
September 2017

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Tower Topics



HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

September 4

Labor Day/Office Closed

September 17

4pm Church Picnic
@ Marrow's Meadow

September 18

8am - Update Learning
Classes start

September 23

Community Day

September 24

Crop Walk

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>
September 19	September 27	October
October 17	October 25	November
November 21	November 29	December

We Are The Church

He stood before the congregation visibly trembling. He was shy. He was 10 years old at the time. I asked him the first question: “Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil power of this world, and repent of your sin?”

“Yes?,” he replied meekly whilst looking at the floor.

I asked him the second question: “Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?”

“I do, I guess,” he answered.

Last question: “Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?”

“YES!” No hesitation. No wavering.

His mother, his pastor (me) and the congregation were all jolted awake with Holy Spirit surprise. Then without any preceding coordination, the congregation erupted in uproarious applause. What followed was a terrific soaking in the waters of his baptism!

A few weeks after this meaningful moment in worship, I asked him if he knew what he was really agreeing to that day. “Sure, I do,” he said, “To repent, to resist evil, and that Jesus is cool.” I couldn’t argue with that.

Our baptism vows ask us so clearly if we will, in fact, be Christ in the world. And being Christ in the world looks like this: repenting of our sins, resisting evil and injustice in whatever forms it is presented, and confessing Jesus Christ as Savior. When we were washed in the waters of our own baptism, we were asked these questions. For those of us not able to answer these questions at the time the water was poured over our heads, our parents answered them on

our behalf. We were asked them again when we were confirmed into the church or when welcomed as a New Member into the church. We are asked to reconfirm our answer every time someone is baptized or a new member is welcomed into the church: “Do you, as Christ’s body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?”

Do you? Do you repent of your sin, reject the evil powers of the world and confess Christ as Lord? No, really, do you?

The weekend of August 12th certainly challenged our answers to our baptism vows. As the sun set on that violence-filled and hate-driven Saturday, our Bishop Julius Trimble wrote:

We are flooded with news that stirs us to our core, and that makes us more fearful of our brothers and sisters which threaten the health of a world in desperate need of what I heard a preacher share more than twenty-five years ago: “The Church has something to offer the world that the world can’t get from no other place.” God reigns and the God we believe in is Love. We declare that Jesus Christ has and can make a way out of no way . . . For those of us called to live the Gospel message, in a time such as this, we must remember that the world needs the Church and we need the world, for neither can survive without the other.

If the church and the world cannot live without each other, then will you be the church, the true church, the church of your baptism vows, the church of your membership vows, the church who repents of your sins, renounces evil, and confesses Jesus as Lord?

High Street United Methodist Church is a place where these vows are taken seriously and by living them out together, we, dear friends, ARE the Church.

Cheers!

Rev. Stacey

WORSHIP

Listening Session

Be sure to attend one of the Listening Sessions! Pastor Stacee would love to hear from you!

- Sunday, 27 August @ Noon in the Parlor (Childcare and a light lunch provided!)
- Wednesday, 13 September @ 8:10pm with the Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
- Tuesday, 26 September @ 1:00pm in the Parish Hall

If you are interested in hosting a Listening Session in your home, please contact Pastor Stacee.



Church Renovations

Be sure to check out the ongoing renovations on the Ground Floor and the newly relocated Choir Room on the 2nd Floor! Your gifts are taking shape in both the areas of children's ministry and music ministry. THANK YOU! As the weather gets colder, we will all be especially thankful for the new boilers!



CONNECT

Ruth Circle

Just letting everyone know - at our Ruth Circle meeting on August 8, we had fun with our annual White Elephant Sale and raised \$240.00 for the Samaritan Fund! Every little bit helps!!



Wisdom People for September

Ethel Gantz • 93 on September 7
4708 N. Pebble Ct.
Muncie, IN 47304



Bill Current • 97 on September 14
3709 N. Virginia Ave.
Muncie, IN 47303

Betty Elson • 97 on September 16
1110 N. Balsam Dr.
Muncie, IN 47304

Mary K Marcus • 90 on September 22
3609 W. Merrywood Ln.
Muncie, IN 47302



Thursday Luncheon

\$5, for your entrée, dessert & drink.

Sept 7 Nancy Turner, speaker, *The Polio Saga*.
**Blood pressure checks
from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*

Sept 14 Jimmy Priest entertains with piano and singing.

