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INVITING PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS

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THIRD PERSON

A SERIES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

When it comes to understanding who God is, it's easier to consider God as our Heavenly Father or Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father. It's often the case that the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, is overlooked. This has certainly been the experience of the broader church over the last several centuries. We're sure about the Father and the Son, but not so sure about the other one!

Over the course of the next several weeks, we will be getting acquainted with the Holy Spirit: who the Spirit is and what the Spirit does. In the end, we hope that you will not only have a real relationship with the Holy Spirit, but that you will want to be filled with the Spirit!

September 1 – John 14:15-17 – Who is the Holy Spirit?

September 8 – 16:12-15 – A Relationship with the Holy Spirit

September 15 – 1 Corinthians 12 – Gifts of the Spirit

September 22 – Ephesians 5:15-20 – Filled with the Spirit

September 29 – Galatians 5:16-25 – Barriers to Life in the Spirit

October 6 – Ephesians 3:16-19 – Do you want the Holy Spirit?

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, September 29, 11:45 a.m. in the Upper Family Life Center

This class and lunch is open to anyone, long-time attender or new visitor, who is interested in learning more about our church family and what it means to become a member of Troy Methodist Church, a Global Methodist congregation. If you have questions, or would like to sign up, email Bonnie, our Discipleship Pastor, at bonnie@troymc.org. You can also RSVP for childcare, if needed.

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

ALWAYS LEARNING AND GROWING

Recently most of our staff team met with my ministry coach for an afternoon of team building and training around The 6 Types of Working Genius, based off a the book with the same title by Patrick Lencioni. Here's the summary of the Working Genius concept:

- There are six steps necessary for all significant work projects, and each step is essential: Wonder, Invention, Discernment, Galvanizing, Enablement, and Tenacity.
- Each person has two of the six that are their "genius" – in other words, they are especially gifted in those areas and are personally fulfilled when they work in those areas.
- Each person is also competent in two other areas however; they aren't necessarily fulfilled when working in those ways.
- Furthermore, each person has two areas that cause frustration when asked to work in those particular ways.

The Working Geniuses aren't spiritual gifts, but they certainly reveal what each person is particularly gifted in and passionate about.

Before our time together, all 15 of our staff took an inventory that revealed our geniuses, competencies, and frustrations. Here are just a few takeaways that might encourage you:

- You'll be happy to know that as a team, we have ALL the geniuses covered, although some areas are stronger than others.
- When we work within our genius areas, we tend to get more done in less time with greater joy and fulfillment.
- We learned to appreciate the genius in ourselves and others and how each person contributes something vital to our church's ministry.
- Some of us were motivated to spend more time in our areas of genius and ask for help with tasks that fall outside those areas.
- We were challenged to rethink the way we do meetings. Instead of trying to fit all the different work steps into one meeting, we will now try to have different meetings with different purposes – making time for asking foundational questions.
- We also recognized and acknowledged our occasional frustrations with each other when we've viewed things from the lens of our genius areas instead of considering how each other is wired.

Personally, after I read the book a few months ago, I saw immediate personal application within my family and my role in our church. I'm grateful that we were able to share this time as a staff and I invite you to pray along with us that it will result in each person on our amazing team bearing more fruit and being more fulfilled.

You can learn more about the Working Geniuses at www.workinggenius.com

Faithfully,

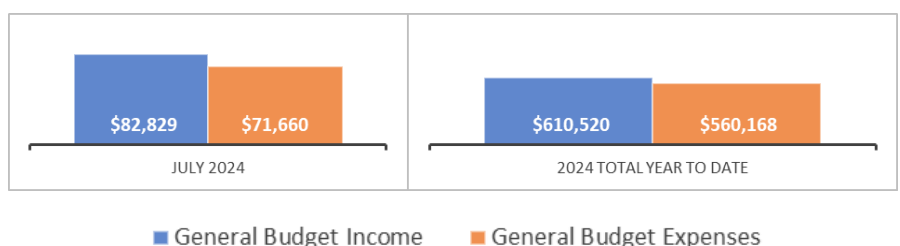
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STRATEGIC STATS

