



REACH

INVITING PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS

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FEAR NOT

FEAR NOT - TWO-WEEK SERMON SERIES

During the month of May we have been learning about one of the greatest aspects of the Christian life: namely, our relationship with God through prayer and the power we receive from daily seeking to sit in his presence. Oswald Chamber, who is best known for the classic devotional "My Utmost for His Highest", is quoted as saying "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." This work is a calling placed on all of our lives, to pursue a relationship with God. As we live into this calling, we have a real enemy whose mission is to do anything to break our connection and commitment to Christ. Scripture tells us that Satan is a thief who comes to "steal, kill and destroy," and because of this truth we are fighting a spiritual battle everyday whether we recognize it or not!

Have you ever wondered why life is so hard? Why do you feel anxious, worried, unable to concentrate, overcome with the weight of the world and not know why? What if the answer was that the world, your own thoughts, and the pursuit of the devil to destroy you often centers around one four-letter word? Now, there are a LOT of bad four-letter words out there, but I'm talking about the word FEAR. Fear is defined as "an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat." When you read the definition, you might think to yourself, "That doesn't sound all that bad." But the reality is, fear plays a role in our daily decisions more than we would like to admit or more than we might realize. For two weeks we are going to explore what the biblical truth is about fear and what God commands us to do to fight against this four-letter foe as we continue to journey with Jesus. Is it possible to defeat fear? Let's find out together!

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

FOUR EXCITING THINGS IN JUNE!

Just thumb through this newsletter and you'll find PLENTY to be excited about in June. But here are four things that I am especially looking forward to!

Vacation – My family and I will be taking a two-week road trip to Yellowstone National Park. I have always been more of a “mountain” than a “beach” guy, and I look forward to rejuvenation from disconnecting, spending time with my favorite people, and hiking in the Rockies. After taking a similar road trip in 2006, Amy Jo and I knew that we wanted to share the majesty of God’s creation in these amazing places with our kids before they graduated. We should hit four national parks on this trek: Teddy Roosevelt NP in North Dakota, Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons in Wyoming, and the Badlands in South Dakota. We also look forward to seeing Crazy Horse and Mount Rushmore in the beauty of the Black Hills. Can you tell I’m excited?



Father’s Day – I am thrilled to share that Rev. Dennis Price will be our guest preacher on Father’s Day at Troy Methodist Church. Truth be told, I still sometimes feel like the guest preacher when I consider that Dennis preached God’s word week in and week out for 29 years at TMC! For those of you who haven’t met him, Dennis is a retired pastor in the Global Methodist Church, and more importantly, Tim’s dad! Dennis and Iris live an hour away in Rockbridge, Illinois, and have returned several times over the last several years. However, this will be the first time that he’s preached on a Sunday morning since handing me the baton in July of 2017. If you don’t know Dennis, make sure to introduce yourself and share your gratitude for leaving a healthy and growing church for future generations.

Footsteps of Paul – Check out the next page for the exciting news of an upcoming trip retracing many of the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. I can’t wait to be the spiritual host on this journey to Greece and Turkey in the fall of 2026. Walking in the same places those in the Bible walked brings the Scriptures to life in new and transformative ways. I’m thrilled to invite you to share on this bucket list trip with Amy Jo and me. Join us for our first informational meeting after worship on Sunday, June 29 in the Upper Family Life Center. If you register early, you can save a little money!

Renovations – I’m also looking forward to returning from vacation to some newly renovated areas in our church facility. You may have already noticed some changes! My old office is becoming our new staff and volunteer workroom, giving us more space and flexibility than our old copy room and allowing our administrative assistants to have dedicated space for their work. We have also been long overdue for new carpet in the Upper Family Life Center! Painting is underway and new carpet should be installed soon. Furthermore, we’re grateful for a generous donation and the work of our trustees that made these projects possible. Praise God!

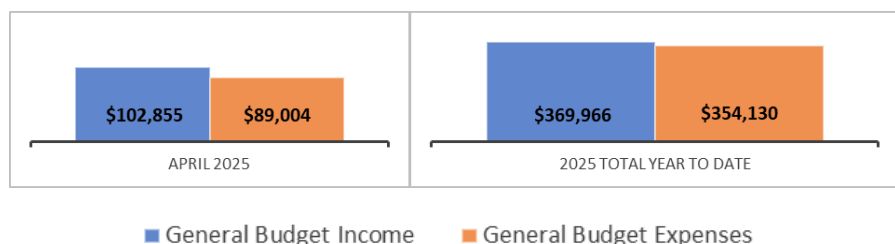
Faithfully,

Andy

STRATEGIC STATS

Worship Services	April Average	Year to Date Averages
9:00 a.m. - In Person	140	118
9:00 a.m. - Online	167	161
10:30 a.m. - In Person	204	179
10:30 a.m. - Online	116	126
Sunday Children	67	62
Wednesday Youth	50	51
*Good Friday Service (4/18)	173	
*Easter Sunrise Service (4/20)	93	
Average Weekly In Person Worship	528	433
Average Weekly Online Worship	283	287

