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BAPTISM SUNDAY

One Worship Service
September 1st, 2019 @ 10am

Don't miss Labor Day weekend at Troy United Methodist Church. We will be celebrating God's gift of new life in Christ on this special Baptism Sunday! We will worship together, remember Jesus' sacrifice with the Lord's Supper, hear testimonies of God's grace at work in everyday people's lives, and witness child and adult baptisms as well as baptism remembrances. Truly, this is not a Sunday you will want to be away.

Baptism is a "sacrament" in the United Methodist Church. A sacrament is a "sacred moment" within the life of the church. It is sacred for those being baptized, but it is also a sacred moment for the entire church as we witness God's goodness afresh and remember our own baptism. In baptism, we believe that God's mysterious grace pours out on us and he claims us as his own regardless of anything we have done or not done to deserve his love. Baptism is a public declaration of the lordship of Jesus in our lives.

People sometimes ask me (Pastor Andy) about our beliefs on **infant vs. adult baptism**. There are two important parts of baptism: God's part and our part. I mentioned God's part above. God pours out his undeserved grace on us and claims us as his own. Our part is the active receiving of God's grace which takes place when we surrender as much as we know of ourselves to as much as we know of God. In older children and adult baptism, those more or less happen simultaneously. In infant or young child baptism, we emphasize God's part. God's work in baptism is done, but children must still choose to receive that grace of God as their own as they grow and mature. Within the church we have a process to aid that decision making called **confirmation**. In fact we're beginning that process again this fall for 7th and 8th graders (see page 11)! Of course, it is possible that you were baptized as a child but during your journey with Jesus you either missed confirmation or you never fully surrendered your life to his lordship. In the United Methodist Church we also make provision for such instances by having a "remembrance of baptism." We don't need to "re-baptize" because God's part is already complete! But it is very helpful for us to affirm or reaffirm our part as we celebrate and remember God's continued grace in our lives.

If you would still like to participate in our Baptism Sunday on September 1st, or you are interested in baptism at a later date, please contact Andy, andy@troyumc.org.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

Nominating Servant Leaders

It's that time of year again! The time has come to prayerfully consider those among us who will serve in administrative leadership at Troy United Methodist Church. It is a significant responsibility and we have been blessed with tremendous servant leaders. Every fall, we hold a "charge conference" to formally approve our budget, elect leaders, and affirm those called to ordained or lay ministry within our congregation. This year, **our charge conference will be held at Troy UMC on Saturday, November 9th at 4pm.** In preparation, our lay leadership team will be meeting at the end of September to pray for, discuss and deploy potential leaders onto the following teams:



Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Andy Adams

- Church Council – the highest decision-making body of the church – gifts of leadership, administration, discernment are helpful
- Staff Parish – the "Human Resources" group of the church – gifts of administration and encouragement as well as experience in HR is helpful
- Trustees – tasked with overseeing the management of the church building and property – gifts of administration, helps and craftsmanship are helpful
- Finance – overseeing the church's finances – gifts of administration and faith as well as experience in bookkeeping, accounting or other financial fields is helpful
- Lay Leadership – helps assess and deploy church members to serve on the above teams – gifts of discernment and wisdom as well as a knowledge of many members is helpful

If you are a member of Troy UMC, then you have an important role in our process of identifying potential servant leaders for these teams. If you know of a member (including yourself) whose gifts and experiences make him or her a good fit for one of these teams, **please submit his or her name along with your rationale to me before Sunday, September 22nd.** Browse our current leadership roll (page 4) as you consider your recommendations!

Of course gifts and experience are helpful, but of greater importance is a heart for God and strong character. Please consider some of these biblical qualifications for servant leadership to help you make recommendations for our church.

