



# REACH

INVITING PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS.

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### Worship Schedule

8 a.m. Sanctuary  
9 a.m. Family Life Center & Online  
10:15 a.m. Sanctuary & Online  
10:45 a.m. Family Life Center

## Holy Week Month!

We're trying something new this year at Troy United Methodist Church! Instead of having "Holy Week" beginning with Palm Sunday and ending on Easter, we will be celebrating a "Holy Month"! As we continue our study of the book of Mark, we are excited to spend extra time on the events of Holy Week on the Sundays leading up to Easter! Please prepare your hearts in advance as we celebrate these important holy days on the following schedule:

**Sunday, March 27** – Palm Sunday (Mark 11:1-11) – be ready to wave palms!

**Sunday, April 3** – Holy Thursday (Mark 14:12-31) – we will join in the Lord's Last Supper

**Sunday, April 10** – Good Friday (Mark 14:32-15:39) – a solemn service of remembrance

**Sunday, April 17** – Easter Sunday (Mark 16:1-8) – we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection!

During Holy Week itself we will be offering two additional opportunities for everyone:

**Tuesday, April 12** – Journey to the Cross: An Interactive Easter Experience for Everyone (5:30-7:00pm in the Family Life Center)

**Wednesday, April 13** – A Holy Week worship and prayer night (6:30-7:30pm in the Sanctuary)



THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

# A PASTORAL LETTER FROM ANDY

Dear church family,

I love being your pastor. I love our mission. I love sharing the gospel and teaching the Scriptures. I love helping to create an environment where new people feel welcome and all people have opportunities to grow to maturity in Christ, use their gifts to serve, and respond to the call to share the good news of Jesus with others through witness and missions. This is my calling, and I am so glad to be answering my calling here in this church.

You know what I don't love? Denominational politics and posturing, and there has been a lot of that going on lately as the United Methodist Church continues to try to find a way forward despite the significant theological differences causing strife. The average person in the pew doesn't necessarily feel the pain of it, but our church leadership does. They have invested countless hours, precious energy, and faithful effort to ensure our church positions itself best to carry out the mission and ministry of Jesus in our region as our denomination implodes. I cannot wait until the day when we can reinvest that time into more hands-on ministry. But for now, we continue doing the things we do not love in order to protect and provide for that which we do love – our church.

Let me update you on the latest. The Commission on General Conference voted (14-9) to **postpone our upcoming General Conference** until our next scheduled General Conference in May of 2024. The stated rationale was an inability for international delegates to get visas in time for the August/September 2022 dates. Dissenting voices on the Commission argued that international delegates couldn't get visa appointments until letters of invitation were issued by the Commission – something they hadn't yet done even though they've known the upcoming dates for a year now. Furthermore, all African members of the commission (those most affected by delayed visa appointments) voted against the postponement. The mistrust and dysfunction run deep, and this further delay silences the voices of the delegates elected to legislate a way for the United Methodist Church to separate amicably.

In response to the Commission's decision, **the Global Methodist Church announced that it will officially launch on May 1, 2022**. The continuing United Methodist Church has shared its vision to liberalize the sexual ethic and affirm theological pluralism (ordaining clergy with various beliefs on core doctrine). The Global Methodist Church will retain the present

UMC doctrine and has stated its commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures, and the work of the Holy Spirit in conveying God's truth and grace to all people.

Our **transition team**, created to navigate all the transitions within the UMC, continues to meet and explore all options available to our church (including the two options noted above, the Free Methodist Church, the Wesleyan Church, or becoming independent). Our team believes the vast majority of our leadership and congregation support our current doctrine and practice. **We have not yet determined the best course of action** to preserve that witness of our church for generations to come. The team is still exploring and keeping open all options until enough information is collected. Once that is complete, the transition team will make recommendations to our church council. When the council is ready to act, the decisions will come before our membership for a vote. At this point there is no firm timeline.

