

TOWER UPDATE

MID-MAY 2015

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Transitions Sermon Series

Sunday, May 17 Ascension/Handbell Sunday
Sermon: "Don't Go Astray"
Scripture: Exodus 32:1-35 and Acts 1:1-11


**Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday/
Memorial Weekend**
Sermon: "Live into the New Life"
Scripture: Exodus 20:1-21 and Acts 2:1-21

Thursday Luncheon

May 14th--University Wives and
Women's Choral Group

May 21st--The String-a-Longs from
Frankfort

May 28 -- Fellowship of Christian
Athletes

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY and giving
 High Street Church as their
preference: John Wisner (*IUH
Ball Memorial Hospital*).

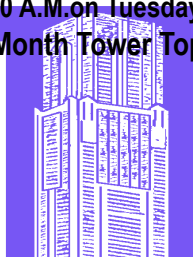
TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

Deadline for Submission is
8:00 A.M. on Tuesdays

MM = Mid Month Tower Topics Issue

Submit By:
May 19
June 2 MM
June 16
July 7 MM

Issue Date:
May 27
June 10
June 23
July 15



Update on our Capital Project

The tuckpointing has been done for some time now. The organ has been renovated; many of us so enjoyed the concert by Raul Ramirez. We have one more payment to make on the organ renovation as of this writing. We do have a couple of projects to complete at the Stevenson Center. Both were aspects of the original plans for the renovation of that facility for a preschool. One is providing some shading for the playground so the children can play in the warm weather. The other is polishing the current flooring on the main level of the preschool.

We have been successful in our fund-raising for our three capital projects. THANK YOU!

Expanding Volunteers Workshop: May 14

Could our church benefit from having more people involved in serving in and through the church? Well, identifying the need is only the first part of the solution. What if we could be better trained to expand our volunteer base?

Our Fruitful Congregation Journey coach, Dr. Doug Anderson, will lead a workshop on expanding volunteerism in the church. The workshop especially for staff, Church Council, and all leaders will be on Thursday, May 14, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Laughter is good for your Health

Dear High Streeters:

CBS is making sure we all know it. David Letterman's last show is May 20. Some of you may remember Dave on local radio back when he was a student at Ball State. I recall him as one of the weathermen on an Indianapolis television station.

Rarely am I up at 11:30 p.m. to watch Dave. On those occasions when I am up at that hour, I have consistently chosen to watch Letterman. There was a time in my life when I was up more frequently at 11:30. But that was before David Letterman was filling his current slot.

But Cathy and I recorded the program the other night highlighting Letterman's years on the show. In fact, we started watching it before heading off to bed. With an early morning rise scheduled, Cathy headed to bed just before I did. I had to watch one more segment in the show. This was the segment where tribute was made to the man who really helped launch Letterman's career: Johnny Carson.

On Friday nights and holiday nights when I was in Junior High and High School, I would stay up to watch Johnny. Once in college and seminary, watching Johnny was a more regular part of my schedule. And I still recall fondly a friend of mine attending Indiana State inviting me for that school's homecoming weekend one year. The homecoming featured entertainer that Saturday night was Johnny Carson. I laughed and laughed and then laughed some more that night. Frankly, if there

were people sleeping when I would watch Johnny on TV, I had to be mindful of the volume of my laughter.

For some people now David Letterman has been part of their lives for years. For me Johnny Carson was such a person. I am sure it has something to do with being made to laugh. We're even told laughter is good for our health!

Sarah was listening in when God promised Abraham that he and Sarah would have a child. Being beyond child-bearing years, Sarah laughed. When confronted by God about her laughing, Sarah at first denied it. But God wouldn't let her off the hook. "Oh, yes, you did laugh," he said. [Gen. 18:15]

Sarah did give birth to a son. Abraham named him Isaac. Sarah explains the meaning of her son's name: "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." [Gen. 21:6] In an earlier version of the story, God is the One who informs Abraham and Sarah that the son to be born to them shall be named Isaac. [Gen. 17:19] Isaac means "he laughs." In that way, God himself joined in the laughter. God and Abraham and Sarah all laughing together because of what God does in their lives.

I hope you will enjoy a good laugh today!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dale

UMW Meeting

How can people in Delaware County obtain safer housing?

Home Savers !

(formally Re-build Delaware County)

Home Savers rehabs homes, providing safer homes for persons living in our community. Come hear stories of their work told by Tina Bernacchi, executive director of Home Builders on

Tuesday, May 19

10:30 AM

~~sponsored by High Street UMW



In the spirit of our Fruitful Congregation, We are looking for "peachy" volunteers to help organize the donated items for the rummage sale at High Street. Come join us on July 15 & 16 for fun, fellowship, and food! It just doesn't get any better. Call a member of the committee for the opportunity to be a part of this fun event. To all those who are unable to help, please keep saving those special "lemons" (items) in your home for the rummage sale.

Nancy Pilkington 288-3386

Celesta Dudley 284-1034

Grace Miller 216-1212

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WED NOV 18 LACOMEDIA DINNER THEATRE: A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE MUSICAL

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STARTING AT \$569 PER PERSON

Vacation Bible School

Gear up for G-Force Adventure Park VBS on Sunday, June 21, through Thursday, June 25. VBS will be from 5:30 PM until 8:10 PM. We are looking for leaders who want to discover the Word of God with children. At G-Force Adventure Park, we will help children experience God's love in action through missions, dramas, crafts, games, science, music, and lots of fun. Please contact Bethany Davis (748-0104 or bmdavis78@gmail.com) or Denise Smith (744-9069 or greg4denise.smith@att.net) if you are interested in joining in the excitement!

"Jam" Session Popular

UMW made 204 jars of jam. We sold 159 jars of strawberry jam Sunday, May 3! MANY thanks to those who donated jars and pectin and especially to those who made, sold and bought the jam. We have a few dozen jars that we will sell May 11 at Update Learning. Sale profits go to UMW mission projects. THANKS everyone!

SUNDAY

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TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

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