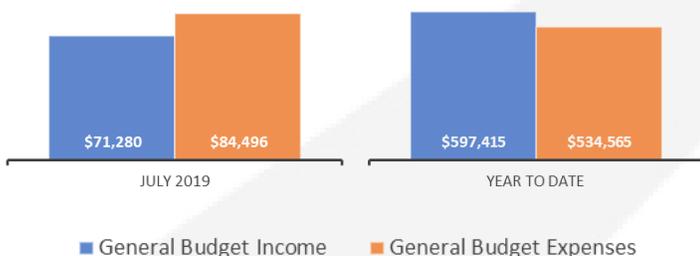
1. Not a brand-new believer (1 Timothy 3:6)
2. Displays growing spiritual maturity (Titus 1:8)
3. Humble, self-controlled, and hospitable (1 Timothy 3:2)
4. Generous with finances (1 Timothy 3:3)
5. Stable and respectable home life (1 Timothy 3:4-5)
6. Exhibits a tamed tongue (James 1:26; Titus 3:2)

I look forward to receiving your recommendations. It is an honor and joy to serve alongside such great people as we continue *Inviting people on a journey with Jesus!*

Faithfully, *Andy*

STRATEGIC STATS

General Budget



Worship Services	June Average	2019 Average
8:00am	46	47
9:00am	119	141
10:15am	108	129
10:45am	64	79
Sunday Children	64	59
Wednesday Youth	13	30
St. Jacob 10:15am	13	15
Total Weekly Worship	410	508

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

United Methodist Women

The September UMW meeting will be held Thursday, September 12th from 1:00-3:00pm in the Family Life Center. The guest speaker will be a representative from The Covering House. The evening Fellowship Circle will meet at 7:00pm in Room 241. Please come be a part of fellowship, food, and faith. Please mark your calendar for UMW Sunday which will be September 15th!

Troy United Methodist Sightseers (age 55+)

The T.U.M.S. will be September 8th to the Price Family Jamboree. The church bus will be leaving at 4:00pm. The price for this trip is \$28 which includes the bus fee as well as a family style chicken dinner at Castelli's Restaurant. To sign up for this trip contact Gerry Lentz at (618) 346-0714.



St. Jacob Ministry Leader
Clint Benesh

What is Dinner Church?

Dinner Church is a unique worship service for the people who might not fit the typical Sunday morning worship service. Do you work late Saturday nights or even Sunday mornings? Are you new to church and nervous about going to a church because of unknown expectations? Were you out of town over the weekend and missed the Sunday morning message? Do you want to enjoy a meal around a table with friends and family while hearing a biblical message relevant to your everyday life? If you said yes to any of these questions... Dinner Church is for YOU!

When: Sunday evenings in October and November from 6:00pm - 7:15pm

Where: St. Jacob Activity Center: 108 Jacob St. St. Jacob IL 62281



Join a Dinner Group!

Last year many people in our church enjoyed meeting new people in a laid back "Dinner Group." Dinner Groups are a great way to get to know others at and get connected. The goal of Dinner Groups is for approximately eight people to get to know each other and simply share meals together three or four times (hopefully once per month) between September and December. There is no pressure or any other agenda! Do you prefer eating at restaurants or would you rather contribute to a potluck at someone's home? Do you need a group that includes children or would you prefer an adults only group? Communicate these preferences when you sign up and we will do our best to match you with a group of similar preferences. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Centers. You can also call register online: troyumc.org/dinnergroups or by calling the church office.

Connections Cards & Serving Opportunities

When filling out connections cards, **please write legibly** so we can make sure to reach you and get you connected to the appropriate person/people for your respective likes, skills and talents! *(Please include email and phone number at a minimum)*

SERVE

Congregational Care

Our Congregational Care Ministry exists to come alongside those in our church family during seasons of sorrow, sickness, and setbacks. This shows up in a number of ministries that are largely unseen, yet very significant. These ministries range from hospital and shut-in visits, and even meals for brief periods of time. We endeavor to minister to those who are grieving by joining them in their immediate sorrow and follow up after their loss. Our Care Ministry is something we value and want to instill throughout the whole church. We cherish our calling to care for one another and hope to help many in our Troy UMC family to feel a sense of love and care that is usually only felt by members of much smaller churches. If you'd like more info. about our Care Ministry contact Pastor Dan at dan@troyumc.org or (618) 667-6241.

