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ABIDE

A Study in 1, 2 & 3 John

In three short letters, the apostle John reminds an early church facing division, deception, and doubt to hold fast to what they know and to live like they believe it. John reminds us of these truths as well. In this 4-week sermon series we will explore the letters of 1, 2, and 3 John and what it means to abide in Christ. We will be reminded that we are all loved by God and called to love one another. We will also look at what it means to be transformed by God's love and be used by God to transform the world.

During this series you might consider starting each week by reading through 1, 2, and 3 John. The short letters should only take approximately 20 minutes to read in total, but the impact could last a lifetime!

May 26: 1 John 1 - The Love of Christ

June 2: 1 John 4:7-21 - Sharing the Good News

June 9: 1 John 1:5-10, 2 John - Transformed by the Light

June 16: 3 John - Stepping Out in Faith



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*



DON'T MISS OUR UPCOMING TMC SUMMER MUSIC EVENTS!

Summer Worship Nights - June 1, July 6, and August 3

Summer Jam Sessions - June 15, July 20, and August 24

(You can find all the details on page three.)

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

When I really think about it, what I long for most is to hear the voice of God. Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27) It is possible to hear God's voice! When you surrender your heart to Christ by repenting of your sin and believing the good news of Jesus' atoning sacrifice on your behalf, he fills you with the Holy Spirit. Learning to listen to the voice of the indwelling Holy Spirit is a vitally important part of being a Christian. Because if you can't hear the voice of God, how can you possibly follow God? Since my heart longs to have Jesus know me and to follow him, I long to hear his voice in my everyday life.

In April I briefly taught how to hear the Holy Spirit's voice. I highlighted the clearest way to hear the Holy Spirit is through the Bible because the Holy Spirit is the author! But that isn't the only way to hear the Holy Spirit's voice. Prayer and other spiritual disciplines help tune us to the Spirit's voice. Oftentimes, the Holy Spirit will speak to us through others – especially through godly counsel. And there are also times when the Holy Spirit will speak through dreams and visions and other supernatural manifestations.

For a while now, I've been specifically asking the Holy Spirit to speak to me in ways that would minister to others. Often, I will pray and fast in advance of a time of ministry (like we experience at several prayer and worship services or on special ministry Sundays). I ask God to reveal to me whatever he wants for the benefit of the church and for his glory. Then I will try to listen and pay attention for whatever impressions he places on my heart. Occasionally God will give me an image or a word or a conviction on my heart. I'm not always confident that I've heard God clearly. But I rely on the Holy Spirit's leading in the moment about whether to share the impressions I have. Sometimes they don't seem to hit the mark. But sometimes they do, and the results have been miraculous healing, supernatural encouragement, or some other timely word to the church. God also uses these instances to build our faith! It has brought me great joy recently seeing other church members led by the Spirit to minister to others too! Keep praying to hear the Spirit's voice and then be willing to step out in faith where he leads.

This month I will have some time away for vacation and our Great Lakes GMC Annual Conference session in Marion, Indiana. It will be good to relax with my family and then join with colleagues for worship and encouragement. But before I return to the office, I've planned a week away to listen for God's voice during a silent retreat to Saint Meinrad Archabbey. Please pray for me to quiet my mind and heart to slow down enough to hear what I most long for – God's voice.

Faithfully,

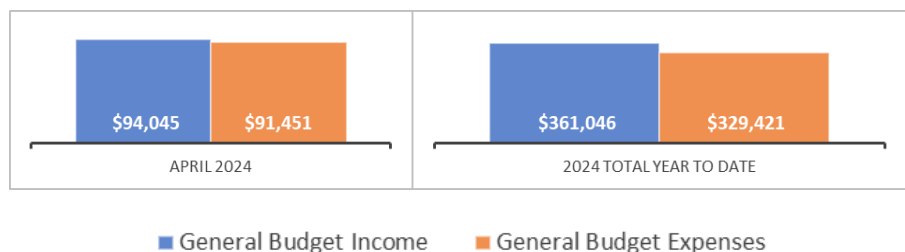
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STRATEGIC STATS

Worship Services	April Average	Year to Date Averages
9:00 a.m. - In Person	117	116
9:00 a.m. - Online	135	152
10:30 a.m. - In Person	173	173
10:30 a.m. - Online	93	107
Sunday Children	64	60
Wednesday Youth	32	37
Average Weekly In Person Worship	386	408
Average Weekly Online Worship	228	259

General Budget



WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

SEVEN

Transformation from Sin to Virtue

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

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.



