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Tower Topics Change

Tower Topics will only be issued **ONCE A MONTH.**

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

August: 1 Deadline for submissions: July 29

September: 5 Deadline for submission: August 30

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!

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



The Office Will Be

CLOSED

Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

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Free As A Butterfly

Deborah Musick

As a hospice chaplain, one is called to respond to a patient's need, and the reality of that call can unfold into a beautiful story of promise, forgiveness and future. This is such a story.

As a hospice chaplain in Arizona, I received a call from a case manager to visit a hospice patient who had taken a decline over the week-end. I traveled to the patient's home to see how I could assist. I knew the 96 year old lady from previous visits, and through our conversation on this day, I sensed she was having difficulty "letting go" of some heartfelt situations.

She was very weak, yet determined to deal with her matters of the heart. I asked her if she desired prayer, and with a whispered "yes", she leaned into my arms to rest. It was an intimate encounter; a sacred time, and God in His silence was there. Her torn, weathered black prayer book was placed on her pillow beside her. I leafed through it and read some prayers to her. Then I asked her if there was something on her heart, and she answered "yes."

She told me a story about her father; how two men had injured him with a severe beating that she had witnessed as a child, and how this beating had resulted in her father's death. After 90 years of carrying this burden, she wanted to forgive them. I will always remember my remark. I quickly replied with a spark of confidence and assurance, "Well, let's take care of it."

I told her that I would pray on the outside, while she prayed on the inside, and we were trusting that God was listening. We prayed. Friends, I can't tell you what I said, but after the prayer, there was a definite change on her face as the burden lifted. We then prayed for all of her children; for peace, reconciliation, and forgiveness.

I returned the next day to sit with her, and she seemed to rally. One comment she said to me, I will never forget. She said, "I'm going to be so happy." I knew at that moment that heaven was near, and my own faith was strengthened.

The same afternoon this patient passed,

I received a photograph in an email from a friend. As I looked at the picture, it dawned on me that this wasn't a coincidence. It was a picture of a beautiful butterfly sitting on a flower; and in the subject line, my friend had written the words, "Free as a butterfly."

I thought of her last words to me "I'm going to be so happy", and somehow God in His grace and mercy was conveying a message of freedom, hope, and happiness through this snapshot. Some would believe it was just a coincidence, but I choose to believe that God was giving me a window into the eternal.

A letter from the daughter arrived weeks later thanking the hospice staff. Her words conveyed a sense of thankfulness as she commented, "I had prayed for a long time for Mom to let God out of the box she kept him in. That prayer was answered through all of you. Without saying anything you all showed her God's love in action."

I wrote her a short note explaining the events that preceded her mother's passing, and a copy of the butterfly photograph. I believe the daughter's prayer was answered. God did come out of the box through the compassionate hearts of our hospice staff, but more importantly, God let her mom out of her earthly boundaries into the eternal.

May God be the glory!!

When paradise reaches our mortal soul,
And the beauty of heaven begins to
unfold.

We see that heaven and earth commune.
And the hearts of believers are in tune.
For Christ our King brought a song true,
That the Kingdom dwells in me and you!



Blood Drive June 9

A big thank you to all those who donated time and their blood for the Red Cross blood drive on June 9th. We collected enough blood to potentially save 66 lives! You truly gave 66 lives! To give a priceless gift! Thank you so much!

Sing In the Sanctuary



Several members of our Sanctuary Choir will join with singers from Ball State University, Masterworks Chorale, and other Muncie church choirs for the third season of Sing In the Sanctuary, led by Andrew Crow. This concert series was launched from High Street Church in 2011 and brings choral music to historic and architecturally interesting churches. Music is selected to highlight the specific history and architectural features of the venues. Local events for the 2013 edition include:

Friday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.

Friends Memorial Church, 418 W. Adams. St.

Sunday, July 21, 3:00 p.m.

St. Lawrence Church 820 E. Charles St.

Concerts are free and open to the public; reception are to follow. A free-will offering will be collected.

HOW WE HELP!



