



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
Troy UMC is complying with the Governor's indoor mask mandate.

THE GOSPEL OF

MARK



GOOD NEWS

In January, our church family is embarking on a 15-week (4 sermon series) journey through the gospel of Mark! Get ready for the Good News!

You are also invited to delve deeper into this rich gospel narrative by:

1. Following the **Gospel of Mark Reading Guide** that will help you dwell in and apply the Scriptures to your life, and
2. Banding with fellow journeyers in an **intentional discipleship** process over the course of the next year.

We are excited you're with us for this incredible journey and know your life will be enriched by God's Word!

Learn more by reading Pastor Andy's article on the next page.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

A Journey with Jesus beginning in January

In 2021, I tried something I've never done before. I led us through a long and in-depth journey through the book of Hebrews: 30 weeks over seven months! When we arrived at the end, I asked you to share your reflections with me, and I was greatly encouraged by the number of you who developed a richer appreciation for Scripture and a longing to continue going deeper. So, **I'd like to invite you to prepare to begin another journey in 2022: a journey with Jesus through the gospel of Mark!**

This journey will take us through four different sermon series between January 9 and Easter Sunday (April 17). We will cover a lot of ground as we look at the ministry and teaching of Jesus in the shortest of the four gospels. However, we won't get to everything during our Sunday sermons, so I'd like to invite you to join us in a more comprehensive reading plan through the book of Mark beginning on January 3!

On Christmas Eve you will receive a reading guide that will be a great companion for our journey together. This guide will prompt you to read through the book of Mark not just for information, but for transformation. The life of Jesus isn't meant to be merely studied but lived out and applied daily!

We will begin our study of Jesus' life according to Mark by exploring **the Good News**. The book of Mark begins with these words: *The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God...* (Mark 1:1); and Jesus' first words are recorded soon after: *The time has come! The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!* (Mark 1:15) We will begin this journey by discovering exactly what Good News Jesus brings. Believe me, it's the best news ever! I can't wait to start this journey with you!

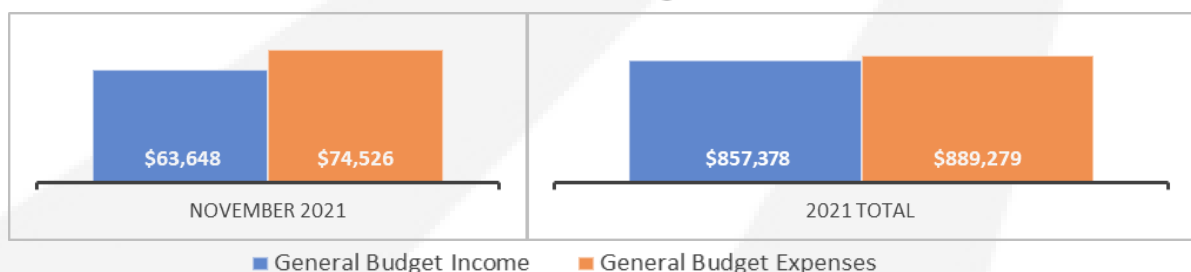
But I also want to invite you to prayerfully consider taking the next big step in your journey with Jesus. I've been sharing about our new discipleship training endeavor. We want to become a church that makes disciples who make disciples. This January and February, dozens of us will begin this discipleship adventure in banded community of 3-4 people meeting weekly to study *Discipleship Essentials*. Our goal is to do life together in close relationship with a few others as we apply these essentials into our lives. Then, when we're through in 12-18 months, we will invite others to join us in this discipleship journey with Jesus. **If you would like to begin this discipleship training journey, please contact me or Bonnie!** (andy@troymc.org; bonnie@troymc.org)

I can't wait to begin this new year with you. I believe Jesus has great things in store for us as we journey with Him!