Worship Services	July Average	Year to Date Averages
9:00 a.m. - In Person	104	111
9:00 a.m. - Online	139	140
10:30 a.m. - In Person	150	162
10:30 a.m. - Online	103	104
Sunday Children	60	59
Wednesday Youth	33	34
Average Weekly In Person Worship	347	377
Average Weekly Online Worship	242	244

General Budget



JOURNEY GROUPS

CONNECT BY JOINING A JOURNEY GROUP

Here at Troy Methodist Church we believe that Journey Groups are one of the best ways for you to get connected, grow spiritually, and see lasting transformational change in your life! We were designed by God to live in relationship with others, and we believe that positive, lasting change happens best when we are surrounded by others who support, encourage, and challenge us. Through weekly gatherings, our hope is that you have the opportunity to learn about God and know that you are a part of the Troy Methodist family.

Below you will see our list of current Journey Group offerings. If you have any questions, or you know that you would need childcare or a child-friendly atmosphere, please reach out to our Discipleship Pastor, Bonnie, at bonnie@troymc.org. She would love to get you connected to just the right group!



SUNDAY, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Open to: Everyone
Start Date: September 1st
Location: Upper Family Life Center
Leader: Ron Finnan
Phone/Email: 618.795.6066/rkfinnan1@att.net



SUNDAY, 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

Open to: Everyone
Start Date: September 1st
Location: Choir Rehearsal Room
Leader: Jeff Johnson
Phone/Email: 618.979.1267
jeffjane627@gmail.com



SUNDAY, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Open to: Everyone
Start Date: September 8th
Location: 61 Signal Hill Blvd. Belleville
Leader(s): Bonnie Abel & Mary Ann Abel
Phone/Email: 314.496.0890/bonnie@troymc.org



SUNDAY, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Open to: Young Adults
Start Date: September 1st
Location: 8030 Austin Drive, Troy
Leader(s): Marissa Horning & Angela Wilkerson
Phone/Email: 309.224.9377/marissa@troymc.org



MONDAY, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Open to: Women – All Ages
Start Date: September 9th
Location: Sanctuary
Leader: Deb Ellis
Phone/Email: 618.581.3383
debsellis@sbcglobal.net



MONDAY, 6:15 – 8:00 p.m.

Open to: Women – All Ages
Start Date: September 9th
Location: Choir Rehearsal Room
Leader: Beth Barbour
Phone/Email: 618.977.9323
bbarbour67@gmail.com

College Group “in the works”

Watch for updates in the weekly eReach and on social media.



MONDAY, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Open to: Everyone
Start Date: September 2nd
Location: 2021 Kensington Place, St. Jacob
Leader(s): Barb Buck & Julie Ford
Phone/Email: 618.363.2847
jordanandbarb@outlook.com



WEDNESDAY, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Open to: Everyone
Start Date: September 4th
Location: Conference Room
Leader: Beth Repp
Phone/Email: 309.825.1074
elizabeth.repp@yahoo.com



WEDNESDAY, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Open to: Everyone
Start Date: September 4th
Location: 809 Washington St., Highland
Leader(s): Dave Lauchner, Vic & Ellie Mitchell
Phone/Email: 618.972.5062
family@lauchner.com



THURSDAY, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Open to: Women – All Ages
Start Date: September 5th
Location: Upper Family Life Center
Leader: Bonnie Abel
Phone/Email: 314.496.0890/bonnie@troymc.org



THURSDAY, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Open to: Men – All Ages
Start Date: September 5th
Location: Conference Room
Leader: Tom Finley
Phone/Email: 314.578.6957/tomlfinley@aol.com



SATURDAY, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Open to: Men – All Ages
Start Date: August 31st at the Red Apple
Location: Conference Room
Leader: Carl Inman, Jordan Buck, Rick Lechner
Phone/Email: 618.604.6551
cri2000@gmail.com

SERVE & CONNECT

MISSION MOMENT: FAITH IN ACTION

Did you know that Collinsville Faith in Action is piloting their greatly beneficial Assisted Transportation Service to include Troy? For over 26 years, they have served residents only within the Collinsville Unit 10 School District, so this expansion test is “a pretty big deal.” The test ends on September 30, 2024, and at that time, CFiA will evaluate the success of this trial run.

