

# REACH

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## GOD OF ALL GENERATIONS

Don't Miss February 10<sup>th</sup>!

We have had so much positive feedback about our current message series, Generations. You've loved the music, the videos, the themes, and the ways we've been encouraged to value and affirm the way God has worked through every generation! **You will not want to miss our combined worship service at 10am on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.** Invite your entire family as we celebrate and honor every generation in a memorable way. Make plans to hang around after worship as we take the opportunity to share a meal and meaningful conversation with one another across the generations (lunch will be provided). There will also be opportunities to sign up for the upcoming semester of Journey Groups!

## What People Are Saying!!



“I loved how the many songs were rewritten to reflect the sounds and vernacular of my generation!”

“We have been praying and hoping our Gen X son would join us, and I think this series will be a wonderful opportunity.”

“The sermon on the Builders generation was so meaningful to me. It perfectly described my parents and grandparents. I’m so thankful to many people from that generation (my family and people from church) that did so much for our church and for my faith.”

“I missed worship, but I listened online and was amazed at the content. It was inspiring, and detail was so accurate!”

“I love how the Generations series relates to Everyone!”

“Understanding the different generations has helped me relate to different people better now!”

# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

## Upcoming General Conference in St. Louis

In less than one month (February 23-26) the United Methodist Church will be gathering in St. Louis for a special called session of General Conference. This conference is a global gathering of 864 delegates (half clergy, half lay people) representing United Methodists from all over the world. General Conference is typically held every four years and is the only group that can officially change United Methodist Church law. This special session falls outside the normal schedule and has been called for the purpose of determining a way forward in the midst of our disagreements about human sexuality which have increasingly fractured our denomination over the last several years.



Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Andy Adams

United Methodists officially believe that Scripture teaches though all people are of sacred worth and are welcomed in the church; sexuality is a gift from God to be practiced exclusively between a man and a woman within the bounds of monogamous marriage. This historically Christian stance has been affirmed and upheld in every General Conference since the birth of the UMC in 1968.

There are three main proposals on the table as our denomination finds a way forward despite these deep disagreements. Our Church Council has been briefed on them and our Bishop, Frank Beard, has held special sessions to discuss them. Although overly simplistic, the following gives you an idea of those proposals:

- The Traditional Plan **reaffirms** our denominational teachings on marriage.
- The One Church Plan **redefines** marriage in our denomination.
- The Connectional Conference Plan **restructures** our denomination based on different understandings of marriage.

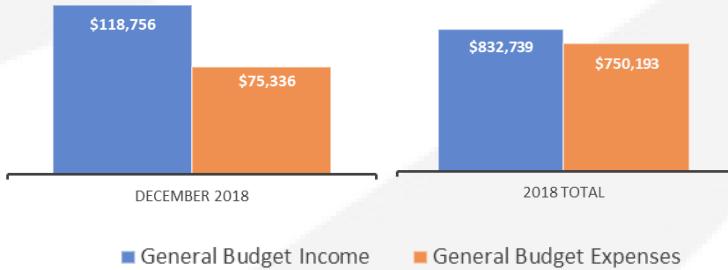
Due to the close proximity of this conference, it will certainly be a regional, and likely national, news story. Furthermore, I have served as an elected delegate from our conference in both 2012 and 2016 and am once again a member of our delegation for this specially called General Conference. It is my hope that regardless of the outcome, that Troy United Methodist will continue the mission and ministry that you have come to know and love and keep our collective energy focused on inviting people on a journey with Jesus. With that in mind, I urge you to pray for our denomination to peaceably address our differences with grace, and that we would sense God's leading in our deliberations. Any prayers for me and the rest of the delegation from the Illinois Great Rivers Conference are also greatly appreciated!

