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my story...
GOD'S GLORY



MY STORY, GOD'S GLORY

We continue our series in October with testimonies from recent seminary graduate and ordained deacon in the Global Methodist Church, Noah Durbin, our Discipleship Pastor, Bonnie Abel, and a retired, ordained elder from the Global Methodist Church, Christy Phillips!

Each of their stories is unique, but each one brings God glory. We pray that through their testimonies we will each encounter God's mercy and grace afresh and better understand and begin to articulate our own stories of God leading us out of darkness and into his wonderful light.

We also have a wonderful opportunity to hear from Dr. Don Love, a professor at Liberty University and founder of Pray Through It Ministries, who will be joining us on October 26. Don will guide us to God's healing of the broken parts of our stories through the work of prayer. You will not want to miss this special Sunday as you will also have an opportunity to have a Pray It Through session with Dr. Love or one of his team members that afternoon or evening.

Experience God's goodness and healing power to rewrite your story!

October 5 – Noah Durbin – 1 Corinthians 11
October 12 – Bonnie Abel – 2 Corinthians 4; Matthew 11
October 19 – Christy Phillips – Ephesians 2:8-10
October 26 – Don Love – Pray Through It

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*

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

PRAY THROUGH IT

Two years ago I received a message from a close friend living in another state. He told me that he had recently had a prayer session with a prayer team member at his church. They had just begun a new prayer ministry called *Pray Through It* (praythroughit.com), and this prayer session led to a breakthrough in my friend's life. He told me all about it – what the prayer session was like, the realizations he came to, and the changes he was making in his life as a result.

I was intrigued at the philosophy behind the *Pray Through It* method. Most prayer ministries are intercessory in nature. You have the person seeking prayer and the person praying over them for their needs. *Pray Through It* is different. Instead of an intercessor, you have a prayer guide – someone who listens to what you're sharing and asks God to speak to you, the pray-er, believing that God wants to reveal his will and insights to you as you pray.

Leaders in my friend's church had been trained at a prayer seminar led by the founder of *Pray Through It* ministries, Dr. Don Love. I reached out to Dr. Love, told him of my friend's testimony, and shared that I'd love to bring a similar ministry to our church, but I wanted to learn more. So in February I signed up for a 90-minute *Pray Through It* session with Don. I didn't have anything urgent to pray about but I had realized my pattern of anxious responses to parenting situations in the recent past, so we prayed about that. Without going into too much detail, Don simply and repeatedly asked God to reveal things to me about my anxious responses: where was that coming from, when did it start, what was significant about that, was there anything God wanted me to know or do differently, etc. All I can tell you is that God opened my heart to some very important realizations that changed my heart and attitude. I left with new conviction to do things differently, and within two weeks those convictions were put to the test. The things God revealed to me during my *Pray Through It* session prepared me for some significant challenges where my reasoned and compassionate responses were vitally important. God knew exactly what I needed beforehand and spoke it to my heart in our prayer time. It was nothing short of supernatural, but that's what prayer is, conversation with the God of the universe!

Pray Through It is expectant prayer. You enter into a prayer session expecting God to speak into your need and opening your heart to however he may speak to your heart. For me it was through images and pictures in my mind from the past that had meaning to me. For you it may be words or impressions or thoughts. But will you bring your needs before God in prayer?

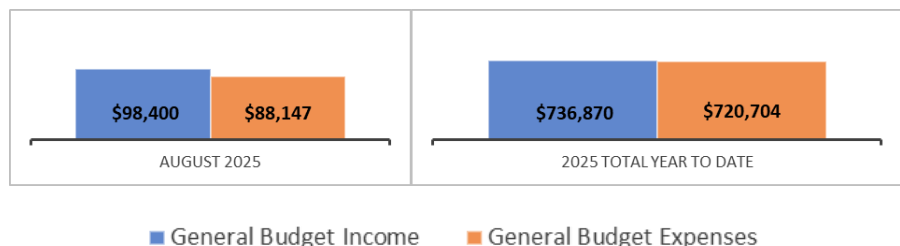
On the weekend of October 25-26 you'll have that opportunity. Dr. Love, his wife, and a team member will be coming to Troy Methodist Church and spending time with some of our leaders and potential prayer guides. On Sunday, Don will preach and help us sort through parts of our stories that may be unresolved. Then Sunday afternoon and evening, the *Pray Through It* team will offer prayer sessions for anyone who would like to sign up. This is an AMAZING opportunity that I hope you take advantage of. Prepare your heart now! If you have something that you would like to have God speak to you about, bring it to Jesus and *Pray Through It*!

