

February 2018

Tower Topics

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

February 4, 2017

Communion/Brown Bag
Sunday

February 10, 2017

8 a.m. Walk A Mile
9 a.m. Opening Ceremony
at
Horizon Convention Center

February 11, 2017

8:00 - 11:00am Ruth Circle
Bake Sale

High Street United Methodist Christians:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We live our mission through **Worshiping** God, **Connecting** with God and others, and **Serving** God by serving others.

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

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>
February 20	February 28	March
March 20	March 28	April

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LOVE AND ASHES

This month, the church once again enters the Lenten season: preparing hearts, minds and souls for the wonder of Easter. In 2018, Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent's forty days, falls on Valentine's Day. What an odd combination – love songs, flowers and chocolates mixed with ashes dabbed on foreheads, reminding us each of our mortality and calling us to repent. And yet, this paradox is so often found at the heart of faith. Ordinary life made holy. Brokenness of sin healed. Death into life – all exhibited in the love of Jesus.

The prayer, Marked by Ashes, written by pastor, author, scholar and teacher Walter Brueggemann, captures the contrast between the ordinary and the holy, and our human need to confess and connect to Love. May this coming season be a fresh beginning for us all.

Marked by Ashes

Ruler of the Night, Guarantor of the day . . .

This day - a gift from you.

This day - like none other you have ever given, or we have ever received.

This Wednesday dazzles us with gift and newness and possibility.

This Wednesday burdens us with the tasks of the day,
for we are already halfway home
halfway back to committees and memos,
halfway back to calls and appointments,
halfway on to next Sunday,
halfway back, half frazzled, half expectant,
half turned toward you, half rather not.

This Wednesday is a long way from Ash Wednesday,
but all our Wednesdays are marked by ashes -
we begin this day with that taste of ash in our mouth:

of failed hope and broken promises,
of forgotten children and frightened women,
we ourselves are ashes to ashes, dust to dust;

we can taste our mortality as we roll the ash around on our tongues.

We are able to ponder our ashness with some confidence,
only because our every Wednesday of ashes

anticipates your Easter victory over that dry, flaky taste of death.

On this Wednesday, we submit our ashen way to you -
you Easter parade of newness.

Before the sun sets, take our Wednesday and Easter us,
Easter us to joy and energy and courage and freedom;
Easter us that we may be fearless for your truth.

Come here and Easter our Wednesday with
mercy and justice and peace and generosity.

We pray as we wait for the Risen One who comes soon.

Blessings to All,

Pastor Sherrill

WORSHIP

CONNECT

February Worship Schedule

4 February – HOLY COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev. Stacey

Scripture: Psalm 147:1-11

Theme:

“I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”

Closing Song (All Services):

“Lift Every Voice & Sing”

11 February – Transfiguration of the Lord

Preacher (8:30 & 9:45): Rev. Stacey

Preacher (11:00): Rev. Sherrie

Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-12 “Elijah Taken Up to

Heaven”; Mark 9:2-9 “The Transfiguration”

Theme: “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Closing Song (All Services):

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Musical Offering (8:30 & 9:45): Handbell Choir

14 February – Ash Wednesday(Evening service)

Special Focus: Imposition of Ashes

Preacher: Rev. Sherrie

Worship Leader: Rev. Stacey

Scriptures: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17

“Psalm of Confession”; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

18 February – 1st Sunday in Lent

Preacher: Rev. Sherrie

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 “Jesus is Tested in the Wilderness”

Theme: “Stumbling Blocks: Temptation”

Musical Offering (8:30 & 9:45): Children’s Choir

25 February – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Preacher (8:30 & 9:45): Rev. Stacey

Preacher (11:00): Rev. Sherrie

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38 “Jesus Predicts His

Death and The Way of the Cross”

Theme: “Stumbling Blocks: Loss”



February programs for Thursday Luncheon

\$5 for your meal. No tax added; no tipping allowed! If possible, call to sign up by Tues noon!

Feb 1st Du’ane Smith entertains with recorder music and bird calls.

**Blood pressure checks from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.*

Feb 8th Evert Walls and friends play and sing.

Feb 15th Gordon Brooks sings life’s lyrics.

Feb 22nd Larry Davis with smooth gospel.



Wisdom People for February

Eleanor Friel • 94 on February 6
Bethel Pointe #12
3400 W. Community Dr.
Muncie, IN 47304



Phyllis Green • 92 on February 9
1501 Patriot Dr.
Yorktown, IN 47396

Wince Marcus • 92 on February 17
3609 W. Merrywood Ln.
Muncie, IN 47302 -9479



High Street Memorials/Honors

- LuAnn Trosper
- Howard Jones
- Dorothy Webb
- Ben Howells
- Melanie Riggin



High Street UMC
Youth Ministry



Youth Group

Dear
Congregation,

It's time to
remember that
special someone

within our church and the youth are providing an opportunity to do so. We will be taking orders for candy grams on (Sunday, Jan 21, Jan 28, and Feb 4). Consider sending a candy gram to your beloved sweetheart, your loving child, your inspiring pastor(s), your educated mentor, thoughtful Sunday School leader, your cherished friend, and/or someone who needs a loving remembrance this Valentine's Day. When you do so, you'll not only be sharing Christ's loving touch with a High Streeter, but will also be supporting the youth in raising money for camp scholarships. For more information please contact Savannah Pattison or Ezra Crow.