Faithfully,

Andy

## STRATEGIC STATS

### General Budget



Worship Services	December Average	2018 Average
8:00am	49	47
9:00am	194	159
10:15am	143	151
10:45am	82	81
Sunday Children	65	62
Wednesday Youth	22	39
Dinner Church (12/3)	52	
Christmas Eve (12/20 & 12/24)	971	
Combined Service (12/30)	231	
Total Weekly Worship:	694	558

# Our mission is to invite people on a journey with Jesus!



We invite you to:

- Connect** to God and our faith community
- Grow** into a wholehearted follower of Jesus
- Serve** with your God-given gifts and passions
- Share** God's love regionally and globally
- Worship God in everything you say and do



## CONNECT



### United Methodist Women

The UMW monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14 from 1-3pm in the Family Life Center. The guest speaker will be from Morningside of Troy, Assisted Living facility. After the meeting, UMW members will be taking their yearly trip to Morningside for Valentine's Day! Valentine cards made by Troy UMC children's ministry. Note this change: The evening UMW Fellowship Circle will meet on Thursday, February 7 at 7pm in Room 241.

### Troy United Methodist Sightseers (age 55+)

TUMS Group will travel on the church bus to Edwardsville High School on February 26 to attend the Choir's Winter Concert (under the direction of Emily Ottwein) and eat at a restaurant on the way. Concert is at 7pm. To sign up, contact Mark or Carolyn Parker at (618)667-3255.



Director of Connections  
Dave DeRemer

### Dinner Groups Forming!

After having four Dinner Groups in the fall, **we're set to create new groups this winter/spring!** Dinner Groups are a great way to get to know others at Troy United Methodist Church and get connected. Do you prefer eating at restaurants or would you rather contribute to a potluck at someone's home? Do you need a group that includes children or would you prefer an adults only group? Communicate these preferences when you sign up and we will do our best to match you with a group of similar preferences. Sign up sheets are available at the Welcome Centers on Sunday. You can also call register online: [troyumc.org/dinnergroups/](http://troyumc.org/dinnergroups/) or by calling the church office.

### 2019 Men's Retreat – Details!

Men of Troy UMC! It's time to begin registering for our first Men's Retreat! Can we fill the bus for our trip to Eagle Crest Camp near Washburn, IL? We will depart from the church parking lot at 3pm on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and return by 7pm on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Activities will include hearing a great speaker, worshiping together, EATING, meeting some new friends both from our church and Crossroads UMC in Washington, IL. **Cost is \$70 per man.** Register online: [troyumc.org/mensretreat/](http://troyumc.org/mensretreat/) or by calling the church office. Deadline to register is Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.



### Fire-Up Conference

Fire-Up Conference is coming up February 22-24, 2019. This will be the 23rd year for the conference, which is a discipleship weekend for high school students. One new thing for this year is the college track for ages 18-23. If you'd like to participate, please contact Scot and Geneva Cushing. Volunteers to help with small groups, hospitality, security and snack donations. Beginning Monday, February 18, snack donations can be brought to the church. Needs include bottled water, individual bags of chips, fruit, and packaged snacks.

# SERVE

## Troy United Methodist Church 2019 Administrative Committees

We thank God for each of our servant leaders who give of their time and energy to ensure that we continue *inviting people on a journey with Jesus* here at Troy United Methodist Church! When you have an opportunity, pray for them by name. And if you ever feel like you may be interested in serving on one of these important teams, please submit your name to Pastor Andy ([andy@troyumc.org](mailto:andy@troyumc.org)) before our nominations period in September. *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* (Colossians 3:17)

### Church Council

Church Council Chairperson	*Mike Loftus
Recording Secretary	Heather Wickersham
Senior Pastor	**Andy Adams
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Don Satterlee
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Terri Satterlee
Lay Leader	Deb Ellis
Treasurer	Becky Rushing
Financial Secretary	George Johnson
Bookkeeper	Greg Symons
Staff Parish Relations representative	Isabel Ososki
Committee on Finance Chairperson	Mickey Jackson
Board of Trustees Chairperson	Matt Reiter
First Step Board Chairperson	Lisa Rayle
Scouting Coordinator	Carl Inman
UMW Representative	Libby Gregg
UMM Representative	Don Satterlee
Missions Team Representative	Becky Luebbert
Youth Representative	Bradan Bruce
Staff Members (ex-officio, without vote):	
Office Manager	**Sharie Meyer
Associate Pastor – Student Ministries	**Kurt Stone
Associate Pastor – Outreach & Mission	**David Roderick

### Church Council Members at Large

2019	2020	2021
Jane Scott	Cheri Towner	Sheila Hall
Micah Reitz	Mark Kleindorfer	David VanMiddendorp

