

TOWER TOPICS

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Church Council to Meet

Our Church Council will meet on **Monday, April 8** at 7:00 p.m. to hear:

- An update on our tuck pointing project
- An update on the remodeling of the new children's center with proposals for the naming of the center and of the ministries there
- A position description for the director of the preschool and child care ministry
- By-laws for the preschool and child care ministry
- A report from our Church Advisory Group on our Appreciative Inquiry Process
- A proposal that our church enter into the Fruitful Congregation Process to which we have been invited by our Indiana Conference
- An update on our youth ministry

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend this meeting and provide opinions and insights, however only members of the church may vote on the issues.

Cardinal United Methodist Campus Ministry

Our cluster of seven United Methodist churches is making strides toward establishing a new campus ministry at Ball State University. Yet this month a couple of candidates for the staff position being created will come to Muncie and Ball State to be interviewed.

Please keep this process and our churches in your prayers as we work together to reach the students at Ball State for Christ.

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Service Times

8:30-9:30 Traditional Worship

9:45-10:45 Sunday School

9:45-10:30 Chapel Worship

11:00-Noon Contemporary Worship

Traditional Worship Broadcast at
 11 a.m. on WXFN - 1340 AM

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Moonlight of the Cross. . .

Deborah Musick

As we come into the season of spring, and the snow is a memory, we see the beginnings of the earth waking up. The birds are announcing the sunrise with their song; the tulips, crocuses and daffodils are stirring, and the grass is hinting a tinge of green. As I think of new beginnings of spring, my thoughts go to the Cross that brings us all new invitations of growth.

I have written before of the Chapel of the Holy Cross in Sedona, Arizona, that brought such a change in my life. I lived at the base of this 90 foot cross, and one night I walked up the hill to witness the lighted cross. You can see the lighted cross for miles as you wind down SR 179 in red rock country. It reminds me that there is always a lighted cross somewhere to bring us to the reality of God's love and forgiveness.

It was a beautiful moonlit night with million of stars; in fact I lived on Starlite Drive, and I would often hike the trails surrounding the chapel. Yet this night the lighted cross seemed to call me to come, and focus on its light. After spending some time there, I went home and wrote this poem. I'd like to share it with you. And, as the next full moon rises on your horizon, may you remember the Moonlight of the Cross.

*The night air was calm and crisp
When the soldiers came into view.
A man whom they called Jesus
Was in a garden laced with dew.*

*The moon cast off a light
So the soldiers could see quite clear
While Jesus was on His knees
Bringing the Father near.*

The Garden heard his groaning.

All nature took a gasp.

*The time had come for the moonlight
To reveal the cross at last.*

*And with the soldiers grabbing
His cloak and throwing Him down,
The earth rumbled inside its walls
As His blood hit the ground.*

*And with each stumbled footstep
Chains of hell began to break.
For in the moonlight of the cross
Began an Easter quake.*

*And as the day brought forth
A conviction to an end,
The Garden knew its favorite flower
Would somehow come back again.*

*And the Moonlight of the Cross
Still remains in the garden
For those of us who have traveled there
Know the meaning of pardon.*

*And when the moonlight shines
Remembering that fateful night,
It knows that day breaks in a heart
Who has found the Cross of Light.*

2011 Deborah Musick

Until we meet again....
Deborah



Maundy Thursday Service

Join us for worship on Thursday, March 28. We will meet in the Sanctuary for the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, also called *Holy Thursday*, is a service to commemorate Jesus' Last Supper and the beginning of our Sacrament, the Lord's Supper. At the Last Supper, Jesus commanded his disciples to "love one another as he had loved them." *John 13:34*. The service will conclude with the traditional "stripping of the altar," the removal of all adornment in the chancel area, which served to remind us of how Jesus emptied his life for us on the cross.

Easter Orchestra



Calling all instrumentalists! It's time to put together our Easter Orchestra. We will play on Palm Sunday, March 24, at the 8:30 a.m. service this year. Rehearsal will be Saturday morning, March 23, from 9:30

to 11:00 a.m.