Troy United Methodist Church 2020 Administrative Committees

Church Council

Church Council Chairperson	Mike Loftus	<u>2020</u>
Recording Secretary	Heather Wickersham	
Senior Pastor	Andy Adams	
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Don Satterlee	
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Terri Satterlee	
Lay Leader		
Treasurer	Becky Rushing	<u>2020</u>
Financial Secretary	George Johnson	
Bookkeeper	Greg Symons	
Staff Parish Relations Chairperson	Leonard Jenkins	
Committee on Finance Chairperson		
Board of Trustees Chairperson	Matt Reiter	
First Step Board Chairperson	Lisa Rayle	
Scouting Coordinator	Carl Inman	
UMW Representative	Libby Gregg	
UMM Representative	Don Satterlee	
Missions Team Representative	Becky Luebbert	
Youth Representative	Braden Bruce	
Youth Representative		
Staff Members (ex-officio, without vote):		
Office Manager	Sharie Meyer	
Associate Pastor - Student Ministry	Kurt Stone	
Associate Pastor - Outreach & Mission	David Roderick	

Staff Parish Relations Committee

<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Pam Ramsey	
Becky Luebbert	
Laura Michael	

Board of Trustees

<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Mike Donoho	
Rick Lechner	
David Rayle	

Committee on Finance

Chairperson	
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Trustees Representative	Matt Reiter
Staff	Sharie Meyer

Church Council Members at Large

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cheri Towner	Sheila Hall	
Mark Kleindorfer	David VanMiddendorp	

Committee on Finance Members At Large

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Keith Bryant	Jeanie Parsons	
Wendy Tipton	Andy Shubert	
Lesley Frazier	Cathleen Rutz	
	Scott Niehaus	

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Michelle Simms	Julie Ford	
Carrie Cushing	LaDean Scheurer	
Bob Reinneck	Mary Kennett	

First Step Learning Center Preschool Board

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Linda Heinritz	Ruth Aylsworth	
Tessa Patterson	Jaime Hernandez	

Missions Team

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Barb Buck	Carol Block	
Lisa Graves	Becky Luebbert	

Journey Group FAQ's

What is an adult Journey Group?

*Journey groups are made up of people who meet on a regular basis to **connect** relationally, **grow** spiritually, and **serve** collectively with one another.*

What kind of Journey Groups are available?

There are three types of Journey Groups. Sunday Morning groups who meet year-round. Ongoing Journey groups who meet the fall and spring semesters. And Short-term Journey Groups who meet the duration of a specific study. At the end of each session, you will have the choice of staying in the same group, trying a new group or even taking a break. Most groups do stay together throughout the entire year.

Why should I join a Journey Group?

We were designed by God to live in relationship with others. Positive life-change happens best when we are surrounded by friends who support, encourage and challenge us. Journey Groups will help you feel like you belong in the Troy UMC family.

When and where do Journey Groups meet?

We offer groups that meet at various days and times at church and off site in homes throughout the region.

Who can attend?

Everyone! Members, attenders, Christ-followers and spiritual seekers! Most of our groups are mixed groups (open to men, women, married and single). We also have a men's group, a women's group and a young adult group.

What happens in a group?

In Journey Groups we build lasting friendships through a commitment to being 1) God-centered through some form of Bible study, 2) Authentic through sharing of the joys and concerns of life, and 3) Inclusive by welcoming everyone seeking godly community. Groups will often eat together, pray together and simply do life together.

Will I feel intimidated by my lack of Biblical knowledge?

Not at all! Our Journey Groups are designed to be a safe place for people who are taking steps to deepen their knowledge of God's Word. You can ask questions, share your opinions and experiences or just listen to others share.

