

Upcoming Events

MEN AT THE PARK

All men & middle/high school boys invited for games & lunch!

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. – noon, Tri-Township Park

RSVP to the church office (618)667-6241 or admin@troymc.org

ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK

Bring a dish and join us for food and fellowship!

Sunday, September 13, 11:30 a.m., Family Life Center

Questions or want to help? Email Bonnie at bonnie@troymc.org

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 6, 2026

Encountering Community: Up, In, & Out

Acts 2:42-47

The Pattern for Biblical Community

- 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.

Up, In, and Out in the early church:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

Our E4 Discipleship Process: Engage --> Encounter --> Equip --> Extend

Up, In, and Out in our Journey Groups:

- Up - God-centered content with an emphasis on life-transformation:
 - What is God speaking to me through this content?
 - What am I going to do about it?
- In - Creating an environment for authentic and caring relationships
 - Confidentiality
 - Primary place of CARE
- Out - Praying for and inviting those on the outside to join the group
 - Open groups - the "empty chair"
 - Multiplication as the goal - importance of apprentice leaders

Action Step: Join a journey group for our upcoming *Long Story Short* series! Buy the book and join a group TODAY!