I understand that for most of you, this doesn't matter at all. You just want our church to continue our meaningful ministry that makes a difference in your life and the world around us! For others, this denominational turmoil creates great anxiety in you. Let's do all we can to encourage one another. To that end, here are a few things our transition team hopes you'll join us in:

1. **Pray and Fast** – Please pray for our church and our team! Join us in fasting at least one meal every Wednesday in order to focus on prayer for discernment about our future.
2. **Avoid Conjecture and Gossip** – We seek to be transparent about our process. If you have thoughts, please express them as your own and don't speak for the church's leadership. If you hear rumors, please don't spread them, and encourage each other to ask questions directly to our church leadership: Tracy Kennett (church council chair), Mickey Jackson (lay leader), Andy Adams (senior pastor)
3. **Focus on our Mission** – Keep inviting people on a journey with Jesus! Keep connecting, growing, serving, sharing, and worshiping! Keep loving God and loving others! Let's journey to the cross together with faith, hope, and love and a commitment to follow Jesus wherever he leads.

Faithfully,



## Troy United Methodist Church Staff Resignation Announcement

We are sad to announce that our long-time traditional music Accompanist, Mike Rogier, is resigning as of March 31. Mike has also been serving as Interim Director of Traditional Music since October 2021. The interim role ended when our new Director of Traditional Music, Rebecca Koebbe, began serving on March 1.

- On behalf of the Church Congregation, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee expresses sincere gratitude to Mike for his 4-1/2 years of service as Accompanist.
- We are especially grateful for the “double duty” that Mike has been doing the past four months as both Accompanist and Interim Director.
- Mike did this even though several health challenges, preparing for retirement, and as the workload at his full-time job, as Physics Instructor at Belleville West, increased when the department head unexpectedly passed away.

The Rogier family has been multi-generational supporters of the Troy UMC music ministry starting with his parents, Bob and Diana. Mike and his wife Dynette, along with his children, Joel and Lydia, have continued the Rogier family tradition of musical excellence while being dedicated to the mission of Troy UMC. Mike’s sister, Jennifer King, has also been part of the music ministry over the years. We hope that Mike will continue to be involved in Troy UMC music, but in a less demanding and more flexible role.

Mike has indicated that he feels good about the music program being in the hands of Rebecca:

“I am so thankful that Rebecca has joined us. She is delightful, and I am confident that she is an answer to our prayers and that we are an answer to hers. She is more than qualified musically, and I believe she brings a desire to love and serve people and God. I am certain you can look forward to some excellent worship music in the traditional worship services moving into the future.”

We wish Mike and his family the best. We will formally recognize Mike’s work in the near future but have not scheduled anything due to his busy schedule.

We will be recruiting an Accompanist soon.

If you have questions or suggestions, please feel to contact Pastor Andy; Carl Inman, Chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee; or Mickey Jackson, Lay Leader.

## Welcome Rebecca Koebbe!

Introducing Rebecca Koebbe as our new Director of Traditional Music! Rebecca grew up playing and singing in churches where her dad was the organist. Music has always been part of her life. Rebecca has a masters degree in collaborative piano and a post-baccalaureate certificate in vocal pedagogy. She has been a staff pianist, vocal-coach accompanist, or choral accompanist for several universities including SIUE, McKendree, Missouri Baptist, and Greenville. She also gives private voice and piano lessons. More importantly, she has a sincere love of Jesus since surrendering her heart to Christ in her college years. Rebecca lives in Litchfield and has three young adult children whom she spent many years homeschooling. Make sure to take an opportunity to welcome Rebecca to our church family!



## Pictures for an ONLINE DIRECTORY

After hearing many requests over the last few years, we are preparing for the launch of a brand-new online church directory, and we’d love for you to be in it! We will be taking photos in the Sanctuary lobby and the Family Life Center during the following times on Sundays April 3 and 10. Before having your picture taken, you will be asked to give your permission for your basic contact information to be shared on our online directory which will be accessible through a password protected website and on our church app. You do not need to sign up for a time slot. We will have you in and out quickly!

