



# REACH

INVITING PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY WITH JESUS

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# ACTS

## Part One: The First Church



Get prepared to take a deep dive into the book of Acts this fall! Acts is the sequel to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and is often referred to as the story of the early church or the story of the Holy Spirit. It is an inspiring account of the birth, mission, and spread of the first church and the power of God at work in and through some of the church's earliest leaders. Here are some ways you can prepare for this church-wide journey through the book of Acts:

- Read through the book of Acts before our August 20 kickoff Sunday.
- Sign up for Seedbed's "Wake-Up Call": [seedbed.com/wakeupcall](https://seedbed.com/wakeupcall)  
The Wake-Up Call is a daily devotion you can read or listen to and will begin its journey through the book of Acts on August 14!
- Purchase an Acts journal at church for \$10. We have 100 copies but will buy more if needed. This journal is for Acts chapters 1-14 and provides daily scripture readings and journaling coinciding with the Wake-Up Call devotions.
- Pray for God to awaken you to the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life and the life of our church!

## Worship Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
  - 10:30 a.m. Modern Service (Family Life Center)
- Nursery, children's ministry, and online worship at both services*

**THANK YOU** for the awesome celebration retirement worship service and delicious potluck picnic lunch on Sunday, May 28! We are grateful for the well-wishes, prayers, tears, laughs, and stories that were shared on our last Sunday together. It has been our privilege and joy for the opportunities to serve you the past 19 years. May God continue to be the source of your faith, hope, and love.  
*In Christ, Pastor Kurt & Linda Stone*



# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

## SEEKING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

This has been a year of new beginnings as we joined the Global Methodist Church in May, but I am grateful that this has remained the same: We continue to have humble and dedicated spiritual leaders in our church who sacrificially give their time, talent and energy to the important work of leading our church into the future. Although we will not have an official “charge conference” until next year, **our Church Council will meet to approve our 2024 Leadership Team and budget on Tuesday, October 10.** In preparation, our lay leadership team will be meeting on Tuesday, September 12, to pray for, discuss and deploy potential leaders onto the following teams:

- **Church Council** – the highest decision-making body of the church – gifts of leadership, administration, and/or discernment
- **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/or craftsmanship
- **Finance** – overseeing the church’s finances – gifts of administration and faith as well as experience in bookkeeping, accounting or other financial fields
- **Mission** – administering our mission budget & maintaining mission partnerships – gifts of administration, mercy, and/or discernment as well as a passion for missions
- **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
- **1st Step Preschool Board** – supports the director, sets policies, and evaluates the preschool ministry. Helpful to have administration and encouragement gifts along with a heart for the preschool

Gifts and experience are beneficial, 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)

Members of our church have the important role of identifying potential servant leaders for these teams. If you know of a member (including yourself) whose gifts and experiences make her or him a good fit for one of these teams, **please submit names along with your rationale to me before Sunday, September 3.** Browse our current leadership roll on the following page as you consider your recommendations.

Faithfully,

Andy

## STRATEGIC STATS

Worship Services	June Average	Year to Date Averages
9:00 a.m. - In Person	99	119
9:00 a.m. - Online	125	153
10:30 a.m. - In Person	161	172
10:30 a.m. - Online	73	124
Sunday Children	42	46
Wednesday Youth	37	36
St. Jacob 10:15 a.m.	7	6
<b>Average Weekly In Person Worship</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>386</b>
<b>Average Weekly Online Worship</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>271</b>

### General Budget



\*We also received \$1,374 for disaffiliation expenses in June

# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

## TROY METHODIST CHURCH 2024 Administrative Committees

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council Chairperson	Tracy Kennett
Vice Chairperson	Dan Yarger
Recording Secretary	Heather Wickersham
Senior Pastor	**Andy Adams
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Don Satterlee
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Terri Satterlee
Lay Leader	Deb Inman
Treasurer	Becky Rushing
Financial Secretary	Julie Bernreuter
Bookkeeper	Greg Symons
Staff Parish Relations Representative	Betsy Forman
Committee on Finance Chairperson	
Board of Trustees Chairperson	Craig Nelson
First Step Board Chairperson	Lisa Rayle
Scouting Coordinator	Carl Inman
UWF Representative	Bethel Rogers
MM Representative	Don Satterlee
Missions Team Representative	**Bonnie Abel
Youth Representative	
Staff Members (ex-officio, without vote):	
Office Manager**Sharie Meyer	