Sept 21 The String-A-Longs present a program of stringed music!

Sept 28 Warren Lowe sings Southern gospel.

If possible, call to register by Tues. noon!



Annual Church Picnic

All-church Picnic - Our picnic theme this year is "Down on the Farm"! Come on down to Morrow's Meadow on Sunday, September



17th at 4pm for a good ole country time! Food will be served from Bird's Smokehouse BBQ followed by great entertainment and games for all ages! Bring your biggest and/or ugliest home-grown squash, zucchini, pumpkin, etc. for a judging contest - also bring excess produce to swap. Be sure to wear your new High Street Flock t-shirt to fill our barnyard with sheep! If you don't have one, they will be available for sale, along with picnic registration, starting on Sunday, August 20th. The cost of the picnic is \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids 3-12 years, and free for kids 2 and under. It will be \$1 more at the door. See ya there!!



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 it would be greatly appreciated.



Mary Circle

Mary Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, September 5, at the church at 11:00 A. M. We are sharing a ride to Ivanhoe's for lunch!

Have you liked us on Facebook?

You should come check out our Facebook page @HighStreetUMChurch. If you haven't liked us you should!!



High Street Website

Have you check out our website...go to www.munciehighstreet.com. You can also sign up for the church newsletter, prayer list, and church mailing list. If you would like to receive information about what is going on here at High Street.



High Street Travelers - Since 1974



2017 Schedule

Sept. 14 LaComedia Dinner Theatre: **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.

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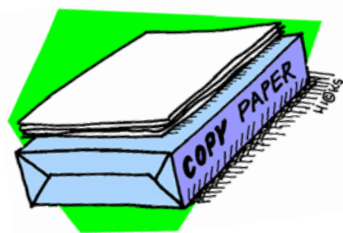
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Angels on High Preschool and Parent's Day Out is ready to go! Our staff has been working hard throughout the summer and preparing for another wonderful year. I am always amazed at their dedication, creativity, hard work, and the love they put forth for both the school and the children. We are all very excited!

We would love your support for our scholarships this 2017-2018 school year. Any amount will help. Class tuition range from \$105-\$260. If no money amount can be given we always welcome donations from stickers to snacks, as we give 2 snacks throughout the day per child. Prayers are always welcomed.

Please look for more information to come soon about our school year. We are blessed with wonderful families, staff, and congregation members! I would like to offer much praise and appreciation to all those who have already helped, prayed, and supported all of our adventures, here at AOH.



Preschool Needs:

- Copy Payer
- Animal Crackers
- Windex
- Plastic forks or spoons
- Glitter



SERVE

Samaritan Fund in 2017 204 clients

Recycling Opportunities



For those of you who find it painful to throw away items that could be reused, especially if you do not have access to good recycling service, here's a wonderful opportunity to put those items to use.

Our own Angels on High preschool ministry will be delighted to receive just about any item you want to recycle: clean food containers such as margarine tubs, yogurt cups, Pringles canisters, single-serving applesauce or fruit cups, or other containers, items such as craft supplies, paper towel tubes and yes, even toilet paper tubes.

Please take these items directly to the Angels on High building, and not to the church.

Thank you.
Louise Eddington

Utilities:	\$5,783.43
Rent:	\$1,525.00
Prescriptions:	\$455.65
Misc.:	<u>\$1,076.68</u>
Total:	\$8,840.76

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hospital Reminder

Just a reminder that, because of privacy laws, hospitals no longer 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 Food Pantry Served in 2017 882 clients

Food pantry needs:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Peas
- Canned Corn
- Tuna
- Cereal
- Money for meat, eggs, bread, milk, butter

High Street Memorials/Honors

- Virgil Oxley
- Betty Fetz



Foundation Facts

In late spring High Street United Methodist Church was the recipient of a \$5,000 grant from the United Methodist Foundation of Indiana. It will be applied to the youth portion of our renovation project.

We have also received a gift honoring a member of our church. The funds were placed in the Unrestricted Fund.

Your High Street Foundation in 2017 has provided grants for (a) higher education scholarships, (b) seminary study, (c) choral scholars, (d) youth camp (e) Cru ambassadors –formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ (f) Resounding Mercy praise band, (g) Cardinal Ministry, and (h) staff retreat.

Tower Topics

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. You can email Casey Headland at cheadland@munciehighstreet.com.