Is childcare available?

On-campus groups do offer some childcare options. Off campus groups make their own arrangements for childcare based on the priorities of each group.

How can I get involved?

Before each semester begins, there are three ways to sign up for a group – online at www.troyumc.org/journeygroups, at our Sunday services, or by contacting a group leader. There will be three sign-up weekends (August 25, September 1 & 8) before starting the fall studies. You will be able to view study materials and sign-up. You can also reach out to Deb Ellis, our Journey Group Coordinator. She is happy to help you find the perfect fit. She can be reached at debsellis@sbcglobal.net.

Fall 2019 Journey Groups Kickoff the week of September 9th!

Welcome to the fall semester! Journey Groups offer a safe environment for growing Christ-followers to experience spiritual growth, relational support and lasting life change! There is a variety of topic options as well as range of locations and times to best fit your interest and schedule. Please take time to review the choices and sign up for the Journey Group that's best for you.

Sunday Morning Journey Groups

Sunday morning Journey groups are ongoing and meet year-round. You are welcome to join any week.

Matters of Life & Faith

Leader: Rev. Kurt Stone, kurt@troyumc.org

Date: Sundays, 8:00 – 9:00am / *Ongoing study – join any time!*

Meeting Place: Troy UMC, Conference Room

Homework: Light

Study Length: Ongoing

Childcare: No

This class uses The Christian Century magazine for readings and conversations for "thinking critically and living faithfully". Also included is a gospel text each week – so don't forget your Bible. This class is ideal for 9:00am worship attenders! This is an ongoing class and all are welcome to join any week!

Faith Links

Leader: Marlene Cummins, cumminsm@att.net

Date: Sundays, 9:00 – 10:00am / *Ongoing study – join any time!*

Meeting Place: Troy UMC, Conference Room

Homework: None

Study Length: Ongoing

Childcare: Yes

This class features the application of faith to major current events and life issues. It looks at background information and core Bible passages on the current topic, along with group activities and discussion questions. This is an ongoing class and all are welcome to join any week!

Generations

Leader: Jeff Johnson, jeffjane627@gmail.com or (618) 979-1267

Date: Sundays, 9:00 – 10:00am / *Ongoing study – join any time!*

Meeting Place: Troy UMC, Room 241

Homework: Light

Study Length: Ongoing

Childcare: Yes

This class is currently studying the Book of Exodus. Bring your Bible and join any week!

Ongoing Journey Groups

Ongoing Journey groups meet both fall and spring semesters. They will offer new studies each semester. September and January are good jumping on points.

Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet by Adam Hamilton

Leader: Dawn Lambert, dawn.burnett@gmail.com

Date: Sundays, 6:00 – 7:30pm / Study begins September 29th

Suggested Donation: \$10 for study guide

Meeting Place: Troy UMC, Conference Room

Homework: Light

Study Length: Six Weeks

Childcare: No

Retrace the life of Moses - from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, his Exodus out of Egypt, to his gazing on the Promised Land. Join Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Combining historical insights, archaeological data, and the biblical text, Hamilton explores how this reluctant prophet grew in his relationship with God, and how you can overcome your own hesitancy to act boldly for the Lord.

SISTERS in Christ - Women's Journey Group

Leader: Deb Ellis, debsellis@sbcglobal.net or (618) 581-3383

Date: Mondays, 1:00 – 3:00pm / Social Kickoff September 9th

Meeting Place: Troy UMC, Sanctuary

Homework: Optional from Light to Heavy

Study Length: Semester/Ongoing Group

Childcare: No

Entrusted – A Study of 2 Timothy by Beth Moore (runs September 16th - October 28th)

Suggested Donation: \$14 for study guide

We were never meant to take this journey of faith alone or in secret. God has entrusted us with the great and mighty gift of the gospel, something too precious and life-giving to keep to ourselves. In this 6-session Bible study, Beth will encourage you to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations just as Paul once mentored Timothy. Because in this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live lives of faithfulness. All women are welcome!