General Budget



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY



Journey with Pastor Andy to Turkey & Greece **FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL** September 28 - October 7, 2026

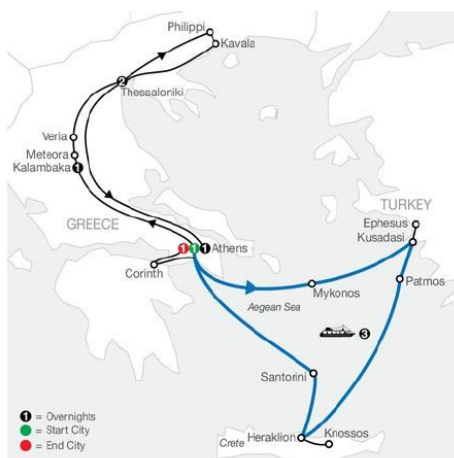


**HOSTED BY:
PASTOR ANDY ADAMS**

Join Pastor Andy and fellow church members on a unique land and cruise adventure that retraces some of the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys after his transformative experience in Damascus.

This spiritually rich tour combines the best of both worlds: exploring historic mainland Greece and Turkey by land, then setting sail through the breathtaking Greek Isles. Along the way, you'll visit many significant New Testament sites and soak in some of the Mediterranean's most stunning landscapes.

Experience scripture coming alive as you walk through ancient communities where Paul founded churches—those to whom he wrote his famous epistles, like Thessalonians, Philippians, Corinthians, and Ephesians. With amazing stops in Mykonos, Crete, Santorini, and more, this pilgrimage promises both inspiration and unforgettable memories.



JOIN US FOR AN INFO MEETING

Sunday, June 29 @ noon in Upper Family Life Center

**RSVP to troymc.org/events or
church office @ 618.667.6241**

TRIP QUESTIONS?

**Contact Betsy Forman, Polaris Travel Advisors
618.708.6443 or eforman@dreamvacations.com**

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CONNECT & SERVE

HOSPITALITY TEAM SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you ever wondered what each of the Sunday morning hospitality teams is responsible for? Our hospitality leadership is working to create detailed descriptions to answer that exact question! We will have those available in the near future! For now, we have created some fun, power-packed info for each role so that you can get a taste of what each team is like. If you are looking for a place to serve, the Hospitality Team is a great team to be part of, and we would love to have YOU join in on the fun! If you have questions or would like to try out a position, feel free to email our Discipleship Pastor, Bonnie, at bonnie@troymc.org.

Usher/Greeter Role: We say good morning, welcoming everyone with a smile. We make sure that people feel welcomed - sometimes before they even get through the door! We are also there to assist during service with the offering, passing out needed items for service, and assisting people during communion.

Welcome Center: We have eyes wide open for the NEW people! We are searching for the people that we haven't met, haven't seen, and don't know their names, so that we can welcome them specifically. We want them to know that they are seen and welcome in this new space. We want them to feel comfortable and help them to connect. Our goal is to say hello, engage in conversation, offer a gift, and invite them to fill out a Connect Card.

Resource Center: We want people to be informed of what's happening so that they can be engaged in ministry, serve missionally, and connect to our journey groups and experience transformational community. What we do is for EVERYONE because we want everyone to go deeper.

Coffee/Connect: We are so much more than caffeine pushers! We also work to engage with the people that we are serving. We share a smile, engage in conversation as we monitor the table, and we are lucky to go back in the kitchen from time to time in case we are more of a behind-the-scenes serving kind of person. It's the best of both worlds - coffee, quiet, and a quick conversation!

Parking: We are the first people to engage everyone the minute they drive into our parking lot. We have our eyes on the lookout for people who are confused and need to be pointed in the right direction. We are also aware that if an emergency happens outside of the building, we might just be the first person to see it. We are ready to help when and where we can.

Security: You probably don't know who we are, but we know you! We have our heads up, walkie talkies at the ready, and we are watching, both in service and on the cameras. We are here to keep people safe, watch for possible threats, and assist how we can in emergency situations.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE – PLANTED AND GROWING!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to every single person who has supported our community garden—whether you donated your time, your money, your tools, or even just your encouragement, we can't tell you how much we appreciate it. Truly, this garden is growing because of you.