To be successful, they need to sign up clients and volunteers from the Troy area. If you know residents of Troy who need rides to medical appointments or other destinations, please let them know about CFiA offering this service free of charge and have them call (618)344-8080 for more information.

If you would be willing to be a volunteer and provide transportation services you can call and join the volunteers that make the CFiA motto, “A Neighbor’s Independence Depends on You!” to become a reality.

HANDYMAN MINISTRY

The Handyman Ministry assists Troy Methodist Church attendees needing help with small maintenance or repair jobs around their homes that they are unable to complete or afford on their own. Some jobs may be too big, but no job is too small.

A team of two volunteers will schedule a time to come to the home to perform minor repairs such as: changing hard-to-reach light bulbs, installing/replacing smoke detectors, replacing air filters, fixing leaking faucets or running toilets, doing minor appliance repairs, helping with minor computer issues, doing minor car repairs, and grass cutting/lawn work.

The team also may diagnose issues requiring a paid professional or provide a second opinion.

The person needing help provides the materials to be used in the project unless a request was made in advance and approved.

All labor is free of charge.

All work on the project should be able to be completed in one work day. (Any project requiring more time must be approved prior to the beginning of the project.) Projects are limited to repair or restoration of existing structures unless otherwise approved.

If you could use help around your home this fall, contact Lisa at rayleroad@sbcglobal.net

TROY COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

By Emma Katchen

Our community garden has had an exceptional harvest this season! We are thrilled to share that to date, we have donated over 100 pounds of fresh produce to Ministries Unlimited in Troy. This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. The produce we donate comes not only from our in-ground garden but also from our personal garden boxes, showcasing the collective effort and generosity of our community members.

As some of you may have noticed, we experienced an infestation of squash beetles earlier in the season. We are happy to report that we have successfully brought the situation under control using natural methods, and the last of the beetles should be eradicated soon. This has been a valuable learning experience, reinforcing our commitment to sustainable and organic gardening practices. Gardening is a true passion for us, and this garden has provided a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community. We are particularly excited that our pumpkins came up early this year, allowing the preschool children to enjoy the joys of fall a bit sooner. We hope everyone takes a moment to appreciate the vibrant flowers and the overall beauty of the garden.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for our fall planting and are ready for the new season. With continued effort, we hope to keep donating food to those in need and continue giving back to our community. A special thank you to the church members who have helped and continue to support us in this endeavor. Your contributions have been invaluable and greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making our garden a success!



SERVE & CONNECT



JOY SEEKERS (55+ ADULTS) *We're Going To The Price Farm Jamboree!*

Join us on **Sunday, September 8**, for a road trip to attend the **Price Farm Jamboree** - a free concert of music performed by members of the Price Family under the pecan tree grove on the Price Farm in Rockbridge, IL.

We will board the church bus and leave from the Troy Methodist Church parking lot at 4:00 p.m. We have dinner reservations for 5:00 p.m. at Castelli's Restaurant in Alton, IL. (The family-style dinner is \$23.50 per person.) We will then make our way to the concert that begins at 7:00 p.m. If you plan to ride the bus, please bring along \$5.00 cash to help with fuel expenses. If you choose not to ride the church bus, you can meet us at Castelli's Restaurant for dinner or at the concert. Please bring a folding chair and a jacket. Refreshments will be available at the concert for a \$1 donation.

To register, call the church office (618) 667-6204 or contact Pastor Dan at dan@troymc.org or (618) 830-5589.

