



REACH

INVITING PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS.

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JOIN US FOR OUR OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Outdoor Worship (troyumc.org/outdoor)

9 a.m. Sunday mornings in the Family Life Center parking lot

- Bring a folding/lawn chair and sunglasses/water/umbrella
- Or stay in your car and tune the radio to 89.5 FM!

Online Worship (troyumc.org/online)

10 a.m. Sunday mornings on Facebook Live, YouTube, and tumc.freeonlinechurch.com/live

Indoor Worship – Coming Soon!

We will test run limited-capacity, socially-distanced indoor worship beginning August 16 during our 10 a.m. online service. We will share pre-registration instructions soon.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

Thank You, Preparation, and Rest

I want to thank all of you who have been supportive and encouraging to me and our church's staff and volunteer leadership over the last few months. These unprecedented times have required us all to pivot and lead our church forward in new realities that seem to be changing rapidly! I've felt like I'm on an ocean shoreline, standing on the sand with my head and shoulders barely above water preparing for the next wave. The water has continued to be tumultuous since last year regarding our denominational conflict over scriptural understanding of human sexuality, and it's been difficult to regain a footing. Then the pandemic wave hit. Then we were rocked by the wave of racial injustice and subsequent tensions. These waves each present their own unique leadership challenge, and they will continue to threaten to upend us. But praise God that Jesus can calm the waves with a word! I'm so proud of our staff and leadership for the way they've responded with loving patience and grace toward one another as we lead Troy United Methodist Church toward becoming a greater and greater reflection of God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to prepare ourselves to offer indoor worship. We're almost there. Our sanctuary is now outfitted to offer online worship for our traditional services simultaneous to indoor worship. We're almost through collecting your feedback from our congregational Comeback Survey. Our trustees are making some upgrades to the facility to increase health safety, and our hospitality teams are preparing for ministry in this new reality. Our staff team is working on a registration and check-in procedure for indoor worship, and we're planning to do some test-runs by August 16. All the while, we're thrilled with the ways we're still keeping our congregation connected and moving toward Christ-likeness through online and outdoor worship, Communion from Your Car, journey groups, and (as of this writing), over 80 of you banding together to pursue deeper community and spiritual growth! **Our leadership continues to do all we can to engage as many people in our church and broader community within our safety guidelines with the resources we have.** We appreciate your continued prayers!

Finally, in order to prepare my own heart for leading us into the fall and winter months, I am going to be taking the last two weeks of July off. Because our leadership challenges demanded it, I've laid aside planned time off from May and June but will be decompressing a bit now in July. My wife Amy Jo and I will also be celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary during that time. We're calling it our COVID-iversary. I do believe we promised to love each other through the good times *and* the bad! And, you know what? I want to again thank you, my Troy UMC family, for your continued love in the good times and the bad. You make it a joy to be your pastor.

Faithfully,

Andy

A Word of Thanks to Our Volunteers

Coming into this year as the point person for the Summer Lunch Program, I didn't really know what to expect. I'm always excited to serve the community, and I knew this would be an opportunity to minister alongside other members of our church. I was blown away by the amount of people in our community who were willing to serve! Every week, we had people signed up to serve, and I even had a waitlist. We are so blessed as a church family, and I am SO THANKFUL as a staff member to serve in a church that displays the love of Christ with a servant's heart. Keep up the great work!

Bonnie

Minister of Discipleship

STRATEGIC STATS

General Budget



GROW

Discipleship Bands

Thinking about joining a band? It's not too late! You can find more information and resources at troyumc.org/bands. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Bonnie at bonnie@troyumc.org or Pastor Andy at andy@troyumc.org. We would love to answer your questions as you ponder what this step on your journey with Jesus might look like.

GriefShare

GriefShare is a Biblical, Christ-centered grief support group ministry. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. We hope to begin GriefShare in mid-September (though this is still dependent on COVID-19). More information to come. If you're interested in participating, please contact Pastor Dan at dan@troyumc.org.