### Committee on Nominations and Leadership

2019	2020	2021
Becky Rushing	Michelle Simms	Julie Ford
Stephen Owens	Carrie Cushing	LaDean Scheurer
	Bob Reinneck	Mary Kennett
Lay Leader: Deb Ellis		
Chairperson: **Andy Adams		

### Missions Team

2019	2020	2021
Jane Johnson	Barb Buck	Carol Block
Pam Ramsey	Lisa Graves	*Jeff Johnson
Bruce Whitcomb	Libby Gregg	Becky Luebbert
Pastor: **David Roderick		

### Staff Parish Relations Committee

2019	2020	2021
Isabel Ososki	*Leonard Jenkins	Pam Ramsey
Dawn Lambert	Karen Baxter	Becky Luebbert
Jeff Faulkenberg	Susan Adomite	Laura Michael
	Lay Leader: Deb Ellis	
	Lay Member to Annual Conference: Don Satterlee	
	Sr. Pastor: **Andy Adams	

### Board of Trustees

2019	2020	2021
Paul Nelson	Stan Towner	Mike Donoho
Mark Parker	Matt Reiter	Rick Lechner
Carole Mercurio	EJ Rahar	David Rayle
	Sr. Pastor: **Andy Adams	
	Office Manager: **Sharie Meyer	

### Committee on Finance

Chairperson	*Mickey Jackson
Senior Pastor	**Andy Adams
Church Council Chairperson	Mike Loftus
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Don Satterlee
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Terri Satterlee
Lay Leader	Deb Ellis
Treasurer	Becky Rushing
Financial Secretary	George Johnson
Bookkeeper	Greg Symons
Trustees Representative	*Matt Reiter
Office Manager: **Sharie Meyer	

### Committee on Finance Members at Large

2019	2020	2021
Steve Barbour	Keith Bryant	Jeanie Parsons
*Mickey Jackson	Wendy Tipton	Andy Shubert
Julie Bernreuter	Lesley Frazier	Cathleen Rutz
		Scott Niehaus

### First Step Learning Center Preschool Board

2019	2020	2021
Karen Leitner	Linda Heinritz	Ruth Aylsworth
Karen Baxter	Tessa Patterson	Jaime Hernandez

[\*chairperson    \*\*non-voting member]

# GROW

## Spring 2019 Journey Groups Kickoff Spring Semester!

Welcome to the spring semester! Journey Groups offer a safe environment for growing Christ-followers to experience spiritual growth, relational support and lasting life change! There is a variety of topic options as well as range of locations and times to best fit your interest and schedule. Please take some time to review all the choices and sign up for the Journey Group that's best for you.

## Spring 2019 Journey Group FAQ's

### What is an adult Journey Group?

*Journey groups are made up of people who meet on a regular basis to connect relationally, grow spiritually, and serve collectively with one another.*



Coordinator of Journey Groups  
Deb Ellis

### What kind of Journey Groups are available?

*There are three types of Journey Groups. Sunday Morning groups who meet year-round. Ongoing Journey groups who meet the fall and spring semesters. And Short-term Journey Groups who meet the duration of a specific study. At the end of each session, you will have the choice of staying in the same group, trying a new group or even taking a break. Most groups do stay together throughout the entire year.*

### Why should I join a Journey Group?

*We were designed by God to live in relationship with others. Positive life-change happens best when we are surrounded by friends who support, encourage and challenge us. Journey Groups will help you feel like you belong in the Troy UMC family.*

### When and where do Journey Groups meet?

*We offer groups that meet at various days and times on our church campus and off site in homes throughout the region.*

### Who can attend?

*Everyone! Members, attenders, Christ-followers and spiritual seekers! Most of our groups are mixed groups (open to men, women, married and single). We also have a men's group, a women's group and a young adult group.*

### What happens in a group?

*In Journey Groups we build lasting friendships through a commitment to being 1) God-centered through some form of Bible study, 2) Authentic through sharing of the joys and concerns of life, and 3) Inclusive by welcoming everyone seeking godly community. Groups will often eat together, pray together and simply do life together.*

### Will I feel intimidated by my lack of Biblical knowledge?

*Not at all! Our Journey Groups are designed to be a safe place for people who are taking steps to deepen their knowledge of God's Word. You can ask questions, share your opinions and experiences or just listen to others share.*

