



REACH

INVITING PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS.

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Exciting Changes Coming to our Children's Ministry



Make sure to join us on June 2nd for our new curriculum reveal (see above). Parents, kids and volunteers, YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

Our staff team is working collaboratively to build an engaging and spiritually-transforming, weekly Sunday morning experience for the 100+ kids God has entrusted to us. Until we find our permanent Director of Children's Ministry, Lisa Rayle, Director of 1st Step Learning Center, has been hired to oversee the preschool ministry while other staff is guiding the elementary-aged kids. Together with our entire congregation stepping up and volunteering, we can make an eternal difference in our kids' lives! If you are interested in volunteering in any number of roles, please email lisa@troyumc.org or andy@troyumc.org.

New Sunday Morning Schedule:

- 8:45am – Check-in opens for 9am Children's Ministry hour.
 - 10:10am – 9am kids must be checked out by this time.
 - 10:30am – Check-in opens for 10:45am Children's Ministry hour.
 - 12:00pm – 10:45am kids must be checked out by this time.
- **Nursery available from 8:45am-12:00pm**

Beginning on June 2nd, our 10:15am worship service will become a "Family Worship Service". This means children above nursery age will remain with their parents/guardians in worship. If you attend the 10:15am worship service and would like your children/grandchildren to be part of the children's ministry, you will have an opportunity before the sermon starts to check them in downstairs for the 10:45am Children's Ministry hour. We simply ask that you do not check them out until 11:45am so they can have the full children's worship experience.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

You've Been Drafted!

Last week we kicked off our new message series, *Drafted*. The biblical foundations these teachings are based on are nothing short of revolutionary. Let me summarize the core Christian beliefs this series is built upon:

1. When you become a Christian, you become a member of the body of Christ, the Church.
2. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to every Christ follower to help build up the Church.
3. The Church suffers unless every member of the body uses his or her spiritual gifts. Every role is vitally important!
4. Church leaders have the unique role of equipping the rest of the church body to do the work of ministry.
5. Spiritual maturity can't exist apart from using one's gifts to build up the Church.



Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Andy Adams

I am so thankful for the hundreds of people who are part of Troy UMC who actively use their gifts to make our church stronger and more effective in our mission of *inviting people on a journey with Jesus*. Our staff team was greatly encouraged last Sunday by the dozens and dozens of you who stepped forward to say you're available to be used by God to invest in our next generation. What a witness and testimony you are living out! And there are countless other ways you serve to make our church a beacon of hope and grace in our region. I'm proud to be your pastor.

In fact, our staff would like to invite you to a special **Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on June 30th from 4:00-6:00pm at the Recreation Complex**. Volunteers (people using their gifts, passion and time) are the backbone of any church. We want to say, "job well done." You do so much for us and our church community, we would like to show you how appreciative we are. Everyone is invited along with your family. There will be food, games and lots of fun. Bring a lawn chair and come prepared to play GaGa (google it!), Giant Jenga, Connect 4, and more! RSVP to sharie@troyumc.org or on Facebook is appreciated, but not required.

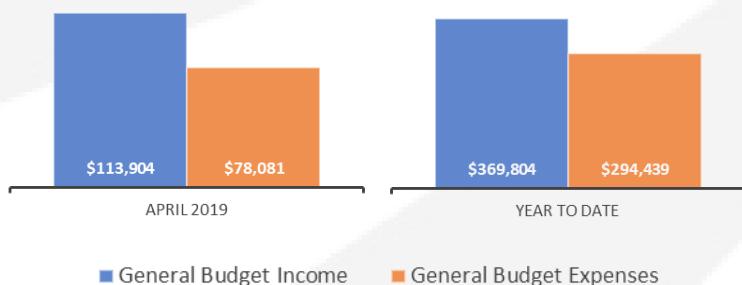
And if you haven't yet taken the plunge into using your gifts to build up our church, then you will have plenty of opportunities to jump in during the rest of this series. Remember, your gifts are indispensable! You are wanted and needed as we answer God's call to be a light of Christ in this world. I hope you will take advantage of this occasion to join the team!

