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INVITING PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS.

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New Series beginning in May!

When you are exploring a beautiful city, you don't have time to visit every shop, restaurant, or site. However, if you follow a good travel guide and visit the most important places, you can get a feel for the depths of a city's history and culture. You can feel like you've been there, and you know where everything else is in relation to the key landmarks. We can approach the Bible similarly. By learning the overarching story of the Bible from several essential scripture passages, you can know your way around the story of God. Beginning May 1st, we will begin a 20-week, four series tour of key landmarks in the Bible. Our first stops will lay the *Foundations* for the rest of our adventure!

- May 1 - Image Bearers – Genesis 1:26–28, 31
- May 8 – Blessed to be a Blessing – Genesis 12:1-3
- May 15 – Walking in God's Way – Genesis 18:19
- May 22 – Kingdom Representatives – Exodus 19:3-6
- May 29 – Passing it On – Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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

We just finished up our **expanded Holy Week** with an amazing Easter celebration! These last four weeks have been very meaningful for me as our worship team brought an important part of Holy Week to you each Sunday. I loved sharing the Last Supper with each of you as you came up front to receive Jesus' body and blood broken and shed for us. I was overwhelmed by the power of the cross as you laid your sin before Jesus and received his love and grace. And this Easter was especially moving for me since it's the first Resurrection Sunday since my father passed away. I hope "Holy Month" was as significant for you as it was for me!

I do want to provide a brief **update from our Transition Team**. This team was established by our church council to investigate all options and make recommendations for our church's future to best fulfill our mission as we navigate turbulent times in our denomination. So far, our team of eight has been engaged in "information gathering." We have met with a leader representing each the Free Methodist Church, the Wesleyan Church, and the United Methodist Church. Next week we will meet with a leader from the newly forming Global Methodist Church too. Furthermore, several members of our team attended one of several online informational presentations made by our bishop designed to aid the many churches like ours who are discerning the best course for our future. Each of these meetings have been very helpful, but I want to emphasize, *no decisions have been made*. Soon we will seek input from the congregation and then share all the information with our Church Council. Once the Council has discerned our preferred course of action and establishes a timeline, we will share specifics with the congregation, and if necessary, schedule a time for a vote of our church members.

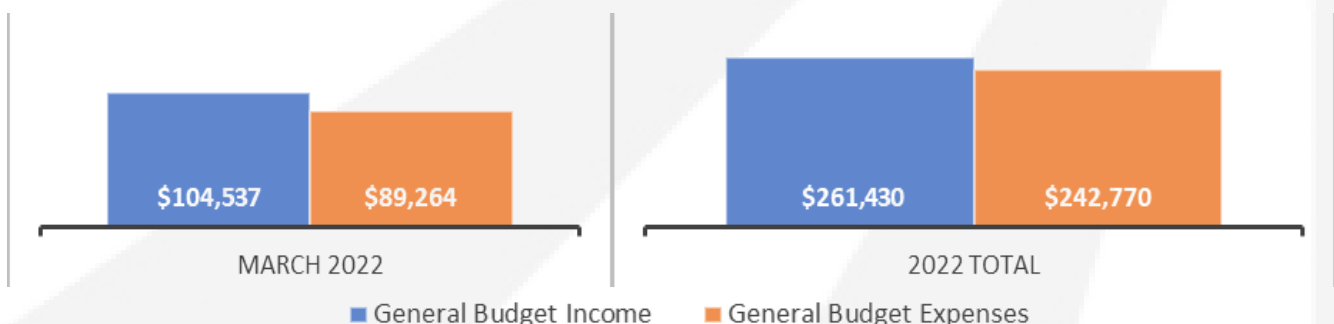
In some ways I've felt like my work on projects for the Transition Team have been a distraction from this meaningful time of journeying to the cross. However, amid our Holy month and the transition team's work, God whispered to my heart the eternal truth of Jesus' words foreshadowing his death and resurrection: *Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.* (John 12:24) This reminded me that all good things are worth suffering for, when I die to myself and my desires, God will bear much fruit in me and through me, and I cannot experience resurrection without first experiencing death.

I invite you to continue praying and fasting (particularly on Wednesdays) for our church and transition team. Ask God to lead us in his way and illuminate the path forward!

Faithfully,

Andy

General Budget



CONNECT

Joy Seekers Lunch

For our May JOY SEEKER's lunch, our theme will be a Racing theme. In our planning meeting, one of the comments was, *"Ladies we have to throw a bone to the men once in a while!"*

For our May lunch gathering, Carol Mercurio is in charge of the table decorations and Rita Brandt is our greeter.

To register for the May lunch, please call the church office by May 19th. Thank you for your donation of \$10 each to help cover our food expenses.



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.

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.

Mother's Day Bouquets

This Mother's Day, instead of shopping last-minute at the grocery store, pre-order your mom's flowers today! Journey of Hope, a new crisis maternity home in O'Fallon, is offering fresh bouquets provided by a local grower. In addition to celebrating the special lady in your life, your purchase will also support moms in need at Journey of Hope.

