

February 2017

Tower Topics

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

February 5, 2017

Communion/Brown Bag
10:45am - 12:30 p.m. SOUPer
Bowl Luncheon - Parish Hall

February 11, 2017

8 a.m. Walk A Mile
9 a.m. Opening Ceremony

February 12, 2017

7:30 - 11:00am Ruth Circle
Bake Sale

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

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>
February 21	March 1	March
March 21	March 29	April
April 18	April 26	May
May 16	May 24	June

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The Month of Love

Ah, February, the month of love. The time when many thoughts turn to sweethearts, and weddings, and heart-shaped boxes of chocolates. These are wonderful and beautiful sentiments, and it's good to take joy in them. But scripture reminds us that love is more – it is what defines us.

On the Public Radio show, *The Writer's Almanac*, host Garrison Keillor read a poem by Lowell Jaeger that really hit close to home for me when it comes to thinking about love. It's called *After Second Shift*:

She's stopped to shop for groceries.
Her snow boots sloshing
up and down the aisles, the store
deserted: couple stock boys
droning through cases of canned goods,
one sleepy checker at the till.

In the parking lot, an elderly man
stands mumbling outside his sedan,
all four doors wide to gusting sleet
and ice. She asks him, *Are you okay?*
He's wearing pajama pants, torn slippers,
rumped sport coat, knit wool hat.

Says he's waiting for his wife.
*I just talked to her on the payphone
over there.* He's pointing at
the Coke machine. *What payphone?*
she says. *That one,* he says.
It's cold, she says, and escorts him inside.

Jesus talks about love in John 13:34-35: "I give you a new commandment. Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other." I may not have had the experience yet of standing in my pajamas in the snow, calling my husband on the Coke machine, but I have known what it feels like to be cold, lost, confused, and wandering in life. What a great thing, then, to have Christ's disciples in the world to love me, and stay with me while I find my way back through darkness.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Pastor Sherrie

*Don't come with lights
and sirens,* she tells the 9-1-1
dispatcher. *You'll scare him.*

They stand together. The checker
brings them a cup of coffee.
They talk about the snow.
So much snow.

They watch for the cop.
This night, black as any night,
or a bit less so.

WORSHIP

Upcoming Worship Themes

February 5

We conclude our series on "Half Truths" by looking at the saying: "Love the Sinner; Hate the Sin." We will also celebrate Holy Communion in all three services. As it is the first Sunday of the month, we are encouraged to bring non-perishable goods for our food pantry ministry.

February 12

Theme: "Choice"

Call to Christ and Praise Kids singing
Missions Bucket Offering

February 19

Theme: "Stress"

The Chancel Handbell Choir playing

February 26

Theme: "Change"

March 1

Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

A service with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

CONNECT

We're Not Martha Stewart

On Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 in Parish Hall, we will be making Easter Gardens. Call the church office by Feb. 17th to RSVP to help us ensure that we have adequate supplies available. If you participated in this project last year, and still have your base, be sure to let the office know this when you sign up. Cost will be \$10 or less. If you have your base from last year, the cost will be \$5 or less. You can pay the night of the activity.



February Thursday Luncheon

Come join us from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and programall for \$4!

Feb 2 Vocal, guitar and fiddle music by Evert Walls, Lowell Logan, and Bob Dougherty.

(Blood pressure checks offered 10:30–11:30 a.m.)

Feb 9 Gordon Brooks with sax, clarinet, flute, and vocals.

Feb 16 Warren Lowe entertains with Southern gospel.

Feb 23 Nola Nottingham tickles the keys and sings a variety of numbers.

Wisdom People for February

Helen Terhune • 102 on February 1
c/o Phil Whitney
P.O. Box 3350
Bowling Green, KY 42102

Eleanor Friel • 93 on February 6
Bethel Pointe #12
3400 W. Community Dr.
Muncie, IN 47304

Phyllis Green • 91 on February 9
1501 Patriot Dr.
Yorktown, IN 47396

Wince Marcus • 91 on February 17
3609 W. Merrywood Ln.
Muncie, IN 47302 -9479



High Street Memorials/Honors

- Harriet Nelson
- Sarah Wingate

UMW Bake Sale

The Ruth and Martha Mary Circles are having a bake sale in the church parlor on Sunday, February 12 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. All proceeds are for the Samaritan Fund. Come to the parlor and get your Valentine Treats for your Sweetie (or for your Sweet Tooth).

