

January 2017

# Tower Topics



## HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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



### 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>
January 17	January 25	February
February 21	March 1	March
March 21	March 29	April
April 18	April 26	May

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Dear High Street Friends:

If only I had known. But I didn't. I stood there during our Longest Night Service on Wednesday, December 21, handing people tapers with which to light votive candles in memory of loved ones. I didn't know at the time that my uncle had passed away just the Monday prior. Cathy received word from my sister late Wednesday night after I had already gone to bed. I learned of his death Thursday morning when I saw the note Cathy had left me. If I had known Wednesday evening, I, too, would have lit a votive candle in memory of a loved one. (We did make it to the funeral on Friday.)

If only I had known. Sometimes we just have not received word about what has already happened. At other times, we just can't predict what will happen. If we had been able to predict, maybe we would have acted differently. This past year has provided us with some of those outcomes few were predicting: e.g. the Brexit vote, the American presidential campaign, the World Series.

If only we had known that both of our church boilers were going to go down the Wednesday just before Thanksgiving, we would have taken action. But we didn't know. We did act. The repairman worked diligently Wednesday afternoon and much of the day on Friday, but securing the needed parts over a holiday proved to be impossible. Thus, we did not hold services on Sunday, November 27.

We now have one boiler working with some assurance that one boiler will remain operational through the winter.

In the meantime, the Property Committee will soon be proposing the next course of action. And I, as an IU alumnus, will be put in the position of advocating that we "remember the boilers!"

Actually, I know we will need to do something about our heating system. I am also aware that we as a church still owe our High Street Foundation \$92,788 of the \$192,788 we borrowed during our previous capital campaign, specifically for the remodeling of the Muncie Music Center into our Stevenson Center housing our Angels on High ministry. I am additionally aware that we as a church have not taken action on the proposal coming out of our Fruitful Congregation Journey that we locate all of our children's ministries onto one floor. These are three areas I want us to address in the remaining six months I have with you.

I don't know what all this year of 2017 will bring. I am sure there will be more instances wherein you and I may utter, "If only I had known." I am also sure that through it all, through the plans we make and the surprises that come our way, there is God.

Andrae Crouch in a hymn we have in our hymnal put it this way: "Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God . . ."

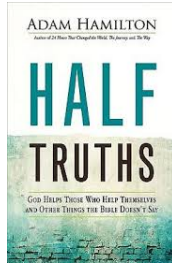
May it be so,

*Pastor Dale*

# WORSHIP

## HALF-TRUTHS

A sermon Series in conjunction with Adam Hamilton's Book 2017



### January 8

Sermon: "Everything Happens for a Reason"  
Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:19-20a  
Genesis 1:26-28

### January 15

Sermon: "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"  
Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Psalm 10:14b-17; 18:6 & 16; 121:1-2

### January 22

Sermon: "God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle"  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:1-22  
Psalm 46:1-3

### January 29

Sermon: "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It"  
Scripture: Deuteronomy 23:12-14  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

### February 5 Communion Sunday

Sermon: "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"  
Scripture: Matthew 7:1-5 and John 8:1-11

# CONNECT

## December Glory Story

In June 2016, our church mission was to help serve at Muncie's Habitat for Humanity. Since only 16 youth could work on the site our

children and youth came together to make hand-painted garden stones as our way to support the church mission. The Volunteer Coordinator recently contacted me to share how much our garden stones meant to the new residents and their children. They love seeing them as they walk into their house.

It is my hope that our children and youth are learning that mission work can be done no matter your age, where you are, or what you are doing. Everything we do is a part of God's continual restoration. We are the hands at feet of Christ and are called to serve in our community!

We do this with you as a church, as we are the body, working together to share the joy, hope, and peace we know in Christ! Happy New Year!



## High Street Travelers - Since 1974



### 2017 Schedule

Feb 4 -11 Western Caribbean Cruise - **CLOSED!!**

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: 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.

COORDINATOR-Deb Heeter

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## January Thursday Luncheon

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

Jan 19 Ed Niles plays oldies but goodies on the piano.

Jan 26 A new thing: Thursday Luncheon business meeting with the whole group!

## Wisdom People for January

**Beatrice Wolfe** • 99 on January 17

524 W. Jackson St.

Muncie, IN 47305

**Betty Fetz** • 95 on January 19

Westminster Village

5801 West Bethel Ave. #609

Muncie, IN 47304



## High Street Memorials/Honors

- Robert Lucas
- Jeanette Taylor
- Janet Cullers
- Ed Myers
- Jane Zimmermann
- William and Martha Sue Butler

# Grief Recovery Group

SESSIONS FOR LISTENING, SHARING, SUPPORTING, STUDYING

Each Monday, February 6 – March 13

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Room 205

High Street United Methodist Church

219 S High Street, Muncie, IN 47305

## FACILITATOR

*Sandra Hardcastle, Director of Older Adult Ministries*

## COST

\$16 for the Study Manual, *Understanding Your Grief*, by Alan Wolfelt

Make checks payable to High Street United Methodist Church

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## REGISTRATION for GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSED IS \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$16) for the Study Manual

(Make checks payable to High Street United Methodist Church.)

