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WHY

THE CORE VALUES
BEHIND
ALL WE DO



Have you ever wondered why we do what we do at Troy Methodist Church? Or why we do the things we do the way we do them? What's behind it all?

Here's the answer. We do what we do because of who we are and what we believe at our core. The things that are important to us are so because of the deeper, *Core Values* we hold. Our values shine through in both what we do and the way we do it. Our *Core Values* are our non-negotiables. To betray them would mean betraying ourselves. What are our *Core Values* at Troy Methodist Church?

Join us this August to discover *Why: The Core Values Behind All We Do*.

August 3 – Scripturally Methodist

August 10 – Life Transformation

August 17 – Spirit Led Ministry

August 24 – Outward Witness

August 31 – Every Person Matters

Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service
(Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. Modern Service
(Family Life Center)

Children's ministry, nursery,
and online worship at both services



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION!

Sunday, August 3 at 11:45 a.m., Family Life Center

Join us for a special celebration as we give thanks to Lisa Rayle as she steps back from her role as director of 1st Step Learning Center. You are welcome to bring a card to thank and congratulate Lisa on all of her years of service and/or share a memory you have of her at the preschool. Join us for light refreshments and lots of memories.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

YOU PLAY A ROLE: OFFER YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS!

We believe that every member is vital to our church! Many members in our body of Christ sacrificially volunteer their time, talent, and energy to the important work of leading and administering our church's ministry. **Our church council will meet to approve our 2026 leadership team and budget on Tuesday, October 7** before a yet to be scheduled charge conference with our Presiding Elder to formalize our work. In preparation, our lay leadership team will be meeting on Tuesday, September 23 to pray for, discuss, and deploy potential leaders onto the following roles:

- **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 helps.
- **1st Step Learning Center 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.
- **Lay Leader** – represents the congregation in many of the above areas – spiritual maturity and a well-rounded involvement in the life of the church are highly valued!

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

Part of your responsibility as a member is to help with the important task 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 roles, **please submit names along with your rationale to me before Sunday, September 14.** Browse our current leadership roll on the following page as you consider your recommendations!

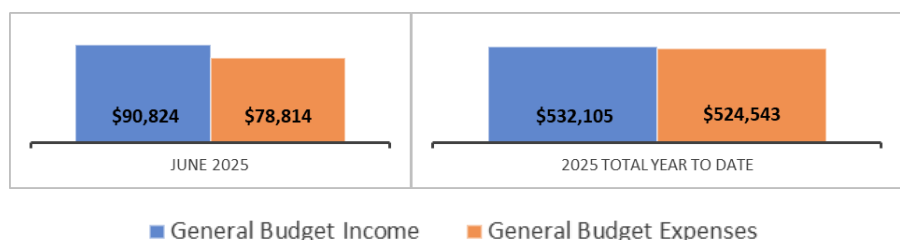
Faithfully,

Andy

STRATEGIC STATS

| Worship Services | June Average | Year to Date Averages |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 9:00 a.m. - In Person | 121 | 119 |
| 9:00 a.m. - Online | 151 | 154 |
| 10:30 a.m. - In Person | 147 | 170 |
| 10:30 a.m. - Online | 106 | 120 |
| Sunday Children | 54 | 61 |
| Wednesday Youth | 38 | 48 |
| Average Weekly In Person Worship | 352 | 399 |
| Average Weekly Online Worship | 257 | 274 |

General Budget



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

TROY METHODIST CHURCH 2026 Administrative Committees

CHURCH COUNCIL

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Church Council Chairperson | Betsy Forman |
| Vice Chairperson | |
| Recording Secretary | Karen Caires |
| Senior Pastor | **Andy Adams |
| Lay Member of Annual Conference | Tom Finley |
| Lay Member of Annual Conference | Deb Ellis |
| Lay Member of Annual Conference | |
| Lay Leader | |
| Treasurer | Becky Rushing |
| Financial Secretary | Julie Bernreuter |
| Bookkeeper | Greg Symons |
| Staff Parish Relations Representative | Ron Finnan |
| Committee on Finance Chairperson | Jason Wickersham |
| Board of Trustees Chairperson | |
| First Step Board Chairperson | Bridget Taylor |
| Scouting Coordinator | Carl Inman |
| Troy Methodist Women Representative | Libby Gregg |
| Methodist Men Representative | Don Satterlee |
| Missions Team Representative | Tyson Graham |
| Youth Representative | Blaine Stolle |
| Staff Members (ex-officio, without vote): | |
| Office Manager | **Sharie Meyer |