- Sanctuary – 9:00am-10:15am; 11:15am-11:45am
- Family Life Center – 8:30am-9:00am; 10:00am-10:45am; 11:45am-12:00pm



## Griefshare Offered at Troy UMC



Church and community members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend are invited to

register for **GriefShare**.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling.

**GriefShare** will be held March 3 – May 12 from 5-7pm in the Children's area in the Family Life Center of Troy United Methodist Church. To register or for questions, go to [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) and in the find window enter 62296, Troy's group should be the first entry. Contact Pastor Dan at [dan@troyumc.org](mailto:dan@troyumc.org) or call 618-667-6241 for more information.

**Cost:** We suggest a \$20 donation to cover the cost for the book, but scholarships are available if needed.

## SERVE

### Midwest Distribution Food Pack Event

You've marked your calendars and now it's time to sign up! On April 23<sup>rd</sup> you will have multiple opportunities to come to the Family Life Center and be a part of this event that is for all ages: toddlers to older adults! Time slots include: 9:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00. Each time slot is 110 minutes with a 10 minute transition period to clean and reset for the next shift. Again, this year, we will be packing meals for over 50,000 people!

To sign up you can email [bonnie@troyumc.org](mailto:bonnie@troyumc.org) or sign up at [www.troyumc.org/missions](http://www.troyumc.org/missions). You can sign up as an individual or with your family, band, small group, etc. We will set you at a table according to who you signed up with and you will be

social distanced from anyone outside of your family group. If you'd like to sign up for more than one time slot, please do! This is a great opportunity to be the hands and feet of God!

### Work Day at the Fields

Saturday, April 30th at 9:00am till Noon - You are invited to sign up to help with some landscaping items, cleaning up brush, painting, etc. Please call the church office to sign up!

## JOURNEY KIDS

### Spring and Summer events:



Tuesday, April 12, 5:30-7:00pm, Journey to the Cross: An Easter experience for the whole church

Sunday, April 17, 9:00am and 10:45am, children's Sunday School ~ Easter fun and fellowship! (nursery always available at 9:00, 10:15 and 10:45 worship services)

Saturday, April 23, sign up for your family to help with our annual Troy UMC food pack

Saturday, April 30, 9:00am-2:00pm, The Light Kids Conference

June 27-30, Beulah Bible Camp (grades 5-7)

July 1-2, Beulah The Beginning (grades 2-4)

July 11-15, 9:00-12:00pm, Make Waves VBS (age 3-grade 5)

As always, please follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/tumccchildrensministry](http://www.facebook.com/tumccchildrensministry) for events, announcements & links to newsletters and curriculum.

# TROY UMC

## Journey to the Cross

An Easter Experience for Families

### WHEN

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**  
**5:30-7:00PM**

### WHERE

**Troy UMC**  
**Family Life Center**

407 Edwardsville Road-lower parking lot

**FEATURING • Refreshments • Photo opportunity •**  
**Kids activities and crafts • Interactive stations • Multi sensory**  
**Accessible • All ages welcome A Holy Week Experience**

**WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/  
TUMCCHILDRENSMINISTRY OR  
TROYUMC.ORG**

### ALL AGES EVENT

### FREE REFRESHMENTS

Coffee

Hot Cocoa

Cookies

### 5 STATION EXPERIENCES

Jesus is coming!

Jesus loves me!

Jesus shows us what God is  
like

Jesus suffered for us

Jesus is alive!

### ADDITIONAL CHILDREN'S STATIONS

Jesus' great big day

Jesus' great big love

Jesus' great big gift

Jesus' great big story

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# NEW LIFE STUDENT MINISTRY

## New Life Student Ministry

Troy UMC invites all middle school students (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and high school students (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) to continue the journey with Jesus! New Life Student Ministry provides opportunities to worship God, engage the Scriptures, and serve others. Come and see what this vibrant and growing student ministry is all about and discover the ways you will be encouraged to walk in the Christian faith.