High Street Travelers - Since 1974



2017 Schedule

Mar 15 Mystery Trip #1 - \$95 per person

April 19 Beef & Board: My Fair Lady - \$95 per person

April 29-May 5 Boston, MA 6 Nights/7 days 10 meals
guided tour JFK Library \$849 PP/DBL

May 17 Mystery Trip #2 - \$95 per person

June 5-7 Historic French Lick Resort & Louisville: Tours,
8 meals, River Cruise - **WAITING LIST!!**

June 21 Take Me Out to the Ball Game - \$95 per person

July 19 Mystery Trip #3- \$95 per person

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

Oct. 18 Mystery Trip #4 - \$95 per person

Nov. 15 LaComedia Dinner Theatre: Timeless Christmas
Memories - \$95 per person

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

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Angels on High Preschool

It is hard to believe it is already time to start preschool enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year! The enrollment for current Angels on High Preschool, PDO, and High Street United Methodist Church families will begin on Monday, February 6. To reserve a spot for your child in our preschool program, please return the registration form and fee promptly. Enrollment is based on the day and time we receive the enrollment card. Open enrollment (families outside of the preschool or church) will begin on Monday, February 13. We have registration packets available in the church office or by contacting director Lindsay Dodd. Please feel free to share our preschool with many in the community!

We still have some cheddar and dessert cheese balls left if you are interested in purchasing! These are always a great snack and addition to any meal.

February will be a fun month for our preschool students. Our classes will celebrate Valentine's Day, worship together during chapel, complete winter projects, and learn more with numbers and letters.

There is always a need for donations for our preschool and/or helping a family with tuition. As a whole this helps us run more efficiently every month. Monthly tuition fees will be anywhere from \$260-\$60 a month depending on which class or classes each student is in.

We also have set up an Amazon Wish List. Here we have listed some of our wishes for our preschool and classrooms. If you are interested in donating any items there is a link provided below.

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/search/ref=find>

Once you get to the site you will type in: angelsonhighpreschool@yahoo.com

Click on Lindsay/Angels on High and then "Wish List" and our page should come up!

Thank you so much in advance for your consideration!

Preschool Director

Lindsay Dodd



SERVE

High Street Food Pantry Served in 2017

61 clients

(16 families and 4 singles)

Thank you for your contributions, both food and monetary, to the High Street Food Pantry! Please leave donations in the wicker baskets at the North Door entrance and in the Narthex.

Food pantry needs:

- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna
- Beans
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal

Samaritan Fund in 2017

24 clients

Utilities:	\$504.36
Rent:	\$300.00
Prescriptions:	\$68.79
Misc:	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total:	\$1023.15

Walk A Mile in My Shoes

Saturday, February 11

Join the High Street Strollers in walking and/or raising funds in support of the Muncie Mission. Sign-up sheets are available on Sunday mornings and in the office during the week. Be sure to get your Donation Form also.

The walkers gather at the Muncie Fieldhouse. Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. The opening ceremony occurs at 9:00 a.m. Then we walk

from the fieldhouse to the Muncie Mission at 1725 S. Liberty Street. MITS is providing

transportation back to the fieldhouse. Many of us who walk simply turn around and walk back to the fieldhouse.

Just a donation of \$25 provides 12 meals for those in need. You can do the math from there to see what a difference our raising funds can make not just to provide meals but also to help with the many ministries, short-term and long-term, offered through the Muncie Mission.

February's Mission Emphasis: The YWCA Bucket Offering on Sunday, February 12

Did you know that our YWCA provides a variety of services, including:

- A residential shelter for single women and women with children who are at risk or homeless.
- A 24-hours emergency shelter for women and women with children.
- Temporary shelter to women in the prison reentry program returning from jail or prison to the community.
- Hosting numerous community educational activities and events.

Women come to the YWCA for a variety of reasons, such as exiting a domestic violence shelter, death in the family, leaving a crisis-filled situation, entering the prison reentry program, job loss, cancer or other catastrophic illness leading to towering medical bills, etc.

The YWCA provides housing and basic necessities as well as programs and services to help the women transition into independent self-sustainable living. From July, 2015 to July, 2016, the YWCA served a

total of 513 women and their children. Typically, the YWCA has more than 65 women and women with children residing in its emergency and transitional shelter programs. The YWCA also provides programs and services to help women find jobs, become better parents, manage pain, find permanent housing – all with the ultimate objective of self-sustainable independence. In 2015 the successful move-out rate was 67% -- nearly twice the national average.

Edible Muncie

The February meeting for Edible Muncie of Delaware County will be **Monday, February 6 at 5:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC, 1707 E. 26th St., Muncie.** Please come join us as we hear from Jonathan Lawler. His Project 23:22 refers to Leviticus 23:22 about leaving parts of one's crops for the poor and widowed. **Project 2322 can provide seed and technical support to help feed the hungry through urban farming.**

- Here is what the website says about Project 23:22: **-Education/Instruction Through Project 23:22**, Brandywine Creek Farms is able to help community gardens, urban farms, and existing production farms set aside small plots to grow food for their local food pantries and soup kitchens.