A special shoutout goes to the Sisters in Christ Journey Group for sponsoring a box and the Troy Methodist Women for sponsoring our in-ground garden—every veggie grown there will go directly to our local food pantry. What a beautiful act of love and service!

As of now, everything is officially in the ground, and we're buzzing with excitement about what this season will bring. We'll keep you updated on how much produce we donate along the way. Last year we gave over 120 pounds of fresh food to those in need—and we're dreaming even bigger this year!

The garden is more than just a place to grow food—it's a place where our community grows together. We simply couldn't do this without the love and support of this incredible community.



***Stay tuned, and thank you again for helping us plant seeds of hope, kindness, and nourishment—
one tomato at a time!***

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TROY
METHODIST WOMEN
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A BIG THANK YOU FROM TROY METHODIST WOMEN!

What a fun day we had during the "Children's Celebration of Motherhood" on May 10! We appreciate everyone who came to enjoy and give their time and resources to benefit our children's ministry, 1st Step Learning Center, and missions we support.

No meetings in June or July! Our next gathering will be Thursday, August 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center for our annual Ice Cream Social with a guest speaker from the Troy Genealogical Society.

For more information, contact Libby Gregg at lgregg129@gmail.com.



PICNIC IN THE PARK WITH PASTOR BONNIE

The summer is a great time to get outdoors and enjoy time together in community! Pastor Bonnie and her son Micah will be having a brown bag picnic on the following days this summer and would love for you to join them! If you have kiddos who want to come and play, bring them along! If it's just you and you want to come hang out, that's great too! This is an opportunity to get to know other people in our church in a casual setting and it is also a FANTASTIC opportunity to invite others who are not yet connected to our church family. We hope to see you at the Tri-Township Park each week. Exact locations will be posted in the TMC Living Room page. Please note that these events will be canceled when there is inclement weather. Have questions? Feel free to reach out to Pastor Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org.

Wednesday, June 25, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Bring some coffee and a snack and let's hang out!

Thursday, July 17, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Bring a sack lunch and loads of water!

Wednesday, August 6, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Bring a sack lunch and let's find some shade!

INSTRUMENTALISTS: INVITATION TO MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Do you play an instrument? Would you like to combine your talent with others to play at our 9:00 a.m. service on July 6? All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Reach out to Rebecca Koebe at rebecca@troymc.org to let her know that you're interested! Please share a bit about yourself, your instrument(s), experience, and availability for an hour rehearsal in mid-late June on Wednesday evenings (5:00-8:00 p.m. range) and/or Sundays immediately following the Modern service (~Noon-1:00 p.m.).

If you have any additional questions, feel free to ask.



Worship CIRCLES

JUNE 13, 2025, 6:30 P.M.

Upper Family Life Center



***You are invited
to be a part of a new
thing starting
this summer –
worship circles!***

A worship circle is a gathering of people who are there to give praise and worship to God and to grow together as worshipers and musicians. During these circles, we will sing and play well-known praise and worship songs (as well as maybe learn a new tune or two) with the goal of learning from each other and seeking to follow the Holy Spirit's leading as we lift our hearts to God in worship.

Our first worship circle will be in the Upper Family Life Center on Friday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. Some instruments (guitars, percussion) will be provided if you do not have your own, and you are also welcome to simply sing! Lyrics and chord charts will also be provided. From seasoned musicians to absolute beginners, from little children to the oldest among us, all will be welcome and encouraged to join in!

So bring your instruments, bring your voices, bring your families, and bring your hearts to worship the Lord together! If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Marissa Horning, Director of Modern Worship, at marissa@troymc.org.

TROY METHODIST KIDS

SUMMER'S COMING... AND SO ARE THE KIDS!

Ah, summer. The season of popsicles, sunscreen battles, and the eternal cry of "I'm bored!" echoing through every hallway. School's out, which means kids have more time to build forts, chase fireflies, and mysteriously forget how to clean their rooms.

But here's the good news: our church isn't taking a summer break! In fact, we're gearing up for a season of fun, faith, and even a little controlled chaos (a.k.a. Vacation Bible School).

Whether your kids are off to camp, hanging out in the backyard, or just mastering the art of sleeping in until noon, we want them to know that church is still their place to belong, grow, and laugh... a lot. From Sunday mornings to special summer events, we've got big plans and even bigger snack stashes.