YOU ARE INVITED TO TMC SUMMER MUSIC EVENTS!

This summer at Troy Methodist is going to be full of great opportunities to worship together and use the musical gifts that the Lord has given us!

We are planning a series of **Worship Nights** throughout the summer, one per month. You are invited to come, be ministered to, and minister to each other. We hope that these Worship Nights will be sweet times of encountering the Lord together! They will take place on **June 1, July 6, and August 3 - all at 6:30 p.m.** As we get closer to each date, be on the lookout in the weekly eReach and on Facebook for the location; we will be either at TMC or somewhere in our community.

Another series of summer music events: **Jam Sessions!** These will also happen once per month, on **June 15, July 20, and August 24 - all at 6:30 p.m.** These Jam Sessions are open to anyone who enjoys singing, playing instruments (all instruments welcome), and making music with others. We will meet either in the Family Life Center or outside, depending on weather, to play music together. Be on the lookout for more information as we approach each date!

We hope that you can join us for any and all of these music events this summer!

If you have any questions, reach out to our Director of Modern Worship, Marissa Horning, at marissa@troymc.org.

HONORING OUR CHURCH'S VETERANS

Troy Methodist Church will be honoring our military veterans AND those in active service with a special gift this November. Thanks to the generosity of Jim and Gwen Staley and TMC members, Dennis and Pat Staley, we will gift each veteran and active service member with a beautiful quilt!

In order to prepare the gifts, we will need to collect information from you! Please fill out the form on this link as soon as possible so we can begin our preparations - [Click here for sign up form](#).

We would love to present the quilt to you in person during one of our two services on November 10, 2024, but you do not need to commit to being present in worship to receive this special gift.



Thank you for your service!

SERVING THROUGH THE SUMMER

There are a variety of ways to serve at church and in the community this summer on your own, with friends, or as a family! Here are a few options to explore:

1. **Summer Lunch Program** – There are still openings to volunteer on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. To sign up check the weekly eReach or contact Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org.
2. **Granite City Community Center** – The 2nd Saturday of each month starting at noon, come out to the G.C. Community Center building (1818 Cleveland Blvd., Granite City) and serve in a variety of ways. You can serve food, sort donations, or assist individuals and families who are shopping. For more information contact Jon at jon.hemker@gmail.com.
3. **Serve Saturdays** – This summer we will have opportunities to serve at our church doing cleaning, maintenance, and beautification projects. This event is for all ages! On **June 15** and **July 20 from 9:00 a.m. to noon** the church will be open, and we will have a variety of serving opportunities for you, your journey group, your band, or your whole family to be a part of. Serving opportunities will vary but a few ideas of the work include: dusting the pews, cleaning marker and smudges off tables, spot cleaning carpets, deep cleaning bathrooms, power washing the brick, dusting, and so much more! As you can see, some jobs will require prior knowledge and tools/equipment, but the majority will be tasks that anyone could help with! Come for an hour or the entire time - it is up to you! If you know of a task that you would specifically like to help with or an idea for a task that could be done, please feel free to reach out to Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org.



FAITH IN ACTION IN TROY!

Faith in Action is an organization that serves older adults and individuals with disabilities in the Collinsville, Caseyville, Maryville, and State Park area; and they are bringing their services to the Troy community! The services offered include transportation, grocery shopping, companionship, respite for the family, minor home repairs, seasonal yard maintenance, social outings with other care receivers, Medicare enrollment assistance, Benefits Access (license plate discount and bus passes), and more! All services are provided at no charge. They will be starting out primarily helping with transportation needs in the Troy area with the hope of expanding and providing additional services this fall. If you know anyone who needs transportation assistance, please connect them to the director of Faith in Action, Lisa Brennan at lbrennan@fiacollinsville.org.



If you are interested in serving as a driver at Faith in Action you can also reach out to Lisa for more information!



United
Women
in Faith

UWF is thankful for your support in our successful May 4th fundraiser. You have helped hundreds of women and children in need. UWF also had a spirit-filled opportunity to restock the shelves of our local food pantry for the summer with our trip on May 9.

We will not be meeting this June or July to allow more freedom for members to participate in family vacations and youth activities.

The next Troy UWF meeting will be August 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. All women are invited to join us. You need not be a

member of our church. We pray that your time with UWF helps us all to grow closer to God and experience freedom through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship with women, and to expand the concept of mission for women and children locally, nationally, and globally. If you have any questions contact Bethel Rogers at rogersbethel@gmail.com.