JOURNEY KIDS



We had 100 children participate in Virtual VBS! Over 50 families picked up their family VBS box full of supplies and FUN! This year's theme was FOCUS. Children had daily videos, lessons, crafts, activities, games, song, and dance to encourage them to FOCUS on God. Preschool kids learned that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. Although VBS looked very different this year, everyone had fun.

August Take-Out Church

In August, we're offering "Take-Out Church" as an alternative to virtual Sunday School. At the next couple 9 a.m. outdoor services, you can pick up a box for your family. It will continue the VBS theme with activities, game, lesson, and crafts to do at home every week in August. There will be a bonus folder for fun activities to build faith on summer vacation. Make sure to email christine@troyumc.org to sign up for this fun opportunity!

We will be unveiling a plan to return to children's ministry this next month. Watch your inbox for our weekly children's newsletter.



NEW LIFE STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Youth – A Series on the Bible!

Complicated. Long. Conflicting. Outdated. Contradictory. When it comes to the Bible, you've probably heard all that and more. That's because, for so many students, the Bible seems to cause more confusion than clarity. Middle and high school is a great time for students to ask questions, express doubts, and wrestle with what they believe in order to develop a personal faith. And maybe nothing brings up more of these types of faith questions than the Bible. What is it? How does it work? And why does everybody say it's helpful when it doesn't always feel that way? In this series, we will take a closer look at the documents that make up the Bible, why we trust them, and how we use them.

EXPLAINED: A SERIES ABOUT THE BIBLE

July 29	John 1:1; Colossians 1:15	The point of the Bible is to know God better.
August 5	Luke 1:1-4	Context creates clarity.
August 12	2 Timothy 3:16	We read the Bible because God is in it.
August 19	Psalm 119: 105, 11	The Bible brings things to light.

Wednesday Schedule – at home via Zoom

- 6:30-7:10 p.m. Worship, Lesson, & Prayer for ALL STUDENTS
- 7:15-7:55 p.m. Small Groups – Activity & Discussion for Students

Text 'NLSM' to 40650 to register for student ministry group texts and to receive Zoom meeting information.



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AUGUST SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
August 4	Communion from Your Car — church parking lots
August 9	Membership Class via Zoom — see below
August 13	UMW meeting — see below
August 16	Test run of indoor worship
August 23	Test run of indoor worship
August 30	Test run of indoor worship

Membership Class — August 9, 11:30 a.m.

Our next membership class will be Sunday, August 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please email bonnie@troyumc.org to get signed up for this online class. You will receive an email with the Zoom meeting link, password, and resource videos the week before the meeting date. Please be sure to sign up, so we can get you all the details you will need!

Baptism Sunday — September 6, 10 a.m.

We will be holding a church-wide outdoor worship service on our first Comeback Sunday on September 6 at 10 a.m. As part of that worship service, we will introduce new members and celebrate the sacraments of Holy Communion and baptism together. You will want to be part of this amazing day, especially if you have recently surrendered your life to Jesus! If you are interested in being baptized, remembering your baptism, or having your child baptized in this special outdoor worship service, please contact Pastor Andy at andy@troyumc.org.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Monthly Meetings — beginning August 13

The Troy UMW will begin in-person monthly meetings on Thursday, August 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the FLC. We plan to have a guest speaker and discuss our plans for the fall. Due to conference and state guidelines, we are asking everyone to wear a mask or head shield. We will also be spaced six feet apart. No refreshments will be served, but you may bring your own drink. The board is looking forward to seeing all of you for a great time of reconnection!

No Bake, Bake Sale — through September

To participate in this "bake sale," donate a monetary amount equal to what it takes for you to bake your favorite dessert (plus your time). Your donation goes to the UMW missions fund, which helps local and regional missions. Please send your donation (made payable to Troy UMW) to Becky Rushing, Treasurer, 309 E. Center Street, Troy, IL 62294, or send it to the church to the care of the UMW. You do not have to be a UMW member to donate. Thank you!

Blessings,

Troy UMW Board



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