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE

| <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> | <u>2028</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Barb Buck | Alison Shubert | |
| Eric Brault | Kent Pope | |

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP

| <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> | <u>2028</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Tom Wilkerson | Heather Wickersham | |
| Jeanie Parsons | Gary Reed | |
| Jennifer Zahn | Rita Brandt | |

Lay Leader:
Chairperson: **Andy Adams

MISSIONS TEAM

| <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> | <u>2028</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Beth Barbour | Dave Lauchner | |
| *Tyson Graham | Sandy Tiaht | |
| Pam Ramsey | Sue Blumberg | |

Minister: **Bonnie Abel

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

| <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> | <u>2028</u> |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| *Ron Finnan | Rick Lechner | |
| Melinda Brault | Eric Tiaht | |
| Metissa McLeod | Tara Whitt | |

Lay Leader:
Sr. Pastor: **Andy Adams

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

| <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> | <u>2028</u> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Brian Hepfer | Jim Ford | |
| Dennis Staley | Zach Hewitt | |
| Justin Schmidt | Dale Storey | |

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Chairperson | Jason Wickersham |
| Senior Pastor | ** Andy Adams |
| Church Council Chairperson | Betsy Forman |
| Lay Member of Annual Conference | Tom Finley |
| Lay Member of Annual Conference | Deb Ellis |
| Lay Member of Annual Conference | |
| Lay Leader | |
| Treasurer | Becky Rushing |
| Financial Secretary | Julie Bernreuter |
| Bookkeeper | Greg Symons |
| Trustees Representative | |
| Staff | **Sharie Meyer |

COMMITTEE ON FIANANCE MEMBERS AT LARGE

| <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> | <u>2028</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Steve Barbour | *Jason Wickersham | |
| Fred Parsons | Connie Fair | |

1st STEP LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL BOARD

| <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> | <u>2028</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Rebecca Hepfer | *Bridget Taylor | |
| Erica Graham | Barb Buck | |

[*chairperson **non-voting member]

MISSIONS MOMENT

The Troy Methodist Mission Team is connected to a multitude of ministry organizations, and today we would like to highlight the Relevant Pregnancy Options Center in Highland! The mission of Relevant is to demonstrate compassionate Christ-centered care while protecting and defending the sanctity of all human life, born and unborn, by providing OPTIONS, SUPPORT, and EDUCATION to empower individuals to choose life. They have a wide variety of free services which you can learn more about on their website or by calling (618) 654-3732. They are always looking for volunteers and have a wide range of opportunities and time commitments. We encourage you to pray about connecting with this amazing organization! For more information about this ministry or other missions organizations in the area, feel free to reach out to Pastor Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org.



GRIEF SHARE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The Fall session of GriefShare will begin August 21 and runs for 13 weeks. We will meet every Thursday evening from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Family Life Center.

Each week the group will watch a *GriefShare* video covering topics such as loneliness, fear, anger, regrets, relationships, hope, and much more which are essential to your recovery from the hurt of grief and loss. Videos 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. 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



WORSHIP CIRCLES

"Our first couple of Worship Circles have been sweet times of worship and praise, in addition to being a lot of fun! I am hoping to continue making space for all kinds of worshipful expression at these evenings and to include more and more people as we move forward." - *Marissa*

If you haven't been to a Circle yet, please consider joining us, even if all you bring is your heart of worship for the Lord! Come with instruments of praise, joyful voices, and soft hearts on any of these 2025 dates, and we will lift our worship to the Lord together!

August 8 - 6:30 p.m., Upper Family Life Center
September 19 - 6:30 p.m., Upper Family Life Center
October 17 - 6:30 p.m., Upper Family Life Center
November 7 - 6:30 p.m., Upper Family Life Center
December 5 - 6:30 p.m., Upper Family Life Center



Join Pastor Bonnie and her son Micah for the final brown bag picnic of the summer! If you have kiddos who want to come and play, bring them along! If it's just you and you want to come hang out, that's great too! This is an opportunity to get to know other people in our church in a casual setting, and it is also a FANTASTIC opportunity to invite others who are not yet connected to our church family.

We hope to see you at Tri-Township Park - exact location will be posted on the TMC Living Room page. Please note that this event will be canceled when there is inclement weather. Have questions? Feel free to reach out to Pastor Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org.

J.O.Y. SEEKERS - JUST OLDER YOUTH! (ADULTS 55+)

Tuesday, August 26, noon - 2:00 p.m., Family Life Center

We are planning a potluck for our August gathering and we're asking members to sign up to bring veggies, salads, and desserts. The church will provide ham. Program to be announced. Watch the weekly eReach for details.