### Is childcare available?

*On-campus groups do offer some childcare options. Off campus groups make their own arrangements for childcare based on the priorities of each group.*

### How can I get involved?

*Before each semester begins, there are three ways to sign up for a group – online at [www.troyumc.org/journeygroups](http://www.troyumc.org/journeygroups), at our Sunday services, or by contacting a group leader. February 10<sup>th</sup> will be "Sign-up Sunday". You will be able to view study materials and meet leaders as we help you choose a group. You can also reach out to Deb Ellis, our Journey Group Coordinator. She is happy to help you find the perfect fit. She can be reached at [debsellis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debsellis@sbcglobal.net).*

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## Sunday Morning Journey Groups

*Sunday morning Journey groups are ongoing and meet year-round. You are welcome to join any week.*

### **Matters of Life & Faith**

Leader: Rev. Kurt Stone, [kurt@troyumc.org](mailto:kurt@troyumc.org)

Meeting Place: TUMC, Conference Room

Homework: Light

Date: Sundays, 8-9am / *Ongoing study – join any time!*

Study Length: Ongoing

Childcare: Nursery Only (0-3 years)

This class, led by Rev. Kurt Stone, uses The Christian Century magazine for readings and conversations for "thinking critically and living faithfully". This is an ongoing class and all are welcome to join any week!

### **Faith Links**

Leader: Marlene Cummins, [cumminsm@att.net](mailto:cumminsm@att.net)

Meeting Place: TUMC, Conference Room

Homework: None

Date: Sundays, 9-10am / *Ongoing study – join any time!*

Study Length: Ongoing

Childcare: Yes

This class features the application of faith to major current events and life issues. It looks at background information and core Bible passages on the current topic, along with group activities and discussion questions. This is an ongoing class and all are welcome to join any week!

### **Generations**

Leader: Jeff Johnson, [jeffjane627@gmail.com](mailto:jeffjane627@gmail.com) or 618-979-1267

Meeting Place: TUMC, Room 241

Homework: Light

Date: Sundays, 9-10am / *Ongoing study - join any time!*

Study Length: Ongoing

Childcare: Yes

We are studying the book of Genesis. There are a great number of familiar stories in Genesis (Creation, Adam and Eve, The Fall, Cain and Abel, The Flood, etc.) Is this merely a historical record of what happened a long time ago, or is God trying to teach us a something that applies to us today? What does it say about the nature of God? Members volunteer to read a portion of the Scripture and then we discuss it. We cover about 1-2 chapters per week.

## Ongoing Journey Groups

*Ongoing Journey groups meet both fall and spring semesters. They will offer new studies each semester. September and January are good jumping on points.*

### **Starting New Study! The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul** by Adam Hamilton

Leader: Dawn Lambert, [dawn.burnett@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.burnett@gmail.com)

Date: Sundays, 6-7:15pm / Study begins February 10

Meeting Place: TUMC, Conference Room

Suggested Donation: \$7.00 for study guide

Study Length: Ongoing/Six weeks

Homework: Light

Childcare: No

Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.

### **Starting New Study! Women's Journey Group – Evening Edition! Discerning the Voice of God** by Priscilla Shirer

Leaders: Sheila Hall, [srhall1313@icloud.com](mailto:srhall1313@icloud.com) and Pam Ramsey

Date: Mondays, 6-7:30pm / Study begins February 4

Meeting Place: TUMC, Conference Room

Suggested Donation: \$13.00 for study guide

Study Length: Ongoing Group/Seven weeks

Homework: Optional/Moderate

Childcare: No

Through 7 sessions, discover the root to clear and daily communication with God—humble obedience. Learn how surrender unlocks His many blessings intended for us, centers us in His will, and helps us discern His voice in everyday life. All women are welcome!

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## ***Starting New Study! SISTERS in Christ - Women's Journey***

### **Group Twelve Women of the Bible**

Leader: Deb Ellis, [debsellis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debsellis@sbcglobal.net) or 618/581-3383

Date: Mondays, 1-3pm/Social Kickoff January 28; Study begins February 4

Meeting Place: TUMC, Sanctuary

Suggested Donation: \$7.00 for study guide

Study Length: Ongoing Group/Twelve weeks

Homework: None

Childcare: No

Real Women. Real Struggles. Real Faith.