Faithfully,

Andy

General Budget



Troy United Methodist Church

2022 Administrative Committees

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council Chairperson	Tracy Kennett
Recording Secretary	Heather Wickersham
Senior Pastor	**Andy Adams
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Don Satterlee
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Terri Satterlee
Lay Leader	Mickey Jackson
Treasurer	Becky Rushing
Financial Secretary	George Johnson
Bookkeeper	Greg Symons
Staff Parish Relations Representative	Carl Inman
Committee on Finance Chairperson	Jordan Buck
Board of Trustees Chairperson	Eric Brault
First Step Board Chairperson	Lisa Rayle
Scouting Coordinator	Carl Inman
UMW Representative	Bethel Rogers
UMM Representative	Don Satterlee
Missions Team Representative	Bonnie Abel
Youth Representative	Jackson Buck
Staff Members (ex-officio, without vote)	
Office Manager: **Sharie Meyer	
Associate Pastor — Student Ministries: **Kurt Stone	

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE

2022	2023	2024
Isabel Ososki	Wenifer Greer	Rick Lechner
Rich Vierdag	Adam Jones	Rita Brandt

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP

2022	2023	2024
Debbie Vierdag	Deb Inman	Judy Nelson
Sharon Jackson	Dawn Lambert	Jim Hall
Tracy Kennett	Rita Brandt	

Lay Leader: Mickey Jackson

Chairperson: **Andy Adams

MISSIONS TEAM

2022	2023	2024
Troy McIlroy	Lindsey Lester-Brutscher	Dynette Rogier
David Norris	Beth Barbour	Larry Hutchison
	Tyson Graham	

Minister: **Bonnie Abel

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2022	2023	2024
*Carl Inman	Barry Stolle	Dawn Lambert
Nick Goodwin	Christy Bryant	Betsy Forman
Deb Ellis	Mark Kleindorfer	Steve Kraabel

Lay Leader: Mickey Jackson

Sr. Pastor: **Andy Adams

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2022	2023	2024
Dale Storey	Corey Frazier	Crystal Lechner
*Eric Brault	Frank Sibley	Ron Hahn
Michael Cushing	Jarid Roundcount	Merik Ramsey
Sr. Pastor: **Andy Adams		Bob Reinneck
Staff: **Sharie Meyer		

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairperson	*Jordan Buck
Senior Pastor	**Andy Adams
Church Council Chairperson	Tracy Kennett
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Don Satterlee
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Lay Leader	Mickey Jackson
Treasurer	Becky Rushing
Financial Secretary	George Johnson
Bookkeeper	Greg Symons
Trustees Representative	Eric Brault
Staff	**Sharie Meyer

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEMBERS AT LARGE

2022	2023	2024
Jason Wickersham	Neena Porter	Craig Nelson
Mike Stuart	*Jordan Buck	Bob Scheurer
	Beth Repp	Linda Burnett

FIRST STEP PRESCHOOL BOARD

2022	2023	2024
Carrie Cushing	LeDean Scheurer	Bridget Taylor
Suzanne Price	Alison Shubert	Elaine Souders

*chairperson

**non-voting member

Take your next step with Troy United Methodist Church!

At Troy UMC, you can meet Jesus, engage in life-giving community, and grow on your Christian journey. We believe in creating a space where people can have authentic encounters with Christ, discover their gifts, and use them for God's glory. We encourage you to pray over and take your next step wherever God is calling you!

CONNECT

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

We want every person of every age to know they are welcome and have a place here at Troy UMC. We want to personally connect with everyone who comes through our doors. If you're a guest with us, we would love to help you navigate your next steps with our church family!

NEXT STEPS

- Attend our next **Connect Lunch** on Sunday, January 16, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the upper Family Life Center. Meet a few of our staff members, get to know more about Troy UMC, make new friends, and take a short tour of our facilities! RSVP to Bonnie and choose your lunch provided by Fire and Smoke in Troy.
- Discover what it means to be a member at Troy UMC at our next **Membership Class** on Sunday, January 30, from 12 to 1 p.m. in the upper Family Life Center. Watch about an hour of video material ahead of time and come with your questions! RSVP to Bonnie.

