

TOWER TOPICS

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You're Invited!

We joyfully invite you to join us for an Open House Reception as we celebrate the **90th Birthday of**

JACK N. FORCUM
Saturday April 13th, 2013
2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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Thank you for sharing with our family this important milestone in Jack's life!

Please know that we request only the gift of your presence.

RSVP to Jim & Julie Forcum
765-348-1989 or 765-499-7254

New Members Received On April 14

In our 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 14 we will welcome into the membership of High Street Church Joe Blair, Mary Caldwell, Chris and Nikki Gamble, and Kristin Mahoney.

In our 11:00 a.m. service we will welcome into membership Clay and Carey Arnett, and August Roberson. Welcome!



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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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Sophia

Pastor Daryl Gilbert

We live in confusing times. With all the trouble in our world it is hard to figure out what to do or what to think about some of our headlines. Startling news can often be unsettling, especially when it is accompanied by “tons” of conflicting information. How does one address the confusion?

The first and most common approach is called *Mother Wit*, which is defined by Webster’s Dictionary as: *native intelligence; common sense*. This is something we all have been taught by family members, personal experiences, and our environment. The second is known as *Sophia*, or *Godly wisdom*, which is timeless and ageless—and available. *Mother Wit* gets us through everyday living. We use it for common things like shopping for ripe melons, minding traffic when crossing busy streets, and when working around hazardous equipment such as hot stoves. Wisdom—*Sophia* is something we must seek from God that will get us through confusing times. Notice that both definitions have a feminine component that emphasizes love and compassion for the one being taught.

Mother Wit often works best when coupled with a common human emotion—fear. “If you touch that stove, you will get burned!” Once one experiences a burn the prospect of another such encounter can give one pause. Also, *Mother Wit* may be informed by the unpleasant experiences of others, “remember what happened to the little boy who cried wolf?” The result of such warnings? One learns to “look

before one leaps” when those who teach are not around.

Mother Wit is also responsible for good things as well, “the best food recipes in the world are the ones in grandma’s heart!” Let us not forget the one most of us were taught as children, “a penny saved is penny earned.” My favorite is the one that has both biblical and social implications, “treat others the way you would like to be treated.” Sometimes, *Mother Wit* can get us through tough and confusing times. However, there are those times when new issues arise and *Mother Wit* just won’t “cut the mustard.”

Lately it seems like whenever there is a crisis being talked about in the media it is hard to distinguish the misinformation from that which is valid. What should one do? The first thing to remember is that no matter what the crisis is God knew it was going to happen long before now, and God has a solution. The second thing to remember is that God is not about fear in a worldly sense (False Evidence Appearing Real). If fear is one’s first reaction to a crisis (which is normal) one may need to take a deep breath and try to figure out what is “fueling” one’s fear, and do one’s best to look for God in the situation. This is where *Sophia* comes into the picture. When a crisis calls for swift action *Sophia*—*Godly wisdom* reminds us to think things through if we can, and to ask ourselves what the Lord would have us do in this situation. *Godly Wisdom* also reminds us that God is in the crisis somewhere!

Blessings,
Pastor Daryl

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.

Campus Minister Hired

High Street Church, along with six of our sister United Methodist Churches, is pleased to announce the hiring of Bob Riggles as the Campus Minister. Bob is a United Methodist with a rich background in working through local churches to reach people for Christ. He begins June 1 with extensive training through our partner in this effort: the Coalition for Christian Outreach. Bob will begin his efforts on campus in August and will be working with our newly formed Cardinal United Methodist Board in establishing his ministry with Ball State students.

Our sister churches in this endeavor are Center Chapel, College Avenue, Gethsemane, Riverside, Selma Christ and Selma United. All seven churches are contributing financially to this mission effort and will be represented on the Cardinal United Methodist Board.

Show Your Talent!

Calling All Children and Youth!
SIGN UP TODAY!

Participate in our **TALENT SHOW** on Game Night, **May 4, at 5:00 P.M.** Looking for instrumentalists, solo singers, small group singers, magic acts, etc. Sign up sheet is available in the church office or at the Welcome Center.



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!



Children's Music Update

Easter Sunday was the final day for Melissa Greene to lead our Children's Choirs, as she along with her family have by now moved back to the Elkhart area. We are so very grateful to Melissa for her ministry and I know you join me in praying only the best for Melissa, Bill, Matthew, and Emily.

We are blessed that Harmony Murphy will step in to assume the leadership of our Children's Choirs. As you may well know, Harmony is one of our choral scholars who sings regularly with our Sanctuary Choir. Harmony is a doctoral student at Ball State studying choral conducting. She also has taught in the public schools and brings experience working with children's choirs.

The Children's Choirs will sing just one more time this season. That will be Sunday, May 5. Weekly rehearsals will continue from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, April 3, 10, 17, 24, and May 1. The children will also rehearse at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 5, in preparation for the 8:30 worship service.