Music packets will be available in the church office by March 16th.

Please contact Andrew Crow, arcrow@bsu.edu, or through the church office at 747-8500 if you have questions. Invite a friend to join the fun!

Angels On High Preschool

The Angels on High Preschool Board has set the registration and tuition fees for the 2013-2014 year. Registration is being taken now!

Registration costs are \$30 for the 2-year old class; \$60 for the 3-year old class; and \$80 for the 4/5-year old class. Registration fees are non-refundable.

Tuition costs will be \$40 per month for the 2-year old class; \$80 per month for the 3-year old class; and \$105 per month for the 4/5-year old class.



Easter Lilies

Each year, members and friends of High Street Church donate monies in memory or in honor of family and loved ones. The money from this project is used to purchase the Easter Lilies which decorate the Sanctuary during this special time.

Each lily represents one of our home bound members. Following the 9:45 (Chapel) and 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) services on Easter Sunday, cards will be available with delivery information for the lilies. You can deliver the lily immediately, later in the day, or if necessary, on Easter Monday. ***Please fill out this form and return it to the church office, along with your donation, by Monday, March 25.***

Easter Lilies (PLEASE PRINT!)	
Name	_____
Address	_____
Phone #	_____
MY/OUR Gift is	<input type="checkbox"/> in MEMORY of
	<input type="checkbox"/> in HONOR of

Easter Angel Breakfast

The Easter Angel Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 30 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served, the Easter story will be told to the children and then they will participate in an Easter Egg hunt. Make reservations by

calling the church office at 747-8500. RSVP's are needed by Wednesday, March 27th.



Notes From the Kitchen



The refrigerators and freezers in the Parish Hall kitchen have recently been cleaned. There was a considerable quantity of outdated food that

had to be thrown away. As we have so many in need in our community we, as a church, should be good stewards of our resources.

Listed below are guidelines for those groups using the kitchen. *All food to be used for a meal should be labeled and dated as per group in the refrigerator or freezer. Labels are clipped on the refrigerators and freezer doors for your use.*

All leftovers from a meal should be dispersed after the meal. Suggestions:

- Divide the leftovers among the workers.
- Sell the leftovers.
- Take to the Muncie Mission if there is a large amount. (Yes, they will use the food.)
- If a small amount, give to Josh (the church mouse). Make sure he knows it's for him.
- Do not put leftovers in the freezer or refrigerator and assume another group will use it. If you think another group may use the food, please contact a person from that group.
- Thursday Luncheon has their own menu and does their own shopping. They will not use leftovers.
- Do not freeze bread, rolls, etc. They do not freeze well.
- Items such as condiments which may be used by your group at another time should be labeled. Please be aware of expiration dates.
- All items placed in the freezer must be well-wrapped, labeled and dated. There must be a plan to use them in a timely manner.

We are blessed with a great kitchen facility. These guidelines will make it more efficient for everyone and decrease the amount of food wasted. If you have questions, contact Connie Crabtree, UMW Kitchen Chairman.

High Street Travelers

Check out Deb's UPDATED Travel Blog at:
www.debdirection.blogspot.com

New 2013 Trips:

- Apr. 11:** *Purdue Glee Club at Carmel Palladium* \$75/person
- May 5-17:** *Hawaiian Island Cruise*
10 night includes round trip air/cabin in category. Call Deb for pricing instructions.
- May 22:** *"Flea" to Shipshewanna*
\$75/person
- June 12:** *"The Sound Of Music" at Beef & Boards* \$75/person
- July 10:** *Factory Tour Day - Surprises!*
\$75/person
- Aug. 7:** *Cincy Reds vs. Houston*
at Cincy \$75/30 per person (adult or youth)
- Sept. 11:** *Church Basement Ladies IV*
LaComedia \$75/person
- Sept. 14-17:** *Mackinac Island and Grand Hotel* \$699/double occupancy
- Oct. 16:** *Parke Co. Covered Bridge Festival* \$50/person
- Nov. 6-22:** *Panama Canal Cruise*
16 nights/1 night hotel/transfer air/insurance/ start \$2,899/dbl.