JOIN US FOR AN OLD-FASHIONED FROZEN CUSTARD SOCIAL Sunday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Pack up the family and meet us at Bobby's Frozen Custard (2525 N. Center St., IL-159 in Maryville) for an evening of casual fellowship. We plan to gather around 6:30 p.m. and stay as long as the conversations last. Bring your own lawn chair and money to purchase the yummiest custard in town! Open to everyone - *bring a friend!*



The **June JOY SEEKERS** meeting is scheduled for noon on Tuesday, June 25. Plans are in the making for an outdoor cookout and ice cream social.

We will celebrate summer with a patriotic theme and Sue Busler will be our guest speaker.

Please call the church office at (618) 667-6241 to make a reservation between **June 15- 20**.
(We ask for a \$10 per person donation to cover expenses.)



CARE NOTES FROM PASTOR DAN How the Whole Church Becomes a Caring Church

Adapted from an article by Kate White

Caring ministries may vary when it comes to the local church. There are innumerable ways to help families and individuals in their time of need and truly be the "hands and feet" of God. Here are some ideas:

CARING FOR CHURCH FAMILY'S FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS.

- Send cards and encouragement often.
- Plan to clean the house or do yard maintenance.
- Help make hospital or home visits to brighten a person's day!
- Create a basket of small individually wrapped gifts so the recipient will have a basket of cheer they can go to whenever they need a lift.
- Kids could write scripture or encouragement in sidewalk chalk on member's driveway or sidewalk.

CARING THROUGH PRAYER.

- Hold a prayer vigil for those church families who need extra support.
- Organize a 24 Hours of Prayer event!
- Email a daily/weekly prayer and ask others to join you.
- Communicate specific prayer needs regularly.

CARING FOR THOSE RECOVERING.

- Participate in organized meal schedule.
- Plan some fun outings or plan one at their home.
- Coordinate friends to drive a church member to appointments/treatments.
- Help stock church member's pantry/refrigerator.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING.

- Encourage those who are grieving to attend GriefShare.
- Send cards to families who are grieving.
- Schedule a fundraiser to benefit a cause that means a lot to the family.

TROY METHODIST KIDS

Kidmin Sunday Fun!



BEULAH CAMP SIGN UPS ARE OPEN!

Go to brushfire.com/beulahholinesscamp

For complete instructions, please refer to the Kidmin weekly newsletter or contact jenn@troymc.org

WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?

By Jenn Diliberto

With the school year ending and summer approaching, it's time for families to take a break and have some fun. The warm, sunny days ahead offer lots of chances to enjoy ourselves. But let's not forget to make time for what really matters in the midst of all the excitement: our relationship with Jesus.

Here are ten ways to stay engaged with your family to have a Christ-Centered Summer:

1. Try to make it to church more often, even when things get crazy. If you're out of town, research a great place to attend church that week.
2. Pitch in together at church events - there are tons of ways to help out! Here are just two specific ways: Summer Lunch Program (*contact Bonnie for more information*) or help with light general cleaning at church (*see page four of this newsletter for upcoming "Serve Saturdays" opportunities*).
3. Join the fun at Vacation Bible School (VBS). Plan to attend or even volunteer before the event!
4. Commit to learning a new Bible verse each week. Even toddlers can learn a simple verse!
5. Reconnect with your family at lunch or dinner. Chat about the cool stuff (Glory Sightings) you noticed God doing each day.
6. Keep a family prayer list on the fridge and mark it when God answers your prayers. We can make it a habit to pray for each other and give God the praise in the waiting moments and when He shows up!
7. Spread some kindness by doing something nice for someone. Write a letter to a grandparent. Have your kids pick out three toys in great shape that they want to give to someone in need. Pass out water to the homeless on a hot day. There are endless ways to spread kindness!
8. Bring a new friend along to church with you. Then, take it a step further and invite them over for a meal!
9. Grab some items for your local food pantry next time you're at the store. Involve the kids and have them help pick them out.
10. Plan a low-tech "staycation" or vacation for some quality time together. Go on a walk or a hike, go to a splash pad, or even work on a family project together.

As parents, we often yearn for more time to prioritize what truly matters. Perhaps we can utilize the suggestions on this list over the next two and a half months to deepen our children's connection to God. Embrace a summer filled with the presence of God!



