

# TOWER UPDATE

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## Join Us For CROP Walk!

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 22nd**. The annual Muncie Area CROP Hunger



Walk will be held that Sunday. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. and the Walk begins at 2:00 p.m. We will meet and depart from

Riverside United Methodist Church, 1201 N. Wheeling Ave. You still have time to join us!



**HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY** and giving High Street Church as their preference: Louise Eddington (*IUH Ball Memorial Hospital*)

## In Praise and Thanksgiving for Pantry Volunteers

Baggers: 2 per month (Wed, Thur, Fri - choice)  
Servers: 2 once per month (Mon or Tues, 1:30-2:30)

Peggy Adams	Betty Huber
Carol Casazza	Rita Hunt
Nora Chesnut	Ilene Jones
Wilbert Chesnut	Jean Kistler
Bob Chico	Betty Larimore
Mary Lou Clevenger	Merrilyn McNary
Sarah Daugherty	Nancy Motsenbocker
Barbara Collins	Janet Munson
Jackie Dillon	Hazel Pool
Jackie Rodenberger	Jane Freestone
Jerry Henning	Jerall Ross
Joene Henning	Joanie Ross
Jennifer Hopper	Susan Trout
Jim Hopper	Lois Tucker

To correct errors or to volunteer, call Merrilyn McNary at (765) 288-8404.

## THE FRUITFUL CONGREGATION JOURNEY HAS BEGUN

Is the church called to be faithful or fruitful? The answer is: "Yes!" Our team of Jayne Brinson, Terri Hutchison, Dan Moore Snyder, Bob Myers, Marsha Nuerge, Jennifer Rice-Snow, Greg Smith, Dave Wilson, and Pastor Dale have read the first book Bearing Fruit: Ministry with Real Results by Lovett Weems and Tom Berlin. Pastor Dale has attended the first meeting with other pastors, and our lay team has done the same with teams from other churches.

We have been reminded that our focus can't be on what we are doing as much as what we are accomplishing toward the mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world. Thus, two key questions are: "Are we bearing fruit?" and "Is it good fruit?"

Two very important words we have discovered for deciding what is important to our mission as a church (and as individuals) are "so that." When we talk about doing something, we need to be able to fill in the blank that follows the two words "so that." When we ask ourselves why we are planning to do something, we respond with "so that \_\_\_\_\_." If what we put in the blank doesn't square with our mission or if what goes in that blank is a questionable use of resources toward accomplishing our mission, then it may be time to prune that activity. There may be a better way to employ our resources in order to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

As you can see, we are already starting to focus upon some tough questions. Our team meets together as a team later this month to discuss our learnings specifically as they apply to High Street Church. Please keep us in prayer.

By the way, the book mentioned above is now available in our church library.

# A Car Story. . .

Deborah Musick

## *My dad the car guy.*

He loved cars. I can remember one of our new cars when I was a child; a 1956 Super 88 hard top Oldsmobile, two-tone paint scheme, green and creamy white, wrap around windshield, chrome, and tail fins. Dad also bought a 1963 Buick Lesabre convertible with an interesting color; kind of a rosy purple with a white top. He bought it right off the showroom floor. It was a beautiful car that people requested for parades. I can still see dad in the driver's seat in those parades.

## *Mustang...*

When it was time for me to drive, dad bought me a 1965 Mustang fastback, 4 speed, 289, black with gold interior. It was sharp, and eye catching. I had all kinds of excuses to go to town for mom. It seemed the older I got the more conservative, and practical I became. But the love for cars still remains to this day, as the love affair resurfaces at the James Dean festival in September.

## *Dad always helped me find a car.*

Twelve years ago he passed away, and the escapades to find a car ended. Yet, since my dad's passing, another Father, a heavenly one, has helped me find my cars, and the cars have turned out to be low-cost, excellent drives. A month ago, I realized the time for getting another car was approaching, so I started praying for another car. In Alexandria, there's an auction house that sells cars from estates, and several weeks ago, I spotted a white car for sale. I inquired about it, and learned it would be sold in 3 weeks. One owner, low miles, excellent condition. I waited for the Saturday night it would be sold, and I prayed about the little white car. Now there's more to this story; the model of the car was "Spirit." Surely this was a sign from God. God was talking to me, right?

## *The auction...*

I went to the auction house on a Saturday night. The car was sitting outside the door, and several men were checking it out, including a young man. He was talking on his phone. As the men were inspecting the car, this young man ended his conversation, and I saw him lift his head toward heaven, and with his two hands cupped together, I witnessed his prayer. I knew then God was answering my prayer, and this car was not for me.

## *Let the bidding begin.*

All of us standing outside filed into the auction house. The auctioneer started the bid high.

