



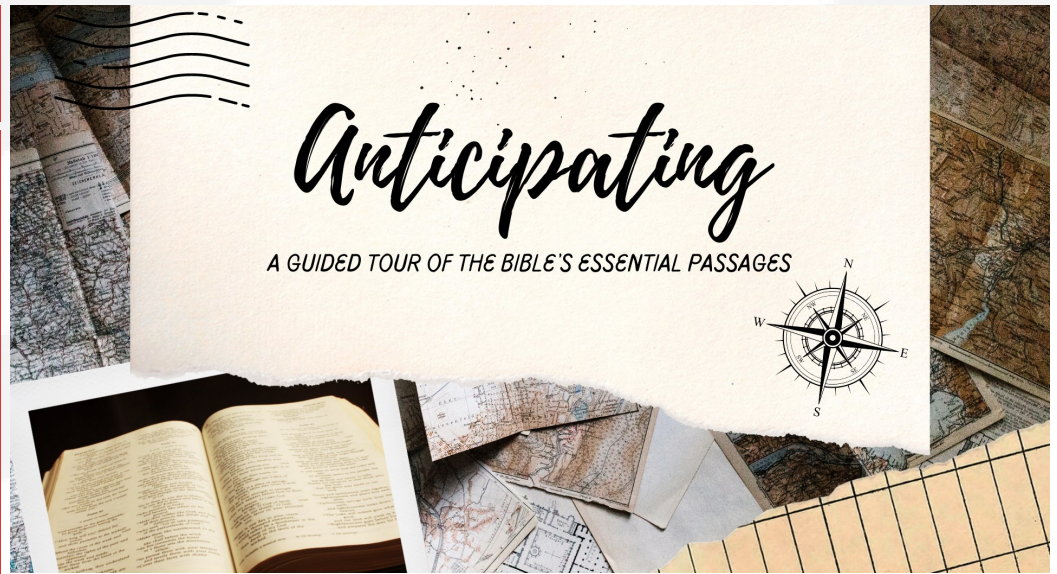
# REACH

INVITING PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS.

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## New Series in June!

In June we will continue our 20-week, guided tour of the Bible's essential passages! After laying the foundations of God's original intent for humanity in creation and the mission he gave to Abraham and his descendants, we're ready to explore some new sights in the Old Testament. Throughout the story of Israel's history and God's plan of redemption through them, nothing was ever exactly as it should be. Despite God's ongoing faithfulness, his people never completely lived out the mission intended for them. But throughout the struggles, their story repeatedly pointed to a hope filled future. These centuries of the Old Testament are best characterized by God's people *Anticipating* the fulfillment of the great promises that God was working to bring about. This month we will visit destinations that highlight a few of those key things God's people were *Anticipating*!

June 5 – A House for God – 2 Samuel 7:11-14  
June 12 – Life – Psalm 19  
June 19 – Salvation – Isaiah 53:1-6  
June 26 – God's Kingdom – Daniel 7:1-3, 9-18

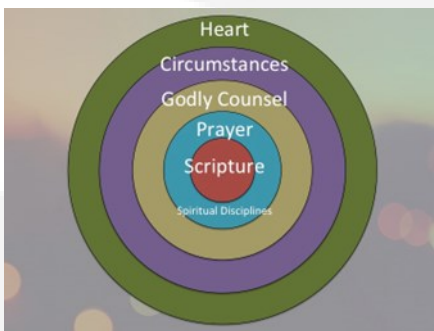
## Worship Schedule

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 MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

## How do you discern God's will?

This is a common question I receive in my pastoral role. How do I know what God wants me to do? When responding to this question we must first make it clear that God has revealed his **universal will** for all people through the Scriptures. God's universal will is that all people will be adopted into his family by the grace made available through faith in Jesus atoning work on the cross and then empowered by his Spirit, join his mission as his representatives to make disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the nations. But within that framework, how can we discern God's **particular will** for your life or mine? Here is a helpful approach that should be followed in order!



**Scripture:** When wondering if God wants you to do something or not, begin with God's revelation. What is the witness of Scripture? To know God's will, you must know God's Word. If the Bible has a clear prohibition or affirmation, then you know your answer! If there appears to be grey area, reflect on the applicable biblical principles at play and move on to...

**Prayer (and other spiritual disciplines):** God's Spirit dwells in his redeemed people, and God's Spirit longs to reveal God's presence and power and direction. Practicing the spiritual disciplines puts us in best position to hear the Spirit's leading. But it's best to confirm that leading through...

**Godly Counsel:** God's Spirit not only dwells in us, but our brothers and sisters in Christ. When wrestling with God's will, seek input from wise and godly counselors. Christian community is a gift from God and we discern best together. But occasionally, particularly when you're discerning between multiple "goods", you'll want to consider...

