

March 2017

Tower Topics

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

March 1, 2017

7pm Ash Wednesday Service
in Parish Hall

March 3, 2017

6 - 8pm Bowling Party
at Cardinal Lanes

March 4, 2017

10am Coffee & Canvas
in Parish Hall

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

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Dear High Streeters:

Growing up in my family, it was made apparent by my parents when we children did something that was good and when we did something that was bad. I appreciate that child-rearing. It set boundaries. It set clear expectations. It taught right from wrong.

Even Santa Claus worked into that mix, as he knew when you were being good and when you were being bad. The threat implied and sometimes voiced was if one were bad, Santa might not come.

Mom and Dad didn't threaten with hell. I do recall hearing about heaven was for people who were good and hell for those who were bad.

While children and youth need appropriate discipline exercised by adults in their lives, the hope is that these young people will grow into a more mature approach to life. The hope is that as adults we will do good not because we expect to be rewarded but because it simply is good. The hope is also that we will refrain from doing that which is bad not because we want to avoid punishment but because it is bad. There is an internal moral compass at work.

If that internal moral compass is not present, then we can tend to be people who do good with an eye for "what's in it for me?" If that internal moral compass is not present, we can tend to do bad with an eye for hoping to get away with it. As long as we are not caught, it is okay.

As I write this message, the FBI has arrested one city employee. "Others" apparently are mentioned but not by name. I suspect more of

these "others" will be named at a later date and may well have been named by the time you receive this newsletter. It appears we may have had some people allegedly doing bad in the hopes of getting away with it. Also, as I write this, there have been some murders committed locally. Again, there are people doing bad in hopes of getting away with it. In fact, the local news never seems to be at a loss for having such bad news to report.

We enter Lent and follow Jesus to the cross. If he had been a person who was outwardly directed, he would have done all he could have done to avoid that cross. Doing good was going to end up in a painful death. But Jesus did the good because it was the good thing to do. And that goodness was grounded in the character of God.

We United Methodists have always been about developing disciples of Christ who have this internal moral compass. We find it in our General Rules, which can be paraphrased as:

1. Do no harm.
2. Do good.
3. Stay in love with God.

May this always be who we are and the mission we have.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dale

WORSHIP

Lent Begins March 1

Ash Wednesday is March 1. We will gather for worship at 7:00 p.m. for a service that calls us to a Lenten Discipline through the Word, the sacrament of Holy Communion, and the imposition of ashes.

During our Sundays in Lent, we will be invited to "A Heart-Changing Journey." Our messages in March will be:

March 5: "Welcome to the Journey"

March 12: "Where Are We Going?"

March 19: "How Shall We Walk?"

March 26: "Is It Good for the Heart?"

Lenten Study and Fellowship Opportunities

The 40 days (not counting Sundays which are "Little Easters") between Ash Wednesday and Easter mark Lent, a time of reflection, repentance and renewal. Here are some opportunities to join others on a Lenten journey:



CONNECT

East District United Methodist Men's Breakfast

All men are welcome to enjoy breakfast and a program at **7:30 A.M.** on the Saturdays of Lent. Listed below are the locations. No reservations are necessary. A freewill offering is taken to cover the cost of the meal and missions giving. Call Pastor Sherrie or Bill Drake if you have questions.

Saturday, March 4

Parker City UMC
305 S. Main St., Parker City

Saturday, March 11

Daleville UMC
8104 S. Hickory Ln., Daleville

Saturday, March 18

Muncie St. Paul's UMC
1707 E. 26th St., Muncie

Saturday, March 25

Muncie Riverside UMC
1201 N. Wheeling Ave., Muncie

Saturday, April 1

Muncie Industry UMC
1912 S. Mock, Muncie

Saturday, April 8

The Garden at Gethsemane UMC
1201 W. McGalliard Rd., Muncie

Wisdom People for March

Shirley LaBerteaux • 94 on March 1
4604 W. CR. 400 N.
Muncie, IN 47304

Elvera Nichols • 92 on March 5
1306 N. Bittersweet St.
Muncie, IN 47304

Mary Swanger • 92 on March 6
920 E. Parkway Dr.
Muncie, IN 47304

Lois Metzger • 99 on March 13
1413 W. Glenn Ellyn
Muncie, IN 47304

Joanne Baur • 91 on March 15
5801 W. Bethel Ave. #640
Muncie, IN 47304

Dorothy Johnson • 90 on March 26
Elmcroft 1601 N. Morrison Rd. #302
Muncie, IN 47304