Breathe – Making Room for Sabbath by Priscilla Shirer (runs November 4th – December 9th)

Suggested Donation: \$10 for Study Guide

One of the greatest challenges among women in our culture is taking time to cease from all the activities and just breathe. We constantly strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. By neglecting time for tranquility, serenity, and repose, we limit our Christlikeness and miss out on some of God's greatest gifts. In the Old Testament, Sabbath was given to the Israelites as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, then the concept of Sabbath will change your life. All women are welcome!

Women's Journey Group – Evening Edition!

Esther – It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore

Leaders: Sheila Hall, srhall1313@icloud.com and Pam Ramsey

Date: Mondays-biweekly, 6:00-8:00pm / Social Kickoff September 9th; Study begins September 23th

Suggested Donation: \$15 for study guide

Meeting Place: Troy UMC, Conference Room

Study Length: Semester/Ongoing Group

Homework: Optional from Light to Heavy – at your own pace

Childcare: No

The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's overloaded and stressed woman. Esther, while a queen, lived as an outsider in a hostile environment. In this ten-session study, women will learn strong lessons of faith, providence, and hope to equip them to live courageously "for such a time as this." This video-based study is great for working women - all women are welcome!

Young Adult Journey Group – (designed for people age 18-30ish)

Multiply: Disciples Making Disciples by Francis Chan

Leader: Clint Benesh, clint@troyumc.org or (618) 210-5493

Date: Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00pm / Study begins September 9th

Suggested Donation: \$12 for study guide

Meeting Place: Home of Clint & Tina Benesh, St. Jacob

Study Length: Semester/Ongoing Group

Homework: Moderate

Childcare: No

Jesus gave his followers a command: "Follow me." And a promise: "And I will equip you to find others to follow me." We were made to make disciples. Designed for use in discipleship relationships and other focused settings, Multiply will equip you to carry out Jesus's ministry. Each of the twenty-four sessions in the book corresponds with a video where author David Platt joins Francis Chan in guiding you through each part of Multiply. One plus one plus one. Every copy of Multiply is designed to do what Jesus did: make disciples who make disciples who make disciples.... Until the world knows the truth of Jesus Christ.

Discussion of Sunday's Message

Leaders: Jordan & Barb Buck, jordanandbarb@outlook.com

Jim & Julie Ford, jeford5@yahoo.com

Date: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30pm / Study begins September 24th

Meeting Place: Rotates between participant's homes

Study Length: Semester/Ongoing Group

Homework: None

Childcare: No

Ever wanted to go deeper with the content of the Sunday Sermon? This group will do just that! This study is based on the biblical principles of the sermon and discussion of practical ways to integrate them into daily living. This is an ongoing discussion group and all are welcome to join any week!

New Group!

American Gospel: Christ Alone and The Christian Atheist by Craig Groeschel

Leader: Rick Lechner, ricklechnerjr@yahoo.com, 406/799-3019

Date: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45pm / Study begins September 18th

Suggested Donation: \$7 for study guide

Meeting Place: Troy UMC, Conference Room

Study Length: Nine Weeks

Homework: Light

Childcare: Will work with parents if needed

Are you putting your whole faith in God...but living as if everything is up to you? In this six-session DVD group study, pastor and author Craig Groeschel leads you on a personal journey toward an authentic, God-honoring life. Become more than "Christian in name" through this eye-opening and life-changing study. Added bonus: View Pastor Andy's sermon series based on this book here: <https://vimeo.com/troyumc> (October 1, 2017 – November 12, 2017). We will start our study viewing the movie American Gospel: Christ Alone – a great introduction before beginning The Christian Atheist.

