

Upcoming Events

FALL FEST 2026

Lots of games, treats, prizes, food, & fun!

Sunday, October 25, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Family Life Center

To donate or volunteer, visit troymc.org/kids

J.O.Y. SEEKERS (55+) OCTOBER LUNCH & PROGRAM

Join us for a soup cookoff & tips from a personal trainer!

Tuesday, October 27, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., Family Life Center

To RSVP, call the office at (618) 667-6241

PASTOR & STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

Donate gift cards for church staff at the Resource Table

Due November 1. See the eReach for information.

See our website for additional details– troymc.org/events

Message Notes

October 18, 2026

Long Story Short: The Church

Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 2:1-8, 42-47; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27

1. THE CHURCH IS PART OF GOD'S CONTINUING STORY.

The promise of the “coming Seed” in Genesis 3:15, points forward to the One who would ultimately defeat the power of sin and evil.

2. THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul reminds us that the human body has many parts. When the Body works together in love, Christ's presence becomes visible through His people.

3. THE CHURCH MAKES CHRIST VISIBLE IN THE WORLD.

The apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:20, *“We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”*

4. THE CHURCH LIVES BETWEEN RESURRECTION AND NEW CREATION.

Right now, we are living out Acts 29 (*there are only 28 chapters in Acts*). Jesus defeated sin and death. Through His death and resurrection, we are still waiting for the day when God's work of restoration will be complete.

So, Troy Methodist Church, let us remember who we are, whose we are, and why we are here. We are:

- A part of God's continuing story
- The Body of Christ, (*Corpus Christi*) *created for community*.
- Gifted and empowered by the Holy Spirit
- A community sent into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.