Faithfully,

Andy

STRATEGIC STATS

General Budget



	Worship Services	April Average	2019 Average
8:00am		71	46
9:00am		182	149
10:15am		194	135
10:45am		103	87
Sunday Children		62	57
Wednesday Youth		32	37
St. Jacob 10:15am		19	16
Dinner Church		23	23
Good Friday (4/19)		134	
Easter Sunrise (4/21)		70	
Confirmation Sunday (4/28)		348	
Total Weekly Worship		675	556

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

Membership Class

Membership Classes are offered in the Family Life Center 5 times per year (Sundays 12-2) to those considering taking the step of becoming official Troy UMC members. Taught by Pastor Andy, the class includes basic information about our Troy UMC and joining it. We share a delicious meal prepared by church cook, Loren Fear. During the after-meal class, childcare is provided as needed. RSVP to Dave DeRemer, dave@troyumc.org, for the **June 9 class**.

Website Under Construction

You may have noticed some changes to the troyumc.org website recently. Please bear with us as we are undergoing an "**active construction**" — meaning, the site will continue to be live (to provide you with important church information), but may have intermittent downtime and you may see some strange things happening as you visit the site! Don't be alarmed — we're just always improving and trying to provide you with information the best way possible!



Director of Connections
Dave DeRemer

Troy United Methodist Church	CONNECTIONS
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Member	Date: 8:00 / 9:00 / 10:15 / 10:45 / Dinner Church
Name(s): _____	E-mail: _____
Address: _____	Cell/Home: () _____
City: _____	Update My Address: <input type="checkbox"/>
State: _____	Zip: _____
How did you hear about Troy UMC?	
I/we would like more information on:	
<input type="checkbox"/> How to Become a Christian <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry (Birth - 5 th grade)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> Student Ministry (6 th - 12 th grade)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Ministry (18 - 30ish)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Serving in the Church <small>see back for details</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Journey Groups (18 - 90+)	

Connections Cards

Thank you for the great response to our new **CONNECTIONS** cards! Please remember to continue to fill out the cards to let us know where you'd like to **SERVE**. Include your name, phone number and email (even if you're a member) so we can put you in touch with the right people to get you started! If you have any questions, please email: dave@troyumc.org for more info.

Did you know we are on Facebook?

The Troy UMC facebook page is full of inspirational, motivating, and informative content! You can **SHARE** in prayer, share and view photos, and even sign up and buy tickets for church events. Make our facebook page a daily part of your routine! Go to: www.facebook.com/troyumc and click on the "**Like**" and "Follow" buttons to experience all the amazing things happening at Troy UMC!



Troy United Methodist Sightseers (age 55+)

On Thursday, June 13th TUMS will be touring the newly renovated Soldiers Memorial Museum in St Louis (1315 Chestnut St.). There are artifacts and information from the Civil War, WWI , WWII, Korea and Vietnam War honoring Military Service Members, Veterans and their families. The temporary main exhibit is focused on WWI. The Missouri Historical Society is providing us with a docent to guide us through to Museum (10:30-11:30am). This is a wonderful opportunity to learn or revisit History and open discussion with family members about the costs of war in their lives, in the St Louis area, and for generations to come. Facilities are wheel chair accessible. Admission is free. All are welcome to join us. The TUMC bus leaves at 9:30am and will cost \$15 per person. (For a seat on the bus talk with Bethel or Jeff Rogers, 618-391-7118). Lunch will follow at the Old Herald in Collinsville. We hope to return to Troy UMC around 1:00-1:15pm.

Parking Lot Addition

You will notice this month that the sanctuary parking lot is getting some additions. This project also involves expanding our water retention area. It has all been nearly 2 years in the making and we are especially grateful for Paul Nelson for leading the charge! As things get completed, pay special attention to the Sunday morning parking-lot greeters as they direct traffic and get us used to the changes.