Discussion of Sunday's Message

Leader: Wenifer Greer, wenifergreer@yahoo.com

Date: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00pm / Study begins September 12th

Meeting Place: Home of Wenifer Greer, Glen Carbon

Homework: None

Study Length: Semester/Ongoing Group

Childcare: No

Ever wanted to go deeper with the content of the Sunday Sermon? This group will do just that! This study is based on the biblical principles of the sermon and discussion of practical ways to integrate them into daily living. This is an ongoing discussion group and all are welcome to join any week!

The 10 Best Decisions Every Parent Can Make by Bill & Pam Farrel

Leader: Mary Kennett, marykennett03@gmail.com

Date: Fridays, 7:15-8:30pm / Study begins September 20th

Suggested Donation: \$13 for study guide

Meeting Place: Rotates between participant's homes, Troy

Homework: Light

Study Length: Semester/Ongoing Group

Childcare: Yes

Popular authors Bill & Pam Farrel are the parents of three active children. From their personal experience comes wisdom and encouragement for other parents. The Farrels offer ideas for loving and nurturing special needs, strong-willed, and prodigal children. With real-life examples and biblical inspiration, this book examines the 10 best decisions parents can make to unlock the unique gifts inside their children, including temperament, goals, talents, spiritual development & leadership abilities. Packed with creative, motivational tools and games that allow children to blossom and succeed, this resource is a great gift or parenting tool for parents who want their children to become everything God designed them to be.

Men's Journey Group

Life Lessons: The Book of Romans by Max Lucado

Leaders: Jordan Buck, jordanandbarb@outlook.com, (618) 910-8273

Carl Inman, cri2000@gmail.com, (618) 604-7551

Rick Lechner, ricklechnerjr@yahoo.com, (406) 799-3019

Date: Saturdays, 7:30-8:30am / Kickoff Breakfast September 7th; Study begins September 14th

Suggested Donation: \$6 for study guide

Meeting Place: Troy UMC, Rehearsal Room

Homework: None

Study Length: Semester/Ongoing Group

Childcare: No

Max Lucado's *Life Lessons from Romans* is a 12-session study on Paul's letter to the Romans. He explores the wrong turns the Church was making and show them the one correct solution to help them stop making wrong choices - Jesus Christ. *Men of all ages welcome! A great way to connect with other guys in the church!*



SHARE - OUTREACH



Minister of Outreach and Mission
David Roderick

Volleyball League Forming Now

It's time to sign up for our fall co-ed volleyball league . We will play in the Family Life Center on Sunday afternoons beginning September 22nd. Find some friends and create a team or sign up and we will help you find a team. For more information or to sign up, please contact David Roderick at david@troyumc.org.

Troy Community Garage Sale

On September 12th, we will once again partner with the Troy Chamber of Commerce for the Troy City-Wide Garage Sale and Recycling event. The recycling will include electronics, medications and paper shredding. The garage sale begins at 7:00am and recycling at 9:00am. If you would like a space to sell your items, you can register through the chamber website at troycoc.com.

Volunteers are needed from the church to help with hospitality. If you would like to volunteer to help that day, please email David Roderick at david@troyumc.org.

SHARE - MISSION

Collections for Mississippi River District Fall Annual Meeting

The Troy UMW is collecting items to take to the Mississippi River District Fall Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 21st at St. John UMC, Edwardsville. For Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House (LBDNH) we are collecting diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, and baby lotion; for Cunningham Children's Home we are collecting Box Tops for Education, gifts cards to fast food places, Walmart, Target and Dollar Tree. If you wish to give a gift card, please leave it in the church office with one of the assistants. Thank you in advance for your outpouring of love for these children!

Summer Food Program

Each week during the summer, Troy UMC joins with other churches in the Troy area to provide lunches for children and their families. Troy UMC volunteers pack lunches on Sunday's and distribute them on Monday. This summer, we gave away more than 100 lunches a week. Thank you to all the people who volunteered to pack and distribute the food each week. I also want to thank the whole church for its generosity in supporting this ministry and a special word of thanks to those who donated specifically to this mission. All of you make a difference in our community.



