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New series beginning in July!

"Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed by your name. Your kingdom come..." Jesus taught us to pray for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. Beginning in July, we will make our first six stops in the New Testament as we continue our guided tour of the Bible's essential passages focusing on the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurated.

July 3 – The Kingdom is Here – John 1:1, 14, 18

July 10 – The Kingdom's Commission – Matthew 28:16-20

July 17 – Entering the Kingdom – Romans 6:3-11

July 24 – A Kingdom Open to All – Galatians 3:26-29

July 31 – A Kingdom of Life – Ephesians 2:1-10

August 7 – The Kingdom Ethic – 1 John 4:7-12, 5:1-3

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

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Church family,

On Tuesday, June 14, the Transition Team shared their recommendations with our Church Council. The Transition Team was formed last year and was charged with discussing various options for our church related to the impending UMC split and recommending to the Church Council strategic courses of action, including both gathering and sharing important information from and with the congregation.

After hearing the team's presentation and recommendations, the Church Council unanimously approved the following motions:

- **To approve the Transition Team's recommendation to inquire about the process of disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church and take appropriate preparatory steps.**
- **To affirm the Transition Team's recommendation to seek potential affiliation with the Global Methodist Church – understanding that the final decision lies with the Troy UMC membership.**

These recommendations were not made lightly, but after months of meetings and hours and hours of information gathering, prayer, and conversations. Based on the comments from our recent survey, we can tell many of you are not taking this lightly either. Survey feedback, which was greatly appreciated, affirmed the faith convictions of our leadership and solidified the team's confidence in these recommendations. Out of 267 respondents, 74.2% affirmed our faith convictions and many of those who didn't noted that they affirmed most of those convictions. Unfortunately, those same faith convictions are being continually challenged in the current United Methodist Church milieu and are not consistently practiced.

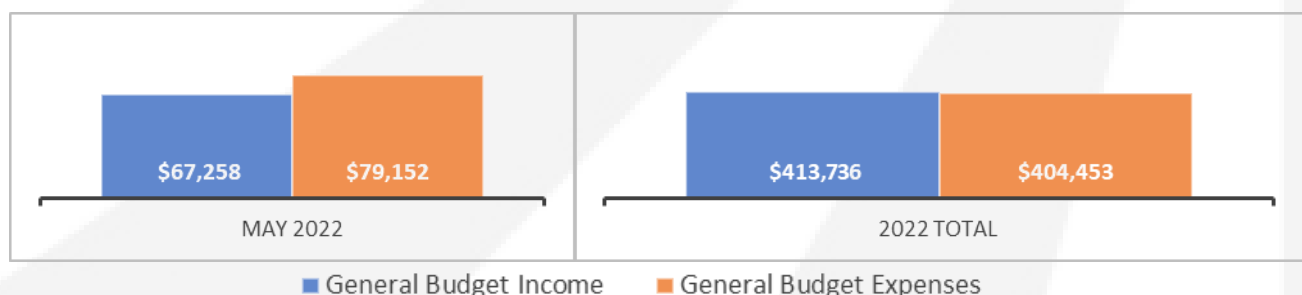
The decision to take initial steps toward leaving the United Methodist Church prompted substantial grief from our team. The UMC has been our home and our extended family. Much good has been done through the UMC and much good continues. But we are convinced that the future vision for the UMC is not the future we hope for our church. Rather, the Global Methodist Church is in line with our faith convictions and casts a compelling vision for a renewed Methodist movement across the globe, emphasizing the local church's ministry of evangelism and transformative discipleship in ways we are already living out in Troy. Furthermore, the GMC structure will be less bureaucratic and costly, as well as provide better accountability to doctrinal integrity and effectiveness. Our Church Council has great hope for our future!

What does this mean for us right now?

- Our Transition Team has been redeployed to create a communication plan so all your questions and concerns will be addressed over the coming months. We want everyone to have accurate information and an opportunity to share feedback. Please be patient as the transition team prepares to lead those conversations.
- A Disaffiliation Team will be deployed by our Church Council to represent us with our conference to discuss specifics of our potential departure from the UMC. These meetings will not begin until the end of the summer, and we are uncertain how long they will last.
- At some point in the future, we anticipate the members of our congregation will be called upon to vote on both disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church and affiliation with the Global Methodist Church. Nothing is final until that vote.