The Samaritan Fund - 2013

People Helped: 318

Rent:	\$3,280.00
Utilities:	\$8,829.99
Prescriptions:	\$810.51
Misc.:	\$972.98
Total:	\$13,893.48

So many come in each week asking for help, and we can only help so few. We set up 12 appointments each week, and help at least \$30 per appointment, so in one week we give out a minimum of \$360. This is all thanks to those of you who generously give so that we can help the least of these, who have no where else to turn for assistance. Thank you so much!

Library Corner

New in the Church Library is The Bible: The Epic Mini-Series. This is a 4-Disc DVD set including all 10 episodes that aired recently on the History Channel. This would be great summer viewing for your family! While in the library check out some of the books for your summer reading!

The library is open on Sundays during worship services, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and during the week, by obtaining a key from the church office.

High Street Memorials



- † John Robinson
- † Mary Lou Rogers
- † Jack and Ann Dale
- In Honor Of*
- † Sarah Dale

Food Pantry ♦ 2013

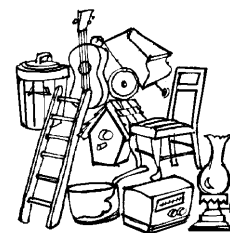
The High Street Food Pantry has served this year:

886 people



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

Thank You!



A big thank you to Carolyn Besser and Elli Taylor for all their hard work and organizing for our annual UMW Rummage Sale. We collected, sorted, sorted and sold a lot of STUFF. It was a hard work, and now our UMW can use the funds raised for our various mission projects both in Muncie and around the world! Another thanks to Carolyn and Elli and to all the willing hands who helped with everything it takes to make a rummage sale happen!

Gratefully,
Donna McNary, for our UMW

Wisdom People for JULY

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

Juanita Waldo • 93 on July 1
416 N. Kettner Dr.
Muncie, IN 47304

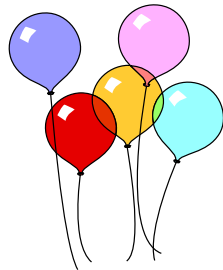
Eleanor Fisk • 92 on July 4
5801 W. Bethel Ave.
Muncie, IN 47304

Dorothy Webb • 98 on July 21
2500 N. Wheeling Ave. Apt. 2D
Muncie, IN 47303

Dorothy Leake • 97 on July 22
3233 S. Brotherton St.
Muncie, IN 47302

June Johnson • 97 on July 27
1601 N. Morrison Rd. #406
Muncie, IN 47304

Louise Owen • 92 July on 31
3047 Applewood Ct.
Muncie IN 47304-7503



High Street Travelers

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

2013 Trips:

- July 10:** *Factory Tour Day - Surprises!*
\$75/person
- Aug. 7:** *Cincy Reds vs. Oakland*
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*
\$399 per/double occupancy
- Dec. 11:** *Christmas Spectacular* at
LaComedia \$75 per person

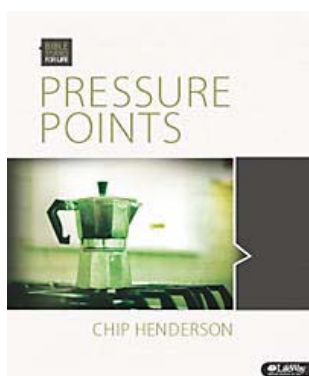
For reservations/information, contact High Street Church at 765-747-8500 or dheeter@ballstate.edu. After every 3rd Paid Trip you receive a \$25 voucher towards a future trip. Reservation Policy: Contact High Street UMC Church at 747-8500. Payment MUST accompany reservations. Cancellations made within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

In Sympathy

Our love and condolences are offered to the family and friends of Ann Dale; and to Bob Rice and family on the death of his brother-in-law Dixon Pease.

"Mourn with those who mourn. . ." Romans 12:15

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY and giving High Street Church as their preference: Betty Tipton, Beth Barefoot (IUH Ball Memorial Hospital) Jason Roberson (Cleveland Clinic, Ohio)



Pressure Points. Spouses are struggling. Moms and Dads are raising kids and caring for aging parents. Family finances are strapped. Laid-off workers are desperate for a job. Single parents feel all alone.

