to be involved here at TMC!

During our time together we will eat lunch that is provided from the local Fire and Smoke BBQ restaurant, and we will get to know each other! 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](mailto:bonnie@troymc.org).



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY! Tuesday, July 29 at noon Family Life Center

The J.O.Y. SEEKERS (Adults 55+) July lunch and program is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, beginning at noon in the Family Life Center. (Due to a scheduling conflict, the event has been pushed out one week later than usual.)

We will be blessed with a performance by the Rivers of Life Clergy Band (Pastor Dan is a member). Watch the weekly eReach for further details. Contact Pastor Dan with questions at [dan@troymc.org](mailto:dan@troymc.org).



## LONELINESS: AN EPIDEMIC IN THE ELDERLY

We don't often talk about it, but loneliness has become a silent epidemic among older adults. It's not just about feeling a little blue now and then—it can have a serious impact on physical and emotional health. A recent study sheds some light on just how widespread this issue is.

### Here are some eye-opening facts:

- Around 35% of adults over the age of 45 report feeling lonely.
- 29% of married seniors still feel lonely—but that number jumps to 51% for those who are single.
- About half of older adults living on less than \$25,000 a year experience loneliness.
- Seniors who serve as caregivers are especially vulnerable—possibly because they spend so much time caring for others that they have little left for themselves.

So, what's causing so many older adults to feel isolated?

### 1. A Shrinking Social Circle

Think about this: 61% of seniors who've never spoken to their neighbors say they feel lonely. That's a lot of missed connections just a few feet away. As people age, their social circles often shrink—children move away, spouses pass on, and old friends become harder to reach.

### 2. Living Alone

Once upon a time, generations of families lived together under one roof—or at least down the road. That's not so common anymore. Today, 28% of older adults live alone—a big jump from just 6% in 1900. Among women aged 75 and older, nearly half are living solo. It's not hard to see how that can lead to a sense of disconnection.

### 3. Health Challenges

It's a vicious cycle: poor health can lead to loneliness, and loneliness can make health even worse. Mobility issues, chronic illness, and depression can all limit a person's ability to get out and engage with others. When it becomes hard to leave the house—or even get out of bed—relationships can fade, and isolation sets in.

This is where our Troy Methodist Church Care Ministry comes in. We recently launched our newest ministry "Caring Hearts Ministry". Our goal is to be a light in the lives of our shut-ins, those in assisted living, and nursing homes—people who may not have many visitors, but still deeply need connection, prayer, and presence. No one should have to face loneliness alone. Sometimes, all it takes is a listening ear, a warm hand to hold, or a reminder that they're not forgotten. With every visit, call, or card, we're bringing hope back into hearts that may have started to feel invisible.

TMC Care Ministry also offers J.O.Y. SEEKERS (55+), Card Ministry, Meal Ministry, New Moms, and GriefShare.

If you would like more information or if you would like to help in any of the Care Ministry areas, please contact Pastor Dan at [dan@troymc.org](mailto:dan@troymc.org).



# TROY METHODIST KIDS

## VBS MONTH IS HERE - LET'S GO, CHURCH FAMILY!

It's officially VBS month, and excitement is building! At the time of this writing, we already have nearly 115 kids signed up—and there's still time for more to register. That means the opportunity to reach young hearts for Jesus is bigger than ever! But we need all hands on deck to make it happen. Did we mention Joy FM will be here on our opening day?

This is your all-call: whether you love to craft quietly at home or thrive in the middle of VBS energy, there's a way for everyone to be part of this incredible week.

Here are a few ways to jump in:

- **Shop with purpose** – Our Amazon and Dollar Tree wish lists are full of easy-to-purchase items that help bring the week to life.
- **Adopt a prop** – Take home a simple prep project or decor item and return it by the due date.
- **Join a VBS workday** – We're working all the way through July 6th to get ready. Even an hour of your time makes a difference. See Jenn or the Ereach for more information.
- **Serve the week of VBS (July 7–11)** – Whether you're wrangling kids, leading games, or helping with greeting, there's a spot for you. Bonus: you'll be home in time for lunch and a nap!
- **Help tear down decor the following week** – We love the excitement of setup, but we need just as much help putting things away.
- **Send follow-up notes** – Help write letters to VBS kids to remind them how loved they are and how welcome they are at church year-round.

