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Summer Events



2020

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| June 5 - 7 | Midwest Mission Distribution Center Retreat \$125
6th - 8th Grade (Middle School) |
| June 8 - 11 | Music & Drama Camp 9:00-11:00am \$30
1st - 5th Grade |
| June 15 - 18 | Beulah Bible Camp \$185
4th - 5th Grade |
| June 16 - 18 | Preschool "Let's Go Camping" Camp 9:00-11:30am \$45
Age 2 - Preschool |
| June 19 - 20 | Beulah Beginnings Camp \$105
1st - 3rd Grade |
| June 20 - 28 | Twin Cities Mission Trip \$400
9th - 12th Grade (High School) |
| June 29 - July 2 | St. Jacob Vacation Bible School Free
9:00-11:30am |
| July 7 - 11 | Beulah Jr. High Alive \$180
6th - 8th Grade |
| July 13-17 | Vacation Bible School 9:00am-12:00pm Free
Age 4 - 5th Grade |
| July 21 - 23 | Preschool "Pirate" Camp 9:00-11:30am \$45
Age 2 - Preschool |
| July 27-31 | Epworth High School Camp \$250
9th - 12th Grade |

Visit troyumc.org/summer for forms and registration information.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

What Exactly is the "Protocol"?

Thank you to everyone who sincerely engaged in prayer and reflection on the Scriptures during our *Holy Sexuality* series. I realize that it wasn't an easy or comfortable topic for most of you. The deep divisions in the United Methodist Church over interpretation and application of the Bible regarding human sexuality will likely lead to some sort of denominational split within the year. With such significant implications, I would be more worried if you took this series lightly! Throughout the series, I often referred to the importance of you being informed because our membership may, at some point, need to decide the direction of our church's future. The proposed "Protocol" could lead to that possibility.

The *Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation* (or "Protocol" for simplicity) is one of many plans that would lead to the breakup of the United Methodist Church, which the delegates to the General Conference will be considering in May. The Protocol, however, has the most traction because it was created through a mediated process with representatives from the leadership of a wide variety of caucuses in the UMC. And those leaders all agreed that they would no longer promote their other suggested plans in favor of the Protocol.

IF the Protocol passes AS IS (these are two HUGE qualifiers!), it would mean the creation of a new "traditionalist" Methodist denomination that would retain the United Methodist Church's current stance on human sexuality – that all same-sex sexual practice is contrary to the teaching of the Bible and therefore the church. Financial provision would be made for this new denomination and Annual Conferences throughout the world would be able to vote to move into this new denomination. If an Annual Conference either doesn't vote, or cannot achieve 57% approval, then it would, by default, remain part of the "post-separation" UMC (psUMC). The understanding of the Protocol is that the psUMC would change its position on human sexuality to affirm same-sex marriage and ordination of sexually active LGBTQ clergy. Each Annual Conference would have one year to move into the new traditionalist denomination or remain in the psUMC.

Once the Annual Conference decides, that becomes the default alignment of each local church within that Annual Conference. If our Annual Conference makes a decision our church council (elected lay-leadership of our church) is comfortable with, then our church would not be required to vote. If, however, our Annual Conference aligns in a way our church council is not comfortable with, they can call for a vote of our church's entire membership. We would then enter into a process with our District Superintendent to communicate the options and take the subsequent vote. Such a vote would need to occur within four years of the Protocol passing or we would remain with our Annual Conference's denominational alignment.

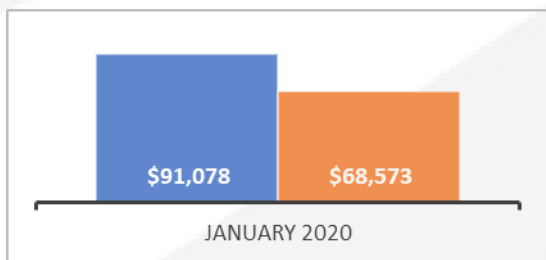
Furthermore, every bishop and ordained pastor would need to choose to align with either the new traditionalist denomination or the psUMC. There are many more details that you can read about on this helpful FAQ: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/protocol-of-reconciliation-and-grace-through-separation-faq>. Rest assured that the church council and I will keep you informed with any new developments. But, most importantly, please continue praying for our denomination and our church as we put ourselves in the best position to continue inviting people on a journey with Jesus!