To order, visit www.journeyofhopehome.org/mothersday. Orders and payment due no later than Sunday, April 24.



United Methodist Women

Happy Mother's Day! Praise God for the Women and Children in our lives. As God renews life around us this spring: take time to renew your life routines, your faith, your place in the community, and your representation for the glories of God around you. Join us at 1p.m. Thursday, May 12th, when Troy UMW will be visiting one of our local missions: "Equipping the Called: The Foster Closet" at 2816 N. Center St., Maryville, IL 62062. This is a great not for profit location that provides clothes, toiletries, and other necessities for foster children. What many don't realize is that these parents may have a less than a 24-hour notice of a new child arriving. Imagine how difficult it is caring for an infant without a crib, diapers, or a bottle. TUMW also plans to meet for lunch somewhere in the area around 11:30. If you want to join us, contact Libby Gregg to find out where we will be eating (lgregg129@gmail.com).

SERVE

Join the Lawn Care Team!

We are looking for volunteers to help with lawn work at the church! If you like to do yard work, the church could use your help to keep our grounds looking their best. It would take only a couple of hours about every 4-6 weeks. We estimate that the lawn volunteers save the church over \$10,000 per year! If you are interested, please contact Sharie in the church office for more information.

Troy & St. Jacob Summer Lunch Program

This summer we will again be doing a summer lunch program in both 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. 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 reach out to bonnie@troyumc.org.

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

All 6th-12th grade students are invited to be on a journey with Jesus! Troy UMC's New Life Student Ministry serves middle and high school students through opportunities for worshipping God, engaging the Scriptures, and serving others. Come and see, join us for these May events!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

6:00-7:45 pm Snack Dinner, Worship, Small Groups, and Activity in the Family Life Center

"NEVER GIVE UP": A series about Resilience

04 May	2 Timothy 4:11	The life of John Mark	Never give up on others.
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"NOT TOO YOUNG" and "ONLY THE YOUNG: A series about Being Young

11 May	1 Timothy 1:5; 4:12	Own your faith.
18 May	1 Timothy 6:20; 4:12	You can be an example.
25 May	1 Timothy 5:1-2; 4:12	An older/wiser adult can make your life better.

GIRLS CONFERENCE!

Sunday, 01 May 2022

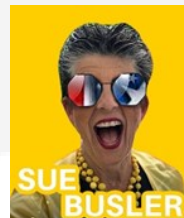
3:00 – 7:00 PM at Troy UMC - Family Life Center

All High School & Middle School Girls

RSVP + \$30 – hardcopy forms,

or online registration available via harvestministryteams.com

Worship with Speaker: Sue Busler, refreshments, experience stations, dinner



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Welcome our Troy United Methodist Church confirmation students!

2021 – Jack Wilbur

2022 - Anna Adams, Allison Adomite, Nicholas Brault, Lilly Durbin, Addie Field, Gabe Frazier, Hannah Lawson, Haleigh Perry, Brandon Peterson, Gavin Woolverton

Special Thanks to Confirmation Leaders: *Steve Kraabel, Claire Ellis, Ruby Price, Rex Repp, and Marek Rose*

Appreciation to Spring Retreat Family Dinner Coordinator: *Tammy Kraabel*

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 GRADUATES!

High School Graduates

Edwardsville High School: *Lucas Greer, Matthew Greer, and Ben Ottwein*

Triad High School: *Elise Bruce, Jackson Buck, Caleb Durbin, Samantha Niehaus, and Ian Olson*

College Graduates

<i>Beau Barbour</i>	Illinois College	B.S. in Mathematics
<i>Ryan Holcomb</i>	Missouri University Science & Technology	B.S. in Mechanical Engineering
<i>Zach Kraabel</i>	Spring Arbor University (MI)	B.S. in Mathematics & Finance
<i>Daniel Stone</i>	AbleLight College Special Ed Program at Concordia University Wisconsin	

Post Graduate

Bonnie Abel	Eden Theological Seminary	Master of Divinity
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SUMMER 2022 TRIPS & CAMP

Middle School Students June 17-19, 2022	\$125 Summer Weekend Retreat at Midwest Mission Distribution Center
High School Student Mission Trip June 23-28, 2022	\$425 Kansas City; based from Clinton, MO
National Civil Right Museum Friday, July 8, 2022	\$TBD Memphis, TN
Day Trip for High School students, and Middle School Students accompanied by a Parent	
Epworth Junior / Senior Camp July 17-22, 2022	\$260 Epworth Camp in Greenville, IL
Summer Camp for 6 th – 12 th grade students	

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

Confirmation Class Spring Weekend Retreat

Little Grassy Camp, Giant City State Park, Ferne Clyffe State Park, Jesus Es El Senor UMC, and Bald Knob Cross





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MAY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
May 1	Girl's Conference (see page 5)
May 5	Troy Community Prayer (back page)
May 12	United Methodist Women Monthly Meeting (see pg. 3)
May 24	Joy Seekers Lunch (see page 3)

TROY COMMUNITY PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 5, AT 7:00 A.M. IN
THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER AT TROY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 A.M.
THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

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