For reservations/information, contact High Street Church at 765-747-8500 or dheeter@ballstate.bsu.edu *Tours are open to the Public, Clubs, and Groups!* Coordinator: Deb Heeter

Palm Sunday Breakfast

The Youth will be serving a Palm Sunday Celebration Breakfast on **Sunday, March 24** from **9 to 11 a.m.** with breakfast casserole, cinnamon rolls, fruit salad, coffee and juice. A freewill offering will be taken.

To make your reservation, call the office, 747-8500, or mark your Attendance Registration Pad with the letter **"B"** and the number of persons attending. Reservations are needed by March 21.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

MARCH



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9:00 AM Play Day 9:00 AM Preschool 4:30 PM Carnival Set Up	10:00 AM Winter Carnival

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Mark Your Calendar!

Game Night is coming to High Street Church on **Saturday, May 4** at 5:00 p.m. We'll have board games, Bingo, card games, a light dinner of Sloppy Joes, chips, dessert and drinks and so much more! We are planning a talent show for the children and youth and LOTS of fun for everyone!



Youth News

It's been a great year so far for the High Street Church Youth with lots of events and activities! To highlight just a few: We've gone bowling at Ball State and had a great Super Bowl Party at the Musal's. The youth joined with the SAF (Seek And Find) youth groups to participate in a 30-Hour Famine weekend, learning first-hand about hunger around the world and in our own area, joined in the Muncie Mission Walk-A-Mile In My Shoes event, and helped to paint a residential mental health care facility in Anderson.



Most recently our youth hosted the SAF gathering of three area youth groups at Riverside UMC. Our youth provided dinner as well as a program with Sarah Dale telling of her recent mission trip to Africa. The youth have also been participating in a multi-week Sunday school series, led by Laura Constantine, on the Christian faith story found in J.R.R. Tolkien's book, *The Hobbit*. A big thanks to everyone whose efforts have made these events and activities possible!

In the coming weeks, the youth are hosting a Palm Sunday Celebration Breakfast on **March 24**. (See page 4 of this issue of *Tower Topics*). There will also be a Good Friday trip (March 29) to Portland, Indiana for a traditional Tenebrae Service (Service Of Shadows) followed by pizza and discussion. In April, a number of our youth will be participating in Muncie's *Acquire The Fire*, a 27-hour youth ministry event at Worthen Arena on the BSU campus, with concerts, worship, drama and more!

Are you interested in learning more about the exciting events and activities in which our youth are involved? Do you want to volunteer to help, but are unsure how? Do you know a youth (grades 6-12) who might like to be a part of the faith, fun, and fellowship of the High Street Youth? If so, then join the High Street Youth e-mail list! Contact Dan Moore Snyder (danceil@mindspring.com or 768-6293) or Cynthia Dale (jcdale@gmail.com or 286-4962) to stay in touch with all our youth are doing!

Acquire The Fire



Our youth have a chance to attend this event. This 27-hour spectacular is coming to Muncie on April 5-6.

Hours are Friday from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 9:45 p.m. We have 10 tickets available for the low price of \$25 each, which includes lunch and dinner on Saturday. Once these tickets are gone the regular price of almost \$60 each applies and doesn't include lunch or dinner! See Dan Moore Snyder or Cynthia Dale as soon as possible if you are interested!

UM Men's Breakfast

The next High Street United Methodist Men's Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, March 20th. Join us at 7:00 a.m. in Parish Hall for a delicious breakfast, devotions and great fellowship! Occasionally we will have a short program. We dismiss by 8:00 a.m.



All men of the church are welcome to attend!