\* Mail or bring registration with payment to the church at

219 South High Street, Muncie, IN 47305

**JANUARY 22, 2017, REGISTRATION DEADLINE!**

# SERVE

In 2016 High Street Food Pantry Served a Grand TOTAL of 1,445 clients

*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.*

Samaritan Fund in 2016 helped a Grand TOTAL of 312 clients

Utilities:	\$7,148.51
Rent:	\$1,732.00
Prescriptions:	\$200.31
Misc:	<u>\$676.00</u>
Total:	\$9,756.82

High Street Food Pantry has served already in 2017

**24 clients**

(5 families and 1 singles)

## Food pantry needs:

- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna
- Mashed Potatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal

Samaritan Fund in 2017 has helped

**12 clients**

Utilities:	\$254.36
Rent:	\$200.00
Prescriptions:	\$50.00
Misc:	<u>\$68.00</u>
Total:	\$572.36

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 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.

## Thank You Workers!

We would like to recognize and thank all those persons who have volunteered the last three months for projects completed at Christian Ministries. Our first group painted and worked on other projects on Oct. 1st, during our community service day. Our second project involved moving and installing new dryer vents through several layers of brick and mortar. This last week a trio of men repaired and painted two apartments for single family occupancy. We praise God that these facilities are made available for less advantaged families through Christian Ministries. High Street has been involved with repairs and upkeep for several years. Thank you so much for all those caring men and women who choose to give time and talents for these projects, Gods hands at work.

## Thank You!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !

Thanks to Jerry McNary for setting up the Parish Hall for our December General meeting. We really appreciated it. We needed those tables and the microphone. Thanks for all your work for us.

High Street's U.M.Women

## Wow! Wow! Wow!

What a wonderful surprise! When we counted all the socks you contributed to our U.M.W. Winter Sock Drive, there were 690 pairs! (And we dared to **hope** to collect **500 pairs**.) Doesn't that just warm your heart? 690 X 10 means there are 6900 wiggly toes that are warmer than they would've been without you! 100 pairs went to the Muncie Mission and the rest were delivered to our Christian Ministries office. What

fun to have socks of ALL kinds and ALL colors going all around Muncie that we provided! Thanks to all the High Streeters who now have **warm hearts** for sharing and making sure there are lots more **warm toes** than there would have been without your helping!

THANKS AGAIN!

## 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 [cheadland@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:cheadland@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 [cheadland@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:cheadland@munciehighstreet.com) for the new 2017 Directory.

## Tower Topics

### New This Year

Starting January 17, we will be having one Tower Topics issues 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 the month for the following month. Example: January 17th is the deadline and it will be mailed/emailed January 25 (February issues).

## 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](mailto:sbryant@munciehighstreet.com).



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Tues., Thurs. morning - please call ahead

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## 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.

## From the Archives Corner

### How We Spent Our First Christmas

As you know, High Street UMC's history began with the formation of a Methodist "society" in Munceytown 180 years ago. Thanks to the circuit-riding minister, Dr. Greenberry Beeks, we know how our spiritual ancestors spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in 1836. Those earnest Methodists faced two tough challenges— the "very inclement weather" and the overcrowded house of worship (probably the old log courthouse). Here's Rev. Beeks' quaint and charming report of the meetings, as printed in the Methodist newspaper of the day:

Muncytown Circuit, Indiana Conference.

Dear Brethren:— I embrace this opportunity of relating to you the spiritual condition of this circuit. I have just closed my third round. The great Head of the church has been with us fulfilling his immutable promises. We have taken twenty-one into society— several conversions, some of them promise great usefulness in our church. Some of the people of God have embraced sanctification; many more are groaning after the same blessing; and no doubt if we continue earnestly engaged with that God, whose power is unlimited, the borders of Zion will be greatly strengthened, and enlarged in this part of the vineyard.

Our first quarterly meeting was holden on the 24th and 25th days of December. Brother Stiver, our presiding elder, was with us; and, notwithstanding the very inclement state of the weather, we had the Lord with us, and our meeting was one of an interesting character throughout. The prospects of a great spiritual work here are flattering; our congregations are crowded in most parts of the circuit; and in this place where the blessed Savior has hitherto had no place at our prayer meetings, it is frequently the case that some have to leave, not being able to get into the house in consequence of the crowd. All the glory be ascribed to God, who has promised that where two or three are gathered together in his name, that he will be in the midst of them.  
G. C. Beeks.  
January 9, 1837.



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# JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Brown Bag Sunday</b> 8:45 - 9:45am Fellowship & Coffee 10 - 11am Combined Worship Service	<b>2</b>  Office Closed	<b>3</b> 6:45 - 8 am Renovare - Parlor 8:30 - 10 am Church Staff - Lib. 9 - 11am Mary Circle - IHOP 12 - 2pm Samaritan Appt./Lunch - Parlor 1:30 - 2:30 pm High Street Pantry Open	<b>4</b> 5:45 - 7pm Handbells - 303 7 - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8 - 9pm AA's - 204	<b>5</b> 8 - 11am SHIP Counseling 11:30 - 1:30 Thursday Luncheon 6 - 7:30 pm Lilies - 303	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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