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August 2017

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**T**ower Topics

**HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Upcoming Events**

**August 1**

1pm - 3pm Grief Recovery  
Group - Room 301

**August 6**

Communion/Brown Bag  
Sunday

**August 30**

5:45pm - 7:00pm Handbells  
resume practice - Room 303

**September 17**

All Church Picnic  
at Morrow's Meadows

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**High Street United  
Methodist Christians:**

- **Worship** God;
- **Connect** with other Christians to grow as disciples; and
- **Serve** Christ in the community.

**Service Times:**

8:30 – 9:30 AM  
Traditional Worship

9:45 – 10:45 AM  
Sunday school

9:45 – 10:30 AM  
Chapel Worship

11:00 – Noon  
Contemporary Worship

Traditional Worship is  
Broadcast at 11 AM on  
WXFN – 1340 AM and 102.9 FM

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**TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES**

**Deadline for Submission is 12:00 P. M.  
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.**

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Sending date</u>	<u>Tower Topics issue</u>
August 15	August 23	September
September 19	September 27	October
October 17	October 25	November
November 21	November 29	December

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# Back to School

Two weeks in a row I've had marvelous teaching at High Street United Methodist Church.

Thank you, Sunday evening Bible Study and kids Summer Sunday School!

The Sunday evening group is reading Mark's gospel. The evening of July 9, we got into our usual rousing questioning and discussing, and it dawned on me – the supposed “leader” and “teacher” – that I was learning a lot more from the group than they were ever learning from me! We were delving into what it means to read scripture, whether scripture needs to be understood literally to honor God who inspires it, what our own particular life experience adds to our understanding of God's word, and on and on and on! Everyone at the table had something to offer. Everyone at the table was respectful of others who might have different understandings. Everyone at the table was a beautiful and necessary part of deeper insight into this ancient, holy text.

The morning of July 16, I was sitting around another table – this one on the Ground level of the church where, again, I was supposed to be one of the “teachers,” bringing wisdom from on high as the kids were learning about the Apostle's Creed. We had a rip-roaring discussion about roller coasters, then started diving into what the creed says about Jesus. Before I knew it, this wonderful table of elementary kids (the youth were working up in the Coffee Bar that morning) began to take off – answering and questioning one another. Did God create evil in the world? Why did Jesus have to die? Where is God when we hurt? What is heaven like (one suggestion was “all the Legos you ever wanted.”)

Not only were these young Christians raising questions, they were earnestly and honestly challenging each other – answering, re-considering their own positions, searching what they knew about God, Jesus and the Bible for help. It was a holy time! The other adults and I looked at each other in amazement.

Ray Pritchard writes, “Of the 90 times Jesus was addressed directly in the gospels, 60 times he was called ‘teacher.’” This is what he was to the crowds. This is what he was to the disciples. And, interestingly enough, this is the way the risen Christ addresses those who would follow him when he gives the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19: “Go . . . and teach. . .” (KJV)

Our community is getting ready to go back to school. Store shelves are filled with crayons, notebooks and supply lists. Faithful teachers are setting up classrooms. And both eager and not so eager students are eyeing dates on the calendar.

In our spiritual lives too, we are always invited to be in school. To hear and learn from scripture. To hear and learn from our life experience. To hear and learn from the Spirit of God in each and every other soul we meet! What a privilege to be made in the image of a God who continually challenges us to grow. I can't wait to hear what the kids have to teach me next Sunday morning!

Looking forward to seeing you in church (or should I say class?),

Pastor Sherrie

# WORSHIP

## 50 YEARS TO 83 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MEMBERSHIP IN HIGH STREET CHURCH

On Sunday, August 20, we will recognize and celebrate those persons who have been members of High Street Church for over 50 years. Included in that group will be two women who have been members for more than 80 years.

Julia Lewellen joined our church in 1934, making her an 83 year member. Not far behind her is Dorothy Webb who joined in 1936, for a total of 81 years. Julia and Dorothy are still faithful members who attend worship services as often as they can, and both hope to be with us on August 20.

Over 100 men and women are a part of the elite group of 50+ year members. During the 8:30 and 9:45 services, we will recognize all these folks, with special certificates and flowers going to those who are celebrating 50, 60, and 70+ years of membership.

Please join us as we celebrate the faithful commitment these folks have made to by serving Christ through their membership in His church in downtown Muncie.



# CONNECT

## Wisdom People for August

**Lois Jeffers** • 94 on August 2  
2613 W. Glen Ter.  
Muncie, IN 47304

**LaRayne Burlison** • 93 on August 15  
20190 SW. 286th St.  
Homestead, FL 33030

**Donald Hartling** • 94 on August 15  
4711 W. Cardinal Dr.  
Muncie, IN 47304

**Mary Louise Neff** • 93 on August 23  
1302 N. Brentwood Ln.  
Muncie, IN 47304

**Bob Kirklin** • 91 on August 26  
3809 E. Jackson  
Muncie, IN 47304

**Molly Reinoehl** • 91 on August 30  
311 N. Winthrop Rd.  
Muncie, IN 47304



## Annual Church Picnic

Save the date:

**Sunday, September 17**

for the

**All Church Picnic**

at **Morrow's Meadows**



## Thursday Luncheon

\$5, for your entrée, dessert & drink. No tax added; no tipping allowed!

- Aug 3** Central Indiana Flute Choir  
*\*Blood pressure checks  
from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*
- Aug 10** Pastor Stacey Fischer Gehring, the new lead pastor at High Street, presents the program.
- Aug 17** Eastern Gate Quartet entertains us with gospel music.
- Aug 24** Mark Murphy sings for us.
- Aug 31** Scott Lamperd with guitar and vocals

## Habitat Week

Thank you to all persons who gave of their time, energy, and talents for a successful week with Habitat of Muncie. We worked on two new homes and met Darrell the soon to be owner of one of the homes, a three bedroom, one story construction.



