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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sept. 6—Comeback/Baptism Sunday

10 a.m. Outdoor & Online (Facebook Live only)

You and your family won't want to miss this amazing day of celebration for our church! We will introduce new members and celebrate the sacraments of Holy Communion and baptism. After the service, there will be fun activities for all ages. If you are interested in being baptized, remembering your baptism, or having your child baptized, please contact Pastor Andy at andy@troyumc.org.

Sept. 13—Comeback Sunday

8 a.m. Sanctuary

9 a.m. Outdoor & Online (Facebook Live only)

10:15 a.m. Sanctuary & Online

10:45 a.m. Family Life Center

Sept. 20 & 27—Same worship schedule as Sept. 13

Starting September 1, the worship schedule will be available on our website at troyumc.org/worship. You will also be able to access the connection card, message notes, and prayer room at [this link](#).

BAPTISM
SUNDAY

GUIDELINES FOR INDOOR WORSHIP

In September, we're returning to our pre-COVID worship schedule (plus online worship) with safety modifications. Everyone is welcome to attend indoor worship, but if you have hesitations about gathering in-person or if you're feeling sick, please continue to worship with us online.

We feel that our preparations and procedures will create a risk-limiting environment where we can all be comfortable and safe. **Here are the guidelines we will follow for indoor worship:**

- Pre-registration is required for all indoor services (registration will be available on our website and Facebook page a week prior).
- Masks are required (if you forget yours, we will provide masks at the door).
- We will space out the seating.
- There will be NO congregational singing.
- There will be a receptacle for your offering.
- The bathrooms will be open but limited to one family at a time with sanitization between uses.
- Keep an eye out for communication from our children's ministry to learn when it becomes available again (see page 6).
- Please continue to wear your color-coded wristbands so everyone will be aware of your comfort level (we will provide these at the door).



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

Nominating Servant Leaders

Despite the fact that many of our ministry methods have changed dramatically in the last six months, our administrative leadership teams haven't missed a beat! Our Council, Trustees, Staff Parish, Finance, and Mission teams have all been meeting online and ensuring we continue to *invite people on a journey with Jesus!* Serving in these roles is a significant responsibility, and it is once again time for you to prayerfully consider recommending potential servant leaders for 2021. 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 online on Thursday, October 15, at 4 p.m.** In preparation, our lay leadership team will be meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 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 discernment are helpful)
- **Staff Parish** – the Human Resources team of the church (gifts of administration and encouragement, as well as experience in HR, are 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, are helpful)
- **Mission** – administering our mission budget and maintaining mission partnerships (gifts of administration, mercy, and discernment, as well as a passion for missions, are 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 of our members, are helpful)

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)

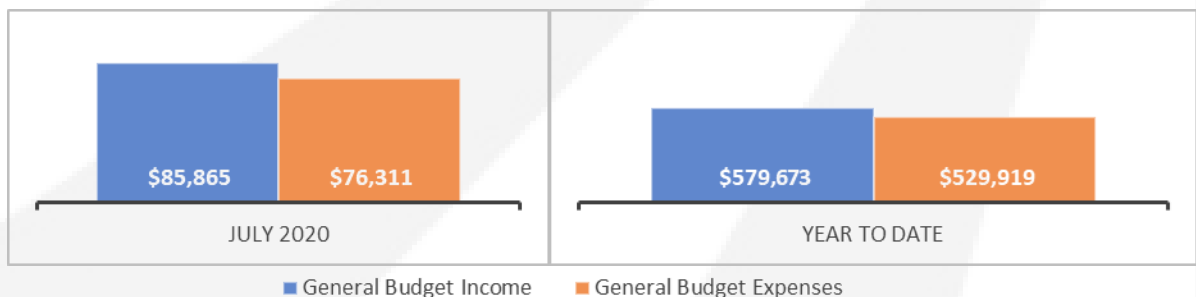
Members of our church have the important role of identifying potential servant leaders for these teams. If you know of a member (including yourself) whose gifts and experiences make him or her a good fit for one of these teams, **please submit his or her name along with your rationale to me before Sunday, September 27.** Browse our current leadership roll on the next page as you consider your recommendations!

