

**TROY**  
METHODIST CHURCH

# REACH

INVITING PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS

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# Faith Extended

Following the  
Footsteps of Paul



## FAITH EXTENDED: FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

The gospel never stays put. It always extends – into cities, into cultures, into public life. When we encounter the good news of Jesus Christ and are equipped to live a transformed life in community, we become ambassadors of Jesus in the world. Our life becomes a public witness when we extend the gospel beyond ourselves. This summer, Troy Methodist Church will travel with the Apostle Paul through much of his second missionary journey and see how his life shows us what happens when faith extends beyond ourselves to become outward mission.

**May 31** – Paul: From Persecutor to Apostle (*Acts 9:1-22*)

**June 7** – Philippi: Joy in Suffering (*Acts 16:11-40*)

**June 14** – Thessalonica: A Public Allegiance (*Acts 17:1-9*)

**June 21** – Berea: A Tested Faith (*Acts 17:10-15*)

**June 28** – Athens: Christ in the Marketplace (*Acts 17:16-34*)

## GREAT TIME TO BE BAPTIZED!

We have set aside the final Sunday of our *Faith Extended* series, **July 26, 2026** as a **Baptism Sunday** to celebrate new life in Christ in each of our worship services. If that date doesn't work for you, anytime in June or July would be an ideal time to be baptized or remember your baptism! If you have recently surrendered your life to Jesus or want to have your child baptized, this is for you. Young, old, or in between, if you are ready to take this next step in your journey with Jesus by sharing your faith publicly through baptism or remembrance of baptism, please contact Pastor Andy.

## 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

## PRAY THROUGH IT - ROUND 2

Last October, we hosted the *Pray Through It* ministry team. Dr. Don Love and his wife, Jennifer, will be returning to the area and spending two full days training our leaders and facilitating individual prayer times for anyone who would like to hear from God. This is a great opportunity you do not want to miss! We are still developing the schedule, but you can expect at least one group prayer time and several time slots for individual prayer on Monday, June 22, and Tuesday, June 23. The Loves will be in St. Louis leading a prayer ministry for a conference the rest of that week, and we didn't want to miss the opportunity to have them join us for a couple of days.

About 50 of us participated in either a group prayer time or an individual prayer time when they visited last year. I have heard several stories of personal breakthrough – addictions being broken, spiritual barriers being overcome, and even marriage relationships experiencing healing. If you didn't join in a group or individual prayer time last October, don't miss this chance! I believe this is coming at a perfect time! Here's why:

First, I believe God used last October's prayer time to help our church break through some challenging spiritual obstacles. Since October, we have taken huge strides in articulating our mission, vision, values, and discipleship strategy. We have become more focused! We had 10 baptisms in the two months after our *Pray Through It* time in October. And since October, our in-person attendance has grown 17%, and our online attendance has grown 32%! I don't believe in coincidences – I believe in God-incidences! I also believe that God is preparing us for even more spiritual breakthroughs. The Loves will be spending Tuesday evening training many of our leaders to listen for God's direction as we seek to create a church culture of prayer for the fruitfulness of our mission and ministries.

Second, and maybe more pertinent to you, individually. We are just wrapping up our sermon series about living *Unoffendable*, anger-free lives. I have heard from dozens of you about how God is working on your heart in big ways. I personally have been experiencing God's transformation. What might God have in store for you next? How does God want to continue the transformational work in your heart that He has begun in these recent weeks? Or maybe as you've started this journey, you're hitting some roadblocks. Could God be preparing you now for breakthrough in June during a *Pray Through It* session? I believe wholeheartedly that God has orchestrated this *Pray Through It* timing for our benefit as a church and for your personal spiritual growth. Let's take full advantage of this precious opportunity!

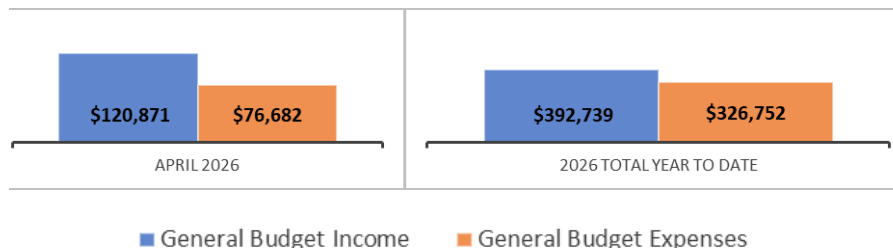
Faithfully,

Andy

## STRATEGIC STATS

Worship Services	April Average	Year to Date Averages
9:00 a.m. - In Person	151	130
9:00 a.m. - Online	195	203
10:30 a.m. - In Person	218	187
10:30 a.m. - Online	144	158
Sunday Children	87	73
Wednesday Youth	54	62
*Good Friday Service (4/3)	147	
*Easter Sunrise Service (4/5)	68	
<b>Average Weekly In Person Worship</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>467</b>
<b>Average Weekly Online Worship</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>361</b>

## General Budget



# SERVE & CONNECT

## HOSPITALITY TEAM SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you ever wondered what each of the Sunday morning hospitality teams is responsible for? Well, 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](mailto: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 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 in any way we can. Our goal is to say hello, engage in conversation, offer a gift, and invite guests to fill out a Connect Card.