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE

<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Rick Lechner	Dan Yarger	
Rita Brandt	Tami Buchwalter	

### COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP

<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Jim Hall	Suzanne Price	
	Jenny Van Middendorp	
	Rich Vierdag	

Lay Leader: Deb Inman  
Chairperson: \*\*Andy Adams

### MISSIONS TEAM

<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Dottie Dexheimer	Carol Block	
Sarah Wilkerson	Pat Staley	
	Jon Hemker	

Minister: \*\*Bonnie Abel

### STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
*Betsy Forman	Jon Brandt	
Steve Kraabel	Stephanie Lawson	
	Jaime Ingle	

Lay Leader: Deb Inman  
Sr. Pastor: \*\*Andy Adams

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Crystal Lechner	Keith Forman	
Ron Hahn	*Craig Nelson	
Merik Ramsey	Rod Repp	

Sr. Pastor: \*\*Andy Adams  
Staff: \*\*Sharie Meyer

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairperson	*Jordan Buck
Senior Pastor	** Andy Adams
Church Council Chairperson	Tracy Kennett
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Don Satterlee
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Terri Satterlee
Lay Leader	Deb Inman
Treasurer	Becky Rushing
Financial Secretary	Julie Bernreuter
Bookkeeper	Greg Symons
Trustees Representative	Craig Nelson
Staff	**Sharie Meyer

### COMMITTEE ON FIANANCE MEMBERS AT LARGE

<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Bob Scheurer	Ken Blumberg	
	Jeff Dossett	

### FIRST STEP LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL BOARD

<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Bridget Taylor	Keri Hemker	
Elaine Souders	Karen Baxter	

[\*chairperson \*\*non-voting member]

## TROY METHODIST MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Our next Membership Class will be **Sunday, August 13** following the 10:30 a.m. service. This is open to anyone interested in becoming a member of Troy Methodist Church: A Global Methodist Congregation.

If you are a long time attender and want to find out about what it means to be Global Methodist; we would love for you to attend this lunch and learn more. If you are a new visitor to our church, this event is also for you!

If you have questions or would like to sign up, email our Discipleship Pastor Bonnie Abel at [bonnie@troymc.org](mailto:bonnie@troymc.org). You can also RSVP for childcare, if needed.







## CASEY, ILLINOIS

**JOYSEEKERS** are taking a fieldtrip August 22 to Casey, IL to see *Big Things in a Small Town.*

We will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. and board the bus for a 2-hour trip. Once we arrive, you're on your own to view all the sights and enjoy lunch. We plan to arrive back at the church by 3:30 p.m. To cover bus expenses, we ask each person to donate \$10 cash at time of departure.

Watch the weekly e-Reach for more information.



United  
Women  
in Faith

### UWF AUGUST MEETING

If you are looking for a way to help women and children in need in the communities around you, join us at the next United Women of Faith

meeting at 1:00 p.m., Thursday August 10 in the Family Life Center. We will hear from the Director of Ministries Unlimited, Katherine Scheller; share refreshments with friends; celebrate the results of our Spring Fundraiser, and begin plans for the Fall Rummage Sale.

"...We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

The Fall session of **GriefShare** will begin **August 22** and run 13-weeks through November 14. We will meet every Tuesday evening 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Family Life Center. Each week our group will watch a video seminar. The **GriefShare** videos cover topics essential to your recovery from the hurt of grief and loss. They feature interviews with grief recovery experts, mini-dramas, on-location video, and real-life stories of people who have experienced the death of a loved one.

To sign up, go to [griefshare.com](http://griefshare.com), in the "find a group" box, type in TROY IL, click on Troy Methodist Church, click on "register for this group", type in your email address and you will receive an invitation to join our group.

