

Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday, September 22, noon, Family Life Center

Details at troymc.org/events. RSVP (618)667-6241

OASIS WOMEN'S CENTER ESSENTIALS DRIVE

Drop donations in the Sanctuary foyer or the

Family Life Center Resource Center

Details at troymc.org/events. Donations due by September 27

TMW'S RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Friday, October 9 & Saturday, October 10, Family Life Center

Donations – Thursday, October 8 & Friday, October 9

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

Message Notes

September 20, 2026

Long Story Short: Creation

Genesis 1-2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

Act #1 - CREATION

Our Story: We were created FROM community FOR community:

- Alternative stories - created from conflict, created from chaos

Created FROM Community:

- God created!
- God created from community - the Trinity is loving community: Father, Son, Spirit
 - The Father spoke creation into being (Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26)
 - The Son is the WORD God spoke (John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:16)
 - The Spirit gives life (Genesis 1:2, 2:7)
 - **The Father creates through the Son in the power of the Spirit!**
- Because God created from loving community, the creation is GOOD!
 - God is love (1 John 4:8)
 - God's creation is good (Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25)
 - God's creation of humanity is very good (Genesis 1:31)

Created FOR Community:

- With God for we were created in his image (Genesis 1:26-27)
- With Creation for we were given a stewarding role (Genesis 2:15)
- With One Another for it is not good for man to be alone (Genesis 2:18, 2:25)

We were created from the great love and goodness of our triune God to be in intimate relationship with him, with all of creation, and with one another.

For more, please refer to our GMC Catechism (available at the resource table) questions 1-5, 8-9, and 21. (edited)