**** JOY Seekers will NOT meet
on the 4th Tuesday, September 24****

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



HELP UWF SUPPORT OASIS WOMEN'S SHELTER

Abused women and their children in our area escape from their homes quickly, leaving all possessions behind. Oasis provides them shelter but needs your support. Donate **women's, children's & young men's underwear** of all sizes (new and in the package), **socks, shampoo, bodywash, toothpaste, and liquid laundry detergent** (Gain brand preferred).

Please bring your donations to the church by **September 30**.

Donation baskets are available in the Sanctuary Lobby and Family Life Center Lobby. Donations can be left at the church office on weekdays, Monday through Thursday.

UWF ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Have you started fall cleaning? Take advantage of the UWF Annual Rummage Sale to transform yesterday's treasures into support for others. This is a great local community outreach!

We will be collecting donations in the Family Life Center Thursday & Friday, October 3 & 4. The sale will take place Friday, October 4 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 5 from 8:00 a.m. - noon.

Watch for donation details in the weekly eReach and on flyers posted in the church building.



United
Women
in Faith

UWF SEPTEMBER MEETING

Join us at the next UWF meeting on Thursday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Our afternoon program will feature Next Gen Minister Tim Price discussing the TMC youth program. We will also share refreshments with friends and work on plans for the upcoming rummage sale.

Contact Bethel Rogers with questions at rogers.bethel@gmail.com.

TROY METHODIST KIDS

TRUSTING GOD THROUGH SEASONS OF CHANGE

By Jenn Diliberto

Life is a rollercoaster of ups and downs, isn't it? One moment, everything's smooth sailing, and the next, we're facing a big change. Maybe your family is adjusting to a new home, dealing with illness, starting a new chapter in school or work, or grieving a loss. These transitions can be tough. But what if I told you that even in the midst of life's storms, there's a source of hope and strength. Let's discover how our faith in God can help us navigate these waters together.

First, it's important to recognize that it's normal to feel stressed or unsure when going through seasons of change. When feeling this way, it's crucial to view your situation through the lens of God's Word. Throughout the Bible, God's people were constantly on the move. From Abraham to the Israelites to Jesus, life was a journey. Their experiences offer a powerful reminder that God is with us, even in the midst of uncertainty. By looking to Scripture, we can find the strength, wisdom, and hope to face whatever lies ahead.

One consistent message throughout the Bible is God's promise to be with His people. From Genesis to Revelation, we see this unwavering commitment (Genesis 28:15, Joshua 1:9, John 14:16, Matthew 28:20, Revelation 21:4). Whether your child is starting a new school or you're facing a major life change, know that God is with you. He is present in every situation, big or small.

The next step is to recognize negative thought patterns. We can magnify a problem, imagining the worst-case scenario, even when it's unlikely. It's like anxiety on overdrive and definitely out of sync with God's Spirit! Catch those thoughts before they spiral out of control! When your mind starts to believe your problems are bigger than God, hit the pause button. Turn to Scripture and pray with confidence. Philippians 4:8 states "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things".

Finally, once you've looked to the Word and recognized negative thought patterns, the final step is to release your anxiety to God through prayer. Remember your God. Remember what is true. Remember His faithfulness. When prayer and thanksgiving become a normal part of your family's routine, you and your children, through modeled behavior, learn to rely on God more easily.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS SUPER FUN EVENT - **FALL FEST!**

Sunday, October 27, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center (Rain or Shine)

Fall Fest is a family event and community outreach filled with games, live music, free food, and lots of CANDY! To ensure a fun and successful night, we need many volunteers to decorate a table or booth, dress up, and hand out candy. Hosting a space is a great way to express the love of God to children in our church and community.

Can't host a space? No problem, there are other ways to support our event, including donations. Items needed are: 1 liter soda bottles, boxes of Little Debbie snack cakes, and CANDY. We will begin collecting these items September 15. (Watch Facebook and the weekly eReach for additional details.)

Contact [Jenn](#) for more information on how you can get involved in this fun event!