Faithfully,

Andy

STRATEGIC STATS

General Budget



Troy United Methodist Church 2021 Administrative Committees

Church Council

Church Council Chairperson	*Mike Loftus
Recording Secretary	Heather Wickersham
Senior Pastor	**Andy Adams
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Don Satterlee
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Terri Satterlee
Lay Leader	Mickey Jackson
Treasurer	Becky Rushing
Financial Secretary	Julie Bernreuter
Bookkeeper	Greg Symons
Staff Parish Relations Representative	Leonard Jenkins
Committee on Finance Chairperson	Andy Shubert
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	Megan Darby
Staff Members (ex-officio, without vote): Office Manager Associate Pastor — Student Ministries	**Sharie Meyer **Kurt Stone

Church Council Members at Large

2021	2022	2023
Sheila Hall	Isabel Ososki	
David VanMiddendorp	Rich Vierdag	

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

2021	2022	2023
Julie Ford	Debbie Vierdag	
LaDean Scheurer	Sharon Jackson	
Mary Kennett	Tracy Kennett	
Lay Leader: Mickey Jackson		
Chairperson: **Andy Adams		

Missions Team

2021	2022	2023
Carol Block	Troy McIlroy	
Becky Luebbert	David Norris	
Richard Wright	Geneva Cushing	
Minister: **Bonnie Abel		

Staff Parish Relations Committee

2021	2022	2023
Pam Ramsey	Carl Inman	
Becky Luebbert	Nick Goodwin	
Laura Michael	Deb Ellis	
Lay Leader: Mickey Jackson		
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Don Satterlee		
Sr. Pastor: **Andy Adams		

Board of Trustees

2021	2022	2023
Mike Donoho	Dale Storey	
Rick Lechner	*Eric Brault	
David Rayle	Michael Cushing	
Sr. Pastor: **Andy Adams		
Staff: **Sharie Meyer		

Committee on Finance

Chairperson	*Andy Shubert
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Committee on Finance Members at Large

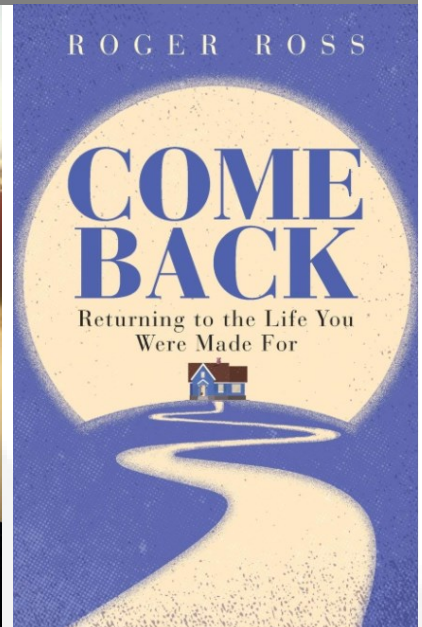
2021	2022	2023
Jeanie Parsons	Jason Wickersham	
*Andy Shubert	Mike Stuart	
Cathleen Rutz		
Scott Niehaus		

First Step Learning Center Preschool Board

2021	2022	2023
Ruth Aylsworth	Carrie Cushing	
Jaime Hernandez	Suzanne Price	

*chairperson **non-voting member

WORSHIP



We all love to cheer for the underdog. We want them to win against impossible odds because we want to believe that we can win against our seemingly impossible odds. No matter what kind of falls you've experienced, your life can be a magnificent comeback story.

Our church will come back together with this life-transforming series based on the brand-new book by Pastor Andy's friend and mentor, Roger Ross.

To get the most out of the Comeback series:

1. Pick up the book on either of our two Comeback Sundays (\$10 suggested donation)
2. Use the book and study guide to spark discussion in your band or journey group
3. Invite a friend to join you on this six-week journey — the book has an application for everyone!

United Methodist Women

Zoom Meeting | Thursday, September 10, at 1 p.m.

Contact information will be emailed to UMW membership, but if you wish to be included, please email Libby Gregg at lgregg129@gmail.com or call (618) 954-6263.

Fundraisers

Through the end of September, please continue to donate to the "No Bake, Bake Sale," as well as the Undies Drive. The UMW conducts an 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. Our annual donation of undies is always greatly appreciated.

- Pick up an extra package when shopping for your family!
- All donations must be new and in the package.
- Any size or style is welcome.
- You may also donate large bottles of laundry detergent.

If you aren't a UMW member, you can bring your donation to the church office. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to the Oasis Women's Center, c/o Diane Jones, and mail it to the church office. Please contact Diane Jones with any questions: 288-7254.

Note: September is also the month that the Nominations Committee will present the proposed slate of officers for 2021.

Goodbye Summer!