Faithfully, *Andy*

STRATEGIC STATS

Worship Services	August Average	Year to Date Averages
9:00 a.m. - In Person	115	117
9:00 a.m. - Online	108	146
10:30 a.m. - In Person	159	167
10:30 a.m. - Online	168	126
Sunday Children	52	60
Wednesday Youth	57	47
Average Weekly In Person Worship	361	399
Average Weekly Online Worship	276	272

General Budget



SERVE

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's one of our favorite times of the year! The holidays are just around the corner, and it's time to pack shoeboxes full of special gifts that will bring joy to children around the world. Samaritan's Purse collects Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts for children in need all around the world. Each one is prayerfully and uniquely packed full of toys and other fun items by YOU so that a child can delight in the season of Christmas. Each shoebox is a chance to show the love of Christ to a child in need.

You will find shoeboxes when you arrive at the Family Life Center and the Sanctuary for worship in the upcoming weeks. Be sure to grab a shoebox and a label! **Collection Sunday is November 16** this year. So, look for the boxes to arrive soon and enjoy this tradition with your family! Giving to others is one of the greatest gifts of Christmas! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org!



MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER (MMDC): A PARTNER MINISTRY ON MISSION

Each year we partner with Midwest Mission in our food packing event. This upcoming spring we will have this event on Saturday, March 21st and we encourage you to save the date and plan to come! In addition to food packing events, Midwest Mission provides a multitude of ministry opportunities, and they would love your help!

Do you have any old sewing machines? Both electric and treadle machines can be refurbished and sent to the Caribbean and Central and South America. The new owners use them for their family's needs and, in many cases, to start a business. Many single mothers are now supporting their families from a donated sewing machine!

Do you have any old bicycles? Bikes are also refurbished and sent around the world. They provide transportation for children to get to school and for adults who would otherwise not be able to get to a job.

Do you know a school that is planning to update their bleachers? MMDC will take old bleacher wood and convert it into school desks. MMDC will even come and pick up the materials from the school themselves!

Do you have connections with an area fire department? MMDC can even utilize their expired fire gear! What is no longer acceptable by U.S. standards becomes life-saving essentials for those who are currently fighting fires in shorts and t-shirts!

Midwest Mission is truly the hands and feet of Jesus as they live up to their motto: "Sending Hope and Empowerment Around the World and Around the Corner." We encourage you to check out their website at www.midwestmission.org, sign up for their weekly emails, and find a way to be on mission today!

STAFFING REALIGNMENT

In late August, our staff parish team agreed to a redistribution of music and worship leadership responsibilities within our staff, resulting in changes to hours, compensation, and job titles. At Rebecca Koebbe's initiation, traditional worship planning and budget oversight responsibilities have been handed over to Marissa Rushik. Rebecca will also have more Sundays off while our Accompanist, Connie McBride, will be the point person on those Sundays. Rebecca is primarily focused on leading the chancel and bell choirs, along with other ensembles and thus, becomes our new Choirs Coordinator.

Marissa will now provide oversight and leadership to our worship and tech ministries for both the traditional and modern worship services and thus becomes our new Director of Worship Arts. We are grateful for the many ways all our amazing staff and volunteers in our music and worship ministries lead us into the presence of God!

Troy Methodist Women's **RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE**

Troy Methodist Church - Family Life Center
Friday, October 3 - 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 4 - 8:00 a.m. to noon



Donation Collection
Thursday, October 2 - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 3 - 8:00 a.m. to noon

TMW ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE *October 3 & 4*

We look forward to seeing you at our annual Rummage and Bake Sale! Bring your items to donate on Thursday, October 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and again on Friday, October 3 from 8:00 a.m. - noon.

On Friday, doors open at 3:00 p.m., and sale continues to 7:00 p.m. and again from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4.

Your used items are someone else's treasure!



UPWARD CHEERLEADING & CO-ED BASKETBALL *Registration & Evaluations Serving Opportunities*

We're gearing up for Upward Cheerleading and Co-ed Basketball again this season! You can find all our 2025-26 information and a link to register at www.troymc.org/upward-sports - and you can share it with a friend!

Our Upward ministry is also a tremendous opportunity to welcome and serve our community in a tangible way. Please consider helping during our Evaluation dates: November 3 or 14 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. or November 30 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Serving opportunities include greeters, check-in, uniform sizers, and several folks willing to test the players' skills (don't be intimidated - it's easy!).



Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ABAA28A3F9C52-58777191-2025> or contact our Upward Coordinators, Tyson or Erica Graham at upward@troymc.org

JOIN OUR NEXT WORSHIP CIRCLE *Friday, October 17, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.* **Upper Family Life Center**

Worshippers in our community are continuing to meet monthly for Worship Circles - these times have been full of laughter, music, and, most importantly, praise and worship to the Lord! If you are not yet aware of Worship Circles, they are times where people come together to sit or stand in a circle with instruments and voices to worship the Lord through music.

We have packets of song lyrics with chords for anyone who wants to sing and play, and all are welcome to come any time we have a Circle! If you have questions, contact Director of Worship Arts, Marissa Rushik, at marissa@troymc.org.



SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP CLASS *Sunday, October 26, 11:45 a.m., Upper Family Life Center*

Our upcoming membership class and lunch is open to anyone, long-time attender or visitor, interested in learning more about our church family and what it means to become a member of Troy Methodist Church, a Global Methodist congregation.

Questions/sign up, email Bonnie, our Discipleship Pastor, at bonnie@troymc.org. RSVP for childcare, if needed.

CONNECT

TMC "MEN AT THE PARK" Saturday, October 4, 9:00 a.m. - noon Troy Tri-Township Park, Pavilion #8

Open to all guys and boys (ages middle school & high school and up)

Join us for a day of outdoor activities, food, and fun! Some of our planned activities include disc golf, pickleball, bean bag toss, and country-style bocce ball.

We will enjoy a meal together at 11:15 a.m. Lunch will include barbeque, cole slaw, mac n' cheese, and drinks provided by Fire & Smoke. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person to cover expenses.

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to the church office at (618) 667-6241 or email sharie@troymc.org. We need a good headcount to ensure enough food is ordered.

Have questions?

Contact Carl Inman at (618) 604-7551/cri2000@gmail.com;

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TROY
METHODIST WOMEN
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OCTOBER MEETING Thursday, October 9 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Family Life Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Troy Methodist Women will be Thursday, October 9 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Our guest speaker will be from The Covering House in St. Louis which supports and provides shelter for victims of human trafficking. This is one of nine missions we support each year.

For more information, contact Libby Gregg at lgregg129@gmail.com or (618) 954-6263.

J.O.Y. SEEKERS - "JUST OLDER YOUTH" (55+ ADULTS) October 28, 12:00 p.m.



Join us on **Tuesday, October 28 at noon**, for a performance from the 60's Chicks, including one of our own, Libby Gregg. The **60's Chicks** are a show choir from Edwardsville that perform songs from the 1960's. Patriotic, Broadway, pop, folk, country, and more are all a part of the performance, along with choreography, costume changes, and lots of harmony and humor.

The menu that day will be hot dogs & hamburgers, chips, baked beans, and ice cream with toppings. Members are encouraged to bring other side dishes or desserts. **We ask that each person donate \$10 to help cover costs.**

Please begin registering for our October meeting by calling the office at (618) 667-06241 beginning October 6-25.

TROY METHODIST KIDS

Fall Fun Awaits at Fall Fest 2025!
Sunday, October 26, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Family Life Center

A FREE community event centered around family-friendly fun! Mark your calendar and bring the whole family for an afternoon of fall activities, treats, and community fun!

Engaging Activities: Try your hand at fall-themed skill games for all ages!

Sweet Treats: Trunk-or-Treating packed with candy and maybe a few surprises!

Festive Fun: Join the cake walk and win prizes like soda and Little Debbie snacks!

Delicious Eats: Enjoy food and fellowship with family and friends.

Be Part of the Fun! We need YOUR help to make Fall Fest unforgettable:

Volunteer: Help create lasting memories for kids and families! Teens are especially encouraged to help run games — it's a great way to serve together.

Donate: Bring candy, cans of soda, 20 oz bottles, 1- or 2-liter sodas, or Little Debbie-style box snacks to fuel the trunk-or-treating and cake walk fun.

Host a Table: Decorate your trunk or table and share treats with the little ones! For extra fun, add a very short game for kids to play. (Not required, but always a big hit and we can help you come up with ideas!)

To get involved, fill out the form at troymc.org/fall-fest-volunteers or contact jenn@troymc.org.

Fall Fest 2025 is the perfect way to celebrate the season with your loved ones, neighbors, and friends! See you there, rain or shine!



CELEBRATING AND SERVING THE NEXT GENERATION

At Troy Methodist Church, we believe what Psalm 78:4 teaches: *"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done."* That's why we love celebrating and serving the kids in our church and in our community.

This back-to-school season was full of joy! We kicked off with **Pop Up Sunday**, marking the exciting step of kids moving up to their next grade, and followed it with our **Back to School Bubble Bash**—a day filled with bubbles, tug-of-war, laughter, and kids just being kids.