What do your people do when the heat's on?

Rather than allowing pressure to crush their faith, James beckoned first-century believers to let the pressures of life push them deeper into their journey with Jesus.

This small-group journey study with video based on the Book of James beckons you, too! Join Pastor Daryl for this 6 week study on Tuesdays from August 13 to September 17 at 6:00 p.m.

UM Men's Breakfast

The next High Street United Methodist Men's Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, July 17th. 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!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:30 AM Bridge For Fun 10:00 AM Lunch Program 12 Noon Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Senior Supper at MCL Cafeteria	2 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:00 AM Play Day 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Youth Putt-Putt	3 7:00 PM Overeaters Anon. 7:45 PM Al-Anon's 8:00 PM AA's	4 OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6
7 8:30 AM Trad. Worship 9:30 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday Sch 9:45 AM Small Gr. Lead 10:30 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	8 9:00 AM Update Mtg 9:30 AM Bridge For Fun 10:00 AM Lunch Program 12 Noon Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Panama Mtg 7:00 PM Sing Sanct. Reh	9 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:00 AM Play Day 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 12 Noon Bible Study	10 8:00 AM Travelers Tour 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 1:00 PM Elder-Law 6:00 PM Youth Council 7:00 PM Overeaters Anon. 7:45 PM Al-Anon's 8:00 PM AA's	11 8:00 AM SHIP 9:00 AM Preschool 10:30 AM Pre Lunch 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 3:00 PM Prom Prep	12 9:00 AM Play Day 10:00 AM Westminster Fellowship- Westminster Village 7:00 PM Sing in Sanct.	13 6:00 PM All-Church Prom
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The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

EVERYTHING!!!! We are out of all types of donations! Please leave donations in the wicker baskets at the North Door entrance at in the Narthex. Thank You!



The All-Church Prom!



The youth will be hosting the first ever all-church prom on **Saturday, July 13 from 6:00-10:00 p.m.** They are working hard to turn Parish Hall into a lovely starry night, compiling music lists full of your favorite hits from

the 40's, 50's, 60's, and on, and collecting pictures of dances past to display on screen during the event. Tickets are on sale in the church office all week and at the youth table on Sundays for \$6 per person/\$10 per couple. If you have pictures from your prom, or from another important dance (such as a wedding), which you would like to include in the slide show, please feel free to bring the to the office in a marked envelope. Pictures will be scanned and returned.

The youth are also collecting donations of Christmas lights and electric candles. Please label all donated items with your name, phone number, and, if applicable Sunday school class. All items will be returned to your Sunday school class if requested. If you would like to provide a dessert or snack for the buffet table at the prom, please sign up to do so at the youth board. *We look forward to dancing the night away with you!*

Thursday Lunch Schedule For July

July 4: Independence Day - No Lunch

July 11: Jim Cartwright - Singer, presenting genre of country, pop, children's rock, and gospel. Prepare to have fun!

July 18: Jimmy Priest - Musician and Pianist. Sing-A-Long with Jimmy.

July 25: Singing Saints - Musical Group from Frankfort, IN

July 1: Senior Supper at MCL - 4:30 P.M.

August 5: Senior Supper at MCL - 4:30 P.M.

Church Council

At its June 18 meeting, the Church Council approved four objectives proposed by the Church Advisory Group. The Church Advisory Group in consulting with David Young of Ball State University and after examining the results of his interviews over five different Sundays with people in our church proposed these objectives:

1) We have 50 children participated in Sunday school.

2) Each youth and adult is involved in at least one ongoing outreach ministry per year.

3) The 11:00 contemporary service averages 150 in attendance.

4) Each youth and adult is involved in at least one small group per year.

Now we need to plan our strategies and goals for living into these objectives. The Church Council did hear at the same meeting a presentation by Deborah Musick toward expanding our small group ministry and a presentation by Pastor Daryl recommending uniting Missions with Outreach and Evangelism into one team of Servant Leadership in order more effectively to work toward the objective of involvement in outreach ministry.