SERVE

Worship Teach Serve Opportunities

Both the Contemporary and the Traditional Worship services are looking for more AV Tech volunteers to help run the technical aspect of worship. Please contact emily@troyumc.org or tim@troyumc.org to volunteer.



Care Pastor
Rev. Dan Perry

Christian Care

I'm so thankful to be a part of this great church and staff. We aren't the model church, but one of the things I'm working on is how we do congregational care. Even though we have more to learn, I want to share some of the things we do to help members of our church's Care Ministry.

It's impossible to describe completely how we do member care because, there's so much ministry that happens outside of our official Care Ministry program. There's a whole lot of ministry taking place that I never hear about, which is as it should be.

Caring Ministry may be the ultimate discipleship opportunity; as it is often during times of trouble that people are most open and eager to experience the love of Christ and place their trust in Him. We were made for times such as these. Jesus said in John 13:35, "*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*" Care for one another is one of the ways we express Christian love.

Every one of us is called to care for one another. Are you involved in a Journey group? Care for one another. Are you involved in the choir or handbells? Care for one another. Do you help teach Sunday School, work in the Nursery, or serve on a board of the church? Care for one another. Do you set by the same person every Sunday? Care for one another. Our desire is to create a culture of caring throughout the entire congregation.

As we continue in developing a culture of caring, Troy UMC has a Care Ministry that is overseen by me, Pastor Dan. Our Care Ministry entails several areas that are always in need of those interested and caring for others.

- Our **Care Team** visits, phones, emails individuals who have had health issues or surgeries, and shut-ins.
- Our **Meal Team** consists of families that are willing to help supply meals for families due to a variety of situations could benefit from meals for a short period of time.
- Our **Card Team** consists of individuals who are willing to write and send cards to people who are going through various situations, illness, death, birth, and various difficult health issues. Each person does not have to respond to every situation, just those that for one reason or another, God's Spirit moves on them to send a card.
- Our **Pregnancy/Baby Group** helps to keep us informed on church members who are expecting. When the baby comes, one of our ladies puts together a basket and either Pastor Dan or one of the Team members delivers the baby basket to their home.
- Our **Communion Team** (Pastor Dan or a Care Team member) takes communion to those who can't come to church due to a variety of issues.

Interested in helping in our Care Ministry? Please contact Pastor Dan at 667-6241 for more information.

SHARE - OUTREACH



Minister of Outreach and Mission
David Roderick

Troy Community Garage Sale

We are once again partnering with the Troy Chamber of Commerce for the Troy City-Wide Garage Sale. The next sale day is June 15th from 7:00am-2:00pm. Volunteers are needed from the church to help with hospitality.

If you would like a space to sell your items, you can register through the chamber website at troycoc.com. There will also be recycling available for electronics, and medications along with paper shredding. If you would like to volunteer to help that day, please email David Roderick at david@troyumc.org.

Rec Camp

We are looking for people who like to play games, yard games that is! Our summer recreation camp for ages 1st-5th grade will be June 3-6th. We will gather each day from 9:00-11:30am for fun games, snacks and devotions. Examples could include Giant Connect 4, Giant Jenga, Gaga Pit, Croquet, Bocce, Frisbee Golf, Washers, etc. The purpose of this camp is for kids to learn games they can play for a lifetime. If you are available to help in any way, please contact David Roderick david@troyumc.org.

SHARE - MISSION

Troy Summer Food Program

Troy UMC participates in the Troy Summer Food Program, which is a cooperative effort among the churches of Troy. Volunteers are needed to make the lunches at Troy UMC on Sunday and to distribute the lunches on Monday. You may volunteer for either or both activities by contacting David Roderick (David@troyumc.org). You can also make a donation of gift cards. You can purchase gift cards to Walmart or Aldi and give them to David Roderick. If you want the value of the gift cards to be included in your annual summary of giving, please be sure to put the cards in an envelope with your name and amount. Please do not put the gift cards in the offering plate.