Through twelve sessions, each focused on one biblical woman, this fresh look at the women of the Bible helps women discover new insights and provides a powerful witness to God's gracious love that will leave you feeling challenged, encouraged and deeply valued. Each week is a stand-alone study. All women are welcome!



## **Young Adult Journey Group – (designed for people age 18-30ish) Disciple Fast Track – New Testament** by Richard B. Wilke

Leader: Clint Benesh, [clint@troyumc.org](mailto:clint@troyumc.org) or 618/210-5493

Date: Mondays, 6:30-8pm / Study begins January 14

Meeting Place: Home of Clint & Tina Benesh, St. Jacob

Suggested Donation: \$15.00 for study guide

Study Length: Semester/Ongoing Group

Homework: Moderate

Childcare: No

*Disciple Fast Track gives a solid introduction to the whole Bible in a manageable time frame of 24-weeks – devoting 12 weeks each to the Old Testament and the New Testament. It's designed to give people an opportunity for deep, prolonged Bible Study despite scheduling constraints. Using Disciple Fast Track will help you to understand the scope of the Bible, its main themes & stories, and how it applies to our lives today. Those who use this study will have a stronger Biblical knowledge and be ready to become more involved leaders in the church.*

## **Discussion of Sunday's Message**

Leaders: Jordan & Barb Buck, [jordanandbarb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jordanandbarb@sbcglobal.net); Jim & Julie Ford, [jeford5@yahoo.com](mailto:jeford5@yahoo.com)

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm / Begins January 22 – *join any time!*

Meeting Place: Rotates between the Buck's & Ford's homes, Troy

Study Length: Semester/Ongoing Group

Homework: None

Childcare: No

Ever wanted to go deeper with the content of the Sunday Sermon? This group will do just that! This study is based on the biblical principles of the sermon and discussion of practical ways to integrate them into daily living. This is an ongoing discussion group and all are welcome to join any week!

## **Discussion of Sunday's Message**

Leader: Wenifer Greer, [wenifergreer@yahoo.com](mailto:wenifergreer@yahoo.com)

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6:30-8pm – Begins January 24 - *join any time!*

Meeting Place: Home of Wenifer Greer, Glen Carbon

Study Length: Semester/Ongoing Group

Homework: None

Childcare: Will work with parents if needed

Ever wanted to go deeper with the content of the Sunday Sermon? This group will do just that! This study is based on the biblical principles of the sermon and discussion of practical ways to integrate them into daily living. This is an ongoing discussion group and all are welcome to join any week!

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## **Starting New Study! Men Are Like Waffles Women Are Like Spaghetti** by Bill and Pam Farrel

Leader: Mary Kennett, [marykennett03@gmail.com](mailto:marykennett03@gmail.com)

Meeting Place: Home of Eric & Melinda Brault, Troy

Study Length: Semester/Ongoing Group

Childcare: Yes

A devotional guide based on Bill and Pam Farrel's bestselling book Men Are like Waffles. Women Are like Spaghetti, this study will take participants to a new level in their appreciation of the differences and special delights of their mates. Designed to address the important issues of a happy marriage, this study will make planning time with each other fun and exciting. This study also helps couples coordinate parenting so kids get the best of Mom & Dad and brings out the best each spouse has to give in communication and romance.

## **Men's Journey Group Life Lessons: The Book of James** by Max Lucado

Leaders: Jordan Buck, [jordanandbarb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jordanandbarb@sbcglobal.net); Carl Inman, [cri2000@gmail.com](mailto:cri2000@gmail.com), 618/604-7551;

Rick Lechner, [ricklechnerjr@yahoo.com](mailto:ricklechnerjr@yahoo.com), 406/799-3019

Date: Saturdays, 7:30-8:30am / Study continues through the end of March, next topic TBD

Meeting Place: TUMC, Conference Room

Suggested Donation: \$5.00 for study guide

Study Length: Semester/Ongoing Group

Homework: None

Childcare: No

The practical side of faith means trusting God even in hard times. The book of James can be called a book of logic, a "bare-knuckled, bare-boned" message that Christianity is so much more than words and Sunday worship. The Lucado Life Lessons series continues to be one of the best-selling study guide series on the market today. Each lesson will take you deeper into God's Word. *Men of all ages welcome! A great way to connect with other guys in the church!*