Hanging Signs

When hanging signs on the walls, please use putty on any painted surface and masking tape on any wallpaper. We are happy to assist you if you have any questions. Thanks for your help to preserve the walls of High Street.

Contact Information

Charlotte Overmyer - Visitation Pastor

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5-8pm Acolyte Training - Sanctuary	2 9am - 4pm Muncie Civic Theater practice - PH
3 Brown Bag 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	4 Labor Day <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed</p>	5 6:45 - 8am Renovare - Parlor 8:30 - 10am Church Staff 10am - 12pm Pastoral Staff - Office 10:30 - 12pm Mary Circle - Ivanhoe's 1-3pm Grief Recovery Group - Room 301 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open	6 9:15 - 11am Women's Bible Study - 301 5:45-7pm Handbells - Room 303 6-7pm Children/Youth Choir - Rm 204 & 205 7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir - Rm 204 & 205 8 - 9pm AA's - 301	7 8 - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office 11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon 1:30-3pm Naomi Circle - Parlor 6-7:30pm Lilies (Women's Group) - 303	8 10-11:30am Westminster Fellowship - Naomi	9 9am - 4pm Muncie Civic Theater practice - PH
10 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	11 12 - 2pm Mah Jongg Class - 301 12:30 - 1:30pm Family Ministry Staff 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open 5:30-7pm Connect Team - Library	12 6:45 - 8am Renovare - Parlor 8-11am Ruth Circle making mincemeat 8:30 - 10am Church Staff - Library 10 am - 12pm Pastoral Staff - Office 12 - 2pm Samaritan Appt./Lunch - Parlor 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open 3:30 - 4:30pm Property Committee - 301	13 9am-11:30am Mommy & Me - Room 302 9:15 - 11am Women's Bible Study - 301 1 - 3pm Elder-Law Counseling - Library 5:45-7pm Handbells - Room 303 6-7pm Children/Youth Choir - Rm 204 & 205 7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir - Rm 204 & 205 8 - 9pm AA's - 301	14 8 - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office 9am-6pm Travelers B&B LaComdia 11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon	15	16 9am - 4pm Muncie Civic Theater practice - PH
17 Handbells playing 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 4-7pm Annual Church Picnic	18 7am - 1pm Update Learning Classes 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open	19 6:45 - 8am Renovare - Parlor 8:30 - 10am Church Staff - Library 10 am - 12pm Pastoral Staff - Office 12pm Tower Topics Deadline 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open	20 6-7am Men's Breakfast prep - Parish Hall 7-8am UM Men's Breakfast - Parish Hall 9:15 - 11am Women's Bible Study - 301 5:45-7pm Handbells - Room 303 6-7pm Children/Youth Choir - Rm 204 & 205 7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir - Rm 204 & 205 8 - 9pm AA's - 301	21 7:15-8am Kingdom Advisor's - Rm 301 8 - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office 11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon 1:30-3pm Archives Committee - Rm 301 6-7:30pm Lilies (Women's Group) - 303	22 1-2:30pm UMW Executive Meeting - Room 301	23 8am-1pm Community Service Day 9am - 4pm Muncie Civic Theater practice - PH
24 CROP Walk 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 1:30pm CROP Walk registration - Riverside 5 - 7pm Bible Study - Library	25 7am - 1pm Update Learning Classes 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open 6 - 7pm Children's Ministries - Parlor	26 6:45 - 8am Renovare - Parlor 8:30 - 10am Church Staff - Library 10 am - 12pm Pastoral Staff - Office 11:30am-12pm Preschool Chapel 12 - 2pm Samaritan Appt./Lunch - Parlor 1-2:30pm Listening Session - Parish Hall 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open 7-8:30pm Staff Parish Committee - 301	27 9-11:30am Mommy & Me - 302 9:15 - 11am Women's Bible Study - 301 11:30am-12pm Preschool Chapel 5:45-7pm Handbells - Room 303 6-7pm Children/Youth Choir - Rm 204 & 205 7-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir - Rm 204 & 205 8 - 9pm AA's - 301	28 8 - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office 11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon 4:30-6pm Wesleyan Circle - meeting in Gaston	29 11:30am-12pm Preschool Chapel 2:30-3pm Preschool Chapel	30 9am - 4pm Muncie Civic Theater practice - PH 9:30-11am Communion set up