Contact for further information: bonnie@troyumc.org

SERVE

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

We believe an integral part of your journey with Jesus is utilizing your gifts and talents to build up the body of Christ and be His hands and feet in the world around you. At Troy UMC, there are many opportunities to serve and be on mission—some are behind the scenes, some are out front, some are task-oriented, some are people-focused. There is a spot for you no matter your gifts and passions!

NEXT STEPS

- Talk with any staff person about your interest in serving in a particular area.
- Ask Bonnie for an appointment to help you find your perfect serving role at Troy UMC.

Contact for further information: bonnie@troyumc.org

MODERN WORSHIP

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Worship is our response to God's faithfulness in our lives. As a church, we gather together each week for corporate worship. There are two worship spaces and styles at Troy United Methodist Church: modern and traditional. Modern services are held in the Family Life Center at 9 and 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The music is led by a worship band, and the worship tech ministry assists with lights, sound, computer graphics, and video. The same message is shared at both modern and traditional worship services.

NEXT STEPS

- Join us for next Sunday morning worship!
- Explore the possibility of using your gifts for music, tech, stage, or hospitality during the modern services.

Contact for further information: tim@troyumc.org

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Though we are one church, Troy UMC is blessed with two different worship spaces and two styles of worship. Traditional services meet in the Sanctuary at 8 and 10:15 a.m. each Sunday and involve hymns, creeds, bells, choirs, and other traditional worship components. There are opportunities to serve in music, bells, orchestra, choir, worship assistants, live streaming, computer graphics, or sound. At both the modern and traditional services, there are opportunities to greet, usher, and welcome people through the hospitality ministry.

NEXT STEPS

- Join us for next Sunday morning worship!
- Explore the possibility of using your gifts in traditional worship music.
- Explore the possibility of serving in tech or hospitality ministry during the traditional services.

Contact for further information: mike@troyumc.org (music); tim@troyumc.org (tech & hospitality)

WORSHIP & PRAYER NIGHTS

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Everyone is invited to gather monthly in the Sanctuary for a focused time of worship and prayer on the 2nd Wednesday evenings of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a more intimate setting where we pray for our own lives, national and world concerns, and the ministry of our church.

NEXT STEPS

- Join us on our first **Prayer & Worship Night** of 2022 on Wednesday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Contact for further information: andy@troyumc.org

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Our vision is to be a church that intentionally makes disciples who make disciples. This happens primarily through small groups (bands) of 3-4 same-gendered people who meet weekly to be formed through confession, prayer, and encouragement. These groups meet for 12-18 months as they work through a discipleship curriculum called Discipleship Essentials. Upon completion, group members lead 2-3 others through the same discipleship process.

NEXT STEPS

- Pray about being part of a discipleship training band!
- Invite 2-3 others to join you in your journey OR
- Contact us to get connected to a newly forming group

Contact for further information: bonnie@troyumc.org

JOURNEY GROUPS

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

God designed us to live in relationship with others. 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 our joys and concerns with one another, and 3) Inclusive by welcoming everyone who seeks Christ-centered community. Groups will often eat together, pray together, serve together, and simply do life together. Positive life change happens best when we are surrounded by friends who support, encourage, and challenge us. There are a variety of topic options, as well as a range of locations and times to best fit your interest and schedule. Everyone is welcome to join a journey group!

NEXT STEPS

- Sign up to receive our monthly **Reach** newsletter. Be on the lookout for a list of all our Spring 2022 Journey Group options in February.

Contact for further information: bonnie@troyumc.org

1ST STEP LEARNING CENTER

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Troy UMC's 1st Step Learning Center provides a safe, nurturing, Christ-centered environment that enhances the development of the whole child and helps prepare them for their future experiences in school. We will partner with you to meet your preschooler(s) social, physical, intellectual, creative, emotional, and spiritual needs. You do not need to be a member of Troy UMC to enroll your child in 1st Step Learning Center. Classes are offered for children ages two, three, and four years old.

