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Tower Topics Change

Beginning June 5th, *Tower Topics* will only be issued **ONCE A MONTH**. We will try this for the months of June, July, and August.

The following will be the issue dates for *Tower Topics* for those months:

June: 5 Deadline for submissions: May 31
July: 3 Deadline for submissions: June 28
August: 1 Deadline for submissions: July 29

If you have questions or comments, please contact Lori Gibson, Editor at 747-8500, rebelnomo@munciehighstreet.com, or info@munciehighstreet.com

Be sure to have all of your articles for an entire month turned by the due date!

Pentecost Sunday

According to Scripture in the book of Acts, the Church came into being on the day of Pentecost. Worshipers were fasting and praying in Jerusalem and the Holy Spirit descended upon them in a violent rushing wind. Small



flames of fire rested on their heads and they began to speak in other languages.

The color red is the color of excitement energy, power and all things intense and passionate. As such, red is the color of the Holy Spirit.

You are encouraged to remember and celebrate the birth of the Church by wearing **RED** to worship on Sunday, **May 19th**.

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Service Times

8:30-9:30 Traditional Worship

9:45-10:45 Sunday School

9:45-10:30 Chapel Worship

11:00-Noon Contemporary Worship

Traditional Worship Broadcast at 11 a.m. on WXFN - 1340 AM

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Teaching Our Children

Cathy and I are trying to figure out how to work into our schedules getting to Marietta, Ohio to watch our five year-old grandson play T-ball. He's in his first year and looks good in his uniform. His father, our son-in-law, is one of his coaches. It's at least a five hour trip each way and probably will necessitate an overnight stay. But he is our grandson, and we know he and we would appreciate getting to see him play.

We receive reports. He's learning to get in front of the ground ball and begin with his glove touching the ground. Apparently he's better at the latter than the former. He is being taught to swing the bat level. He is being encouraged not just to tap the ball but to smack it hard. The last report on that front was a good one.

His dad has taken him to watch some baseball games. The local small college team is a good one. But if our grandson is to learn to play baseball, if that is what he wants to do, then he can't just observe others. He has to play. He has to be instructed. He has to be shown how to play the game.

The same, of course, is true for becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ. Yes, it helps to observe other disciples. We all can benefit from good examples. But there needs to be more. One needs instruction. One needs to be coached in the practices of the faith. One needs to begin living as a disciple. It's a lifelong, ongoing process of growth.

The stance I have heard from some parents that they are going to remain neutral as to faith and allow their children to decide for themselves is misguided. Yes, it is true that the day will come when each child will decide for him or herself. But what the parents taking

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

this stance seem to miss is that by modeling neutrality toward the faith, they are teaching their children to be neutral when it comes to faith. It would be like never exposing your child to baseball or giving him or her any instruction in the game while trusting that some day when he or she is much older, he or she will decide whether to enjoy playing baseball. We don't take that stance with sports or music or dance, etc. Why would we take that stance when it comes to faith?

The fact is our children do learn from us. There is one memorable car commercial that just causes me to cringe each time I see it. The father is teaching his son how to throw a baseball. Unfortunately, the right-handed father throws by stepping forward with his right foot; just the opposite of what you are to do. And even more unfortunately, the son is learning to throw in just the same awkward, ineffective way. Our children are learning how to be a disciple of Christ from us. So the question for each of us is: Am I modeling and teaching the children in my life what it truly means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dale



New Director Hired

This past Sunday, on a day when our preschoolers sang in the 11:00 a.m. service and we thanked Julie Marshall with a dozen roses for her four years directing our preschool, Pastor Dale introduced Rebecca Swander to the 11:00 service. Rebecca has been hired as our new Director of the Angels On High Preschool and Child Care Ministry.

Rebecca has earned both her BA and her MA from Ball State. She taught in the Yorktown Schools for six years teaching third and fourth grades. She is currently in her fourth year as director of a church's preschool and a parents' day out ministry. Rebecca also brings with her a rich background of involvement with her local church.

We are very pleased to have Rebecca leading our preschool and child care ministry. She is already meeting with people here, even as she finishes out the school year at her present job.

The High Street Church Foundation has made available funding for Rebecca's salary from May through July, as she works part-time with us in making decisions about the new facility, enrolling children, and hiring staff.



Rebecca Swander, Director of Preschool and Child Care Ministry

HOW WE HELP!

The Samaritan Fund - 2013

People Helped: 218

 Rent:
 \$2,560.00

 Utilities:
 \$6,887.62

 Prescriptions:
 \$449.47

 Misc.:
 \$608.25

 Total:
 \$10,505.34

As the year goes along, we get more requests for assistance. People want to make sure they have a place to stay and power, water, etc., for that place. Thank you so much for helping us assist the least of these. Funds are low! Please help us if you can!

Geothermal Tour at BSU



Learn all about Ball State's geothermal project. The tour will be led by Jim Lowe, the head of Engineering and Construction Operations for BSU. We'll also answer questions about home and

faith organization geothermal possibilities. We'll meet at the Duck Pond, park west of Carmichael. May 19th at 1:00 PM. Questions? Call 289-1826. Sponsored by Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light.