Faithfully,

Andy

STRATEGIC STATS

General Budget



■ General Budget Income ■ General Budget Expenses

Worship Services	January Average	2019 Averages
8:00am	43	47
9:00am	174	142
10:15am	128	129
10:45am	78	73
Sunday Children	89	62
Wednesday Youth	53	37
St. Jacob 10:15am	14	14
*Worship & Prayer Night (1/8)	51	
Total Weekly Worship	578	541

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

Introducing Anna Belmonte – Director of Communications

Welcome Anna Belmonte! Anna is a 2018 graduate of McKendree University with a degree in Professional Writing and Rhetoric and a minor in Public Relations. She brings to the table experience in digital media and communication but, more importantly, a genuine love for Jesus and His church. Anna began her role as Director of Communications on February 10. She is responsible for the church's internal and external communications, such as social media, print media, newsletters, the website, and the introduction of a new church app that will roll out in the next few months. In her free time, Anna likes to take long walks, listen to podcasts, and cuddle with her calico cat. Please welcome Anna in person or by email at anna@troyumc.org.

Dinner Church

Dinner Church has kicked off, and we are excited to be serving the community of St. Jacob and the larger Troy UMC body. You are invited to join us in a unique worship service and relaxed setting. We will be meeting every Sunday evening through April 5th at the St. Jacob Activity Center (108 N Douglas St) in St. Jacob IL. From 6 to 7:15 pm. You will have an opportunity to share in a meal while watching that morning's message from the current message series. We are currently in the "Strength for the Storms of Life" series that will run through March 15th. Then we will kick off with the "Just Easter" series that will run from March 22nd through April 5th. The "Just Easter" series will end with an invite to our Easter Celebration on April 12th at Troy UMC. We would love to have you join us for a meal while sharing the love of Jesus to the community of St. Jacob. For more info check out troyumc.org/dinnerchurch.

United Methodist Women

The March day meeting of the Troy United Methodist Women will be Thursday, March 12th from 1:00-3:00pm in the Family Life Center. The guest speaker will be Julie Tracy from Equipping the Called followed by our yearly "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" program by Jennifer Zahn. A special offering will be taken for this yearly program. The evening Fellowship Circle will meet at 7:00pm in Room 241. All women are invited to come and be a part of our local and global mission outreach.

Troy United Methodist Sightseers (age 55+)

The March TUMS trip is scheduled for March 22nd at the Alton Little Theatre to see Holy Laughter. There are 25 tickets available for \$20 each. Tickets must be paid for in cash by March 6th. The bus will leave at 12:15pm. The show starts at 2:00pm, and doors open at 1:00pm. You can't reserve seats. Dinner will be determined later. Please call Mark or Carolyn Parker at (618) 667-3255 or (618) 971-7202.

Easter Drama - *Hey! That's My Donkey*

Come see *Hey! That's My Donkey*, presented by the T.U.M.C. Drama Team on Friday, April 3rd, at 7:00pm. and Sunday, April 5th, at 3:00pm. *Hey! That's My Donkey* is the story of the man who owned the donkey that Christ rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Issachar was a man who only cared about money. So when Rachel, his wife, generously loans their donkey to Jesus' disciples for the Master's use, Issachar is furious and is determined to get it back. In his attempt to retrieve his animal, he unknowingly enters into a plot with Judas and the Pharisees to kill Jesus. There is no charge for admission. There will be a free will offering. Both performances will be held in the Family Life Center. Light refreshments will be served after the play. Doors open one half hour before show time. Come join us on Palm Sunday weekend for *Hey! That's My Donkey*.

GROW



Care Pastor
Rev. Dan Perry

GriefShare Group Coming Soon

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

One participant who attended GriefShare said, "Going to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you're shivering."