**Resource Center:** We want everyone to be informed of what's happening so that they can be engaged in ministry, serve missionally, 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 people 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 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 where we can in emergency situations.

## ROOF & RESTROOMS RENOVATION

You've probably been noticing the progress being made on our Roof & Restrooms Renovation! In March, we completed both the flat roof replacement and the two office/sanctuary restrooms. They look fantastic! The Family Life Center Restrooms began their overhaul in May and will continue through June. Don't worry. We will always have one available as a unisex restroom!

Our hope is to then proceed with the renovation of the restrooms in the preschool wing and finish those up before the start of the school year. However, we need to raise another \$15,000 in order to complete the project. If you recall, we raised \$136,000 of our \$150,000 goal last year. As it turns out, we will need every penny of our original goal to complete the project. Would you consider a special one-time gift this month to help us finish our Roof & Restrooms Renovation? Thank you for your continued generosity! You can write a check with "Restroom" in the memo or give online at [troymc.org/give](https://troymc.org/give).



# CONNECT



## connect lunch

sunday, june 7 @ 11:45 a.m.

### NEXT STEPS TO CONNECT

*Sunday, June 7, 11:45 a.m., Upper Family Life Center*

You are cordially invited to attend our upcoming Connect Lunch in June! If you have never attended a Connect Lunch and would like to find ways to “connect” at TMC, we would love for you to save the date for our upcoming lunch on Sunday, June 7, at 11:45 a.m. in the Upper Family Life Center.

During our time together, we will have lunch from Fire and Smoke BBQ, and you will have the opportunity to learn about the ministries of Troy Methodist Church. From

journey groups to serving opportunities, we would love to share with you a variety of ways to get involved. We will also have ample opportunities for you to ask questions and will finish our time together with a tour of the building!

Childcare is provided upon request, and if you have questions or would like to RSVP, feel free to reach out to Bonnie, our Discipleship Pastor, at [bonnie@troymc.org](mailto:bonnie@troymc.org).

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS & LUNCH

*Sunday, June 28, 11:45 a.m., Upper Family Life Center*

Our next Membership Class will be on Sunday, June 28, following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Upper Family Life Center.

This class is open to anyone interested in learning more about our church family and what it means to become a member of Troy Methodist Church! If you are a long-time attender and want to find out about what it means to be a Global Methodist congregation, we would love for you to attend this lunch and learn more. If you are a new visitor to our church, this lunch is for you! We will have a meal together and time for questions and answers.

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### J.O.Y. SEEKERS (55+) JUNE LUNCH & PROGRAM

*Tuesday, June 23, noon, Family Life Center*

On June 23, we're celebrating a patriotic, picnic theme. We are pleased to welcome Sue Busler to speak to our group. Dale Storey will be preparing hamburgers and hot dogs. We'll also have all the condiments and fixins', including baked beans, salad, and chips.

If you know someone who might benefit from attending J.O.Y. Seekers, why not invite them to join you?! If they say yes, be sure to have them call the office to register or you can offer to register for them. Sign up from June 8-18 by calling (618) 667-6241. We LOVE the desserts that you choose to share! Make sure to let us know what dessert you plan to make when you sign up.



# CONNECT

## CHURCH COOKBOOK RECIPE COLLECTION

The Troy Methodist Women are collecting recipes from the congregation to publish a church cookbook! Forms will be available in both the Sanctuary lobby and at the Resource Center on Sunday, March 24 & 31. You can also scan the QR code below to submit recipes online. You will be able to submit your favorite recipes in various categories (listed on the form).



We need your help in creating a wonderful cookbook full of treasured recipes. We hope to complete submission in early fall in order to have books available for purchase in time for the holidays. You may contact Libby Gregg, Carol Block or Sue Blumberg with any questions.



## TMW THANKS YOU!

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Troy Methodist Church for supporting the Ladies Tea and Silent Auction on Saturday, May 2! We raised over \$4,000 for the charities we support and will be able to increase our giving this year!

On Thursday, May 14 our group visited Equipping the Called in Collinsville and took diapers/pullups, plus their semi-annual monetary support. There are no meetings in June or July so enjoy your summer and get refreshed! For information regarding TMW, please contact Libby Gregg at [lgregg129@gmail.com](mailto:lgregg129@gmail.com) or (618)954-6263.