NEXT STEPS

- Visit the preschool at our **Open House** on January 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Learn more at troyumc.org/1ststep.

Contact for further information: lisa@troyumc.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Our children's ministry invites each child on a journey with Jesus through relationship-building in a safe and healthy environment, excellent curriculum, small group time, and weekly children's worship. We also equip parents with age-appropriate resources to use with their child at home. Children's ministry is available each Sunday during both the 9 and 10:45 a.m. services from ages newborn through fifth grade.

NEXT STEPS

- Celebrate with a "Happy Birthday Jesus" pajama party Sunday, December 26, at either our 9 or 10:45 a.m. children's ministry hours. Drop your children off in their pajamas, bring a stuffed animal, and enjoy a Christmas movie and breakfast treat.
- Join us any Sunday at 9 or 10:45 a.m. in the children's area.

Contact for further information: christine@troyumc.org

STUDENT MINISTRY

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Our student ministry welcomes any student, grades 6th-12th, on a journey with Jesus. At weekly youth group, students come together to engage in student-led worship, study the Scriptures, and enjoy food and fellowship. Throughout the year, students enjoy a variety of special events and travel across the region and nation to serve on mission together.

NEXT STEPS

- Join us for our first Wednesday night **Student Ministry** of the new year on January 5 at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The evening begins with a light dinner and includes worship, Bible study, fellowship, and fun!
- **Serve together** on Monday, January 17, at Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

Contact for further information: kurt@troyumc.org

OLDER ADULTS

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Troy UMC's older adults (55+) get together monthly for lunch, fellowship, and a short devotional. This is a great way to meet new friends and discover more opportunities to get connected. There is a \$10 suggested donation for lunch.

NEXT STEPS

- RSVP to attend a **luncheon** from 12 to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19.

Contact for further information: sharie@troyumc.org



New Women's Bible Study | Mondays, 1-3 p.m. in the Family Life Center (Jan. 10 thru May 23)

Join Sisters in Christ for a 20-week, verse-by-verse study of the entire Book of Exodus following Jen Wilkin's books *God of Deliverance* and *God of Freedom*. In this video-led study, author Jen Wilkin will show us that Israel's story is our story today—the same God who delivered Israel also delivers all those He loves from sin and slavery today. Please contact Deb Ellis at 618-581-3383 for more information.

Mission Highlights: Share Thanksgiving, Operation Christmas Child, and Angel Tree Giving

Our church family blessed the lives of over 100 senior citizens and children through our Angel Tree this year. We gave 165 boxes filled to the brim with goodies to Operation Christmas Child. At Thanksgiving, we distributed dozens of Thanksgiving meals to individuals and families in our community. THANK YOU for showing up in such a mighty way and showering others with the love of Christ this holiday season!

2021 Mission Giving Highlights

Troy UMC has dedicated 10% of all income throughout the year to go towards mission giving. We are able to give generously to so many ministries, organizations, and relief efforts because of your generous hearts. The Mission Team is proud to share that we were able to support the following initiatives in 2021:

1. Preacher's Aid Society - \$500
2. Journey of Hope - \$1500
3. Chestnut Health Systems - \$500
4. SIUe Cougar Cupboard Food Pantry - \$1500
5. UMCOR Tornado Relief - \$5000
6. Seminary Student Tuition Assistance - \$4000
7. Chaplain Sweet Treats at Anderson Hospital - \$1500
8. Triad Special Olympics - \$250
9. Bible for African Immigrants - \$504
10. Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House school supply giveaway - \$1000

11. Tabernacle Experience and Expense - \$12,000
12. Servant Evangelism Kindness Initiative - \$1200
13. Operation Christmas Child Soccer Balls - \$250
14. Quarterly Mission Initiatives - \$2000

Missionary Partners

1. Josh & Lisa Inman - \$6000
2. Matt Henson - \$9000

World Service Apportionment - \$38,304

If you'd like to know more about the ministries we give to or have suggestions for future giving options, please contact our Minister of Discipleship, Bonnie Abel, at bonnie@troyumc.org.

