
June 2017

Tower Topics

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

June 11 - 16

Vacation Bible School

June 26 - 28

Habitat Week

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>
June 20	June 28	July
July 18	July 26	August
August 15	August 23	September

Thank You, "Teach"

Well, this is a sad-happy time.

I have the opportunity to write this *Tower Topics* article just as we as a church are preparing to say “good-bye and thank you” to Dale Mendenhall for his years of service, and to his family for their love and support of his ministry. Like some of you, I have known Dale in a couple of significant capacities: both as my former District Superintendent, and now as my Senior Pastor. Although there is much I could say, I wanted to take a moment of personal privilege to express my thanks for some of the lessons I have learned from Dale.

Part of living out our Christian faith is simply by being present. Pre-dawn men’s breakfasts, women’s circles, all-church picnics, walking a “Mile in My Shoes,” Habitat builds, driving across the state to represent the Bishop at special meetings and functions, checking the church set-up early Sunday mornings, and in my hospital room as I was waking up from a difficult and messy emergency surgery – these are just a few of the places I have seen Dale “in action.” He doesn’t need to be in charge. He doesn’t need to solve all the problems. He has the ability to quietly and patiently be present, and, by doing so, to remind us all that God is there also.

Part of living out our Christian faith includes a never-ending quest for knowledge. Suggesting as my D.S. that I look into a Doctor of Ministry degree, reading a book a month together with Pastor Charlotte and other pastors, teaching Bible studies and Update Learning classes, engaging in the Fruitful Congregations Journey – Dale has

always been ready to model delving into new learning, and this has always been a powerful reminder about the eternal and awesome nature of the God we serve.

Part of living out our Christian faith is reveling in the “family” to which we belong. Celebrating the diversity of gifts we have in this congregation, watching him reach into the community to engage with others from different backgrounds, and seeing the pure joy on his face as he baptized his grandson and presented him to the 11:00 service – Dale has reminded me that, as Christians, we are always part of a community, and this is a joy-filled thing.

Finally, part of living out our Christian faith is trust. Even in the face of change, God is with us. Dale has helped so many pastors move, so many parishioners deal with unpredictable life events, and so many churches make significant decisions about their futures, that he has become a reassuring voice for many – reminding us all that God is not only present but active in the face of change. As we say our “good-byes,” new paths are always created with new opportunities, and new challenges, and the same ancient-future, grace-filled God leads us forward.

Dale, you have been a great teacher to me and to many. Blessings on your new beginnings!

Pastor Sherrie

WORSHIP

Home and Hearth Campaign



As of this writing, it appears that we will reach our \$280,000 goal! Given the monies our Property Committee had to apply to this campaign, the contributions made so far, and the commitments promised, we are moving ahead. The old boilers are gone. The new boilers are being installed. The Property Committee is firming up the estimates for the work in moving the Music Room to 204 and 205 and the children all to the ground floor. The initial work that can be done in this transition will start soon.

We are truly grateful to all who have contributed and/or have made a commitment. We look forward to those commitments being realized so that we can finish the boiler work, make the room transitions, and repay the remainder of the loan from our High Street Foundation.



Welcome New Members

Please be on the lookout for: Robert Cornell, Sharon A. Kreps, and Nancy Shuman who placed their memberships at High Street at the 11:00 a.m. Mother's Day service. Robert was baptized, Sharon joined by Profession of Faith, and Nancy became a new Associate member. Welcome to all!

Save The Date

Sunday, June 25, 2017

To share in the joy of
Song-Celebration-Memories
with one Worship Service
at 9:30 A.M.
and a reception honoring the
Ministry of

***Pastor Dale
Mendenhall***

All are Welcome!

CONNECT

Wisdom People for June

Wilma Ross • 90 on June 2
2933 Applewood Ct.
Muncie, IN 47304



Herb Schuch • 92 on June 16
4727 S. Colonial Oaks Dr. Apt. 420
Marion, IN 46953

Jack Isenbarger • 94 on June 20
5801 W. Bethel Ave. #245
Muncie, IN 47304

Alice Simmons • 97 June 21
225 E. Centennial Ave.
Muncie, IN 47303



Women's Bible Study

Our Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study group has selected a series of wonderful, thought-provoking books to read and discuss together. They are just beginning The Faith of a Mockingbird by Matt Rawle, and will follow through the summer and early fall with John: The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton, Seven Women and the Secret of their Greatness by Eric Metaxas and Pray Like Jesus: Rediscovering the Lord's Prayer by Don Underwood. The group meets at 9:15 every Wednesday morning and includes women from several different congregations. All women are welcome!

Please call the office, 747-8500, for information about book prices and schedules.



Cardinal UMC Board and Coalition for Christian Outreach: A Message from Bob Riggles

As always, I want to thank you all for partnering with our family in ministry through our CCO outreach to the Ball State Campus.

After four joyful years of serving with the UMC Board, we will be transitioning July 1st to an appointment with the UMC in Northern Virginia. I will be returning to continue candidacy for ordination and serve as a licensed local pastor in the Virginia Conference.

