

TOWER TOPICS

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Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, March 28 • Maundy Thursday

Worship service held at 7:00 p.m. in the church Sanctuary.

Friday, March 29 • Good Friday

Service held at St. Lawrence Catholic Church at 12:00 noon. High Street Church office closes at 12:00 noon.

Sunday, March 31 • Easter Sunday

Join us at High Street Church at any one of our joyous Easter services: 8:30, 9:45, or 11:00 a.m. Come celebrate our Risen Christ!

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

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

Deadline for Submission is 12:00 Noon on
 Fridays before the Wednesday Issue Date

Submit By:

April 5
 April 19
 May 3
 May 17

Issue Date:

April 10
 April 24
 May 8
 May 22

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Solid Rock or Living Water?

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

Dear Friends in Christ:

We saw it reported on the TV news. We have read about it. There was that house in Florida that suddenly and unexpectedly fell into an ever-widening sinkhole, killing the one man inside.

As much as his brother tried, he could not reach the victim to rescue him.

Shortly after this piece of tragic news swept the nation, another sinkhole suddenly emerged near a golfer. I found some irony in the fact that a sinkhole appeared on a course where the object is to sink the ball into a hole. But irony aside, sinkholes are frightening occurrences. Neither time was there any real warning. Who could expect it or prepare for it?

These two news stories reminded me of a book I read some years ago. The book is Ordering Your Private World written by Gordon MacDonald. The very first chapter is entitled "The Sinkhole Syndrome." In his opening chapter MacDonald reports that scientists claim that sinkholes occur because underground streams dry up, such as in times of drought. When those streams dry up, the ground loses its support. Without that support, the ground suddenly gives way, engulfing people and objects that were on the surface.

MacDonald goes on to point out the danger inherent in living life just on the surface. It's easy to do just that. Life on the surface is more readily visible and measurable. One can even manage to appear and even feel quite successful when measured by what is apparent on the surface. And let's admit that most of us don't want to appear even on the surface to be failures.

The problem, of course, is that when life deals us something that is difficult with which

to cope or to live, surface-living may not be enough. If the ground upon which we stand and build our lives is not solid and supported from underneath, then we may find ourselves sinking.

At first, as I thought about this letter to you, I imagined writing about Christ as the Solid Rock, that Firm Foundation. But if MacDonald is correct in the scientific explanation of the cause of sinkholes, then we don't need a rock underneath us. We need a source of water that will not dry up underneath us. We need that living water that will sustain the ground under our feet and even gush up in places to provide us with drink.

I have had occasion lately to see people whom are dealing with problems that are far from surface-level. And yet, no sinkhole has emerged. God has been streaming family and friends, sometimes in unexpected and heartwarming ways, to support the person in need. God has streamed the very skilled persons to help in a time of need. God has streamed the grace of his presence through it all. Sometimes that for which so many have hoped and prayed comes to be. Other times things have not gone as many had hoped and prayed. But either way, the ground has not opened up and swallowed those dealing with their life problems. The living water still flows abundantly. May it be so for each of us.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dale

Gordon MacDonald. 1985. Ordering Your Private World. Nashville: Oliver-Nelson. pp. 13-18.



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 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.



Change of Date

Sarah Dale will not be presenting to the Epworth Class on April 21. There is going to be an Earth Day Activity in Epworth instead.

Sarah will be presenting her African experience from her December 2012 trip to the Tanzania, Africa Illula Orphan Center instead on May 19 with the Epworth Class.

HOW WE HELP!

The Samaritan Fund - 2013

People Helped: 130

Rent:	\$1,610.00
Utilities:	\$3,747.36
Prescriptions:	\$258.85
Misc.:	\$482.25
Total:	\$6,098.46

Electric bills. We get requests for help with these the most. With the cold, people want to make sure they have lights and heat. It's so easy for most of us to take turning on a lamp for granted. Thank you so much for your donations to help the least of these!



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attend the Youth's Palm Sunday Celebration Breakfast and supported future mission trips for the youth. We estimate that we served just over 100 individuals that morning! We are glad you could join us!



A big thank you to the parents and youth and friends of the youth who donated food, worked in the kitchen, or helped with serving and clean up. Thank you also to the parlor hospitality team for supplying us with decaf coffee! We would also like to give special thanks to Bonita Musal, our menu planner, and Joan Pattison, our decor coordinator.

Proceeds from the breakfast totaled over \$700 which will be used to support future mission trips for the youth. Thank you SO much!

UMW General Meeting

The United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday, April 16, in Parish Hall. A continental breakfast will be provided at 10:00 a.m.

Jim Lambert will speak at 10:30 a.m. on "Knowing the Birds in Your Neighborhood."

Reservations should be made with Mary Swanger (282-9197). Church women and friends are welcome, so come one, come all and share fun, food, and fellowship!

Your Tower Topics

Don't forget, you can now receive your *Tower Topics* newsletter by way of e-mail! Just send your name and e-mail address to:

info@munciehighstreet.com

Contact Lori Gibson, editor, at rebelnomo@munciehighstreet.com or call 747-8500.