If you have questions, contact Care Pastor Dan Perry at (618) 830-5589 or [dan@troymc.org](mailto:dan@troymc.org)



## REFRESH

2023

a GMC gathering to connect, encourage & worship

**Saturday, September 16**

**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

[troymc.org/events](http://troymc.org/events)



### JOIN US FOR A DAY TO REFRESH IN WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY!

This one day gathering will include many opportunities for connection & worship with others from Global Methodist churches in Illinois and beyond! Hear from Rev. Scott Pattison, our Great Lakes Conference President Pro-tem, and others who will not only inspire us to be in mission and ministry together, but they will also respond to practical questions about the Global Methodist Church.

As the host church, there are many volunteer opportunities to make this an awesome event. Would you like to help with hospitality, worship, tech, kitchen/food prep or be on the prayer team? Contact Bonnie Abel at [bonnie@troymc.org](mailto:bonnie@troymc.org) to volunteer. This is a regional event- help us make this a special day for our guests!

Find all the details and register at [troymc.org/events](http://troymc.org/events).

JOIN US FOR THE

## Going Beyond SIMULCAST

**PRISCILLA SHIRER**

Worship with Anthony Evans

**August 26**

[troymc.org/events](http://troymc.org/events)

Details and registration at [troymc.org/events](http://troymc.org/events)  
Price Increase coming August 1, get your tickets today!



# CONNECT



Let's cap off our summer of fellowship with an  
**All Church Potluck** on Sunday, August 20!

We will meet in the Family Life Center right after the 10:30 a.m. service and share a meal together. The church will provide all paperware & utensils, drinks and rolls; you provide a dish:

**Families/Individuals:**

**Last name A - H - bring a main course (meats/casseroles)**

**Last name I - N - bring a hot side (beans/veggies/potatoes)**

**Last name O - S - bring a salad**

**Last name T - Z - bring a dessert**

*Please bring food that will serve 10 - 12 people*

No need to register, just bring a dish - it's a potluck so anything goes!

Questions or if you'd like to help set up/clean up: contact our Disciple Pastor Bonnie Abel at [bonnie@troymc.org](mailto:bonnie@troymc.org).

## TROY METHODIST KIDS

### VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL RECAP

We had a fun filled "Ready Set Move" VBS in June! There were 75 kids in attendance- PreK through 5th grade. The kids had five amazing days filled with crafts, snacks, outdoor games & activities, small group time, and helped collect food for missions. Every day the kids learned they could "Follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere"! We used simple, memorable "Bottom Lines" to help kids remember how God's Word fits into their every day lives.

- Day 1: Do What Jesus Says
- Day 2: Believe Who Jesus Is
- Day 3: Love Who Jesus Loves
- Day 4: Share What Jesus Did
- Day 5: Go Where Jesus Leads

We could not have had such a successful VBS without partnering with our volunteers. We had 40 adults and youth who led groups and stations, assisted in the kitchen, or helped wherever there was a need. They used their time and talents for our kids, ensuring that our church could achieve its mission of inviting people & kids, in this case, on a journey with Jesus. You all are truly amazing, and you are loved and appreciated! Another major part of our success can be attributed to families and individuals who also donated supplies, gift cards, and food for the volunteers. Thank you all so very much!



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING

*Are you currently a children's ministry volunteer?*

*Are you a teen or adult looking for ways to plug in and serve?*

Plan to attend the Children's Ministry meeting on **Tuesday, August 22** in the Family Life Center. We will start at 6:15 p.m. meeting with the student leaders (*parents are welcome and encouraged to join*). At 7:00 p.m., we will have student leader and small group leader training. We will also discuss changes in the Children's Ministry area as we move forward. Light refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact [jenn@troymc.org](mailto:jenn@troymc.org)

### BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

**Sunday, August 20- 1:00 p.m to 2:00 p.m.**  
(immediately following the All Church Potluck)  
Kid's Ministry Area

Let's kick-off the 2023-2024 school year with a bang! Come and celebrate the start of the new school year with the ShoutCo! Puppets, free activities and take home a backpack blessing tag!