Total silence. He began to drop the price, and finally someone took the bait. The run was on. Three people, four people, five people bidding, and finally the young man jumped in the bidding war. He was standing in the back of the room on the phone. Finally, the bidding slowed, the anticipation was mounting. Who would get the car?

## *Going once, going twice, sold...*

The gavel slammed down, and the auctioneer pointed to the back of the room. "You got it, young man!" But the young boy didn't know it. When he realized the auctioneer was pointing to him, he jumped in the air yelling into the phone, "Dad, I got it." The entire auction house immediately erupted into laughter and applause. This young man, a novice at auction bidding got his car! But I knew the "rest of the story." I had witnessed the prayer, and knew "Who" really had got him the car. And the fond memories of a "dad" helping his child get a car came flooding back to me.

## *Answered prayer...*

God had answered my prayer, and had answered the boy's prayer, and on the eve of my dad's passing, I experienced the unspeakable joy of seeing God work in another's life.

## **In the auction house of life**

**God sees the people's needs.  
He hears the prayers of others  
And answers thru our deeds.**

## **For when we witness a heart**

**With an honest and fervent prayer.  
We become His servants of giving  
In the ministry of "care."**

## **And as the scripture tells us**

**"It's better to give than receive"  
In that moment of giving  
We discover we truly believe.**

## **In a God that hears and loves us**

**With answered prayers still.  
In ways we never dreamed of  
When we follow God's Will...**

*'Til we meet again...*

*Deborah*

## Small Group Opportunities

**College/Career Age Group** Is studying 2 Timothy on Fridays, 7-9:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Led by Jim and Kristy Mahoney.

**“I Bought A House on Gratitude Street”** by J. Ellsworth Kalas. A 6-week study by Rev. Kalas, who has been a United Methodist pastor for 38 years and senior professor of homiletics at Asbury Theological Seminary. These lessons include living with our past and taking charge of our future. Matters of friendship, prayer, sin, and success are explored, helping one to move toward a happier life, and better relationships. Begins Thursday, Sept. 19 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

**Grief Support Group:** A 7-week study using the “Growing Through Grief” series. The sessions begin with a video, followed by an informal time of sharing. Begins Monday, Sept. 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Garden Court.

**“Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine”** by James Moore, a United Methodist pastor. A 6-week study where Moore, in his warm, conversational style, shares that Noah built his ark on a sunny day, and by trusting in God, he prepared in advance for the storm to come. Moore illustrates that faith and spiritual maturity doesn’t happen overnight. We have to build it! We have to work at the faith, practice it, express it, study it, and share it. And when we do, our faith will grow. Begins Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

**NEW! 11:00 Sunday Group.** This group will be using the book, “Mark.” The group will meet in Room 301 beginning October 6th. Books are available in the church office for \$10. Jack and Darlene Gebhart will be leading the group.



## Wisdom People for OCTOBER

*Please send these wonderful folks a card and wish them many more active, healthy years.*

**Robert Baur** • 90 on October 13  
3810 W. Riverside Ave.  
Muncie, IN 47304

**Stanley Schull** • 91 on October  
1909 N. Wheeling Ave.  
Muncie, IN 47304

**Anna Rohrig** • 93 on October  
31594 FM 1561  
San Benito, TX 78586



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## The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soup
- Jelly & Peanut Butter
- Beans: Red, Black, Garbanzo, Navy, Great Northern



Please leave donations in the wicker baskets at the North Door entrance at in the Narthex.

*Don't forget Brown Bag Sunday is Oct. 6th*

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## E-Mail Prayer Chain

If you would like to receive an e-mail listing of High Street Church's Joys/Concerns/Prayer Requests for which you can pray, please send your name and e-mail address to Lori Gibson at:

[info@munciehighstreet](mailto:info@munciehighstreet)



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## Follow Us on Facebook!

Be sure to “Like” High Street Church on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/High-Street-United-Methodist-Church/58417698681> to get the latest news and updates about things happening at the church.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



# September

<b>1 Brown Bag Sun.</b> 8:30 AM Trad. Worship 9:30 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday Sch 10:30 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	<b>2 Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 4:30 PM Senior Supper at MCL Cafeteria	<b>3 Preschool Starts</b> 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:00 AM Play Day 9:00 AM Mary Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Pressure Points	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM M & M Kick-Off 9:00 AM Update Mailing 5:45 PM Hand Bells 6:00 PM Kids' Choirs 6:45 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM Overeaters Anon. 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM Al-Anon's 8:00 PM AA's	<b>5</b> 8:00 AM SHIP 10:30 AM Bld. Pressure 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Play Day 5:00 PM UMYF Fall Rally at Epworth Forest 6:00 PM Kids Nite Out	<b>7</b>
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