Troy UMC will begin a GriefShare group to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

Sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome Stations or in the office and the first session will begin March 19 at 6pm. For more details contact Christine (christine@troyumc.org) or Pastor Dan (dan@troyumc.org).



SERVE

Work Day - March 21st

The trustees will be holding a work day at Troy Methodist Fields on March 21st from 8:00am-12:00pm to cut down trees around the outfield fences. One need is for people with chainsaws to help take them down and cut them up. There is also a need for people to help haul the limbs to a designated spot on the property.

In addition to the work going on back at the fields on March 21st, we are looking for volunteers to help do a deep clean of our kitchen in the Family Life Center at the same time.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this work day, please contact Sharie, sharie@troyumc.org or (618) 667-6241, or sign up at the office.

Opportunities to Serve on Sunday

There are many behind-the-scenes roles that have to happen on Sundays at Troy UMC! You may not know that there are more than 100 people serving in 40 distinct hospitality, tech, and other Sunday morning roles each and every week. Serving is not only a way to use your gifts and a way to connect with others at church, but it's also a scriptural mandate. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)

To give you an example, here are some current positions that you could step into – if you're interested in serving, contact Tim at tim@troyumc.org.

- Operate the computer at 8:00 am service (roughly one Sunday a month)
- Serve as an usher for one of the four services
- Operate the computer/video during the modern services in the Family Life Center (one Sunday per month, 7:45 am – 11:45 am)
- Parking ministry team member (two or more Sundays per month)

SHARE - MISSION

Ministries Unlimited Serving Opportunity

Betty Cothran, a member of Troy United Methodist Church and director of our local food pantry for over 18 years, will be stepping back from some of her responsibilities over the next several months. The Ministries Unlimited Board would love to connect with anyone who feels called to serve as a "co-director" or to consider growing into a leadership role overseeing the Christmas food and gift distribution, which regularly ministers to over 500 people each year. Please join us in thanking God for Betty, for her transition this year, and for God to raise up the right leaders to see this ministry into the future. For more information, contact Betty at (618) 505-5053.

Remember Troy United Methodist Church in Your Will

Our time in this world won't last forever, but our influence can. As you plan for the future, prayerfully consider tithing 10% of your estate to the church for which Jesus gave his life. Your gift can make a long term impact for generations to come.

Mowers and Volunteers Needed at Troy Methodist Fields

Spring is fast approaching, and our ball fields at the Troy Methodist Fields will once again be filled with kids from all over the Metro East. We always need extra volunteers to help keep the facility and fields in great shape for the thousands of people who will visit. It is one of the ways we help those visiting experience the hospitality our church is known for. One of our greatest needs is additional mowers to help keep the fields in shape for the hundreds of games that will be played this year. Please contact David Roderick, david@troyumc.org, if you would like to help or to get more information.

Join the Quilters

Experienced or just wanting to learn quilters are invited to join the quilters group. They meet every Tuesday morning from 9:00am-12:00pm in room 247 near the Upper Family Life Center. Be a blessing to someone by creating a keepsake. If you are interested in joining just show up.

JOURNEY KIDS

The Light Kids Conference will be held at Troy UMC on Saturday, March 28th, from 9:00am-2:00pm. All first-fifth graders from our church (and any friends in those grades) are welcome to register and attend this awesome day! Children will enjoy music (with Harvest), a thirty foot inflatable obstacle course, Bible Buzz, Shout Co! Puppets, Pizza lunch, and Bible teaching around the theme of MOVE (Joshua, Ruth and The Disciples). The cost for Troy UMC children is \$20 for the event. Please return your registration form to Christine with checks made to Troy UMC. If you have any questions, email christine@troyumc.org.

Families please join us for the **Rise Up With Jesus Easter Event on Thursday, April 9th from 6:00-8:00pm**. Discover what really happened on that bright, sunny morning long ago when Jesus' friends went to visit his body...and discovered the miracle of the resurrection. Kids and families will experience the true joy and excitement of Easter as they make their way through the interactive stations of Rise Up with Jesus.