## **Short-Term Journey Groups**

*Short-term Journey groups meet the length of a study.*

## **New Group! The Epic of Eden: Understanding the Old Testament** by Sandra L. Richter

Leader: Bruce Whitcomb, [whitcobl@gmail.com](mailto:whitcobl@gmail.com) or 618/345-6608

Date: Tuesdays, 7-8:15pm / Study Begins February 5

Meeting Place: TUMC, Conference Room

Suggested Donation: \$12.00 for study guide

Study Length: Twelve weeks

Homework: Optional

Childcare: No

This Tuesday night Journey Group will begin a twelve-week study *The Epic of Eden: Understanding the Old Testament*. Most people find it easier to study the New Testament because the Old Testament can seem so convoluted with boring lineages, stories of strange people, and laws that Jesus came to abolish. This study helps people connect the Old Testament with God's bigger story. In the Epic of Eden study, Dr. Sandra Richter jumps headlong into the Old Testament to clearly and powerfully communicate the history of God's redeeming grace by weaving a story that begins in the Garden of Eden and finishes in the New Jerusalem of the New Testament.

## **New Group! The Christian Atheist** by Craig Groeschel

Leader: Rick Lechner, [ricklechnerjr@yahoo.com](mailto:ricklechnerjr@yahoo.com), 406/799-3019

Date: Thursdays, 6-7:30pm / Study begins February 21

Meeting Place: Home of Rick & Crystal Lechner, Troy

Suggested Donation: \$7.00 for study guide

Study Length: Six weeks

Homework: Light

Childcare: Will work with parents if needed

Are you putting your whole faith in God...but living as if everything is up to you? In this six-session DVD group study, pastor and author Craig Groeschel leads you on a personal journey toward an authentic, God-honoring life. Become more than "Christian in name" through this eye-opening and life-changing study. Added bonus: View Pastor Andy's sermon series based on this book here: <https://vimeo.com/troyumc> (October 1, 2017 – November 12, 2017)

## SHARE - OUTREACH

### Busy Year at Our Recreation Complex

Two years ago when we closed on the purchase of the recreation complex behind our property, we knew that land would be important to our future. The only question was, what to do with it now. Having always been a community minded church, we wanted to see how we could use the fields to be a resource to our community and to connect with new people. Here are some of the ways we have done that over the past year.

One of the greatest needs in our area is field space for select baseball and softball programs. These programs are made up of elementary through high school students and their families. With the help of the Esprit Softball Program, we hosted around 400 youth practices, games, camps and tryouts over the past year. This brought nearly 7000 people through our gates. In addition, the Esprit members have helped with field maintenance, repair and improvements.



We hosted a summer and fall ladies kickball league that had over 100 players and brought about 150 people to our facility each week. Through this league, we have had the opportunity to provide ministry and support to many of the players.

Other community events that were hosted at the fields include an Addiction and Recovery Awareness Day and a senior adult softball tournament. We were co-hosts along with the Troy Chamber of Commerce for 2 community garage sale days that also included e-recycling and shredding.

Church related activities included 2 church picnics. We used the facility to prepare and deliver food for our summer food program that fed an average of over 100 people every Monday. We sponsored a recreation camp for kids that had over 30 people involved, mostly from outside of our church.

Pray that God will continue to provide opportunities for us to show hospitality and model the love of Jesus to those who come our way.



Minister of Outreach and Mission  
David Roderick

## JOURNEY KIDS MINISTRY



Director of Children's Ministry  
Sarah Bohnenstiehl

Journey Kids has been hopping this winter. We learned about Jesus' birth and celebrated His love for us. We are looking forward to more and more opportunities to find God's love all around us! Our attendance is up, and our volunteers remain ever faithful.

There are some upcoming events for you to keep on your radar. We will be having a Sunday School meeting on February 1 from 6-7:30pm. This will be a time to discuss our successes and things that may need changed. If you have an interest in volunteering, this would be a good night to come meet some of our teachers and see what we are all about. Snacks will be provided, and it will be very casual. On February 15 we will be hosting a Cupid party for our members. It will be from 5:30-8:30pm and will be \$10 per child, \$20 max per family. We will provide entertainment and dinner for the kids. This is a thank you from Journey Kids to our families and an opportunity for you to drop off the kiddos and have a date night.