We ask that you remain patient and prayerful as we navigate the next few months with as much grace, respect, and love as possible. Through these transitions, our hope is that our church will remain united in our mission to invite people on a journey with Jesus.

General Budget





On **July 26**, JOY SEEKERS will be celebrating **“CHRISTMAS IN JULY”!** After we eat a wonderful lunch, we have planned a special program by the Rivers of Life Clergy Band (the band Pastor Dan plays in). They will play some Christmas music, as well as songs from their new CD, “FORGIVEN.” Please RSVP to the church office (618-667-6241). We ask for a \$10 donation to cover costs.

Just a reminder: JOY SEEKERS will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, unless we plan special outings. We also ask for a \$10 donation to help cover food expenses.

Looking Ahead: On Sept. 11, JOY SEEKERS are planning an outing to Castelli’s restaurant, followed by attending the Price Family Jubilee. We will not meet the 4th Tuesday in September. More info to follow.

Mission Moment

Last year, the Mission Team decided that each quarter we would work to connect with and encourage a part of our community. This year, we are expanding that initiative to include other towns in our area. During our first quarter, we gifted two laptops to Journey of Hope Maternity Home in O’Fallon, Illinois. This generous gift enables the volunteers at Journey of Hope to provide job training, education, and a variety of resources to the women living in their home. To learn more about this program check out journeyofhopehome.org.

For our second quarter initiative, we are financially supporting Faith in Action in Collinsville, Illinois. The mission of Faith in Action is to put our faith into action by serving neighbors sixty years of age and older and persons with disabilities throughout our community with door-to-door, no-cost services to support their independence.

Currently Faith in Action is in need of volunteers who offer assisted transportation to those living in the Collinsville Unit 10 District. These clients are in need of transportation to medical appointments, and local shuttles cannot transport them across county lines nor into the St. Louis medical centers. This can be a weekly or monthly volunteer opportunity, and we accommodate volunteers’ availability.

Faith in Action will orient and train volunteers, following a background check. They are also in need of financial assistance to provide volunteer drivers with gift certificates to gas stations and car washes. For further information, check out their website at fiacollinsville.org.

Each quarter, we will be finding new and creative ways to reach out to the community and the broader region and say THANK YOU to the countless individuals and groups who protect, serve, and give of themselves. This is only possible because of your generous giving to our church! Thank you for being the church in such amazing ways!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

God bless America! United Methodist Women has now taken a new name at the International, National, and State levels. The new “United Women in Faith” is committed to greater inclusivity, action, and impact. As the United Methodist Church struggles with political division, Troy United Methodist Women remain united by God’s love in our mission to support women, children, and youth in our world. We will meet again on August 11 at 1 p.m. and discuss taking on this new name to better reflect how we are answering our call. I encourage you to visit the webpage for United Women in Faith: uwfaith.org. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bethel Rogers at rogersbethel@gmail.com.

JOURNEY KIDS



Summer Children's Ministry

We are having a splashing good time MAKING WAVES in children's Sunday school this summer! We are already learning our theme, memory verses, and songs for Vacation Bible School. Our theme is Making Waves: What you do today can change the world around you. Every Sunday, our preschoolers and kindergarteners learn that God can help us do everything. Our older kids are learning that living into the fruits of the Spirit can help us to change the world. Each Sunday, we enjoy a water activity and different fruit outside. The kids are loving this format. Remember that summer is a great time to bring along a neighbor, cousin, or friend to Sunday school!

Our summer theme hits its highest wave **July 11-15** with our MAKE WAVES VBS. Dive into the very best summer! Get ready for a hands-on, memorable week that encourages kids to grow in their faith as they understand how to make waves and share God’s love with the people around them. From 9 to 11:30, we will rotate stations to do crafts, recreation, mission moments, videos, singing and dancing, snack, and faith lessons. If you have not registered your kid(s), please do so ASAP. **Go to myvbs.org/troyumc**. Make sure to bring a friend and show them how awesome our faith community is!