Director of Children's Ministry
Christine Lippert

Save the Date: July 13-17

Focus Vacation Bible School

Get ready for your **VERY BEST SUMMER** in 2020! **FOCUS VBS** will help kids dive deeper into their faith by putting the **FOCUS** on God and His amazing plan for us. Your preschoolers through preteens will have a blast as they discover how to trust in what they **CAN'T** see because of what they **CAN** see.



WORSHIP

Strength for the Storms of Life

Everyone faces “storms” in life. If you haven’t experienced any storms yet, they will come. Jesus told his followers that *God gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust, too* (Matthew 5:45). This series isn’t about dwelling on the inevitable storms approaching, but rather to prepare for them. It’s always a temptation to let things happen and hope that the storms will not hit too close to home or that they will simply pass us by. Over the next several weeks, you will be pointed to God, the source of our *Strength for the Storms of Life*.



February 16th – When Your Life is Out of Control

February 23rd – When Your Loved One Dies

March 1st – When You’re Overwhelmed

March 8th – When Your Heart is Broken

March 15th – When You’re Disillusioned

Worship Schedule Highlights:

February 26th, 6:30pm – Ash Wednesday Service

Join us for the beginning of Lent – a 40 day (not including Sundays) time of repentance and “putting to death” those things that often distract us from putting our full attention on Jesus. You’re invited for worship, reflection, Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes in our Family Life Center.

March 1st, 9:00am – Preschool Sunday

We will be honoring the ministry of our 1st Step Learning Center by welcoming all preschool families and hearing the children sing during our 9am worship service. You won’t want to miss it!

March 29th – “Family” Sunday

Children three years and above will worship with their family on March 29th. We will offer a special children’s moment in each worship service. No children’s ministry will be offered, but nursery is still available between 8:45am and 12:00pm.

You have a special invitation to attend one of the evening Fire-Up Worship Services this weekend!

We would love anyone from the church join us:

Friday, February 21 at 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 22 at 7:30 pm.

The speaker, DJ Dangerfield, is from Chanute, KS and has been a Fire-Up speaker before. DJ is the Sr. Pastor of First Baptist of Chanute and also speaks for various ministries and events all over the nation. Harvest recently led worship with DJ for a local church revival and we were reminded again of his passion and easy-going style for presenting solid truths. This past summer, I (Tim Price) had a chance to meet up with DJ in Kansas and took a look at his church building, their downtown coffee house and radio station, and the community in which he serves. He’s in the trenches of ministry to the next generation, and we’re praying for him this weekend.



Minister of Modern Worship Arts
Tim Price

When you attend a worship service during Fire-Up, we invite you to do these things: 1) Come help add some energy and excitement in worship with your presence, 2) pray (quietly while you’re here) for students, the speaker, the message, and the response times, 3) be expectant that God may speak to you through these messages and 4) see what it’s all about and join us in this focus of reaching students in the name of Jesus. We’re praying for God’s spirit to fill this place and to bring revival through Fire-Up.

Troy UMC has hosted this High School retreat weekend for 24 years in a row, and thousands of students have been through these doors over the years. We’re praying for another awesome year and praying specifically for the 130-140 students and leaders who will be here for the 2020 event. A huge thanks to the church for helping with the weekend, donating refreshments, providing lunch and dinner, serving in tech, security, teaching, leading, hosting, praying and supporting the conference over the years. www.fire-up.org

NEW LIFE STUDENT MINISTRY

Troy UMC's New Life Student Ministry (NLSM) provides each student opportunities to journey with Jesus through worship, engaging the Scriptures, sharing meals together, and serving others. Student ministries include Sunday Morning Classes, Wednesday Nights Youth Group, and monthly special events – service projects, conferences, and recreation. Come and see these opportunities during March!

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

Student Classes are taught by a terrific team of adult leaders: Mickey Jackson and Noah Durbin (freshman at SWIC) lead the high school class, while the middle school is led by Sharon Jackson, Carol Sisson, and Marissa Story (freshman at SIUe).