# TROY METHODIST STUDENTS

## HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP WRAP UP

By Pam Ramsey

Five adults and ten students traveled to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky on Sunday, June 25. We were all excited to see what God had planned for us during this week as we went out to serve. Red Bird Mission was founded in 1921 and serves the people of Bell, Clay, and Leslie counties in Southeastern Kentucky. They help people by providing services to those in need.

Our team was sent to a home that was 40 minutes away from Red Bird Mission Camp. The homeowner's name was Thomas and we enjoyed meeting him and getting to know him. There had been water damage to the ceiling of one of his bedrooms and the ceiling needed to be replaced. We took the old ceiling down and removed the insulation and several of the rafters. We cut some new rafters and replaced the ones that were removed. We ran new wiring to a ceiling light and then hung new drywall. We mudded and taped the seams and then painted the ceiling. The floor and walls were cleaned and all of his items were moved back into the bedroom. The other project in Thomas' home was to tear the floor out of his primary bedroom as it was falling in due to termite damage. We removed some of the floor and floor joists and replaced those boards with new treated lumber. There will be another group coming in after us to replace more flooring in his home. Thomas was very appreciative of the work that we were doing to make his home better. He opened his home to us so that the repairs could be made and the group worked very hard to get as much done as we could in the four days that we spent there. All the students worked on the repairs and they also learned new skills such as using a drill and saw.

Each morning, before breakfast, we had devotions. We ate a picnic lunch each day under the tree in Thomas' front yard. In the evenings, we spent time in Christian fellowship and learned about the ministries of Red Bird Mission. The service on Thursday night was a communion service and then an opportunity was given for people to share what they had learned from the week and where they saw God at work. Several of our students shared personal stories of how the week had impacted them. It was a very special time of sharing with our fellow campers/Christians.

I am thankful for each adult and student that spent a week away from home to share God's love with others. I am grateful to God for watching over us and providing us with safe travel, good weather, good health/no injuries, for wonderful new friends, and for our time spent with Pastor Kurt on his last youth ministry/mission trip. My prayer is that the students take skills that they learned to help them in life, but most importantly that they remember that they were the hands and feet of Jesus during the week that they spent in Kentucky.



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# TROY METHODIST STUDENTS

## FALL KICK-OFF FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

Every 6th-12th grade student, parent and student ministry leader is invited to the Fall Kick-Off cookout and meeting on Sunday, August 13 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will meet at the Troy Methodist Fields (if it's raining, we will meet in the Family Life Center). During this event, we will celebrate the summer missions, ministries and events, we will share the plan and dates for the fall, we will officially welcome the new 6th grade students into the student ministry and officially send the new freshmen into the high school ministry. Of course, we will also have dinner - burgers, brats and hotdogs.

### Families/Students:

**Last name A-G - bring individual bags of chips**

**Last name H-P - bring individually wrapped snacks / desserts**

**Last name Q-Z - bring bottled water / sodas**

You don't have to have been involved in the student ministry to attend this event! This is a starting point to a great year and everyone is welcome to come check it out!



## STUDENT MINISTRY WORSHIP TEAM WORKSHOP

On Saturday, August 5, all students interested in serving in student ministry worship leadership can meet at the church from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. During this workshop time, we will see who plays what instrument, who sings, who might like to help with tech and work together to learn some stuff for future Wednesday evenings. During the school year, the student worship team must be available to meet at 5:00 pm to rehearse and lead worship for the 6:30 worship time. This workshop is for students in 7th-12th grades who are semi-proficient in an instrument, vocals, or any student who would like to learn tech ministry. Following the workshop, we will have pizza for lunch and conclude at 12:30 pm.

Contact Ryan Froidcoeur ([ryan@troymc.org](mailto:ryan@troymc.org)) for more information.

## EPWORTH CAMP

Sixteen students and four leaders

attended the week-long Epworth Youth Camp in Greenville, IL. The preaching, classes and Bible studies were awesome. The zip-lining, boating, swimming, rec and snack shack were also really cool. We're trusting that the seeds planted in the hearts and lives of students will produce a growing solid and mature faith in the lives of the next generation. A huge thanks to those in the church who contribute to the scholarship fund which allows for each student to attend camp at half price. Let's keep that fund full for the eternal impact of giving students these unique experiences to encounter Christ and commit their lives to Him.