VBS will be here before we know it. We will be looking for even more volunteers this year as we are doing TWO VBS! We will do a mini VBS at St. Jacob as an outreach for the community on July 2 and 3. We will do our normal VBS on July 15-19, 9-12pm. We are also going to Beulah Camp this year June 25-29, and more information will come in the upcoming months.

# WORSHIP

## Change in Dinner Church Schedule

Our next Dinner Church is scheduled for \*February 10th at 5pm\* at the St. Jacob Activity Center (406 Jacob St.). This is a change from our previous schedule where we had a conflict with Super Bowl Sunday (whoops)! We will also be having Dinner Church for six straight weeks, March 10th to April 14th (Palm Sunday). Adults and kids are welcome to worship, eat, watch the sermon and discuss it together. If you are interested in serving as a table host, greeter, food preparer/server, set-up or clean-up, please contact Clint Benesh ([clint@troyumc.org](mailto:clint@troyumc.org)).



St. Jacob Ministry Leader  
Clint Benesh

## Worship Preparation on Wednesdays Nights



Minister of Modern Worship Arts  
Tim Price

Wednesday evenings are invested in worship preparation at Troy UMC. At 5:15, the kids choir, the jr. band and the sr. high band all meet in their various locations to rehearse. Between these groups, there are approximately 25-30 students learning music and growing in worship ministry. The kids choir shares a song in worship about one a month. The junior worship band helps in various special events and the sr. band leads the student ministry worship each week. The handbell choir rehearses at 6:30 and they share in worship about one a month. Around 7:00 pm the chancel choir and the worship band both rehearse for Sunday morning. Both of these groups serve in leadership in the traditional and modern worship services each week. There are several worship tech leaders who also prepare on Wednesday – running sound and getting computer graphics. There are close to 100 people involved in worship and music ministry at Troy UMC. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to prepare each week and the great community and friendship among the team members and musicians! If you are interested in getting involved, talk with Tim Price ([tim@troyumc.org](mailto:tim@troyumc.org)) or Emily Ottwein ([emily@troyumc.org](mailto:emily@troyumc.org)).

## Happy New Year!

Instead of our annual Christmas play last year, we opted to present a play the week before Easter, highlighting the Easter Story. The performances will be April 12th and 14th and will be directed by our wonderful TUMC director, Mark Nelson. Many people are needed to make this performance a worshipful experience. The actors/actresses are merely the tip of the iceberg! We are in need of volunteers to help with: Publicity, Set Construction, Audio-visual, Costumes, Props, Stage help, and of course Actors and Actresses!

If you think this may be a place where you may fit in some manner, please let me know. It takes many hands and many skill sets to make this work, and we want YOU to be a part of it all. Please contact me at [emily@troyumc.org](mailto:emily@troyumc.org) if you would like to be a part of the drama family!

*Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages for Thee*

*Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.*

*Take my love, my God I pour At They feet its treasure store*

*Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for for Thee.*

Vs. 3-4, "Take My Life and Let it Be" Frances Havergal



Director of Traditional Worship Arts  
Emily Ottwein

## Fire-Up Conference Sunday – February 24

8:00 – Sanctuary (regular service)

9:00 – Sanctuary (regular service, location change)

10:15 – Sanctuary (regular service)

10:45 – Family Life Center (Fire-Up Worship with Guest Speaker, Bill Stanley)

If you'd like to volunteer for Fire-Up Weekend, please contact Tim Price ([tim@troyumc.org](mailto:tim@troyumc.org))

# NEW LIFE STUDENT MINISTRY



Associate Pastor - Student Ministry  
Rev. Kurt Stone

Troy UMC's New Life Student Ministry serves all 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students are invited to journey with Jesus by participating in a Sunday Morning Class, Wednesday Night Youth Group, Special Events and Sunday Morning Worship at Troy UMC. See details below for February 2019 opportunities.