## FAITH THAT STILL BEARS FRUIT

There is something deeply valuable about a life that has walked with God through many seasons. Senior adults in the church carry stories of faith, endurance, prayer, sacrifice, and quiet obedience that continue to strengthen the Body of Christ. The world, however, often celebrates youth, speed, and change.

Scripture reminds us that God also treasures wisdom, steadfastness, and spiritual maturity. Psalm 92:14 says, *“They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.”* That verse is not just poetic, it’s a promise that God is not finished working through His people simply because the years have advanced.

Many seniors have served faithfully for decades. They taught Sunday school classes, raised families, prayed through difficult nights, comforted hurting friends, and remained faithful when life was uncertain. Those moments mattered then, and they still matter now.

Your role in the church remains essential. Younger generations need your example. They need to hear how God carried you through hardship, answered prayers, restored hope, and proved faithful time after time. A simple conversation, a handwritten note, or a quiet prayer can leave a lasting spiritual impact.

Sometimes aging brings challenges that are difficult to accept. Health concerns, loneliness, grief, or changing abilities can feel discouraging. Yet even in those moments, God’s presence does not fade. Isaiah 46:4 offers this reassurance: *“Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you...”*

The church is stronger because of faithful senior saints who continue to worship, encourage, and pray. Your faithfulness is a testimony, your prayers are powerful, and your wisdom is greatly needed. No season of life is wasted in God’s hands. He God gives you breath and He gives you purpose. Continue walking closely with God, sharing His love, and trusting that the seeds planted over a lifetime will continue to bear fruit for God’s kingdom.

# TROY METHODIST KIDS

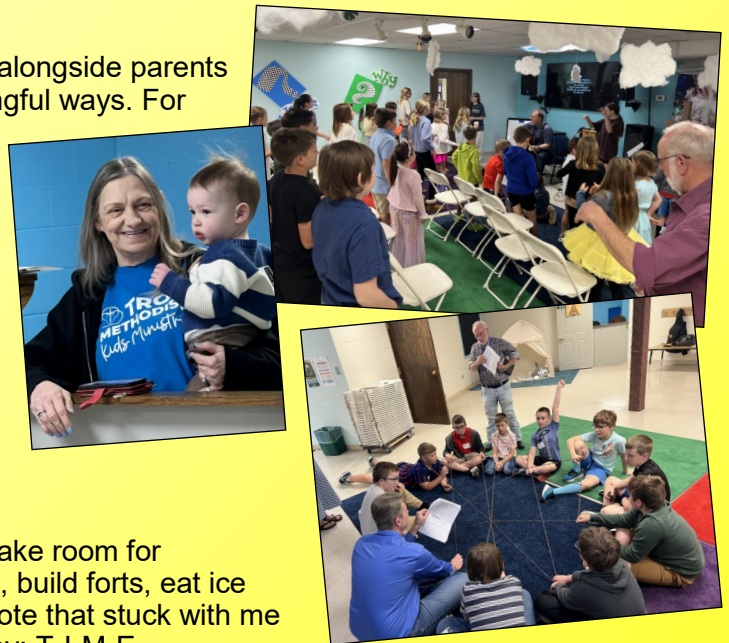
## MAKING SUMMER COUNT - TOGETHER!

Summer is here! Longer days, vacations, popsicles, splash pads, and a break from the busy school-year routine. While schedules may look different, summer can become one of the best opportunities for families to reconnect, rest, and grow together in faith.

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children this summer may simply be slowing down. Kids do not need every moment filled with activities and entertainment. In fact, research shows that boredom can help children with building creativity, problem-solving skills, independence, and imagination. Slower moments give families more opportunities to connect with each other — and with Jesus.

### Here are a few simple ways to make this a Christ-centered summer:

- Worship together regularly, even during busy summer weekends. Summer schedules may change, but we still need each other — and our kids do too. Gathering together for worship, friendships, and church community help children see faith lived out in real life. Hebrews 10:25 reminds us not to neglect meeting together, so let's make in-person church a priority this summer.
- Serve together during the Kids Lunch Program. Serving alongside parents helps children learn compassion and kindness in meaningful ways. For more information, contact [bonnie@troymc.org](mailto:bonnie@troymc.org).
- Help at VBS Workdays! We'll be decorating, organizing, crafting, and preparing for VBS. There are jobs for ages 4 and up. Come for an hour or stay the whole time!
- Join us for Vacation Bible School (VBS) and invite friends to come along.
- Read one short Bible verse together each day. Small moments can leave a lasting impact.
- Take walks, pray together, eat dinner as a family, and make room for unhurried connections. Turn off screens and play games, build forts, eat ice cream outside, or tell favorite family stories. I heard a quote that stuck with me about kids and love. It stated kids often spell love this way: T-I-M-E.