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TROY METHODIST STUDENTS

YOUTH PRAYER NIGHT

Sunday, September 15
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us in the Sanctuary as we gather together to spend time praying for things going on in our lives, our school semester, the student ministry, needs in our family, and the salvation of friends.

This prayer night is open to all middle school and high school students. For more information, reach out to wenifer@troymc.org

FALL RALLY

10.19.24

For 6th-12th graders.

All 6th - 12th grade students are invited to register now for this one day event held here at Troy Methodist Church from 9:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Russ Williams will be speaking on the theme "Fan The Flame".

We're inviting other area student ministry groups to join us, and we would love to have our entire youth group here!

Register at harvestministryteams.com/fallrally or you can use the flier on the website.

Registration is \$40 for the day (which includes the program, snacks, lunch, and a t-shirt).

Troy Students registering online can use the code TroyStudents24 to register for \$30.

STUDENT SERVING OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, September 21
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a work day at Beulah Camp in Eldorado, IL. We will be cleaning, painting, and shutting down the TMC cabin for the year. Wear work clothes, closed toe shoes, and bring a sack lunch. Meet at church at 8:00 a.m. to ride the church bus.

Contact Courtney Froidcoeur, courtney@troymc.org, to sign up.

WHAT HAPPENS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS?

Student Ministry happens every Wednesday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. During this time, students enjoy dinner, worship together, and engage with the devotions and lesson. They also meet in small groups for discussion, Bible, growth, and prayer. Most Wednesdays, we also have a game or activity.

Middle school students (6th, 7th, and 8th grades) and high school students (9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades) meet separately for the lesson, small groups, and activity. Everyone participates in the meal and worship together.

Every student is welcome and encouraged to invite friends!

If you have any questions about Wednesday nights, contact any of the student ministry leadership team - [Courtney](#), [Ryan](#) or [Wenifer](#).



ADULT SERVING OPPORTUNITY

Each Wednesday, an individual, family, or group volunteers to provide a meal for the student ministry, feeding approximately 50 students and adults. Anything goes, from pizza & sloppy joes to a cold cereal bar. Use your imagination!

If you're interested in providing a dinner, we still have openings for this fall semester! Contact Janie Davidson, Student Ministry Meal Coordinator, at djd52@hotmail.com or talk with Tim Price.

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SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
September 1	All Journey Groups Kickoff Third Person Study (<i>page 3</i>)
September 8	Joy Seekers Trip to Price Farm Jamboree (<i>page 5</i>)
September 12	Troy United Women in Faith Meeting (<i>page 5</i>)
September 15	Student Ministry - Youth Prayer Night (<i>page 7</i>)
September 21	Student Ministry - Work Day at Beulah Camp (<i>page 7</i>)
September 29	Membership Class (<i>front cover</i>)

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE MINISTRY

There is a special group of students in our church: **college students**. And we would like to encourage, support, and pray for them as they begin a new school year by sending care packages.

We will be seeking individuals to contribute items to send in the care packages (*Amazon wish list coming soon*), to help offset shipping expenses, as well as help pack up the boxes. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might support this ministry.

In the coming weeks, you will see more information on the Living Room Facebook page and in the weekly eReach about our College Care Package Ministry. If you have questions, reach out to Tim Price at tim@troymc.org.



CELEBRATING A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY *LaVera Hogg turns 100!*



Born in 1924, LaVera turned 100 on August 19. She was born in East St. Louis but spent most of her life in the Collinsville area. LaVera feels blessed to have lived a "farm life". She and her family always had a huge garden, and there was lots of canning that took place. She attributes longevity to this - always eating fresh foods, free of preservatives. When asked what the biggest change was that happened in her lifetime, she responded "the telephone". Her first phone was an eight "party line" where you had to listen for your specific ring! LaVera has been a member of our church for many years and treasures all of her friendships here.

LaVera's milestone birthday was celebrated by Troy United Women in Faith on August 8 and by her family and friends on August 10. When you see LaVera, wish her a "Happy Birthday!"



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