**Circumstances:** It's never wise to begin your discernment by asking God for a "sign" but God can help reveal his will through circumstances. These are hard to discern (i.e. does a closed door mean to move on or to persevere?) but they can be helpful while we've been seeking God through the other means too.

**Heart:** Although Disney would suggest you begin by following your heart, when it comes to discerning GOD'S will, your heart can be most deceitful. However, there are times (again, often when choosing between "goods") where we can equally honor God and follow God's ways on course A or course B.

This is particularly relevant for our church as our church's Transition Team discerns the best course forward for our church amid our broader denominational turmoil. We covet your continued prayers for wisdom and discernment! By mid-June, the Transition Team intends to present findings and recommendations to our Church Council at which time their discernment process will begin. Thank you for your continued encouragement as we seek God's will!

Faithfully,

Andy

## General Budget





# CONNECT

## Next Steps to Connect

If you are new to our church family, we want to welcome you and provide you with an opportunity to connect! **On Sunday, June 12, we will have a Connect Lunch following the 10:45 a.m. service.** Starting at noon and going until 1:45 p.m. we will enjoy lunch from Fire and Smoke, spend time getting to know each other, and provide time to answer questions you might have about our church family. Staff from various ministries will be available to answer questions and share about ways to get connected. We will also take a tour of our church facilities so you can get to know your way around. Childcare is available with RSVP. Your kids will be able to eat lunch with you, and then go to the children's area with our staff for a fun activity. Sign up by emailing our Minister of Discipleship, Bonnie, at [bonnie@troyumc.org](mailto:bonnie@troyumc.org).

We also have our next Membership Class scheduled for **Sunday, June 26, following the 10:45 a.m. service.** Starting at noon and going until 1:00 p.m. we will enjoy lunch together and provide time to answer questions and have discussion about what it looks like to be a member of Troy UMC. Childcare is available with RSVP. Sign up by emailing our Minister of Discipleship, Bonnie, at [bonnie@troyumc.org](mailto:bonnie@troyumc.org).

## Joy Seekers Lunch

For the Month of June, the **JOY SEEKERS'** theme will be a **Patriotic theme** (*close enough to July 4<sup>th</sup>*).

Libby Gregg will oversee the Table Decorations and she and Audie will also be our greeters that day.



**Deadline to sign up for the JUNE lunch is June 17<sup>th</sup>.** Please call the office to sign up. Remember: we ask for a \$10 donation to help cover our costs.

**LOOKING AHEAD** – *You don't want to miss our July lunch.* Our theme will be **"Christmas in July"**. Pastor Dan's Band, *The Rivers of Life Clergy Band* will provide our program that day.

## How to Access Our Online Directory

Our online directory is coming soon! Here's how to log in:

- Go to [instantchurchdirectory.com](http://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](mailto:marie@troyumc.org) or Sharie at [sharie@troyumc.org](mailto: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!

# SERVE

## Troy & St. Jacob Summer Lunch Program

This summer we will again be doing a summer lunch program in both the Troy and St. Jacob communities for the children in our towns to have access to free lunches. Our church family will be volunteering on Mondays in both Troy and St. Jacob, and again in St. Jacob only on Wednesdays. In the past TUMC was responsible for the entirety of the St. Jacob lunch program, but this year we will again be working to connect with the other St. Jacob churches and make the lunch program something that anyone and everyone can be a part of! **We are better together!** If you would like to volunteer, please see the links below and go online to register. If you have questions or need help signing up reach out to Bonnie at [bonnie@troyumc.org](mailto:bonnie@troyumc.org).

TROY Sign Up List – Mondays Only <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054cabac2aa4f49-summer>

ST. JACOB Sign Up List – Mondays and Wednesdays <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054cabac2aa4f49-summer1>

## Midwest Mission Distribution Center Food Pack Summary

On Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> we came together as a church family to pack meals for the people of Ukraine. In eight hours, we worked together to put together 8,880 bags of food which equals 53,280 meals! THANK YOU, church family, for being on mission together! A special shout out to the students and leaders who came on Friday for the set up; you made hard, heavy work look easy! In the end we had over 80 people come together to for a total of 240 volunteer work hours. WAY TO GO!



## United Methodist Women

Praise God for the Men in our lives this Father's Day. Take time to Celebrate your Family, Church Family and Community this summer. Troy UMW will not be meeting this June or July to allow more freedom for members to plan and participate in family vacations and youth activities. The next Troy UMW meeting will be August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the FLC. We meet routinely at 1:00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month in the church Family Life Center. Any and all women are invited to join us. You need not be a member of our church. We ask only for your support in our general purpose: to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship for women; and to expand the concept of mission for women and children locally, nationally, and globally.