This summer does not have to be packed full to be meaningful. Some of the most important moments happen in the ordinary days when families choose to slow down, spend time together, serve others, and grow closer to Jesus. Let's make this a summer full of faith, joy, rest, and connection — together.

### VBS WORKDAYS

Wednesday, May 27, Wednesdays in June, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. throughout June until VBS begins



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# TROY METHODIST STUDENTS

## SUMMER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BEGIN JUNE 3

During the summer, we spend each Wednesday evening doing a special event, fun opportunity, or serving ministry. It's a change in flow from the normal school year Wednesday programming. Our specific purpose is to give God glory by building community and friendships, growing in experiences and memories, and sharing God's love with the world through witness!

Check the website for all the details. AND don't forget to get into the student ministry texting loop by texting TROYSTUDENTS to 94000.

<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
6/3 - Kick-Off Dinner	7/1 - STL Sculpture Park
6/10 - Holiday World	7/8 - Serving Night
6/17 - Trivia Night	7/15 - Scavenger Hunt
6/24 - Disc Golf	7/22 - Outdoor Movie
	7/29 - Yard Games



Join us for a day trip to Santa Claus, Indiana.

Wednesday  
June 10th

Schedule  
7:00am-10:00pm

Registration Fee	What to Bring
<b>\$60</b> & Registration Form	Sack Lunch Closed Toed Shoes Swims Suit & Towel Money for Souvenirs (optional) Dinner included

For more information email [courtney@troymc.org](mailto:courtney@troymc.org) or visit [troymc.org/students](http://troymc.org/students)



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Summer Series  
Kick Off  
**Chinese Buffet**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
(Student ministry is covering the cost for kick off meal together!)

6th-12th Grades | Wednesday, June 3

## SUMMER TRIPS & EVENTS

There's still time to register for these special summer trips and events. Questions about how these events work or what happens during them? Feel free to text Tim Price at (618) 541-8291.

### Beulah Youth Institute - June 14-20

Going into 8th grade through graduated seniors

### Beulah Bible Camp - June 22-25

Going into 5th through 7th grade

There is also a Beulah Camp for 2nd through 4th grade, June 26-27.

### High School Mission Trip, Denver, Colorado - July 18-23

\*\*\*REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1\*\*\*

### Middle School Mission Trip - Chatham, IL - July 30-August 1



## A FEW NOTES...

- All camps, events, and trips are for current 2025/2026 grades - promotion is in mid-August.
- We're thankful for the Student Ministry scholarship fund that has been given to generously help pay half of the registration for each student who goes to camp or a mission trip! This is a huge blessing of generosity!
- If you would like to explore the possibility of joining one of these weeks as a sponsor, please talk with Tim, Ryan or Courtney. We still have space for adult leaders at Beulah Youth Institute, Bible Camp, and some Wednesday trips.

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## JUNE SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
June 3	Student Ministry - Kick-Off Dinner (page 7)
June 7	Connect Lunch (page 4)
June 10	Student Ministry - Holiday World (page 7)
June 17	Student Ministry - Trivia Night (page 7)
June 23	J.O.Y Seekers Lunch & Program (page 4)
June 24	Student Ministry - Disc Golf (page 7)
June 28	Membership Class & Lunch (page 4)

### SMART GIVING: A TAX-WISE WAY TO SUPPORT TMC

Our Troy Methodist Church family is always very generous and looking for meaningful ways to give. For those in a certain stage of life, there's a powerful option worth considering: a Qualified Charitable Distribution, often called a QCD.

A QCD allows individuals age 70½ or older to give directly from their IRA to a qualified "charity" like TMC. While it may sound complex, the benefit is simple: this kind of gift can count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) and is typically excluded from your taxable income. In other words, it can be a tax-efficient way to support the ministry you love.

Here are a few key points to know:

- You must be **70½ or older** at the time of the gift.
- The gift must come **directly from your IRA** to the church (not first to you).
- QCDs can be used to satisfy all or part of your **required minimum distribution**, which generally begins at age 73.
- There is an annual limit (currently up to \$100,000 per individual, though this may be indexed for inflation).

Because the distribution is not counted as income, you may benefit even if you do not itemize deductions. Many in our TMC family are already taking advantage of this opportunity as a way to steward their resources wisely while strengthening the ministry of the church. It's a beautiful example of generosity meeting thoughtful planning.

If this sounds like something that may apply to you, we encourage you to speak with your CPA or financial advisor to see how a QCD might fit into your situation. They can help ensure everything is handled correctly and in line with current tax laws. If you'd like assistance with how to direct a gift to TMC, our church office would be happy to help. Thank you for your continued generosity and for investing in the mission and ministry of Troy Methodist Church.



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