## 2022 GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, 10 April

Troy UMC will recognize 2021 graduates – both high school and college, so please electronically submit your student's name and recent photo and the following information to Pastor Kurt by April 4<sup>th</sup>

### High School Graduates

Student Name  
Parent's Name(s)  
Name of High School  
Post High School Plans – job, military, college & major

### College Graduates

Student Name  
Parent's Name(s)  
Name of College/University  
Name of Degree  
Post College Plans – job/employer, other

Please contact Rev. Kurt Stone for student ministries: [kurt@troyumc.org](mailto:kurt@troyumc.org) or (618) 407-7586.

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, 24 April at 10:00 AM, one combined outdoor worship service – come celebrate!  
2022 Confirmation Students participate in confirmation, baptism, and church membership!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6:00-7:45 pm      Snack Dinner, Worship, Small Groups, and Activity in the Family Life Center

*“WHO IS JESUS” and “PRISM”: A series about Easter*

06 April	Isaiah 53:3-12	Because of Jesus, your past doesn't hold you back.
13 April	John 6:66; 16:33	Because of Jesus, you are never alone.

*“NEVER GIVE UP”: A series about Resilience*

20 April	The life of Abraham	Never give up on God.
27 April	The life of Peter	Never give up on you.

## APRIL SERVICE PROJECT!

### MMDC Food Pack Staging & Setup

Friday, 22 April 2022  
4:30 – 6:30 PM in the Family Life Center

All students & parent volunteers  
No RSVP; Free  
Pizza dinner provided!

## SUMMER 2021 TRIPS & CAMP

See [troyumc.org/students](http://troyumc.org/students) for registration forms and trip details!

Middle School Students	\$125
June 17-19, 2022	Summer Weekend Retreat at Midwest Mission Distribution Center

High School Student Mission Trip	\$425
June 23-28, 2022	Kansas City; based from Clinton, MO

Epworth Junior / Senior Camp	\$260
July 17-22, 2022	Epworth Camp in Greenville, IL
Summer Camp for 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade students	

## PARENTS

New Life Student Ministry schedules and registration flyers can be accessed at [troyumc.org/students](http://troyumc.org/students).  
Rev. Kurt Stone is available via email, texts, and phone calls: [kurt@troyumc.org](mailto:kurt@troyumc.org) or (618) 407-7586.



2022 Fire Up conference for High School Students – 25 & 26 February hosted by Troy UMC

**AWAKENING** – *“Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” – Ephesians 5:14*

*A weekend event chocked full of worship, speaker, seminars, and music by Harvest Ministry*



### 2022 Confirmation Class!

Top Row: *Addie Field, Allison Adomite, Anna Adams, Lilly Durbin, and Hannah Lawson*

Front Row: *Brandon Peterson, Gavin Woolverton, Gabe Frazier, Nicholas Brault, and Haleigh Perry*

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### Staff

\*Senior Pastor  
Andy Adams

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Kurt Stone

\*Care Pastor  
Dan Perry

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Tim Price

\*Minister of Discipleship  
Bonnie Abel

\*Director of Children's Ministry  
Christine Lippert

\*Director of 1st Step Learning Center  
Lisa Rayle

\*Director of Traditional Worship Music  
Rebecca Koebe

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## APRIL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
April 10	Membership Class
April 12	Journey to the Cross: An Easter Experience (see pg. 5)
April 13	A Holy Week Worship & Prayer Night (see front pg.)
April 23	Midwest Distribution Food Pack Event (see page 4)
April 24	Confirmation Sunday (see page 6)
April 30	Work Day at the Fields (see page 4)

## CONNECT

### "Older Adult" Lunches

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> (*note different day*) we will once again gather for a wonderful time of getting together with "old" and "new" friends.

At our last gathering we voted on names to consider for our group. DRUM ROLL.....JOY SEEKERS! And here is our logo. So, look for this logo to stay informed on our meeting dates and activities. We will also participate in a Famous Birthday Trivia.



We ask for a \$10 donation to help cover expenses.  
Call the church office to sign-up **618-667-6241**.

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