Please sign up anytime between now and the week before our gathering and let us know what dish you plan to bring. Contact Pastor Dan with questions at dan@troymc.org.



Membership Class & Lunch

Sunday, August 17 @ 11:45 a.m.
Upper Family Life Center



MAKING THE MOVE TO MEMBERSHIP

By Pastor Bonnie

On Sunday, August 17, we have our Membership Class at 11:45 a.m. in the Upper Family Life Center. If you haven't been to a Membership Class, you might be wondering what that entails. Well, I'm glad you asked! Membership Class is an opportunity to learn about what it means to be a committed part of our church community. In Membership Class you learn about our deep Wesleyan faith and what it means to be Methodist. You also discover what makes Troy Methodist unique. It is an awesome opportunity to ask questions both theological and logistical about what it means to join our Global Methodist Church family.

You see, being a member of the congregation that you call your church home is a way to say – I'm all in! In Membership Class you learn about the importance of committing to uphold our church with your Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. There's no pressure to join during our time together, but there will be the opportunity if you feel so led. So, my invitation to you is to just come! If you have been attending our church for a few weeks or many, many years, I would LOVE to see you come and join me! Lunch will be provided, and we will have childcare upon request. If you have questions feel free to email me at bonnie@troymc.org. Sign up and come sit by me – I'll save you a seat!

TRADITIONAL MUSIC KICKSTART REHEARSALS + FALL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

The Traditional Music "Choral Year" begins on August 27 with an extended Bell Choir rehearsal from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Rehearsal Room. Chancel Choir has its turn the following week on September 3, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., also occurring in the Rehearsal Room. These will be rehearsals only - no potluck features this year - because the consensus is that we prefer heading over to Bobby's Custard in Maryville for fellowship and treats, which everyone is invited to do immediately following these kick-off rehearsals. Our regular rehearsal schedule will commence on Wednesday, September 10:

Wednesday Evening Traditional Music Rehearsal Schedule (Starting 9/10/25)

Chancel Choir - 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Bell Choir - 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. in the Rehearsal Room



For anyone who may be interested in trying their hand at bell ringing, there will be a session from 5:00-5:45 p.m. in the Rehearsal Room immediately preceding the Bell Choir event on August 27. A few experienced ringers will be on hand to assist you in experimenting with the mechanics of bell ringing. Basic music reading skills are preferred and extremely helpful! If you're interested, reach out to Rebecca Koebe for more information and to ask any questions you may have. We'd love to help you learn to ring and join our wonderful group if that goes well! Rebecca's email address is rebecca@troymc.org



TROY
METHODIST WOMEN
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I SCREAM! YOU SCREAM! WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

The Troy Methodist Women will have their yearly Ice Cream Social and meeting on Thursday, August 14 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We have missed being together for a couple of months so it's time to have fun, food, and fellowship - plus get down to business discussing our fall mission plans.

Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Troy Genealogical Society who will guide us on ways we can explore our own family history or become a part of their group. Bring a friend and enjoy this afternoon!

Stay cool and see you there! If you have questions, please contact Libby Gregg at (618) 954-6263 or lgregg129@gmail.com.

TROY METHODIST KIDS



"POP" INTO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Get ready to POP with excitement at our Pop-Up Sunday on August 17! It's the day we "promote" every kid to the next grade level, and we're celebrating with all things that go pop—popcorn, Pop-Tarts, and a few surprise "pops" along the way. Join us at either the 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service as we cheer on our newly promoted kids and kick off a brand-new school year in the tastiest way possible. It's a fun, delicious way to mark a big milestone—don't miss it!

BACK TO SCHOOL BUBBLE BASH!

Sunday, August 17, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Keep the fun going after Pop-Up Sunday and join us later in the afternoon for our **Back to School Bubble Bash!** Bring a friend and get ready for an afternoon packed with *foamy fun, slippery slides, tug of war*, and more! We'll be out at the **baseball fields near the Gaga Ball pit**—just follow the bubbles and the laughter. It's the perfect way to celebrate the end of summer and splash into a brand-new school year!



FROM SNACKS TO SCRIPTURE - THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's VBS such a success! With an average of 153 kids in attendance, it took a whole team—and you showed up in every way. From Amazon wish list pickups and adopt-a-prop helpers, to the casserole and breakfast brigade, workday warriors, cleaners, organizers, and faithful prayer partners—your support was felt in every detail.