The week was mostly sunny and comfortable, allowing us to construct joists, sub-flooring and four walls. Our wonderful crew included: Larry & Carolyn Besser, Lance Brand, Jason Bricker, Peggy Cole, Matt Cole, Larry Crabtree, R.J. Harmon, David Harmon, Dana Lloyd, Jerry McNary, John McNary, Bob Mingle, Mike Overmyer, Linda Pohly, Connie Railey, Scott Rice-Snow, Wesley Rice-Snow, Jerall Ross, Jim Schneider, Gene Tapy, Dale Waid, and Debbie Wilson.

Also, a big thanks to those persons or groups who provided delicious lunches for our crew. Some of you brought fruit, drinks or brownies or chips. One person even baked bread for sandwiches. We also enjoyed having the "Chic-a-Fila" mascot with us for lunch on Thursday. He bought his famous chicken sandwiches to share.

What a great church to be a part of. Thank you all and may God Bless you as you have blessed the community.

## High Street Travelers - Since 1974



### 2017 Schedule

Aug. 15-23 Canadian Rockies by train, Montana & Glacier Nat'l Park - **CLOSED!!**

Aug. 23 Beef & Board: West Side Story - \$95 per person

Sept. 14 LaComedia Dinner Theatre: Surprise on Broadway Show - \$95 per person - **WAITING LIST!!**

Oct. 18 Mystery #4 - \$95 per person - **WAITING LIST!!**

Nov. 29 LaComedia Dinner Theatre: Timeless Christmas Memories - \$95 per person - **WAITING LIST!!**

Dec. 5-7 Blues Christmas at Graceland: Lodging, Shows, 4 meals Oh baby! \$599 PP

#### Reservation Policy:

- 1) Contact High Street UM Church at 765/747-8500
  - 2) Payment MUST accompany reservation.
  - 3) Cancellations made within 7 days of trip are NOT guaranteed a refund. Tours are open to the Public, clubs & groups. All trips are deluxe motor coach unless noted.
  - 4) Closed - No more reservations being taken. WAIT LIST - \$\$ to add your name to space as becomes available.
- COORDINATOR-Deb Heeter  
EMAIL: [dheeter601@comcast.net](mailto:dheeter601@comcast.net)



The UMW Bazaar is Saturday, October 28. The apron booth needs help! Anyone who likes to sew please call Jane Freestone or Lois Tucker. If you are able to help out. It would be greatly appreciated.



phone churches to let us know that you are a patient, even if you've told them the name of your church when you were admitted. Please give us a call in the office (747-8500) or phone one of the pastors if you are admitted so that we can keep you in prayers.

## High Street Memorials/Honors

- Andy Munson
- Mick Alexander



## SERVE

### High Street Food Pantry Served in 2017 782 clients

#### Food pantry needs:

- Pasta
- Jelly
- Money
- Cereal
- Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Veggies
- Peanut Butter

### Samaritan Fund in 2017 - 180 clients

Utilities:	\$3,951.39
Rent:	\$1,025.00
Prescriptions:	\$191.06
Misc.:	<u>\$898.68</u>
Total:	\$6,066.13

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Hospital Reminder



Just a reminder that, because of privacy laws, hospitals no longer

## Thank You!

Dear High Street UMC,

Thank you so much for your faithful partnership with me in ministry. I am blessed by you and thankful for you.

Blessings,  
Sarah Overmyer

## Thank You!

Dear High Streeters:

Thank you for the generous Love Gift upon my retirement. Because of you, Cathy and I have ordered a new privacy fence to enhance our property and are grateful for you helping to make this possible.

Thank you for the last seven years together. We keep you in our prayers.

Yours in Christ,  
Dale Mendenhall

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 6:45 - 8am Renovare - Parlor 8:30 - 10am Church Staff - Library 10 am - 12pm Pastoral Staff - Office 1-3pm Grief Recovery Group - Room 301 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open 6 - 7pm Discipleship Team mtg. - Library	<b>2</b> 9:15 - 11am Women's Bible Study - 301 8 - 9pm AA's - 301	<b>3</b> 8 - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office 11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8am-12pm College Ave. Mtg. - Room 307 9:30-11am Communion set-up
<b>6 Brown Bag Sunday</b> 8:30 - 9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30 - 9:45am Fellowship & Coffee 9:45 - 10:30am Informal Worship 9:45 - 10:45am Sunday School 10:30 - 11am Fellowship & Coffee 11am - 12pm Contemporary Worship 5 - 7pm Bible Study - Library 5 - 7pm The Grove	<b>7</b> 12 - 2pm Mah Jongg Class - 301 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open 4:30 - 5:30pm Senior Supper - MCL 5:30 - 7pm Connect Team - Library	<b>8</b> 6:45 - 8am Renovare - Parlor 8:30 - 10am Church Staff - Library 9:30-11:00am Ruth Circle - Parlor 10am - 12pm Pastoral Staff - Office 12 - 2pm Samaritan Appt./Lunch - Parlor 1-3pm Grief Recovery Group - Room 301 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open 3:30 - 4:30pm Property Committee - 301	<b>9</b> 9:15 - 11am Women's Bible Study - 301 1 - 3pm Elder-Law Counseling - Library 8 - 9pm AA's - 301	<b>10</b> 8 - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office 11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon 1:30-3pm Archives Subcommittee - 301	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 4-10pm SAF (Youth) Indians Baseball Game - Family Night
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