

Upcoming Events

ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK

Bring a dish and join us for food and fellowship!

TODAY, 11:30 a.m., Family Life Center

Visit troymc.org/events for details

MEMBERSHIP CLASS & LUNCH

Join us for lunch and learn more about membership

Sunday, September 20, 11:45 a.m., Upper Family Life Center

To RSVP, email Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org

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

Message Notes

September 13, 2026

Encountering Community: The Why

John 17:20-23

The Pattern for Biblical Community (from last week - Acts 2:42-47)

- Up - God-centered, seeking the spiritual growth and life transformation of its members
- In - Fosters authentic and caring relationships amongst its members
- Out - Carries out the mission of Jesus, looking to multiply disciples by inviting those on the outside to encounter Jesus in community.

John 17:20-23

My prayer is not for [these disciples] alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.
(John 17:20-23)

What is God's purpose for church community? So the world will know!

What might this mean for us at Troy Methodist Church?

- Our love for one another must be genuine.
 - How have you loved others in your church?
 - How might you love others more deeply?
- Our church community must be outwardly focused (at all levels).
 - Who are you inviting?
 - In what ways can you be more welcoming?

Ultimately, our hope is not in community. Our hope is in Jesus!

Baptisms:

Jack Ryan Douglas

Madelyn Renee Douglas

Ellaree Michael Weiss

Remembrance of Baptism:

Stephanie Amber Showalter-Douglas