NEW LIFE STUDENT MINISTRY

Happy New Year! Here is the January 2022 quick-look for Troy UMC middle school and high school students:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6-7:45 p.m. Snack dinner, worship, small groups, and activity in the Family Life Center

January Wednesdays:

“CONNECT THE DOTS” and “COUNTERFEIT”: A Series about Growing Your Faith by Following Jesus

January 5	Matthew 7:24-27	Actions can grow your faith.
January 12	Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33	People can grow your faith.
January 19	Mark 2:1-12	Serving can grow your faith.
January 26	Hebrews 5:12-14	Daily habits can grow your faith.

ALL STUDENTS SPECIAL EVENT | MLK Day of Volunteering at Midwest Mission Distribution Center

Monday, January 17, 7:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. | RSVP + \$15 and bring a lunch

2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Instructional classes resume on Sunday, January 9, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

PARENTS

New Life Student Ministry schedules and registration flyers can be accessed at troyumc.org/students

Rev. Kurt Stone is available via email, texts, and phone calls: kurt@troyumc.org or (618) 407-7586

Below: Confirmation Class 1-Day Retreat at The Dubois Center



*Right: Advent GO!
McKendree University —
delivering exam week snack
bags to students*



*Left: Advent GO!
USO Lambert International
Airport — donating items for
traveling military personnel*

United Methodist Women

The next UMW meeting will be held January 13 at 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center. 2022 officers will be installed and refreshments provided.

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Staff

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Andy Adams

*Associate Pastor, Student Ministry
Kurt Stone

*Care Pastor
Dan Perry

*Minister of Modern Worship Arts
Tim Price

*Minister of Discipleship
Bonnie Abel

*Director of Children's Ministry
Christine Lippert

*Director of 1st Step Learning Center
Lisa Rayle

*Accompanist & Interim Director of
Traditional Worship Arts
Mike Rogier

*Office Manager
Sharie Meyer

*Fields Manager
Courtney Bettis

*Administrative Assistant
Marie Brown

*Interim Coordinator of
Communications & Worship Ministry
Intern
Elizabeth West

*Production Coordinator
Josh Case

Worship Tech Coordinator
Nick Tipton

Youth Worship Band Leader
Ryan Froidcoeur

Custodians
David Barr, Loren Fear, Penny Stone

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JANUARY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
January 3	The Gospel of Mark study begins (see page 2)
January 9	<i>The Gospel of Mark: Good News</i> message series begins
January 10	NEW women's Bible study begins (see page 6)
January 12	Worship & Prayer Night (see page 4)
January 13	United Methodist Women monthly meeting (see pg. 7)
January 16	Connect Lunch (see page 4)
January 17	All students volunteering day (see page 7)
January 18	1st Step Learning Center open house (see page 5)
January 19	Luncheon for "older adults" (see page 5)
January 30	Membership Class (see page 4)

Staff Transitions

Our team is sad to say goodbye to Anna Hollingworth as our Communications Coordinator at the end of 2021. Anna was hired in February of 2020 and was indispensable to our church as we sought to stay connected with one another during the pandemic. She championed several important projects for us, including an overhaul of our website, the creation of a church app, upgrades to our texting service, and the integration of a new information database. Anna was married on July 4 and moved to California where she has been working remotely for the last six months. Anna is stepping away from her role as she and her husband, Michael, anticipate their first baby in April 2022! Thank you for a job well done, Anna! We will miss you.

Elizabeth West, our current worship intern, will become our interim Coordinator of Communications beginning on January 1, 2022, as she continues to explore her call to ministry. When you get a chance, please welcome Elizabeth to this new role!



Left:
Elizabeth West,
Interim Coordinator
of Communications



Right:
Anna Hollingworth,
former Director of
Communications



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