So bring the kids! We've got wacky themed Sundays, and they can jump into the fun at our VBS workdays (listed below). And don't forget your best summer smile—we're ready to make memories, share God's love, and maybe, just maybe, survive the heat together.

There's something for everyone—and if you leave without glue in your hair, did you even have fun?

Happy summer, church family! Let's make it a good one.

JOIN US FOR VBS WORK DAYS!

We'll be working on all things VBS—decorations, invitations, prep projects, and more—and we'd love your help!

When:

Wednesdays: 4:00–8:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Where:

Children's Ministry area at the church

Dates:

Every week throughout the month of June

Come for as long as you're able—many hands make light work!

Families are welcome! While we won't have childcare available, kids are welcome to come and help with projects too!



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SUNDAY MORNING SMILES



TROY METHODIST STUDENTS

WEDNESDAYS - SUMMER 2025

JUNE 4 -- Lock-In

Meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, pick up at 7:15 a.m. on Thursday. No cost, but everyone will need a signed permission slip. Invite friends! Contact: tim@troymc.org

JUNE 11 -- Kick-Off Dinner

Meet at 6:00 p.m., depart on the bus for dinner together with the student ministry! Back by 8:00 p.m. Contact: ryan@troymc.org

JUNE 18 -- Beulah Worship

Road Trip to Beulah Camp to visit the Troy Methodist Students there all week. Leave at 3:30 p.m. and home about 11:00 p.m. Dinner provided. Contact: tim@troymc.org

JUNE 25 -- Disc Golf @ the Park

Meet at the Troy Tri-Township Park at 6:00 p.m. for a student ministry round of Disc Golf! We will have some light refreshments and wrap up at 8:00 p.m. Contact: wenifer@troymc.org

JULY 2 -- Movie Night @ Church

Movie Night at the church building! Invite a friend to join us, and meet in the Family Life Center from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. We will have popcorn! Contact: courtney@troymc.org

July 9 -- Worship @ the Park

Free event! Worship at the park and enjoy grilled hot dogs! Meet at the big pavilion from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Contact: courtney@troymc.org

July 16 -- Trip to Worship at Epworth Camp

Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. to ride the bus to Epworth Camp in Greenville, IL to join our TMC Campers for worship that Wednesday night. We should be back to the church building by 9:00 p.m.

July 23 -- Zoo Trip!

Note the time change for this event - we will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m., bring a sack lunch, and we will be home about 3:00 p.m.

July 30 -- Photo Night

Meet at 6:00 p.m., drive over the SIUE Gardens, and bring a phone or camera! Mike Baxter will teach us a little about nature photos, we will hike a little, then get ice cream before coming back home by 8:30 p.m.



TROY METHODIST STUDENTS SUMMER 2025

SPECIAL EVENTS - SUMMER 2025

Beulah Youth Institute - June 15-21
(for current 7th-12th grades)

Beulah Bible Camp June 23-26
(for current 6th grades)

High School Mission Trip - June 29-July 4
Red Bird Mission, Beverly, KY

Student Leaders For VBS - July 7-11

Epworth Camp - July 14-18
(for current 6th-12th grades)

Middle School Mission Trip - July 24-26
(for current 6th-8th grades)

Kick Off Night Students & Parents - August 20

Outreach Night & Small Group Formation - August 27

Learn more at troymc.org/students

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JUNE SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
June 4 - 26*	Kids Ministry - VBS Work Days (* see page 6 for all dates & times)
June 4	Student Ministry - Lock-In (page 7)
June 11	Student Ministry - Kick Off Dinner (page 7)
June 13	Worship Circle (page 5)
June 15 - 21	Student Ministry - Beulah Youth Institute (page 7)
June 18	Student Ministry - Beulah Worship (page 7)
June 23 - 26	Kids Ministry - Beulah Bible Camp (page 7)
June 24	J.O.Y. Seekers June Lunch & Program (see troymc.org/events)
June 25	Picnic in the Park with Pastor Bonnie (page 5)
June 25	Disc Golf @ the Park (page 7)
June 29	Footsteps of Paul - Travel Informational Meeting (page 3)
June 29 - July 4	Student Ministry - High School Mission Trip (page 7)



TROY
METHODIST CHURCH

SEEKING PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Troy Methodist Church is seeking to hire a part-time Administrative Assistant to work 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning July 1. This is a shared position with our other administrative assistant who works on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A great attitude, welcoming personality, and basic office administrative aptitude are musts.

Go to troymc.org/jobs for more information about the office responsibilities and beginning pay. Email jobs@troymc.org with a cover letter and resume to apply or for other inquiries.

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