Our journey with you has been a transformative and exciting time for our family. As Jill and I have been prayerfully discerning this call to a new season of pastoral ministry, please know your encouragement and witness to the work of the Gospel in the Muncie community and beyond have been an immeasurable blessing to us.

We will continue to be with you all in prayer and in Spirit. We have built deep and abiding friendships here and we have seen God doing great and marvelous things in and through each of you.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.
Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)



Sign-up for VBS

Join us Sunday, June 11-16 as we explore the God of all Creation. The God that loves to be our friend and grow in relationship with us. The God that never gives up on His children and is always comforting us in our needs. Our kids will all become *Galactic Starveyors* as we look at creation from a new perspective. Registration for VBS is now open. Pick up a registration form in the office or register online at <http://www.munciehighstreet.org/connect/children-2/>



SERVE

High Street Food Pantry Served in 2017 565 clients

Food pantry needs:

- Instant Pudding
- Green Beans
- Pasta Sauce
- Soup

Samaritan Fund in 2017 72 clients

Utilities:	\$2,190.18
Rent:	\$925.00
Prescriptions:	\$163.56
Misc.:	<u>\$700.68</u>
Total:	\$3,979.42

Church Gardening

Volunteers are needed to help care for the flower beds around the church. The group works the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month from 9 - 11 a. m., weather permitting. This is easy and fun. Guidance provided. Please call Jane Freestone at 289-6944 or Susan Trout at 702-7613.

Habitat week and mission moment for May

High St. Habitat week will be June 26, 27, 28, and 29th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parlor beginning the first Sunday in June. We look forward to having men and women and skilled and unskilled persons take part for any part of the week. The information on projects and tools needed will be forthcoming.

High Street Travelers - Since 1974



2017 Schedule

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 - **WAITING LIST!!**

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

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Easter Dinner at Lucille Raines a great success

On April 17, The Koinonia class prepared an Easter meal for the residents of the Lucille

Raines (a three-quarters recovering from addiction residence in Indianapolis). We enjoyed fellowship with the residents and could feel their appreciation as they were about to relax and enjoy a nice meal at the end of their work day. Each year, Koinonia tries to take the residence a functional gift from the congregation of High Street Church and give them a note of encouragement. This year, thanks to your generous donations. The Koinonia class had \$279.00 with which to purchase gifts for the residence! Our plan had been to give 45 residents a towel and wash cloth but because of your generosity, each resident received a towel, wash cloth, deodorant, bar soap, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, and toothbrush! Thank YOU!

We also want to recognize Dr. Suzanne Reedy and Dr. Jeanne Green for their assistance in providing all the toothbrushes we needed and a majority of the toothpaste.

Host Family

Host families needed - The US Department of State hosts a Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program (PAYLP) intended to provide African teenagers a unique opportunity to experience life in America and take home ideas that they can implement to improve life in Africa. These students spend 4 days in Washington DC then come to Muncie for 2

weeks, then go to Chicago for 4 days before heading back to Africa. BSU was selected as the university to teach and host these students, hence the Muncie connection. They spend weekdays, roughly 8am-5pm at BSU learning leadership skills. An important part of the program, and one the students often find the most rewarding, is their involvement with their Muncie host family. Host families are needed to house and feed one, two, or more students or adult mentors for 2 weeks and introduce them to American culture. They also require transportation to and from BSU each weekday. Our family has hosted 5 students thus far and have found it to be very rewarding. We believe we gain from the experience as much as the students do and have stayed in touch with several of them. If you have ever considered hosting an exchange student but were afraid of the long-term commitment, this 2-week program might be right for you. We have found it works especially well if you have kids at home, but if not, taking 2 students gives them a chance to interact with each other. The students are from various African countries. The next cohorts will be in Muncie July 12-25 and August 16-29. If you are interested, contact Jan Miller, Project Coordinator at BSU at 278-1896.

The Wolfe Family

Where's the Moving Missions Panel

It's not like "Where's Waldo?" The goal is not to blend the Missions Panel into the

décor of the church to make it difficult to find. Rather the goal is to move it around each Sunday so that it becomes more visible.

One of our goals as a church is to have all who are able engaged in mission. In our vision statement we describe ourselves as those who go to serve Christ in the community.

On our Missions Panel you will find ways you may choose to serve Christ in the community. Pick up some information there for ways in which you might WELCOME or GROW or NOURISH or BUILD in serving Christ.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank You!

Truly High Streeters are a family! You have proved that over and over with loving visits, calls, cards, meals and prayers while I have been 'observing the world from one spot at home'. Thanks to all of you who made my 'sabbatical' bearable! We are beyond grateful for the miracles of modern medicine and all of you! Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Donna McNary

Contact Information

Charlotte Overmyer - Visitation Pastor

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

Sherrell Bryant - Church Financial Administrator

Tues., Thurs. morning - please call ahead

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Thank You!

Dear High Street Friends

A dear friend sent me a card that begins, "I thought of you today and said a prayer..." Each day when I read that card I am so thankful for all of you who have been praying for me for these past months. I am thrilled to report that my last CT scan was clear and my blood count indicating ovarian cancer is now in the normal range. The good reports are the result of a loving God hearing and answering your many prayers. I am also so grateful for the many cards of love and support that I have received. Truly you are beautiful examples of how to "love your neighbor" and "bear one another's burdens."