Troy Summer Lunch Program

We had an exciting summer at our Troy Summer Lunch Program and were able to provide lunches for a total of **3,410 Triad students!** The Lunch Program is a community-wide ministry that connects the area churches of Friedens United Church of Christ, St. Jerome Catholic Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pathway Church, Bethel Baptist Church, Pentecostals of Troy, and Troy United Methodist Church. This ministry provides for the physical needs of children while also showing the love of Christ in a tangible way. So again, THANK YOU to all the volunteers for all that we accomplished together!

St. Jacob Summer Lunch Program

In May, we kicked off the fourth year of the St. Jacob Summer Lunch Program. Because of COVID-19 and everything else going on in the world, we knew that this year was going to be a unique time to serve the students of St. Jacob. Over the following 11 weeks, we had an average of 35 students show up each day to receive lunches. Because of the generosity of everyone who helped with hands-on service or financial donations, we were able to hand out **1,454 lunches!** We are blessed with the ability to serve these students and look forward to next summer.

If you would still like to make a donation to the lunch program, you can leave a donation in the offering with St. Jacob Lunch Program on the envelope or on the check memo line.

School Supply Giveaway

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped hand out school supplies and to everyone who donated to Ministries Unlimited for the School Supply Giveaway in early August. We were able to give backpacks full of grade-specific supplies to **75 Triad students!**

Hello Fall!

Fall Journey Groups

We will be kicking off our Comeback sermon series with an all-church outdoor worship service on September 6 (see front page). Along with the sermon series, we encourage all Journey Groups and bands to engage in a six-week study based on the book "Come Back" by Roger Ross (see previous page) and an accompanying study guide.

If you are not connected with a Journey Group, now is a great time to start! Keep an eye on upcoming eReaches and social media communication; we'll soon share how you can get connected with group leaders, as well as group times and locations. If you have questions now, feel free to email bonnie@troyumc.org.

Discipleship Bands

We were thrilled to see how eager our church family has been to start "banding" together in conjunction with our most recent sermon series, *8 Core Practices on a Journey with Jesus*. As of this newsletter, a total of **88 people have formed 26 bands**. We've truly embarked on a discipleship revolution!

Are you still thinking about joining a band? It's never too late to invest in your spiritual growth. You can find more information about bands and resources to get started at troyumc.org/bands. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Bonnie at bonnie@troyumc.org or Pastor Andy at andy@troyumc.org. We would love to answer your questions as you ponder what this step on your journey with Jesus might look like.

For those who have already joined a band, we'd love to gift you with a T-shirt! If you don't have one already, you can pick one up at an outdoor or indoor worship service, or you can email bonnie@troyumc.org with your shirt size and color choice (dark blue, dark grey, or black) and we'll mail it to you!

Ecumenical Service | Tuesday, September 29, at 7 p.m.

St. Jerome Catholic Church in Troy will be celebrating its 150th anniversary and the 1600th anniversary of the death of St. Jerome. St. Jerome is best known for his translation of Hebrew, Greek, and "Old Latin" versions of Scripture into the Latin of the early 5th century. All area churches are invited to be part of a Liturgy of the Word on September 29 at St. Jerome Catholic Church. Rev. Kurt Stone will participate in the celebration by sharing a portion of the Scriptures that is personally meaningful to him.

JOURNEY KIDS

We're praying for all our families as they begin a school year that looks quite different than what we're all used to.

September "Take-Out" Boxes

For the month of September, you can request a "take-out" church box to supplement the weekly children's ministry digital content with crafts and other activities. Request a take-out box by sending your child's name and grade to christine@troyumc.org. We'll have the box available for pick-up at one of our services or deliver it to your home.

Indoor Worship and Sunday School

We'd like to offer in-person Sunday School by September 13; however, we know some families are hesitant to return to Sunday School for their children. If you attend indoor service and choose to keep your kids with you, we'll continue to provide "busy bags." We're doing all we can to consider everyone's safety.

Coming Soon: Children's Ministry Re-Opening

Stay connected to our children's ministry weekly newsletter and Facebook page; we'll share re-opening updates in the weeks to come. Here's generally what to expect:

- We will ask families to pre-register so we can have seating and supplies set up.
- We will NOT have small groups in small rooms. Instead, we'll provide physically-distanced seating in our large children's group room.
- Children will have their usual videos, activities, crafts, and games to do at their seat with their own personal, labeled box of supplies to be used from week to week.