Helen Ross • 102 on March 27
4100 N. Morrison Rd.
Muncie, IN 47304

Jean Hays • 95 on March 28
1535 Countryside Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46231



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. 29 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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Sunday Night Bible Study

5:00 – 6:30 P.M. – Room 204

Whether you are an experienced Biblical scholar or have never read scripture before, you are welcome to join this “free-wheeling” group. Together we work to find meaning for daily life in the Bible. This is an ongoing group, so you may feel free to step in and out as your schedule permits. At this point, child care is not provided. Please call Pastor Sherrie to make arrangements, if you need.

A Disciple's Heart

Tuesdays – 6:30 – 7:30 – Room 204

Running weekly from Tuesday, March 7 through Tuesday, April 11, A Disciple's Heart explores some of the spiritual traditions of Methodism. Pastors Dale and Sherrie will guide participants through discussion and reflection using a Daily Workbook. The cost for the class is \$10.00 for the workbook. An optional Companion Reader is available for \$7.00. Everyone is welcome – this class is also a good place to explore membership in the church. Please call the office with questions, or to sign up.

Naomi Circle

We will meet on Thursday, March 2 in the Church Parlor at 1:30 p.m.

Mother and Daughter Banquet

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY - MAY 11 - 5:30 PM

Tickets are \$ 12 each

ALL LADIES ARE DAUGHTERS!

College Scholarship Application Due March 31

Members of High Street Church who plan to pursue their education beyond high school are encouraged to apply for a Rowls Scholarship from our High Street Foundation. Application forms may be found on our church's website. For this past school year our Foundation awarded scholarships totaling \$77,000.

High Street Memorials/Honors

- Mary Barnell
- Nondius Justice
- Janet Cullers
- Al Rent
- Geoff Rivers
- Carol Kundenreich
- Fred Elliott

Coffee and Canvas

Angels on High Preschool is having a Coffee and Canvas on Saturday, **March 4** at 10:00 a. m. in Parish Hall. The cost is \$30. You will be given step by step painting instructions on how you can connect and serve.

Children and Youth Ministries

February Update:

February was a busy month for our Youth Ministries. We have been studying the discipline of silence and what it means to fully listen for the still small voice of God. We have looked at passages in Genesis, Jonah, and 1 Kings where God asks His people questions. During March we will be looking at Jesus and what questions He asks His disciples and those around Him.

We also put together the SOUPer BOWL on Sunday, February 5th. From 9:45AM-1PM, our youth were hard at work setting the tables, prepping the serving ware, and arranging all the soups. We had a great turnout of 80 loving youth supporters for our soups and sandwiches. The SOUPer Bowl was our first fundraiser towards our Camping Scholarships for Jr. and Sr. High Campers. We raised \$1,078 which was split between the 9 youth campers who worked during this event. What a blessing for each youth that almost half of their tuition was paid for camp!

This year our camp fees are:

\$350- Sr. High Camper

\$449- Jr. High Campers (prior to 4/17)

Sr. High Youth will be headed to Epworth Forest in Lake Webster, IN from June 18-23. We will be joined by Gethsemane, Corinth, and Center Chapel Youth and sharing 2 cabins. Lana Remaly and Mary Ruble will be joining us as camp cooks over the week! Our Sr. High Youth are excited to see old friends and meet new friends as we join together for fellowship and learn more about the love of Christ in our lives.

Our Jr. High Youth will be headed to Camp Adventure that same week, which is only 8 miles down the road from Epworth Forest. They too will be growing in community with other Jr. High campers and learning about Christ's love for us!

There are still ways you can donate towards our Camp Scholarships. You can Adopt a Camper, be a part of Club 52, and/or join us for Garden Prep!



Adopt A Camper

Pay for one of our youth to go to camp this year (\$350)!
option for Individual or Group donation



Attend the SOUPer Bowl

Feb 5, 10:45-12:30. This event is a fun way to eat lunch & make a donation towards your favorite soups. All donations will go towards camping scholarships.



CLUB52

Donate a dollar/ week for the entire year (\$52) towards our camping scholarships.