**Sunday Morning Student Classes** 9-10am Youth Area (Upper Family Life Center)  
*"Heard it in a love song...Can't be wrong."* – The Marshall Tucker Band  
The Psalms in Scripture are actually songs God's people used as laments, cries for help and comfort, thanksgiving, and praise. The psalms of praise are both for God's actions and attributes – for what God has done and who God is. We can think of the Psalms as "Love Songs That Glorify God." During February, students will be encouraged to focus on what they love about God and how they can begin to communicate and act on that love in their daily lives.  
*Bible Lessons 4 Youth* is designed to help students understand and apply the Scriptures to their lives, using a "Bible-to-life" approach. Noah Durbin, a freshman college student at SWIC, joins Mickey Jackson in teaching the high school class. Middle School Class teachers are Sharon Jackson and Carol Sisson.

## Wednesday Night Youth Group Schedule

**5:15 – 5:55pm** Praise Band Rehearsals

Middle School Students – Youth Area; High School Students – Sanctuary

**6:00 – 6:25pm** Snack Supper – Family Life Center

**6:30 – 8:00pm** Worship, Small Groups, Activity, & Closing Circle Prayer – Sanctuary

On Wednesday Nights students enjoy a delicious snack supper, sing along with student praise band in worship, talk in small groups, and participate in a fun group activity. Topics during February include "A Portrait of God" – The God of Hope. On February 20<sup>th</sup> a topic "A Way Forward Commission Report" will be presented about the upcoming United Methodist 2019 Special Session of the General Conference in St. Louis, MO. The conference focus is human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church. On February 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> pop songs are being used to explore messages of life and faith – *"Most People Are Good"* by Like Bryan and *"You Say"* by Lauren Daigle.

## February Special Events

### Service Project at Restore Décor - Middle School Students

Friday, February 15; 3:30 – 7:30pm; RSVP required

Students will travel to Restore Décor in Edwardsville for an evening of bringing new life to used furniture through painting! The group will also enjoy dinner at Culver's.

### Fire Up Conference – *"Consecration"* - High School Student Special Event

February 22-24; RSVP + \$59

Students, reserve your place for 2019 Fire Up – a three day discipleship event for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students! This event features speaker Bill Stanley and the Harvest Worship Band.

**Early student registration deadline is 07 February.**

## 2019 Summer Mission Trips!

Middle School Student Summer Weekend Retreat at MMDC: June 07-09

High School Student Red Bird Mission Trip: 23-29 June

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

## A Day of Volunteering

A group of students and adult sponsors (pictured to the right) observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day by working at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) in Chatham, IL. One group rolled trash bags – one of several items contained in a 5-gallon bucket UMCOR Cleaning Kit. Sixty four of these Cleaning Kits were distributed to residents of Taylorville, IL after the tornado in December. Another group unpacked and sorted Cleaning Kit supplies, while the third group refurbished in The Bike Shop. (Front Row: Jeff & Jane Johnson, Bradan Bruce, Olivia Knopf, Stacey Harrington, Rev. Kurt Stone  
Back Row: Brennan Rutz, Sean Petroski, Parker Rutz, Mikayla Niehaus, Emma Leitner, Ruby Price )



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**Sunday School**

8:00 am (adult)  
9:00 am (all ages)  
10:15 & 10:45 am (children)

## UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS

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| 1     | Journey Kids Sunday School Meeting 6-7:30pm (Children's Area) |
| 3     | Membership Class 12noon-2:30pm (Upper Family Life Center)     |
| 4     | Church Council Meeting 6:30pm (Alfonzo's)                     |
| 5     | Sew Much Joy 10am-2pm (Jane Johnson's home)                   |
| 5     | Mission Team Meeting 7pm (Upper Family Life Center)           |
| 7     | United Methodist Women Evening Circle 7-9pm (Room 241)        |
| 7     | Staff Parish Meeting 7pm (Conference Room)                    |
| 10    | One Combined Worship Service 10am (Family Life Center)        |
| 14    | United Methodist Women Meeting 1-3pm (Family Life Center)     |
| 15    | Journey Kids Cupid Party 6-8:30pm (Children's Area)           |
| 19    | Sew Much Joy 10am-2pm (Jane Johnson's home)                   |
| 20    | Worship Team Meeting 6-8pm (Family Life Center)               |
| 22-24 | Fire Up Weekend   |
| 26    | Troy United Methodist Sightseers Trip 6pm                     |

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