We also want to celebrate an incredible milestone: every single prayer bookmark was picked up! That means our church family is praying for 268 children and students from cradle to college!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our leaders and the many hands working behind the scenes. Because of you, our kids' ministry is a flourishing space where children can grow in Christ, have fun, and know they belong!

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TROY METHODIST STUDENTS

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Sunday, October 5, 9:00-10:00 a.m., Upper Family Life Center

Interested in learning and growing as a Christian leader?

If you are in 11th or 12th grade or a college student, join us for leadership training, offered once a month. Next training is October 5 with Ryan Froidcoeur. Future dates are November 2 and December 7.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim at tim@troymc.org



FALL RALLY - ISAIAH 40:31

PURSUIT

Saturday, October 18, 2025
9:30-4:00 pm - Troy, IL

harvestministryteams.com/fallrally

For 6th-12th grade students and leaders.
With Harvest Worship Band!



WILLIE J
Morning Speaker
Seminar Leader



PHIL BRUNNER
Lunch Devotion
Owner/Operator of
Central Chick-Fil-A



TIM PRICE
Closing Speaker
Seminar Leader

FALL RALLY

Saturday, October 18

The Fall Rally, open to 6th-12th graders and all your friends, is quickly approaching! The event will be held here at Troy Methodist Church with several other student ministries joining us from around the region.

Registration fee covers the program, morning coffee house, Chick-Fil-A lunch, and a t-shirt (if registered before October 9).

Register online at troymc.org/students or bring your form and payment with you.

WEINER ROAST AT JAIME INGLE'S HOME

Wednesday, October 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

We're changing the location and flow for the evening and heading to Jaime Ingle's home in Maryville! Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. to ride the bus or meet us there. We will arrive back at the church building around 8:00 p.m. or you can get picked up in Maryville.

STUDENT MINISTRY - SUMMER 2026

Student Ministry Summer 2026 dates are now published on the website troymc.org/students!

Take a moment to look over the camps, mission trips, and events and mark your calendar so students can participate in these life-changing ministries!

NextGen MINISTRY TEAM TRAINING

October 19 or 20
MORE INFO AT TROYMC.ORG/KIDS

MINISTRY LEADERS TRAINING

All kids ministry volunteers and student ministry leaders are required to attend this special training regarding child safety and important leadership matter.

You can choose between one of the two identical meetings, Sunday, October 19 at 3:00 p.m. or Monday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Contact tim@troymc.org or jenn@troymc.org with questions.

HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT



NOVEMBER 21-23, 2025 | LITTLE GRASSY CAMP
REGISTER AT TROYMC.ORG/STUDENTS

HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT November 21-23

It's time to register for the High School Fall Retreat, taking place November 21-23!

This is an incredible weekend for students in 9th-12th grade.

Learn more at troymc.org/students or contact Ryan or Courtney.

FALL FEST – STUDENT HELP NEEDED!

Student volunteers needed at the TMC Fall Fest! Fill out the volunteer form at troymc.org/fall-fest-volunteers

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Connect with us!



OCTOBER SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
October 3 & 4	TMW Annual Rummage & Bake Sale (page 4)
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October 26	Membership Class (page 4)
October 26	Fall Festival (page 6)
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CARE MINISTRY

By Pastor Dan

My dream for TMC is that it will be known as a church where love is not just spoken, but shown. I long to see our congregation continue to become a family that instinctively cares for one another in big and small ways.

I hear story after story of members, outside of the official *Caring Hearts Ministry*, who quietly reach out without being asked. That's the heart of Christ at work!

Let's continue to grow in that spirit so that anyone who walks through our doors will experience the love of Jesus through the care of His people.

5 LESSONS FROM EPHESIANS ON CARING FOR OTHERS

Caring isn't "extra credit" for Christians, it's central to our calling. Paul's words in Ephesians 2-4 give us a simple, spirit-filled roadmap:

- 1. Caring is God's Plan:** We are "*created in Christ Jesus to do good works*" (Eph. 2:10). God places opportunities in our path—our job is to notice and respond with compassion.
- 2. Care Shows God's Love:** When we care well, people see God's wisdom and love (Eph. 3:10; 4:16). Kindness, forgiveness, and gentleness make our care Christ-like.
- 3. God Gives Us Strength:** Caring can drain us, but the Spirit strengthens us "*in our inner being*" (Eph. 3:16). God gives resilience when we feel empty.
- 4. We Care Best in Our Community**
The church is a body where "each part does its work" (Eph 4:16). Good care often takes a team—spiritual and medical together.

Summarized from article, "5 Lessons from Ephesians on Caring for the Sick & Distressed" by Scott Harrower, May 6, 2024



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