Child Protection Training

Persons who work with minors (children and/or youth) are required by High Street Church policy to participate once every three years in a Child and Youth Protection Training program. This training provides good information and practices in working with children and youth, as well as ensures the protection of our children, youth and those serving in our child and youth ministries.

This training is not only for adults, but also for our youth who work with children in Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, the nursery and other children's ministries. If you have not had this training before or if you have not been a part of it since 2010, you are encouraged to select one of the dates below and contact the office, 747-8500, to reserve your place in training.

Sessions will be held:

- March 20, 6:30 p.m.
- April 17, 6:30 p.m.
- May 8, 1:00 p.m. (Lunch served)
- June 19, 6:30 p.m.

Remember, if you work with youth or children you must participate once every three years!

The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

Canned Fruit & Veggies

Applesauce

Pork & Beans • Soup



Donations may be left in the wicker baskets at the North Door entrance and in the Narthex.

Food Pantry ♦ 2013

The High Street Food Pantry has served this year:

343 people



Thank you for your contributions, both food and monetary, to the High Street Food Pantry!

March Mission Focus: UMCOR

For more than 50 years, UM congregations have been taking part in a special One Great Hour Of Sharing offering, laying the foundation for UMCOR's ministry of relief and hope. UMCOR uses 100% of all contributions on the projects donors specify, instead of administrative or fund raising costs. UMCOR doesn't rely on United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds, so without these offerings, UMCOR wouldn't exist.

The **March 24 Bucket Offering** will support UMCOR/One Great Hour of Sharing and BSU Campus Ministries.

Task Of the Month



This month, install a programmable thermostat and set it to heat or cool your space only when needed. Savings: \$60 per year.

BONUS: Vectren customers can get a \$20 rebate on a programmable thermostat. Call 1-866-240-8476 or go to www.vectren.com and search for "programmable thermostat rebate" for details!

Thank You!

I would like to thank our wonderful Pastors and everyone for all the prayers, cards, flowers, and visits while I was in the hospital. I feel so blessed. Thank you with all my heart! — Sydney Wulff



Our thanks to Wesleyan Circle for helping us serve 80 family members of John Dale after his memorial service. Some of our group were ill or still south. Bless you all! — Mary Circle

In Sympathy



Our love and condolences are offered to Evelyn Coulter and family on the death of her sister, Roberta; and to Jim Needham and family on the death of his mother, Jeanette Needham.

"Mourn with those who mourn. . ." Romans 12:15

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY and giving High Street Church as their preference: Jane Zimmerman, Traudi Woodrum, June Crawford, Mary Barnell (*Ball Memorial Hospital*).



High Street Memorials

- † Chuck Manship
- † Georgia Creagmile
- † Jim Cook
- † Mary Gratner
- † Lee Shank
- † Drexal and Louis Jenkinson

In Honor Of

- † The birthdays of Jim and Judy Lambert



Feeding The Future

Don't forget that the High Street Youth can always use supplies for the weekly *Feeding The Future* backpacks. These backpacks help provide food to elementary-aged children who may not have anything to eat on the weekends. Please leave donations in the large box in the main hallway:

- 16.9 oz. bottles of water
- Single-serve drink mix packets
- Cereal bars
- Canned mac & cheese / pasta items
- Peanut butter crackers or cheese cracker packs
- Single-serve fruit cups
- Single-serve applesauce cups

Also, cash is always welcome so the youth can purchase needed items. Thank you!

College Night Out

The next college night out for college-aged students (you don't have to be in school to attend!) will be **March 27 at 10:00 p.m.** The place is to be announced.

Contact Lana Remaly at 765-717-0534 for more information.

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MARCH 17

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture:

Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16, 25:5-2

A Disciple's Path
"Walking in Service"

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

MARCH 24

Palm/Passion Sunday

Scripture:

Luke 19:28-40, John 1:35-42

A Disciple's Path
"Walking in Witness"

Pastor Dale Mendenhall