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myvbs.org/troymc

JULY

8-12

9 am to Noon

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TROY METHODIST STUDENTS

student ministry 2024 summer events

wednesday nights



June
5

Kick Off Dinner & Activities at the Rutz's House

Meet at Church: 5:30 pm | Bus Leaves: 5:45 pm | Return to Church: 8:00 pm
FREE | Enjoy dinner, hiking (dress accordingly) and fishing (will need your own pole)

Disc Golf and Sno Cones

Meet at Troy Park near Sno Cone Shack: 6:00 pm | Get Picked Up: 8:00 pm
FREE | Enjoy a round of disc golf, devotion and a treat

June
12

June
19

Road Trip to Beulah for Worship

Meet at Church: 3:00 pm | Bus Leaves: 3:15 pm | Return to Church: 10:30 pm
FREE | Enjoy dinner and worship at camp. Wear church clothes.

Family Trivia Night at Church

Meet at Church: 6:00 pm | Trivia Begins: 6:15 pm | Night Ends: 8:00 pm
FREE | Bring snacks to share. Drinks will be provided.

June
26

July
3

Yard Games

Drop Off: 6:00 pm | Pick Up: 8:00 pm
FREE | Students will play a variety of yard games and enjoy ice cream.

Movie Night at Church

Drop Off: 6:00 pm | Pick Up: 9:00 pm
FREE | Enjoy popcorn and drinks while watching *I Can Only Imagine*

July
10

July
17

Escape Room at Church

Drop Off: 6:00 pm | Pick Up: 8:00 pm
FREE | Complete a short escape room, then enjoy 9 Square and pizza.

Trip to the Munny - Fiddler on the Roof

Meet at Church: 6:00 pm | Bus Leaves: 6:15 pm | Show Begins: 8:15 pm
\$40 & RSVP | Eat dinner before you arrive.

July
24

July
31

Cardinals Game vs Rangers

Meet at Church: 11:30 am | Bus Leaves: 11:45 am | Game Start: 1:15 pm
\$5 Bus Fee & RSVP | Students may bring money for concession stand.

other events

June 13-15: Middle School Mission Trip

June 16-22: Beulah Youth Institute

June 23: Lunch & Planning Meeting

(open to any student who would like to be part of a discussion about the vision for the fall)

June 30-July 5: High School Mission Trip

July 8-12: Be a Student Leader at VBS

July 15-19: Epworth Camp, Greenville, IL

fall preview

August 21: Fall Kickoff

Parents, Students and Leaders

August 28: Outreach Night

Bring a Friend - Free T-Shirts

stay up to date

Text In!

Text TROYSTUDENTS to 94000

Website

troymc.org/students

For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

1 Timothy 4:8

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JUNE SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
June 1	Summer Worship Night (page 3)
June 5	Student Ministry - Summer Kick Off (page 7)
June 12	Student Ministry - Disc Golf & Sno Cones (page 7)
June 13-15	Student Ministry - Middle School Mission Trip (see church website)
June 15	Serve Saturdays (page 4)
June 15	Summer Jam Session (page 3)
June 16-22	Student Ministry - Beulah Youth Institute (see church website)
June 19	Student Ministry - Road Trip to Beulah for Worship (page 7)
June 23	Student Ministry - Lunch & Planning Meeting (page 7)
June 23	Church-wide Social at Bobby's Frozen Custard (page 5)
June 24-27	Kids Ministry - Beulah Bible Camp (see church website)
June 25	Joy Seekers - June Lunch & Program (page 5)
June 26	Student Ministry - Family Trivia Night (page 7)
June 28-29	Kids Ministry - Beulah Beginning Camp (see church website)



MEET JACOB BAUM

By Deb Ellis

We would like to introduce our newest employee, Jacob Baum. May 1st was his first day with us as a full-time custodian. He will be working 35 hours each week doing facility set-ups and general cleaning.

I recently sat down with Jacob and asked him to tell us a little about himself. Although he is admittedly shy, he was very open about sharing his interests. He was raised in O'Fallon, IL and still lives there today. He has two sons, ages 8 and 13. They are typical boys who love gaming!

Jacob enjoys disc golf and is always looking for local courses to play. He also has perfected his craft as a tattoo artist. He describes tattooing as a "dynamic form of art". (Personally, I'm a fan of the show "Ink Masters", so I know exactly what he means.) Jacob has the rare ability to draw his own designs and expertly apply the ink. He has a whole binder full of his creations! Lastly, his favorite food is chicken wings - the hotter the better!

If you see Jacob in the building, please take a few moments to introduce yourself and welcome him to our church family!



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