We can't wait to see what God does through this week. With your help, we're creating an unforgettable experience that points kids to Jesus. And trust me—you'll walk away just as blessed as they will.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*—1 Peter 4:10

*Let's go, church!*

The collage includes several photographs of people (adults and children) working on craft projects, a large moose and a bear from the VBS 2025 logo, and a speech bubble that says "Justin Beaver loves VBS work days".

**VBS 2025**  
July 7 - 11, 2025  
[troymc.org/vbs](http://troymc.org/vbs)

**WEBSITE**  
[troymc.org/kids](http://troymc.org/kids)

**FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM**  
[@troymethodistkids](http://troymethodistkids)

# TROY METHODIST STUDENTS

## STUDENTS ATTEND BEULAH YOUTH INSTITUTE

Several of our students (7th - 12th grades) attended Beulah Youth Institute June 15 - 21! Beulah Camp is just over 125 years old and has been a beacon of powerful ministry in Southern Illinois. The Holy Spirit has worked through Beulah Camp to call hundreds of young adults into ministry, to call students and adults into a relationship with Christ, and changing the hearts and lives of children and students! Thanks to our leaders who attended with our students all week!



## DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?

We're once again inviting families, Journey Groups, or individuals to provide a meal for the student ministry and leaders one Wednesday night this fall!

Use this form to choose a date. If you have questions, contact Janie Davidson at (618-444-5019)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45ADA72DA1F4CF8-57326198-wednesday#/>



LIKE TO COOK?  
SIGN UP FOR  
STUDENT MINISTRY  
MEAL THIS FALL!



## SUMMER STUDENT MINISTRY LOOKS A LITTLE DIFFERENT

During the summer, the student ministry changes the pace from their normal rhythm of small groups, dinner and worship, to more opportunities off campus for ministry, mission, and summer trips.

Our kick-off event was a lock-in at the church and it was great to connect with students as they spent the night in the building! We had a great devotion led by Marissa Horning, a really cool illusions show by Luke Rushik, and an amazing breakfast provided by Loren & team the next morning. We also piled about 40 students and leaders into the Mokka Bon Coffee House in Troy late that night - thanks to them for opening up for us!



## STUDENT MINISTRY - JULY ACTIVITIES

### Wednesday Nights Coming Up:

- July 2:** Movie Night at Church
- July 9:** Worship at Troy Park
- July 16:** Trip to Greenville, IL for Epworth Camp - Worship and Visit
- July 23:** STL Zoo Trip
- July 30:** Photo Hike with Mike Baxter

### Special Events & Trips:

- July 7-11:** Students Serving as Student Leaders at VBS
- July 14-18:** Epworth Youth Camp, Greenville, IL  
(6th -12th grades)
- July 24-26:** Middle School Mission Trip - Chatham, IL

Check [troymc.org/students](http://troymc.org/students) for schedule and details!

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## JULY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
July 2, 3, & 6	Kids Ministry - VBS Work Days (see <a href="http://troymc.org/events">troymc.org/events</a> )
July 7-11	VBS 2025! (page 6)
July 13	All-Church Potluck (page 4)
July 14-18	Student Ministry - Epworth Youth Camp (page 7)
July 15	Journey Group Leadership Training (page 3)
July 17	Picnic in the Park with Pastor Bonnie (page 5)
July 20	Worship Circle (page 4)
July 22	1st Step Preschool Summer Open House (page 3)
July 24	Student Ministry - Middle School Mission Trip (page 7)
July 27	Connect Lunch (page 4)
July 29	J.O.Y. Seekers July Lunch & Program (page 5)



### SEEKING PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Troy Methodist Church is seeking to hire a part-time Communications Coordinator to be part of our staff team. A passion for creative and clear communication, being involved in the life of the church or willing to be, and knowledge of technology along with willingness to learn are musts. The position averages 15 hours a week and most work can be done remotely.

Go to [troymc.org/jobs](http://troymc.org/jobs) for more information about the position. Email [jobs@troymc.org](mailto:jobs@troymc.org) with a cover letter and resume to apply or for other inquiries.

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