At the request of Pastor Dale, the Church Council members also suggested some names of people who would serve well on our Lay Leadership Development Team that will play a vital role in phase one of *The Fruitful Congregation Journey* we are entering this fall.

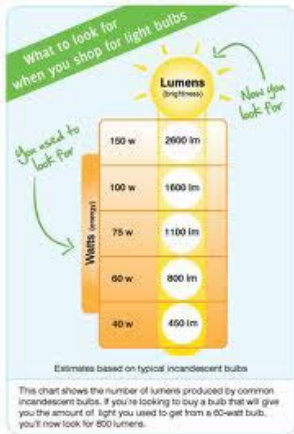
Upcoming Small Groups

July 9 - July 30: Inductive Bible Study on Philippians. Bring your lunch and join Jim Mahoney for this exciting study from 12:00 noon to 1:00 in the Parlor.

July 17 - Aug. 7: Inspirational Writing Class, "Do You Want To Tell A Story?" Room 305 from 10:00 a.m to 12:00 Noon with Maude Jennings.

Aug. 13 - Sept. 17 This small-group journey study with video based on the Book of James beckons you. Join Pastor Daryl for this 6 week study on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

July Task Of the Month



An ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) will save about \$30 over its lifetime and pay for itself in about 6 months. It uses 75 percent less energy and lasts about 10 times longer than an incandescent bulb.

While more expensive (although getting cheaper all the time), LED's last longer and don't contain mercury.

TASK OF THE MONTH: Replace six interior and one exterior incandescent light bulb with CFL's or LED's. Both CFL and LED bulbs can be recycled at Lowe's. If you've changed all your bulbs, find the biggest energy hog in your home and reduce its impact by changing how you use it or replacing it with a more efficient model.

Lighting accounts for about 25% of the average home's electric bill.

Apartment At Christian Ministries

High Street Church has "adopted" one of the family apartments at Christian Ministries on Main St. Christian Ministries has, for a long time, been a fervent supporter of the homeless and less fortunate persons in our community. Her is an opportunity for you to make a difference. As a family, Sunday school class, or small group, you can select one or more of these items to furnish the soon-to-be refurbished apartment.

- 1) New or used electric range.
- 2) New or used double bed frame & mattress
- 3) Bedside tables
- 5) Floor and table lamps
- 6) New or used toilet
- 7) Drop leaf table that would serve 4-6
- 8) 4 upper kitchen cabinets (11 1/4 x 23 1/2)
- 9) Kitchen base cabinet, counter top, sink
- 10) TV

OR Donate Cost For:

- 1) Steel Entry Door (32")
- 2) Carpet for Living Room (approx. 15' x 16')
- 3) Ceiling tile (24" x 48") approx. 40-60 pieces
- 4) Vinyl flooring for kitchen and dining areas
- 5) Hand railing for stairway - approx. 35'

If you have items, contact Sue Stove, Larry Besser, or Jerry McNary. (Contact first before donating items)

Keeping Up With The Stevenson Center

We are moving right along on the renovation of the Stevenson Center in preparation for housing our Angels On High Preschool and Child Care Ministry. That ministry is scheduled to open right after Labor Day with both preschool and parents day out.

The latest, greatest snag in our renovation is the downward slope of the parking lot from the light post in the north lot toward the northeast corner of the Stevenson Center. That decline of twelve inches toward the Center would mean water running into the Center itself. So work is being done to rectify that situation and manage the water in our parking lot.

Do you want to stay up-to-date with photos and the schedule of what is occurring at the Stevenson Center? You can do so by going to www.buildertrend.net - once you are there type in *pastordale* as the username and then the password *preschool*. Both are one word, lower case.



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JULY 7, 2013

Scripture:

Galatians 6:1-6, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

"Even the Lone Ranger Had Tonto"

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

JULY 21, 2013

Scripture:

Ephesians 4:1-7, Luke 10:38-42

"Choosing the Better Part"

Pastor Daryl Gilbert

JULY 14, 2013

Scripture:

Ephesians 4:1-7, Luke 10:25-37

"God's New Reality"

Pastor Daryl Gilbert

JULY 28, 2013

Pastor Dale Mendenhall