Drama Team!

Are you interested in being a part of the 11:00 a.m. worship service Drama Team? No auditions required... enthusiasm helps! Contact the church office at 747-8500 or e-mail us at: info@munciehighstreet.com



Redesigned Website!

If you haven't checked out our website lately, go take a look around! There are lots of things to see and hear! Did you miss a Sunday sermon? You can listen to it at the website! Read your newsletter on-line! Need to contact one of the pastors or the church staff? The e-mail addresses are all on the website, too! Come and visit us at:

www.munciehighstreet.com

Church Council to Meet

Our Church Council will meet on **Monday, April 8 at 6:30 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.

Wisdom People for March

Please send these wonderful folks a card and wish them many more active, healthy years.

Jean Hays • 91 on March 28
1535 Countryside Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46231



*"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."
— Psalm 90:12*

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

Brew Crew for 2013



We need volunteers to help brew and serve coffee on Sunday morning. Please volunteer today! It's not hard and you can enjoy a cup of coffee while you are setting things up. Call the church office at 747-8500 if you can help!

APRIL



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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:

- April 17 & 28, 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!

Annual Rummage Sale



The "Basement Bonanza" Rummage Sale will be held June 21 & 22 this year, 8:00-12 Noon.

Start cleaning out your garages and attics! Items needed include tools, toys, housewares, linens, decor, electronics, small appliances, furniture, luggage, books, clothes, shoes, purses, etc. We will let you know when to bring your items to the church.

We also need volunteers - both men and women or anyone who wants to help - who likes to socialize with fellow High Streeters and/or who enjoys rummaging. If you have questions or need more information contact Elli Taylor at 284-6120.

Strawberry Jam Time!

It's time for the UMW ladies to make their delicious Strawberry Jam for May Breakfast!

They need 8 oz. jelly jars, new lids, bands/rings, and granulated sugar for the jam. Donations may be left in the church until April 26th. Please mark your donation for May Breakfast. Thanks!

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!

Kids Night Out

Kids' Night Out is held on the first and third Fridays of the month from 6:00-9:00 P.M. Kids ages infant through 9 years old are welcomed! You must sign up on the Wednesday before the event.

Upcoming themes include: Show & Tell/Talent Night, Taco/Fiesta Night, Under the Sea, Decorate Your Shirt, Glow in the Dark, Camping Fun, Jungle/Zoo Night, Mixing A Mess, Prince and Princess.



Watch the nursery bulletin board and your *Tower Topics* for more information or see Arline Morrow, Nursery Supervisor.

Recycling Event

On **Saturday, April 6** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. you can bring your old computers and electronics to First Presbyterian Church for recycling. Computers will be collected and shipped to schools in West Africa and



Haiti (after data is removed). You can also bring in anything with a plug (a \$5-10 donation for TV's is requested). For more information, contact Jennifer Rice-Snow at 289-4431.

Scholarship Applications must be postmarked by March 31! Applications can be found on the website under the "Youth" tab.

The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

Pasta and Spaghetti

Applesauce

Green beans, Peas, Corn



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:

405 people



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

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!

Feeding The Future

Don't forget that the High Street Youth can always use supplies for the weekly *Feeding The Future* backpacks. 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.

In Sympathy



Our love and condolences are offered to the family and friends of Hannah M. Taylor, Louise H. Satterlee, and Betty Harris Hillery; and to Steve Dingledine and family on the death of his father, Lewis Dingledine.

“Mourn with those who mourn. . .” Romans 12:15

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

and giving High Street Church as their preference: Ann Dale, Samuel Atkinson (*Ball Memorial Hospital*), Debbie Wilson (*Community Hospital, Anderson*).



April Mission Focus:

Habitat For Humanity

Habitat For Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that has helped build or repair over 600,000 decent, affordable houses, serving more than three million people worldwide.

Their vision is to live in a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat For Humanity was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller and his wife, Linda.

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses alongside their homeowner partner families.

In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor into building their Habitat house and the houses of others. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans.

The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses.

The **April 21 Bucket Offering** will support Habitat For Humanity and BSU Campus Ministries.



E-Mail Prayer Chain

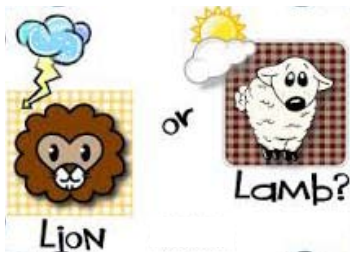
If you would like to receive an e-mail listing of High Street Church's Joys/Concerns/Prayer Requests for which you can pray, please send your name and e-mail address to Lori Gibson at:

info@munciehighstreet.com

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MARCH 31
EASTER SUNDAY

Scripture:
John 20:1-18

"The Stone"

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

APRIL 7, 2013

Scripture:
John 20:19-27, 2 Corinthians 5:6-7

"Walking in Doubt"

Pastor Daryl Gilbert