April Task of the Month

This month's task is easy and inexpensive!
Install at least one low-flow shower head and change faucet aerators as needed.

The typical household uses upwards of 260 gallons of water per day. By making a few quick changes, spending as little as \$30 and replacing faucets and showers with low-flow fixtures can cut out about 45 of those gallons each day. That's about 18 percent!



Wisdom People for APRIL

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



Auten Cole • 96 on April 10
807 N. Linden St.
Muncie, IN 47303

Jack Forcum • 90 on April 10
4501 N. Wheeling Ave 7A-301
Muncie, IN 47304

Ruby Hodson • 93 on April 11
9500 W. Canter Ct.
Yorktown, IN 47396

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

Memorial Service

On April 20th, a memorial service will be held at 11 A.M. at the High Street Church in Muncie for both **Drexal Creviston Jenkinson (94)**, and **Louis Augustus Jenkinson (98)** parents of Roger Jenkinson (Janet); Rebecca Boyce (Larry); and Kathryn Van Oosting. Also surviving are five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

All guests are invited to a memorial luncheon at the Pizza King on N. Wheeling Ave., Muncie, from 1-4 P.M. Further inquiries should be directed to Roger Jenkinson at 765-998-7219.

Westminster Fellowship

Please join the Westminster Fellowship group on April 12 at 10:00 a.m. at Westminster Village. Hosted by Mary Circle. Apple Annie will be there!



High Street Travelers

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

New 2013 Trips:

- 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

Thank You!

Dear High Street Church Friends—

Thank you for your prayers, flowers, Pastors, notes and cards during my stay in the hospital.



— Mary Barnell

APRIL



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6:45 AM Renovaré
8:00 AM Wesleyan Circle making jam
8:30 AM Staff
9:00 AM Play Day
9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Pastoral Staff
1:30 PM Food Pantry
6:00 PM Child Ministry

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!

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!

Dance For Kids' Sake!

Dance For Kids' Sake is an annual fund raiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Del. Co. Austin and Tera Rich will be participating and you can donate by going to www.firstgiving.com and typing in **Tera Rich** or **Austin Rich** in the search bar. The big event is May 18 at Central High School auditorium. Tickets are available through them.

Rejuvenate Sunday

In 2008 the Indiana United Methodist Conferences were the recipients of a \$3 million matching grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. to address economic factors that affect clergy. With this grant the new Indiana Conference was able to launch *Rejuvenate Ministry*. Over the last four years, *Rejuvenate* has offered educational programs for clergy and laity to increase financial literacy. Grants and scholarships have been given to pastors and students to help reduce educational indebtedness. Leaders, congregations, and committees are being strengthened through *Rejuvenate Ministry*.

Our covenant with Lilly Endowment includes raising \$3 million to match their original grant. We have raised \$1.2 million. **Sunday, April 14** will be *Rejuvenate Ministry Sunday* and we will take a special Bucket Offering for that day. Our goals are to help our churches learn more about the ministry and to collect an offering that will support the ministry. The gifts given this day will help us reach our match of \$3 million.

A DVD which tells the *Rejuvenate* story is available on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMQneQCQifA>.

If you would like to have someone meet with a small group in the church about this ministry, please contact Mary Ann Moman, *Rejuvenate Ministry* Director at 317-788-7879 or at rejuvenateindiana.org. The group is



excited to share the stories of individual lives and congregations which have been transformed by this ministry.

The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

- Tuna Fish**
- Canned Vegetables**
- Cereal and Instant Milk**



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

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!

Earth Day

On April 21 during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45) we will gather for a short presentation and a question and answer session in Parish Hall regarding the impact of human behavior on climate change and the appropriate Christian response. "Clearing the Air About Climate Change" will be presented by Scott Rice-Snow, chair of Geological Sciences at Ball State University. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Fair Trade Sale

Mother's Day! Father's Day! Graduation! Come find a great gift that also benefits the artist who made it! See these wonderful hand-made items in the Parlor between services on April 28 and May 5. Brought to you by the Creation Care Team.



Thursday Lunch

- Apr. 11:** Jodi Cotton, singing
- Apr. 18:** **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch**
(Carry-In) Richard Harris, "Prohibition"
- Apr. 25:** Medicare Briefs

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY and giving High Street Church as their preference: Rinda Vogelgesang, Charles Smith, John Robinson, Eleanor Friel (*IUH Ball Memorial Hospital*)



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.



Habitat For Humanity Breakfast

Habitat For Humanity will hold their annual *Dream Builders Society Breakfast* on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 AM at the Horizon Convention Center. A program will follow focusing on future projects. High Street Church and other churches are asked to have a table of persons interested in Habitat projects. Please contact Jerry McNary or the church office for more information!

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Scripture:
John 21:1-19

Turn-Around Times
"Times of Confrontation"

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

APRIL 21, 2013

Scripture:
Acts 9:36-43

Turn-Around Times
"Times of Crisis"

Pastor Dale Mendenhall