FAITH – Unit 1: Suffering Comes to All

March 1st	Genesis 3:8-24	Expulsion from the Garden
March 8th	Matthew 26:36-46	Jesus in Gethsemane
March 15th	Numbers 21:4-9	The Israelites in the Wilderness
March 22nd	Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus in the Wilderness
March 29th	2 Kings 25:8-21	The People of Judah are Exiled



Associate Pastor - Student Ministry
Rev. Kurt Stone

Wednesday Night Youth Group

Wednesday Night schedule:

- 5:00-5:55pm Sr. High Praise Band Rehearsals – Sanctuary
- 5:15-5:55pm Jr. Praise Band Rehearsals – Youth Area
- 6:00-6:25pm Snack Supper each Wednesday
- 6:30-8:00pm Worship, Small Groups, Activity, & Closing Circle Prayer – Sanctuary

During Lent, students will be learning and practicing to pray for others with the use of Pray for Me: The Power in Praying for Others by Kenneth H. Carter Jr. (Upper Room Books: Nashville, 2011).

March 2020 Special Events

Service Project: Ministries Unlimited – Middle School Students

Saturday, March 8th | 8:00am-12:00pm | RSVP + no fee

Meet at Troy UMC, volunteer at local Troy food pantry, and enjoy a quick lunch!

Confirmation Class: Spring Weekend Retreat – Little Grassy UM Camp, Makanda, IL

March 13-15th | Depart Friday; Return at 5pm for Family Sunday Dinner | RSVP + \$125

Service Project: Restore Decor – High School Students

Friday, March 20th | 3:45-8:00pm | RSVP + no fee

Meet at Troy UMC, paint furniture for local Edwardsville ministries, and enjoy dinner at Freddy's!

Middle schoolers pictured to the right during the trip to Steinberg Skating Rink.



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

Please contact Rev. Kurt Stone with student ministry questions: kurt@troyumc.org or (618) 407-7586.

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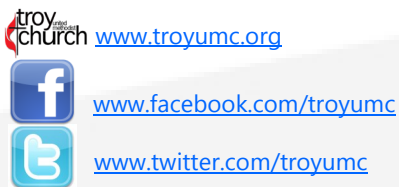
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Sunday School

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

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

- 1 On Ramp 12:00-3:00pm (Upper Family Life Center)
- 2 Trustees Meeting 7:00pm (Conference Room)
- 3 Sew Much Joy 10:00am-2:00pm (Jane Johnson's home)
- 3 Easter Drama Practice 6:30-8:00pm (Children's Area)
- 5 Easter Drama Practice 6:30-8:00pm (Children's Area)
- 6 United Methodist Women World Day of Prayer Service & Lunch 10:00am (Family Life Center)
- 7 Upward Games 8:00am-2:00pm (Family Life Center)
- 7 Middle School Service Project (Ministries Unlimited)
- 10 Easter Drama Practice 6:30-8:00pm (Family Life Center)
- 11 Worship & Prayer Night 6:30pm (Family Life Center)
- 12 United Methodist Women Meeting 1:00-3:00pm (Family Life Center)
- 12 Easter Drama Practice 6:30-8:00pm (Family Life Center)
- 13-15 Confirmation Class Retreat (Little Grassy)
- 16 Church Council Meeting 7:00pm (Rehearsal Room)
- 17 Sew Much Joy 10:00am-2:00pm (Jane Johnson's home)
- 19 Chicks with Sticks 3:00-4:30pm (Room 241)
- 19 Easter Drama Practice 6:30-8:00pm (Family Life Center)
- 20 High School Service Project (Restore Decore)
- 24 Preschool Family Night 6:30pm (Family Life Center)
- 24 Easter Drama Practice 6:30-8:00pm (Children's Area)
- 26 Easter Drama Practice 6:30-8:00pm (Family Life Center)
- 28 Light Kids Conference 9:00am-2:00pm (Family Life Center)
- 28 Easter Drama Practice 3:00-6:00pm (Family Life Center)
- 29 Membership Class 12:00-2:00pm (Upper Family Life Center)
- 29 Easter Drama Practice 3:00-8:00pm (Family Life Center)
- 30 Easter Drama Practice 6:30-9:00pm (Family Life Center)

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