Thank you for your patience as we work to provide guidelines that will keep families and volunteers safe.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many open volunteer roles in children's ministry, such as greeters, leaders, and assistants. If you have a heart to serve the children of our church, please reach out to Christine Lippert, Director of Children's Ministry, at christine@troyumc.org.

NEW LIFE STUDENT MINISTRY

Two Troy UMC Young Men Complete Military Basic Training!

Please include these new active duty military servicemen in your personal prayers.

Mailing addresses are available in the church office if you want to send a note of congratulations.



T. J. Biagi recently completed United States Marine Corps basic training. PFC Biagi is stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.



Deric Patton recently completed United States Army basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Calvary Scout Patton is stationed at Fort Irwin in California.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Students will continue to meet via Zoom through the first two Wednesdays in September.

"Like Me: A Series about Comparison"

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." –Romans 12:2

Sept. 2	Proverbs 14:30	The more I celebrate others, the more I like me.
Sept. 9	Romans 12:2, 6	I can like me because God loves me.

COMEBACK NIGHT | September 16

The third week in September, we're returning inside for in-person student ministry!

- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Sr. High praise band rehearsal in the Family Life Center
- 6:30 – 8 p.m. | Youth Group for all 6th – 12th grade students in the Family Life Center

"Family Matters: A Series about Family"

"By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another." – John 13:35

Sept. 16	MS	John 13:35	Loving your family is how your faith can make an impact.
	HS	John 13:35	When it comes to your faith and your family, love matters most.
Sept. 23	MS	Genesis 27:34-38	Your family doesn't have to be perfect for God to use it.
	HS	Hebrews 11:20	Your family matters even though it is fractured.
Sept. 30	MS	Isaiah 41:10; 43:2	When your family changes, God is with you.
	HS	Ecclesiastes 3:8	When your family changes, your mindset matters.

Comeback Night Guidelines:

- We'll meet in two groups: Middle School Students and High School Students.
- We'll meet in two separate spaces: Children's Ministry Area and the Family Life Center.
- We'll implement social distancing (face masks are required).
- Please eat dinner at home before attending Youth Group.
- We'll provide online access to Youth Group for students at home.
- If you have a fever or feel sick, please stay home.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP SPECIAL OFFERING: "Fill the Grocery Cart!" | September 16, 23, & 30

The Ministries Unlimited food pantry in Troy is running low on complete meal kits. Please add some of the following items to your next grocery list and bring them to church to "fill the ALDI grocery cart!" Buy what you would serve at home, and be generous. Thank you!

- Hamburger Helper
- Chicken Helper
- Tuna Helper
- Beef stew
- Chicken and dumplings
- Canned pasta (ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc.)

SPECIAL EVENT: CANOEING ON REND LAKE | Saturday, September 26, at 9 a.m.

- We will meet at the lake. You must provide your own transportation.
- Canoe seating is limited; reservation and payment required (\$TBD)
- Student Registration informational flyer will be available at troyumc.org/students and in print.
- Canoes, life jackets, instructions, and guiding provided by experienced outfitter we've used multiple times.
- Canoe put in will likely be South Sandusky Beach, near the Rend Lake Visitor Center – parents and siblings can enjoy Illinois' most beautiful beach!

2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS ORIENTATION | Sunday, September 27, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. 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. 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 (618) 407-7586.

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Tim Price

*Director of Traditional Worship Arts
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*Sound Technician
Josh Case

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SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Event
Sept. 6	Comeback/Baptism Sunday (see front page)
Sept. 10	United Methodist Women Meeting (see page 4)
Sept. 13	Comeback Sunday (see front page)
Sept. 14	Blood Drive — church parking lots
Sept. 16	Student Ministry Comeback Night (see page 7)
Sept. 26	Student Canoeing Trip (see page 7)
Sept. 27	2021 Confirmation Class Orientation (see page 7)
Sept. 27	Deadline for Servant Leader Nomination (see page 2)
Sept. 29	Ecumenical Service (see page 5)

CONNECT

We've been keeping it quiet for awhile, but now is finally the time...

Troy United Methodist Church has hit the app stores!

We're excited to offer a church app with the sole purpose of keeping you connected to the life of our church, both on Sunday morning and beyond. We hope this resource will bless you in your journey with our church family.

Key Features:

- Keep up-to-date on announcements and upcoming events
- Quickly access message recordings
- Fill in Sunday's message notes
- Look up Scripture passages
- Access digital giving

Simply search for "Troy United Methodist Church" in your device's app store!



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