Whether you served one day or all five, whether you were leading recreation, teaching Bible Adventures, or helping with any of the fun in between, we are so grateful. This week would not have been possible without the whole body of the church coming together.

Thank you for sowing seeds that may not sprout before our eyes—but will one day grow into a harvest in God's perfect timing.



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TROY METHODIST STUDENTS

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

We're so thankful the church helped send a team of high school students and leaders to Red Bird Mission the last week of June! God did some amazing things through and in our team! It was an incredible and impacting week. You can view the wrap-up video here: <https://www.facebook.com/troymethodiststudents/videos>

"Going to Red Bird was a blast. I have loads of sympathy for the poor. I also had a good time with teamwork and growing closer to my friends. I had a good time working on my skill set. I will do my best to do what God wants me to do." - *Declan*

"Going to the Red Bird Mission was an amazing experience, and it significantly changed my perspective on how much I really have. I understand that many people have almost nothing and that I need to serve more." - *Gavin*

"I am privileged to have had the chance to go on this trip and help others. I'm so thankful for this place and these people." - *Hannah*

"Red Bird Mission was an amazing camp! It was extremely touching to see how we impacted the homeowners. While we did help the homeowners, the homeowners also helped us in small ways. Crystal brought out drink mix packets, Darrell played some music on his guitar, and Rodger helped with some of the building. I could really sense God at work, and it greatly impacted me." - *Anna*

"This was my first mission trip, and it was wonderful; it was a good way to make new friends and help people in the process." - *Emma*

"This mission trip helped to grow my faith by showing me how God works on His time. It was also awesome to see how grateful the homeowners were during and after our work was done. It really put into perspective what is truly important in life." - *Alex (college leader)*



STUDENT MINISTRY - AUGUST ACTIVITIES

August 6: Break - No Wednesday Night Student Ministry

August 13: Break - No Wednesday Night Student Ministry

August 20: **Fall Kickoff** - including a meal.
This is for parents, leaders, volunteers, and students in 6th-12th grade.

August 27: **Outreach Night and Small Group Formation**
We can't wait to see you as we begin a new school year, get connected to our new small groups, and have some fun!

We meet each Wednesday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Visit troymc.org/students or text TROYSTUDENTS to 94000 for more information

EPWORTH CAMP

It was a great week at Epworth Camp in Greenville, IL! Thank you to each leader and student who attended youth camp week.



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AUGUST SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

| Date | Event |
|-----------|---|
| August 3 | Retirement Celebration for Lisa Rayle (<i>front page</i>) |
| August 6 | Picnic in the Park with Pastor Bonnie (<i>page 4</i>) |
| August 8 | Worship Circle (<i>page 4</i>) |
| August 14 | Troy Methodist Women Meeting (<i>page 5</i>) |
| August 17 | Kid's Ministry - Pop-Up Sunday (<i>page 6</i>) |
| August 17 | Kid's Ministry - Back to School Bubble Bash (<i>page 6</i>) |
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| August 21 | GriefShare Support Group Kickoff (<i>page 4</i>) |
| August 26 | J.O.Y. Seekers August Lunch & Program (<i>page 4</i>) |
| August 27 | Traditional Music Kickstart Rehearsals (<i>page 5</i>) |

MEET KATHY HAHN

Kathy Hahn joined the TMC staff in July as the new Mon/Wed administrative assistant. A resident of Troy since 2020, Kathy served over 35 years as a Department of the Air Force employee. She retired from the active duty Air Force in 2005 and, in March 2025, retired from federal service from the United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base.

Kathy spent her formative years overseas with her parents working on the island of Guam. She and her family subsequently moved to Oregon where she attended the University of Oregon to pursue a journalism degree. After working for a couple of years as a newspaper reporter in St. Helens, she decided to expand her horizons and joined the Air Force in 1985. Her military assignments over 20+ years included diverse roles such as Personnel Officer; Chief of Protocol; Executive Officer; Associate Professor of Aerospace Science; and Mission Support Squadron Commander. As a federal civilian for the past 15 years, Kathy's roles included Joint Command Protocol; Joint Capability Requirements Program Analyst; Deputy Inspector General; and Talent Management Branch Chief.

Kathy and her husband Ron have one son and three grandchildren—all of whom reside in Oregon. Outside of work, Kathy thoroughly enjoys spending time with her Australian Cattle Dog, Chloe. She is also passionate about singing; and her vocal credits include musical theater; Master Works Chorale; Heartland Community Chorus; various church choirs; and currently Metro-East jazz/pop band, The Philosophers.



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