## JOURNEY KIDS

Lots of fun things in store for our kids this summer!

Sunday school will be offered at 9:00am and 10:45am during FLC worship. Nursery will also be available during these times and during the 10:15am sanctuary worship.



Make Waves VBS is July 11-15, 9-noon. Go to <https://www.myvbs.org/TROYUMC/> to register.

Bible Camp June 27-June 30  
for kids who will be in grades 5-7 next school year.  
Beulah The Beginning Camp July 1-July 2  
for kids who will be in grades 2-4 next year.  
Go to <https://www.igrc.org/campsessions> to register.



# NEW LIFE STUDENT MINISTRY

HELLO SUMMER!

We shift gears with summer student ministry opportunities for all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students! We go out locally on Summer Wednesday Nights to share a meal together, experience recreation, participate in serving others, go to a ballgame, take in a show, and more! Plus, we have special opportunities for mission trips, church camp, and a one-day trip to the National Civil Rights Museum.

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 PM in the Rear Parking Lot at Church to catch the Bus – we roll out at 5:45 pm! Completed & parent signed Summer 2022 registration & release of liability form required.

## JUNE WEDNESDAYS!

01 June	Group dinner at Favazza's on the Hill
08 June	Bike Ride on Madison County Trails. Please meet on location: Old Troy Road at Mont Road, Glen Carbon, IL
15 June	Bridge Bread Tour
22 June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Fishing Derby
29 June	St. Louis Cardinals Game \$20 per ticket to be rostered for this trip. Limited seats.

## SUMMER 2021 MISSION TRIPS & SUMMER CAMP

Middle School Students	\$125
June 17-19, 2022	Summer Weekend Retreat at Midwest Mission Distribution Center
<i>Volunteer all day Friday and Saturday morning at MMDC, lodging in dorm, retreat sessions with Harvest Ministry, experience in Springfield, worship Sunday morning &amp; lunch, then return home.</i>	

High School Student Mission Trip	\$425
June 23-28, 2022	Kansas City; based from Clinton, MO
<i>Mission trip to KC to volunteer with community agencies, Amtrak train ride, lodging at Clinton UMC, visit popular KC sites – museums &amp; baseball game, and enjoy world-class BBQ!</i>	

National Civil Right Museum	\$75 per person
Friday, July 8, 2022	Memphis, TN
For High School students, and Middle School Students accompanied by a Parent	
<i>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.</i>	

Epworth Junior / Senior Camp	\$260
July 17-22, 2022	Epworth at Durley Camp near Greenville, IL
Summer Camp for 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade students	
<i>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!</i>	



## CONGRATULATIONS to these additional 2022 College Graduates!

*Claire Ellis* Southern Illinois University Edwardsville B.S. in Psychology  
She is looking for employment before pursuing a graduate school.

*Noah Durbin* St. Louis Christian College B.S. in Bible and Christian Ministry  
He is working with Team Effort this summer, then heading to Asbury Theological Seminary in the fall.

## PARENTS

New Life Student Ministry schedules and registration flyers can be accessed at [troyumc.org/students](https://troyumc.org/students)  
Rev. Kurt Stone is available via email, texts, and phone calls: [kurt@troyumc.org](mailto:kurt@troyumc.org) or (618) 407-7586

## 2022 Confirmation Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>



**Front Row:** Anna Adams, Gavin Woolverton, Brandon Peterson, Nicholas Brault, Addie Field

**Middle Row:** Lilly Durbin, Jack Wilbur, Hannah Lawson, Allison Adomite, Gabe Frazier

**Leaders:** Rex Repp, Marek Rose, Ruby Price, Steve Kraabel, Rev. Kurt Stone, Rev. Dr. Andy Adams

*The stage is set for Confirmation Sunday!*



*The sacrament of Holy Baptism for Hannah Lawson!*





*Confirmation of Jack Wilbur*

*Haleigh Perry confirmed by her grandfather, Rev. Dan Perry*



*Allison Adomite and Addie Field*



*Jack Wilbur, Anna Adams, and Hannah Lawson*



*Lilly Durbin, Haleigh Perry, Gabe Frazier, and Brandon Peterson*



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## JUNE SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
June 12	Connect Lunch (see page 3)
June 17-19	Middle School Summer Weekend Retreat (see page 5)
June 23-28	High School Student Mission Trip (see page 5)
June 26	Membership Class (see page 3)
June 28	Joy Seekers Lunch (see page 3)

### Join Our Staff Team!

We are seeking a new Director of Communications now that our interim, Elizabeth West, is finishing her internship and beginning a new job in her hometown. 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 <http://troyumc.org/jobs> and submit a resume with cover letter to [jobs@troyumc.org](mailto:jobs@troyumc.org)

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