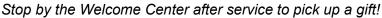


# Welcome to Troy Methodist Church!

## New to TMC?

We invite you on a journey with Jesus... Connect to God and our faith community. Grow into a wholehearted follower of Jesus. Serve with your God-given gifts and passions. Share God's love regionally and globally. Worship God in everything you say and do.



## Upcoming Events

2/5/24- Troy Methodist Students- Summer Camps & Trips Meeting
2/8/24- Troy United Women in Faith February Meeting
2/11/24- Membership Class & Lunch
2/11/24- Troy Methodist Students- Middle School Lunch & Serve Day
2/14/24- Ash Wednesday Service
2/23-2/25- Fire-Up Senior High Conference
2/27/24- Joy Seekers February Meeting



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## Message Notes

February 4, 2024 Acts Part 4 - The Way: Common Ground Acts 17:16-34

### Paul in Athens:

- Distressed by this city full of idols (vs 16)
- Preached in the synagogue (vs 17a)
- Preached in the marketplace to very secular Greeks (vs 17b+)
  - Epicureans "pleasure seekers" because there is no real point to life
  - Stoics moralists

# How Paul addressed these very secular people - his sermon on Mars Hill:

- Respectful he acknowledged their spiritual pursuits (vs 22)
- Common Ground he met them where they were the altar to the unknown god (vs 23)
- He used their Language in telling the story of God (vs 24-27) he didn't use Scripture, but instead quoted their own poets/philosophers (vs 28)
- Called them to Repentance Paul didn't preach "God's love"
   he began with a call to repent because judgment is coming (29-31)

#### **Reflection Questions:**

- How does this passage convict and challenge you?
- What is one change you will make in the way you interact with very secular people?