Thank You from Christ House

In April, High Street Church sent \$1,746.30 to Christ House in Washington DC. This amount was matched by a Challenge Grant from the Feinstein Foundation. We received this very nice note from Allen and Janelle Goetchus who founded and run Christ House and grew up here at High Street Church.

"Your very generous gift will help many homeless persons. High Street Church will forever be our home church. Please convey our thanks to the congregation."

College Graduates

Megan Allardt Sarah Kowalski Chris Dale Blake McDaniel Lora Dingledine Sabina White

Congratulations! We are proud of all of you!

Wisdom People for MAY



May's Task of the Month

Wash clothes in cold water; air dry your laundry in the summer. We are so thankful for spring's sun and breeze. Let's use them and give the clothes dryer a rest. Of the major appliances in the typical American household, the clothes dryer uses the most electricity. Here are some tips for doing without a dryer:

- Install a clothesline.
- Plan to do laundry on sunny, breezy days whenever possible. Wash and hang clothes in the morning.
- Hang shirts on plastic hangers to dry. The hangers can be hung on your clothesline outside, on a shower bar, or on a closet rod installed in your laundry room.
- Use folding racks to dry things indoors. These are especially useful in winter, but can be used any time of year.
- A retractable clothesline installed in the basement adds drying space when needed but is easily moved out of sight when not in use.
- Clothes last longer when not subjected to dryer heat.

High Street Travelers

Check out Deb's UPDATED Travel Blog at: www.debdirection.blogspot.com

New 2013 Trips:

May 22: "Flea" to Shipshewanna

\$75/person

June 12: "The Sound Of Music" at

Beef & Boards \$75/person

July 10: Factory Tour Day - Surprises!

\$75/person

Aug. 7: Cincy Reds vs. Houston

at Cincy \$75/30 per person

(adult or youth)

Sept. 11: Church Basement Ladies IV

LaComedia \$75/person

Sept. 14-17: *Mackinac Island and Grand Hotel* \$699/double occupancy

Oct. 16: Parke Co. Covered Bridge

Festival \$50/person
Nov. 6-22: Panama Canal Cruise

16 nights/1 night hotel/transfer air/insurance/ start \$2,899/dbl.

Dec. 6-8: Chicago Lights & Delights
Price to be announced

Dec. 11: Christmas Spectacular at

LaComedia \$75 per person

For reservations/information, contact High Street Church at 765-747-8500 or dheeter@ballstate.bsu.edu After every 3rd Paid Trip you receive a \$25 voucher towards a future trip. Reservation Policy: Contact High Street UMC Church at 747-8500. Payment MUST accompany reservations. Cancellations made within 7 dyas of trip are NOT guaranteed a refund. Tours are open to the Public, Clubs, and Groups! Coordinator: Deb Heeter

Food Pantry • 2013

The High Street Food Pantry has served this year:

615 people



Thank you for your contributions, both food and monetary, to the High Street Food Pantry!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	May		9:00 AM Preschool 9:00 AM M & M's 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 11:00 AM Presch. Chapel 5:15 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids' Choirs 6:00 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 7:00 PM Overeater's Anon. 7:45 PM Al-Anon's 8:00 PM AA's	7:00 AM Habitat Brkfast @ Horizon Center 8:00 AM SHIP 9:00 AM Preschool 10:15 AM Lunch Activity 11:00 AM Thurs. Lunch 4:30 PM Wesleyan Circle 6:30 PM Grief Group	9:00 AM Play Day 9:00 AM Preschool 11:00 AM Presch. Chapel 1:00 PM UMW Exec.	27
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Child Protection Training

Persons who work with minors (children and/ or youth) are required by High Street Church policy to participate once every three years in a Child and Youth Protection Training program. This training provides good information and practices in working with children and youth, as well as ensures the protection of our children, youth and those serving in our child and youth ministries.

This training is not only for adults, but also for our youth who work with children in Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, the nursery and other children's ministries. If you have not had this training before or if you have not been a part of it since 2010, you are encouraged to select one of the dates below and contact the office, 747-8500, to reserve your place in training.

The last session will be held:

• June 19, 6:30 p.m.

Remember, if you work with youth or children you must participate once every three years!

Annual Rummage Sale



The "Basement Bonanza" Rummage Sale will be held June 21 & 22 this year, 8:00-12 Noon.

Start cleaning out your garages and attics! Items needed include tools, toys, housewares, linens, decor, electronics, small appliances, furniture, luggage, books, clothes, shoes, purses, etc. We will let you know when to bring your items to the church. DO NOT BRING ITEMS NOW - WE HAVE NOWHERE TO STORE THEM!

We also need volunteers - both men and women or anyone who wants to help - who likes to socialize with fellow High Streeters and/or who enjoys rummaging. If you have questions or need more information contact Elli Taylor at 284-6120.



MEMORIAL DAY

May 27th

OFFICE CLOSED!

Dance For Kids' Sake!