Blood Drive - September 16th, 3:00-6:00pm

Every day, many Americans depend on blood donations from generous volunteer donors for critical components of their medical care...it is truly the most personal natural resource. Each and every donation helps ensure that when someone in our community needs blood in an emergency, we will have some to give them. YOUR ten minutes in the donation chair matters to your community.

Troy UMC, in partnership with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center hosts several blood drives each year. The next opportunity to share in this life giving event is **September 16th from 3:00-6:00pm**. Plan to attend and invite friends and colleagues to consider taking time out of their day to donate as well.

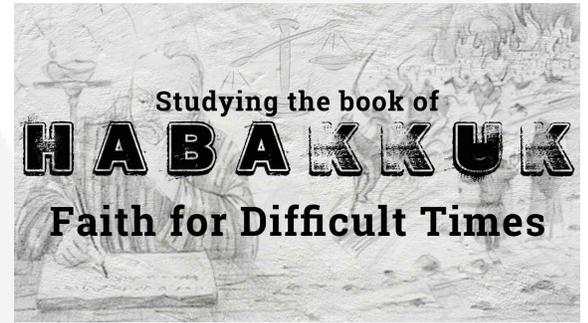
Annual Undies Drive

The UMW ladies are conducting their annual Undies Drive for the women and children at the Oasis Shelter for battered women in Alton. Many of these women with children are forced to leave their homes, hurriedly, with absolutely nothing. While used clothing is always appreciated, who among us wants used underwear? Our annual Undies Donation is always welcomed with great appreciation. The Oasis clients come in all shapes and sizes so any size or style is welcome. Pick up an extra package when shopping for your family. There is always a need for large bottles of laundry detergent. We will collect that too. Collection will last through the end of September. Place in the mission collection area downstairs. Please donate generously. Questions: Contact Diane Jones (618) 288-7254.

WORSHIP

New Message Series starting September 9th!

The Old Testament book of Habakkuk is easily missed. It's only three chapters long! But the message of this tiny book is profound. Where is God in the midst of injustice? What do we do when things aren't as we know they should be? How do we find faith in God despite our big questions that raise significant doubts? Habakkuk deals with each of these questions and more. So join us for this new message series and you will find a message of comfort and hope from this Old Testament prophet, **Habakkuk: Faith for Difficult Times**



- September 9th – God, where are you?
- September 16th – When you're in a crisis of faith
- September 23rd – Finding faith when you have none



Director of Traditional Worship Arts
Emily Ottwein

Is it too early to think about Christmas?

Not when you are planning a fantastic, worshipful, musical afternoon of praise! Do you like to sing Christmas Music? Well, you have the opportunity to sing in this wonderful concert. The Christmas Concert is one of my favorite events of the year. There are so many beautiful souls coming together to make beautiful music that celebrates the birth of Christ. This year's concert is on December 22nd, at 3:00pm. If you are interested in participating, please email me at Emily@troyumc.org.

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" will be presented on December 13th and 15th. If you are interested in participating in this either onstage, backstage, building sets, costumes, props, or reception held afterwards, please let me know, emily@troyumc.org.

Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything. — Plato

JOURNEY KIDS MINISTRY

August has been busy with our 5th graders moving up to youth group and other students getting ready to move up a grade. Our theme this month was mission control and we learned about being obedient to God and others. The children have enjoyed our space theme and many missions and activities. If you love seeing these smiling faces brightened by the love of God please consider helping us on Sunday mornings. We are still in need of subs for greeting and group assistants. Please reach out to me if you would like to "test drive" a volunteer role.

Faithfully, Christine



NEW LIFE STUDENT MINISTRY



Associate Pastor - Student Ministry
Rev. Kurt Stone

Troy UMC's New Life Student Ministry for all current 6th through 12th graders is ready for terrific summer activities! Opportunities for students include Sunday Morning Class, Wednesday Night Youth Group, and monthly special events.