- **Plants, Seed, and Supplies** Brandywine Creek Farms plants thousands of seeds and plants. Some of these are donated in such large amounts, that BCF can't plant them all in one season. They are willing to share with partners.

- **Distribution** If you do not have a place to donate or do not have the means to do so, BCF will take your excess produce. While BCF does sell on a wholesale level to help cover expenses, NO PROJECT 23:22 produce is ever sold!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank You

Thank you for your donations to our Nursery, Youth, and Preschool. Through your helping hands, we are able to minister to our children and youth! We are blessed that you are investing in them in so many ways!

Warm Heads! Warm Fingers! and Warm Hearts!

Thanks to all High Streeters who contributed to the Advent Mitten Wreath in the Parlor. We boxed up 8 scarves, 4 hat and glove sets, 28 hats and 49 pair of gloves and mittens! Isn't that great? There are lots of warm heads and hands in Muncie because of all you've given. Doesn't that give you have a warm heart?! THANKS AGAIN!

It's Over Again

Thanks to all the willing people who gave of their time and energy to decorate the church from the Nativity on the roof to the Parish Hall. That makes it from top to bottom! Especially all the work it takes to assemble and dis-assemble all the Christmas trees and then store them all away for next year. There are many thankless jobs, from digging out totes from upstairs closets, to sorting candles and "fluffing" trees to setting up tables and cleaning up the needles! (Oh yes, and someone 'gets' to hang the BIG wreath and take it down!) It isn't magic and it takes many dedicated High Streeters to get it all done! Thanks to all who worked many hours making our church look like Christmas was coming and then un-doing it all when the New Year was here.

Lost and Found

Below are the items we have collected in the our lost in found box drawer in the church. Are you missing anything?

- Bag Strap
- Watch with silver & gold accents
- Reading glasses
- Gray glasses case w/sewing kit
- 2 pairs of Sunglasses - one is white, one is black
- 2 pairs of reading glasses - one is pink, one is black
- Flowered glasses case
- Camera battery charger
- Insulin case
- 3 water bottles - 1 red, 1 bright green, 1 blue
- Lace sweater
- Child's navy blue sweatshirt, pink accents,
- 4 insulated coffee thermos - 1 maroon, 1 blue, 1 white/brown, 1 Starbucks

All these items if not claimed will be donated to the mission.

eBay

Who knows anything about eBay? Buying/Selling? We have items here at the church that someone recommended we sell on eBay. Would you be willing to help us out or do it for us? Contact Casey Headland in the church office at 747-8500 or email me at theadland@munciehighstreet.com. Thank you!

Directory Information

Please make sure to get all information, address, and phone number changed into the office or to Casey Headland at

theadland@munciehighstreet.com for the new 2017 Directory.

Tower Topics New This Year

We will be having one Tower Topics issue a month with the deadline being on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This issue will be mailed and/or emailed at the end of each month.

Automatic Giving

Automatic giving is an easy and convenient way to make your contributions to High Street. You tell the church office how much you'd like to contribute and how often, and your contribution is automatically withdrawn from your bank account. With automatic giving, you can . . .

- free yourself from writing checks to the church
- stop worrying about checks being lost or delayed
- have a record of your contributions on your personal bank statement
- save postage and the cost of checks
- make your contributions even when you're on vacation, ill or out-of-town

Just put your giving on *automatic* and leave the rest to us!

To enroll in High Street's automatic giving program, contact Sherrell at the church office or at sbryant@munciehighstreet.com.

Christian Ministries Blanket Cupboard

The Blanket Cupboard is in bad straights. It has No blankets, No bath towels, No hand towels, No washcloths and No bed spreads or comforters. It has a few twin-size sheets and a few double-size sheets, but No matching sets. There is one queen-size sheet set and No king-size sheets or sheet sets.

If you could donate some gently used blankets, bedspreads or comforters, bath towels, hand towels, washcloths or while you're out shopping the white sales buy an extra set of sheets or bathroom linens, the blanket cupboard could sure use the supplies.

Blanket Cupboard is a ministry of Christian Ministries of Delaware County. It operates totally on donations.

We have a collection box outside the office. Please drop all donations all off her. Thank you for your donations.



Contact Information

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Tuesday mornings, 8:30--10:00 a.m.

Sherrell Bryant - Church Financial Administrator

Tues., Thurs. morning - please call ahead

Kasey Needham, Child and Youth Ministries

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