Twigs

Twigs was started in 2011 by Lisa Guilliams, Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Granite City, and provided 2,513 lunches at 4 locations in Granite City. In 2018 they distributed 108,047 lunches in 38 communities in the Metro-East. Volunteers are needed to distribute lunches on Fridays during the summer and to help with the 'pack-a-sack' program during the school year. To volunteer: Contact Gerry Lentz at 618-346-0714. To donate to Twigs, add any donation to your normal offering. Please indicate 'Twigs' and the additional amount on the envelope. Any amount contributed will be included in your annual giving summary.

Twigs - St. Jacob

St. Jacob UMC participates in the Twigs program and volunteers are needed to distribute food every day of the week. Volunteers can work one or more days per week.

To volunteer, Contact Clint Benesh (clint@troyumc.org)

United Methodist Women

The Troy United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, June 13th from 1:00-3:00pm in the Family Life Center. A representative from Red Bird Mission will be our guest speaker. Also during our business meeting we will vote on our semi-annual giving to missions we support. Please come and be a part of enjoying refreshments along with fun, faith, and fellowship!

WORSHIP



Another choir season has come to a close. Thank you to all of the tireless volunteers who sing in the choir, ring the bells, play in the various instrumental ensembles, and run AV tech for all of our services. What an amazing family of dedicated volunteers.

Pastor Andy will be speaking for the next few Sundays on the topic of volunteering. As wonderful and talented as our whole Troy UMC staff is, none could do the work they are called to do without the people who dedicate time, talent, and resources to make all things in our church building glorify God and bring others to know Christ. What a treasure all of these people are! I love being on staff here--and I am so grateful that people are willing to share their gifts with each other by volunteering.

Director of Traditional Worship Arts
Emily Ottwein



So, at the end of another choir/handbell/children's choir season I say "Thank you" to you all. You are gift and I am so very grateful for each and every one of you! And, as always, I can't wait for next season!

"What if your art is part of a bigger picture, part of a daily grace God has in mind for someone else?" - Emily P. Freeman, "A Million Little Ways"



Upcoming Worship Schedule Highlights

June 30th - Bring your kids to worship in all services. There will be no Children's Ministry offered. Nursery still available from 8:45am-12:00pm.

JOURNEY KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Summer Church Camp

One great way for kids to grow in faith and in friendships is summer church camp! This summer, Journey Kids Ministry will be traveling to Beulah Camp in Eldorado, IL. There are two different time age group / time slots:

Beulah Bible Camp

Monday, June 24 - Thursday, June 27 is for current 4th and 5th graders

Beulah Beginning Camp

Friday, June 28 - Saturday, June 29 is for current 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders

If you have questions or need to register, visit troyumc.org/summer or contact Courtney Bettis, courtney@troyumc.org.

Vacation Bible School

We want to invite you to check out our Vacation Bible School this summer! It's an awesome week of fun, learning and loving God! Vacation Bible School will be July 15-19th from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Online registration is available, visit troyumc.org/vbs to register.



NEW LIFE STUDENT MINISTRY



Summer brings very fun and worthwhile opportunities for current 6th through 12th grade students to continue their journey with Jesus – Wednesday Night Series, church camps, and mission trips! And the Sunday Morning classes for students provides a grounding place while so many of us will be on the go.

Sunday Morning Student Classes 9:00-10:00am Youth Area (Upper Family Life Center)

Lessons this summer will teach how Jesus fulfilled the law in the sense it was given full meaning. Jesus emphasized the deep, underlying messages of the gospel and this same message is continued through the apostle Paul and the writer of Hebrews. Relationships of faith empower us to live the covenant and spread the gospel message.