From myself, my staff, and the many wonderful volunteers, we pray you are having a safe and fun summer! — Miss Christine and the Troy UMC children's ministry



NEW LIFE STUDENT MINISTRY

There are plenty of student ministry opportunities for all 6th-12th grade students this summer! Wednesdays in July include volunteering at the foodbank, going to a show at The Muny in Forest Park, playing pinball and video games, and touring the Bureau of Land Management's Northeastern States Wild Horse & Burro Farm! Plus, we have special opportunities for church camp and a one-day trip to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN!

Troy UMC's New Life Student Ministry offers a variety of unique ways for middle school students and high school students to journey together with Jesus throughout this summer – let's get going!

WEDNESDAY SUMMER NIGHTS

Meet at 5:30 p.m. in the rear parking lot at church to catch the bus – we roll out at 5:45 p.m.!

Completed and parent-signed Summer 2022 registration & release of liability form required.

July Wednesdays:

July 6: St. Louis Area Foodbank; Bus Departs 1:45 PM; for Volunteer Shift 3:00-5:00 PM

July 13: "Mary Poppins" at The Muny; \$40 per ticket to be rostered for this trip. Limited seats.

Includes Jimmy Johns box dinner, Backstage Tour, & Ride

THURSDAY, July 21: Pinball Wizard! 100 pinball games and 1,000+ video games at CP Pinball

July 27: Bureau of Land Management: Wild Horse & Burro Corral – Ewing, IL

Bus Departs at 1:00 PM; will get dinner on way home

SUMMER 2022 TRIP & SUMMER CAMP

National Civil Right Museum | Friday, July 8, 2022 in Memphis, TN | RSVP + \$75 per person

5:45 AM - Meet; 6:00 AM - Bus Departs; Return ETA 9:30 PM

For High School students, and Middle School Students accompanied by a Parent

A day trip to visit the National Civil Rights Museum. Its exhibits trace the history of the civil rights movement in the U.S. from the 17th century to the present. The museum is built around the former Lorraine Motel, the site of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

Epworth Junior / Senior Camp | July 17-22, 2022 at Durley Camp near Greenville, IL |

IGRC Online Registration + \$260

Summer Camp for 6th – 12th grade students

Epworth Junior/Senior will be a week filled with dynamic new speakers, exciting new activities, and breathtaking views of Bond Lake. Harvest Ministry Team led by Tim Price will be there to provide music and worship. Activities at Durley Camp include zip-lining, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boats, campfires, volleyball, basketball, 9-square, 4-square, gaga pit, and more!

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



First Wednesday Night of the Summer – dinner at Favazza's On the Hill, St. Louis, MO
"Jesus was known to them in the breaking of the bread."



Bike Ride on Madison County Trails
 Glen Carbon to Watershed Nature Center on the Goshen Trail



Bridge Bread Tour in St. Louis, MO



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JULY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
July 8	National Civil Right Museum student trip (see page 6)
July 11-15	Make Waves VBS (see page 4)
July 17-22	Epworth Junior/Senior High Camp (see page 6)
July 26	JOY SEEKERS lunch (see page 3)

Join Our Staff Team!

We are seeking a new Director of Communications. Do you fit the following description?

- Enjoys sharing exciting news with others
- Familiar with social media platforms
- Thrives by staying organized and on top of important details
- Likes communicating through writing
- Loves Jesus and wants others to meet him through our church

You may be a great fit for joining our team! Depending on your interest or availability, this could be a 10-20 hour, part time job. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them check out our job description at troyumc.org/jobs and submit a resume with cover letter to jobs@troyumc.org.

How to Access Our Online Directory

Here's how to log in:

- Go to **instantchurchdirectory.com**
- Click on "**Member Sign In**" in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
- Create a login by entering your email address and making a password (**NOTE: if your email address is not in the directory, it will not allow you to log in. If you are not able to log in, please contact Marie at marie@troyumc.org or Sharie at sharie@troyumc.org.**)
- After you have created a login and signed in, you will be able to view everyone in the directory. You will also be able to make edits to your own family and submit them for approval. You can do this by selecting your family and clicking on the "**Edit My Family**" button.

That's it! We hope our online directory will be a helpful resource to you!



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