## BE A STUDENT MINISTRY PRAYER PARTNER

- Thank you for praying for the student & kids ministry at Troy Methodist Church
- Praise for a great week at Epworth Camp and the great Sr. High Mission trip
- Prayers for the start of the school year and all the events surrounding it
- Prayers for families in our church and the community

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## Staff

**\*Senior Pastor**  
Andy Adams  
**\*Discipleship Pastor**  
Bonnie Abel  
**\*Care Pastor**  
Dan Perry  
**\*Next Generation Minister**  
Tim Price  
**\*Office Manager**  
Sharie Meyer  
**\*Director of 1st Step Learning Center**  
Lisa Rayle  
**\*Director of Traditional Worship Music**  
Rebecca Koebbe  
**\*Director of Modern Worship**  
Marissa Horning  
**\*Communications Coordinator**  
Deb Ellis  
**\*Production Coordinator**  
Josh Case  
**\*Administrative Assistant**  
Karen Wimmer  
**\*Children's Ministry Leader**  
Jennifer Diliberto  
**\*Middle School Ministry Leader**  
Wenifer Greer  
**\*Senior High Ministry Co-Leader**  
Courtney Froidcoeur  
**\*Senior High Ministry Co-Leader**  
Ryan Froidcoeur  
**Custodians**  
David Barr, Rex Repp,  
Rebecca Nasalroad

**\*Staff E-mail** [firstname]@troymc.org

**LOOK!** New staff email  
addresses - @troymc.org

If you would like to receive the Reach  
via email only, please contact  
[karen@troymc.org](mailto:karen@troymc.org)

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## AUGUST SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
August 2	Troy Methodist Students - STL Cardinals Game
August 5	Student Ministry Worship Team Workshop (page 7)
August 9	Troy Methodist Students - Great Late Night @ Church
August 11	Troy United Women In Faith Meeting (page 4)
August 12	Bell Choir "Boot Camp" (see below)
August 13	Troy Methodist Students - Fall Kickoff/Cookout (page 7)
August 13	TMC Membership Class & Lunch (page 3)
August 19	Chancel Choir Kickoff (see below)
August 19	Spiritual Leadership Generator Retreat
August 20	All Church Potluck (page 5)
August 20	Troy Methodist Kids - Back to School Bash (page 5)
August 22	Joy Seekers Fieldtrip to Casey, IL (page 4)
August 22	GriefShare Support Group Kickoff (page 4)
August 22	Troy Methodist Kids - Children's Ministry Meeting (page 5)
August 26	<i>Going Beyond</i> Women's Conference & Simulcast (page 4)

### BELL CHOIR "BOOT CAMP" & POTLUCK MEAL

If you are at least a basic music reader and are interested in trying your hand(s) at playing bells, join us on **Saturday, August 12, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** for our second annual **Bell Choir "Boot Camp"**: an opportunity to learn basic bell techniques, play easy music for bell choir and get to know our group! We have a lot of fun making music and fellowshiping together. ***Bell Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 16, 7:30-8:30 p.m. (set-up from 7:15-7:30 p.m.)***

### CHANCEL CHOIR KICKOFF & POTLUCK MEAL

If you enjoy singing with choir or are interested in trying, we would love to welcome you to our **Chancel Choir "Kickoff"** event on **Saturday, August 19, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**! While music reading ability is greatly helpful, it is not an absolute requirement. At this second annual event, we will become better acquainted with one another, be introduced to some of the music selections we'll be singing and have opportunity for fellowship over a shared midday meal. There will also be opportunity for interested singers to try on choir robes. ***Chancel Choir Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, August 23, 6:00-7:00 p.m.***

For questions regarding Chancel or Bell Choir, contact the director, Rebecca Koebbe at [rebecca@troymc.org](mailto:rebecca@troymc.org)



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