Associate Pastor - Student Ministry
Rev. Kurt Stone

June: *"A Fulfilled Covenant"* – During the Passover celebration, on the night before Jesus was crucified, Jesus told his disciples he would initiate a new covenant through his death. The writer of Hebrews, citing Jeremiah, explains the covenant is now a relationship of the heart between God's people and God. In addition, false teachers and philosophies have their roots in misunderstandings of the superiority of Christ's saving work on the cross.

Bible Lessons 4 Youth is designed to help students understand and apply the Scriptures to their lives, using a "Bible-to-life" approach. The Sunday Morning Student Classes are taught by Carol Sisson, Sharon Jackson, and Mickey Jackson.

2019 Wednesday Night Summer Series!

Every Wednesday from June 5th through August 7th

Board the Church Bus, sing & pray on the go, and enjoy the fun of a summer journey!

One of the important activities we do as a Youth Group is eat together, so our first trip is a delicious dinner at MaiLee, an iconic St. Louis restaurant serving authentic Chinese and Vietnamese dishes. The Summer Wednesday Night Series will also include the following outings: Gateway Grizzlies baseball game, to opportunities to volunteer at the St. Louis Foodbank, recreation night with students at Spero Family Services, visit an in-work church restoration project, feel the heat from the flame-shooting Kaskaskia Dragon, see America's largest cross, enjoy sweet frozen custard, ride to the top of the Gateway Arch and see Monument to the Dream movie, plus other trips! We will finish the summer with our annual visit to The Muny in Forest Park to see Matilda, the four-time Tony Award-winning musical by Roald Dahl, who shows how imagination is exactly what we need to navigate life's many challenges.



See the 2019 Summer flyer for a complete list of trips, specific dates & times. All trips are free, except for the three events that require a ticket – baseball game, Gateway Arch, and The Muny.

Summer 2019 Mission Trips & Church Camp!

June 7th-9th: Middle School Student Summer Weekend Retreat at Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) in Springfield, IL

June 23rd-29th: High School Student Red Bird Mission Trip to southeastern Kentucky

July 9th-13th: Jr. High Alive at Beulah Holiness Camp in Eldorado, IL

See troyumc.org/students for complete calendar, registration forms, and trip details!



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Sunday School

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

UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

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| 3-6 | Recreation Camp 9:00-11:30am (Recreation Complex) |
| 4 | Mission Team Meeting 7:00pm (Upper Family Life Center) |
| 7-9 | NLSM Middle School Weekend Retreat (Springfield, IL) |
| 9 | Membership Class 11:00am-2:00pm (Upper Family Life Center) |
| 10-13 | Music & Drama Camp 9:00am-12:00pm (Family Life Center) |
| 11 | Sew Much Joy 10:00am-2:00pm (Jane Johnson's Home) |
| 13 | T.U.M.S. Trip 9:30am-1:30pm (Soldiers Memorial) |
| 13 | United Methodist Women Meeting 1:00-3:00pm (Family Life Center) |
| 13 | Staff Parish Meeting 7:00pm (Conference Room) |
| 13 | Troy City Wide Garage Sale 7:00am-2:00pm |
| 18 | Sew Much Joy 10:00am-2:00pm (Jane Johnson's Home) |
| 18-20 | Preschool Camp "Lego Summer Camp" 9:00-11:30pm (Children's Area) |
| 20 | Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm (Rehearsal Room) |
| 22 | Marriage Ministry Date Night 5:30-8:00pm (Family Life Center) |
| 23-29 | NLSM High School Mission Trip (Red Bird Mission, Beverly, KY) |
| 24-27 | Journey Kids - Beulah Bible Camp (current 4th & 5th graders) |
| 28-29 | Journey Kids - Beulah Beginnings Camp (current 1st - 3rd graders) |
| 27 | Trustees Meeting 7:00pm (Conference Room) |
| 28 | Community Band Concert in Honor of Bob Rogier 7:00pm (Family Life Center) |
| 30 | Church Picnic - Volunteer Appreciation 4:00-6:00pm (Recreation Complex) |

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