Garden Prep

Need help getting your garden ready for Spring 2017? The youth will come and help you with your gardening needs!
{Free-will offering}



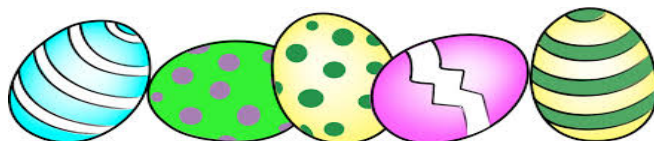
Join with us in Prayer:

- Our youth are exploring the spiritual practices of Silence, Listening, and Prayer. Please pray that God will guide them as they try exploring silence.
- Katie Wolfe will be heading to Chile this coming school year as an exchange student. Let's pour over her and her family in prayer as they prepare for this life-changing year! God, prepare the way!
- Amanda and Doug Droste will be joining our youth in February and March as Sunday School leaders. They are excited to work with our youth and learn with them. Please pray over them as they prepare their hearts for lessons and being with our youth during that hour each week.
- Continue to pray for a smooth transition as we say goodbye to Pastor Dale and Cathy and say hello to Pastor Stacey and her family.
- Wesley, Ezra, and Hazel are currently involved in theatrical production. Pray as they prepare their lines and songs and for their families as this is a busy season.
- Pray for Camp as the team prepares for us, for all Campers, and that we may have an open heart and mind to see Christ in a new way that week.

Children's Easter Event: **EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

April 8th from 9:30-11:30AM, Room 204-205

Mark your calendars now for this exciting, kid-friendly interactive Easter Story. Children ages 3-5th grade are invited to join us as we explore Jesus' story and His love through age-appropriate hands-on learning activities.



News & Programs re: Thursday Luncheon

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

March 2 Jimmy Priest entertains with piano and song.

**Blood pressure checks Mar 2
from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*

March 9 A program by Nancy Turner, *Muncie Women during WW II.*

March 16 ELL Sweet Sounds Part I...*gospel.*

March 23 Paul White, singer.

March 30 Jeff Leist & Sweet Sounds Part II, *50's & 60's.*

Update Learning Celebrates 40 Years!!

Are your brain cells asking for a new idea to mull over? Is your body calling out for some gentle stretching? Maybe you just want a reason to get out of the house and go somewhere, do something different, meet a fascinating person.

Whatever your motivation, Update Learning hopes you'll help celebrate 40 years of community ministry through High Street by (1) checking out the Update flyer for several new classes and stand-by favorites, (2) signing up for one or more, and (3) spreading the word to friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and those next to you in line at the grocery!

Thanks ahead of time for any (or all) of the above!

2017 Directories

Have you picked up a 2017 Church Directory? They are located all around the church and the in the church office. Stop in and pick one up today!

SERVE

High Street Food Pantry Served in 2017

196 clients

(57 families and 20 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:

- Corn
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna
- Pork & Beans
- Peas
- Diced Tomatoes

Samaritan Fund in 2017

60 clients

Utilities:	\$1104.36
Rent:	\$650.00
Prescriptions:	\$69.97
Misc.:	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total:	\$2074.33

Bridges Community Service

Bridges Community Service is helping homeless veterans find housing. They will locate an apartment and help with the rent for up to two months. They need furnishings of all kinds to make the apartment livable.

Specifically, they need furniture (couches, chairs, beds and bedding, dishes, silverware, cooking utensils, pans, small appliances, towels and washcloths and hygiene products.)

If you have useable things such as that above, call Missy at Bridges. Phone 765-282-3948. Or, if you have questions, call Ben Howells at 765-759-6026.

Walk A Mile Update

The High Street Strollers were among the 105 teams and an estimated 3,000 walkers on February 11 on behalf of the Muncie Mission. We have learned from the Muncie Mission that we were among the teams with the highest amount contributed, as we raised \$3,544.06. Thank you for your support and for those of you who walked that Saturday morning.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Please make sure that if you are going on vacation, temporarily away, have moved, are moving, or have changed your phone number that you let the church know. When you don't let the church know then your mail comes back and cost the church money. You can email Casey Headland at cheadland@munciehighstreet.com. Thank you!

Thank You!

Many, many thanks for the cards, visits, and good wishes while during my surgery and rehab. I am privileged to be a part of the High Street Church family.

Dick Williams

Thank You

A big Thank You to the bakers and workers, and a huge Thank You to all of the buyers who helped to make our Bake Sale a big success. Because of your generosity we were able to donate \$420.00 to the Samaritan Fund.

Ruth and Martha/Mary Circle

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

Kasey Needham, Child and Youth Ministries

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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