With a thankful and grateful heart,
Joene Henning

Thank You!

Thank you for your gift of \$1,700.00 for the Radio JOY Transmitter (April 20, 2017). Your gift is deeply appreciated and gratefully received. Through its varied ministries, *Joy in the Harvest* is reaching Africans with Christ's love. Your generosity makes it possible for our work to continue.

Lowell & Claudia Wertz and the *Joy in the Harvest* team extend a very warm and personal thanks to you. Together we serve an amazing, wonderful Savior.

Room Changes/Moves

We are started the process of moving rooms and getting ready for remodeling room 204 and 205 for the Choir. Please be patient as all these chances are happening. Thank you!

Wrap Up

Mother Daughter Banquet

We had 96 daughters registered for the mother-daughter banquet ranging in age from two and one half - Clara Paul to 101 and a half - Dorothy Webb. Thanks Methodist men and all that participated for a wonderful evening.

Rummage Sale

Thank you to all the people that donated items, helped organize, gather, sort, price, sell, and run the Rummage Sale. It was a rainy day but we still had a good sale. We appreciate all of our dedicated volunteers and staff that helped make the rummage sale a success.

Strawberry Jam

Thank you to everyone who bought jam to help support the UMW. We raised over \$350. We still have some jam left. We have regular and sugar-free jam. The cost is \$4.00 a jar. If you would like to purchase jam contact Susan Trout at 702-7613.

T-shirts and Ball Caps

Thank you to everyone who bought a High Street T-shirt and/or ball cap. We do still have some items available The cost for adult sizes: \$7.00, child sizes: \$6.00, and ball caps \$6.00. If you would like a shirt or ball cap contact Kelly Wolfe at 744-5451.

Thankful Turkey

The turkey on the ground floor bulletin board has gone on vacation. He had accumulated 128 "blessing feathers". Thanks to all who helped him grow!!



SAF (Seek and Find)

This is a group of five UM churches that gather each month. This month, High Street hosted SAF. We had 30 youth present from our area churches! We had about an hour of fellowship with a few organized games, ate together, and worshiped together! It was a great time, especially as we connected one month before Jr. and Sr. High Camp.



Youth Garden Prep

On May 13th- seven youth campers were working to help High Streeters prep their gardens for the Spring! They worked on 3 houses, transplanted many ferns, and work diligently to earn money towards their camp fees!



Thank You!

Thank you again to all our wonderful volunteers. You keep the church going. We have so many great people in this church that do so much. So please know your efforts are appreciated!!!

Thank You!

Thanks, Thanks, and Thanks Again!

A big thank you to Carolyn Besser and Nancy Pilkington for all their work for our Annual UMW Rummage Sale. They just kept working and working and kept smiling and smiling!

Thank you so much for all your efforts. Our U.M.W. coffers are fuller because of you! You helped with our mission giving! Thanks again!

Our High Street U.M.W. members



Thank You!

High Street UMC,

A Better Way is grateful for your partnership in coming to the rescue of adults and children who have been physically and emotionally abused. You saw people injured and in need and came to their aid.

Thank you!
Keith Doudt



Thank You!

A special Thank you to all the volunteers working with the Samaritan Fund. You go above and beyond and you all are a blessing!

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June 4, 2017
Pentecost/Communion Sunday
Scriptures:
Acts 2:1-21 and John 7:37-39
"Will You Drink?"
Pastor Dale Mendenhall

June 18, 2017
Father's Day
Scriptures:
Matthew 10:24-39
"Needed: Die-Hard Fans"
Pastor Dale Mendenhall
Recognition of and prayer for the Fathers

June 11, 2017
Trinity Sunday
Scriptures:
Psalm 8
"Lord of the Dance"
Pastor Sherrie Drake

June 25, 2017
One Service at 9:30 a.m.
with a Farewell Reception to follow
Scriptures:
Romans 8:1-11
"Dessert First"
Pastor Dale Mendenhall

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8 - 11am SHIP Counseling 11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon 6 - 7:30pm Lilies - 303	2	3 9:30 - 11am Communion setup 11am-4pm Graduation Party for Audrey Musal - Parlor
4 Brown Bag/Communion Sunday 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 - 7:00pm Bible Study - Room 204	5 8am - Travelers to French Lick & Louisville 12 - 2pm Mah Jongg Class - 301 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open 4:30 - 5:30pm Senior Supper - MCL 6-7:30pm Children's Ministries - Parlor	6 Travelers gone 6:45 - 8am Renovare - Parlor 8:30 - 10am Church Staff - Library 10am - 12pm Pastoral Staff - Office 12 - 2pm Samaritan Appt./Lunch - Parlor 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open 6:30 - 7:30pm Mission Meeting - Parlor	7 9:15 - 11am Women's Bible Study - 306 7 - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Travelers return 8 - 9pm AA's - 301	8 Annual Conference 8 - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office 11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon 1:30 - 3:00pm Archive Committee - 301	9 Annual Conference	10 Annual Conference
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