Dance For Kids' Sake is an annual fund raiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware. Co. Members of the local community work with choreographers from Cole Academy to learn dances in different styles to compete for the mirror-ball trophy.

It is a fun night and a great way to support children in our community. We, Austin and Tera Rich, have set a goal of \$1,000 by May 15th and we need your help! You can write a check, made payable to High Street UMC, mark it "Big Brothers, Big Sisters" and Barbara Ballard will make sure it goes to the right place!

The big dance event will be **Saturday**, **May 18**, **7:00 PM** at the Central High School Auditorium (doors open at 6:00 PM). Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students (K-12) and are available from Austin or Tera Rich. Come support a great cause!

Thursday Luncheon

May 16: Clyde Keeley

May 23: Debbie Heeter -Savannah, GA trip

May 30: Dave Elmore, singer

We meet at 11:30 and dismiss by 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$3.50. Join us for a great time! Call the church office, 747-8500, by Tuesday before, to make your reservations!

UM Men's Breakfast

The next High Street United Methodist Men's Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, May 15th. Join us at 7:00 a.m. in Parish Hall for a delicious breakfast, devotions and great fellowship!

Occasionally we will have a short program. We dismiss by 8:00 a.m.

All men of the church are welcome to attend!

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Bible study will begin a new study on June 5 at 9:15 a.m. in Room G-6. We will be studying *The Case of Faith* by Lee Strobel. If you would like to join the group, please contact Gretchen Schneider (jgschn308@ att.net or 759-7355) to sign up and/or to order a book (a Kindle version is available).

The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

Jell-O, Applesauce Canned Fruit, Instant Milk Canned Vegetables



Donations may be left in the wicker baskets at the North Door entrance and in the Narthex.

Feeding The Future

Don't forget that the High Street Youth can always use supplies for the weekly *Feeding The Future* backpacks. Please leave donations in the large box in the main hallway:

- 16.9 oz. bottles of water
- Single-serve drink mix packets
- Cereal bars
- Canned mac & cheese / pasta items
- Peanut butter crackers or cheese cracker packs
- Single-serve fruit cups
- Single-serve applesauce cups

Also, cash is always welcome so the youth can purchase needed items. Thank you!

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

and giving High Street Church as their preference: John Robinson, Doris Mentis, Ann Dale (*IUH Ball Memorial Hospital*)



High School Graduates

Brock Beaver Brooke Latta
William Cassel Bryce Needham
Sarah Dale Phillip Perry
Ross Eaton Lydia Ruble

Scholarship Recipients

Rachel Beaver John Rarick **Adam Botts** Anna Ruble Stephanie Cole Randy Ruble Cameron Dale T.J. Ruble Sarah Dale Whitney Ruble **Betsy Lowry Trevor Smith** Deceil Moore Snyder Matt Stover Kasey Needham Molly Wolfe Chappell Railey Nicole Woodall

Joseph Railey

Congratulations to all of our graduates and scholarship recipients. We are so proud of you!

Talent at High Street Church!

The following children displayed their talents in our recent Talent Show, May 4th.

Ezra Crow Music "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot; What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Abigail Crow Artistic "Imaginative Rendering in Crayon"

Katey Wolfe Music "Pink Panther and Two Other Contemporary Classics"

Lauryn Williams Dance "Broadway Banana" **Kamryn Williams** Dance "Born to Dance"

Hazel Crow Music "Cumbia"

Jocelyn and Madelyn Roberson Singing

Morgan Grimm Dance "Sing, Sing, Sing"

Ryleigh Grimm Dance "I Will Follow You" Chloe Combs Singing "I Won't Give Up"

Hazel Crow Dance "Poptly"

Hayley Arnett Dance

Kamryn and Lauryn Williams Dance "Bibbity Boppity"

Savannah Pattison, Katherin Brand, Bryn Marlow, Kasey Needham, accompanist Music "What Love Really Means"

The children were so good and had such a great time that several adults asked if the adults could be included in the Talent Show next year!

Euchre, Bingo, and a hotly contested game of Ginga were also going on. Maria Woodall provided ribbons for all the participants - THANKS, Maria!

Lost and Found

The following items have been found in the church. If they are not claimed by the end of May, we will send them to Goodwill or the Mission.

Black Jacket - 31 - M Kids Jean Jacket Green shirt, long sleeve Teal kids jacket Blue stuffed elephant Black coat with leopard Ring, 2 triangles Black coat with hood Travel Mug Black jacket Brown leather gloves Tan raincoat Black leather gloves Beige jacket - men's Black cotton gloves Black scarf

If you think any of these items are yours, please stop by the church and look at them! Some items have been here almost a year! Please pick up your items before the end of May! HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 219 S HIGH STREET MUNCIE IN 47305

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MAY 12, 2013

Scripture: **Acts 16:16-34**

Turn-Around Times "Times of Opposition"

Pastor Daryl Gilbert

MAY 19, 2013 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Scripture: **Acts 2:1-21**

Turn-Around Times "Times of Promise"

Pastor Dale Mendenhall