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

Sunday Morning Student Classes 9:00-10:00am Youth Area (Upper Family Life Center)
September: Throughout this month students will explore the identity of God as Creator and ways God has been revealed to the world. We'll explore God's work in creating the world, from the divine cosmos to the inhabitants of the earth. We'll dive into the mystery of God by examining God's encounter with Moses and the Hebrews at Mount Sinai. Also, we'll consider how Wisdom is essential to God's identity and to the act of creation. Finally, we will learn how God's final revelation comes through Jesus Christ. *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 & Mickey Jackson, and Noah Durbin.

Wednesday Night Youth Group Schedule

5:15-5:55pm Praise Band Rehearsals: Middle School Students – Youth Area; High School Students – Sanctuary

6:00-6:25pm Snack Supper – Family Life Center

6:30-8:00pm Worship, Small Groups, Activity, & Closing Circle Prayer – Sanctuary

Wednesday Nights this fall feature a series of Bible stories with a twist! During September students will engage Jesus' teachings from the gospels of Luke and Matthew with Parables of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, & Lost Sons, Parable of the Talents, Parable of the Sower, and Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat.

September 2019 Special Events

Holiday World & Splashin' Safari – group building trip for all middle & high school students

Saturday, September 14th

RSVP form due by September 8th + \$50

Students will enjoy the thrill of amusement rides and get wet in the water park during this trip to Santa Claus, Indiana. The group will enjoy a delicious family-style dinner at the historic Log Inn before returning home! Meet at 6:15am; return 10:00pm. See RSVP flyer for details.



See You at the Pole

Wednesday, September 25th

All Middle & High School Students

Students unite for morning prayer 30 minutes before first bell around the flagpole at their school.

"If my people pray..." – 2 Chronicles 7:14

2020 Confirmation Class Orientation

Sunday, September 29th (5:30-7:00pm) – overview session for students and parents in the sanctuary.

Through confirmation we renew the covenant made at our baptism and focus on our discipleship – becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ by affirming and witnessing to our faith. Confirmation is open to all 7th grade students and any 8th grade student who missed last year or is new to Troy UMC. Come check it out in this introductory session. We will preview the confirmation schedule, highlight the CONFIRM curriculum, introduce adult and student confirmation leaders, and do the first session! Please contact Rev. Kurt Stone if you have confirmation questions: kurt@troyumc.org or cell (618) 407-7586.

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Sunday School

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

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 1 Baptism Sunday - Combined Worship Service 10:00am (Family Life Center)
- 2 Labor Day - Office Closed
- 3 Mission Team Meeting 7:00pm (Upper Family Life Center)
- 5 Trustees Meeting 7:00pm (Conference Room)
- 7 Men's Journey Group Fall Kick-off Breakfast 8:00am (Family Life Center)
- 8 T.U.M.S. Trip - Price Family Jamboree 4:00pm
- 10 Sew Much Joy 10:00am-2:00pm (Jane Johnson's home)
- 12 United Methodist Women Meeting 1:00-3:00pm (Family Life Center)
- 12 United Methodist Women Evening Circle Meeting 7:00-9:00pm (Rm 241)
- 12 Staff Parish Meeting 7:00pm (Conference Room)
- 14 NLSM Trip to Holiday World & Splashin' Safari - meet at 6:30am
- 14 Troy City Wide Garage Sale Recycling 9:00am-12:00pm
- 14 Marriage Ministry Date Night 5:00-8:00pm
- 15 United Methodist Women Sunday
- 15 Membership Class 11:00am-2:00pm (Upper Family Life Center)
- 16 Blood Drive 3:00-6:00pm
- 16 Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm (Rehearsal Room)
- 18 Security Team Meeting 7:00pm (Conference Room)
- 23 Church Council Meeting 7:00pm (Rehearsal Room)
- 25 NLSM See You at the Pole (at students school)
- 30 Committee on Nominations Meeting 7:00pm (Conference Room)



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