In Christ's love and service,
Savannah Pattison and Ezra Crow
Youth Council Co-Presidents

Thank You!!

We are overwhelmed by the number of snacks we have received! Thank you for your help to support children and teachers at EWA! We cannot wait to share the notes and the snacks with them.



Preschool Monthly Need



All High Street Men & Boys

Please Plan to Attend the Lenten Breakfast!

When: Saturday, February 17

What Time: 7:30 a. m.

Pastor Stacey will share an inspirational message. Bill Drake will lead us in musical worship, and Steve Swanger's kitchen crew will serve a delicious breakfast.



Ruth Circle Bake Sale

Sunday, February 11

8:00 - 11:00 AM

Church Parlor

Valentines Treats for your
sweetie
(or for your Sweet Tooth)

All Proceeds for
The Samaritan Fund

Sponsored by Ruth and
Martha/Mary Circles
at High Street
United Methodist Church



United Methodist Men's Breakfasts

Everyone is welcome to join the United Methodist Men of the East District for breakfast on the Saturdays of Lent. Each starts at 7:30 a.m., lasts about an hour and a half, includes music, fellowship, interesting speakers and good food! A freewill offering is taken.

February 17 - Muncie High Street
(featuring our Lead Pastor, Stacey!)

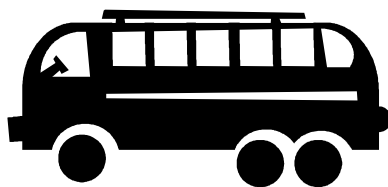
February 24 - Albany UMC, 125 N
Broadway, Albany

March 3 - Daleville UMC, [8304 S. Hickory Ln, Daleville](#)

March 10 - New Burlington UMC, 8081 S
CR 475 E, Muncie

March 17 - Cammack UMC, [1901 N Cammack St, Muncie](#)

March 24 - The Garden at
Gethsemane, [1201 W. McGalliard Rd, Muncie](#)



HIGH STREET TRAVELERS Since 1974
LIFE IS A JOURNEY – COME ALONG FOR THE RIDE

2018 OVERNIGHT TRIPS

- MAR 18 – MAR 24 SAVANNAH, JEKYLL ISLAND & CHARLESTON, SC
6 NIGHTS LODGING / 10 MEALS / GUIDED TOURS / LUGGAGE HANDLING WAIT LISTED!
- ~~APR 26 – MAY 6 HAWAII GETAWAY – SAILING ON HOLLAND AMERICA'S MS-NOORDAM~~ Cancelled!
- JUNE 2 – JUNE 10 **GARDEN OF THE GODS: ROYAL GORGE & COLORADO SPRINGS**
MOTOR COACH TRANSPORTATION/8 NIGHTS/14 MEALS/TOURS/USAFM **\$ 899 PP**
- AUGUST 3 - 10 VIKING RIVER CRUISE: PARIS & THE HEART OF NORMANDY
RT AIR / 8 DAY CRUISE / GUIDED TOURS / 19 MEALS / INSURANCE \$4643 pp
- OCT 2 - 4 A FALL ADVENTURE IN MICHIGAN – FRANKENMUTH, GRAND RAPIDS & SAUGATUCK
TRANSPORTATION/ 6 MEALS / 2 NIGHTS LODGING / TOURS & ADMISSIONS WAIT LISTED!
- NOV 24 – 28 NEW YORK CITY FOR CHRISTMAS
TRANSPORTATION / 3 NIGHTS CITY LODGING / 8 MEALS / RADIO CITY ROCKETTES ++++ **SOLD OUT**

2018 DAY TRIPS

- WED MAR 7 MYSTERIES OF MUNCIE \$95
- WED APR 18 MYSTERIES of INDIANAPOLIS \$95
- WED MAY 9 CARS OF NORTHERN INDIANA \$95
- WED JUNE 20 FACTORY TOUR DAY: FOODIES \$95
- MON JULY 16 ARC ENCOUNTER OF KENTUCKY \$ 125 Adult \$ 75 Youth
- WED AUG 22 BEEF & BOARDS: MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET \$95
- WED SEPT 19 FALL MYSTERY TRIP \$95
- WED OCT 17 PARKE COUNTY COVERED BRIDGES \$95
- WED NOV 14 BEEF & BOARDS: MAN OF LAMANCHA \$95
- WED DEC 12 LACOMEDIA: WHITE CHRISTMAS \$95

CONTINUING: After EVERY 3rd paid trip in the calendar year you receive a \$25 voucher towards a future trip.

Reservation Policy:

- 1) Contact High Street UM Church at 765/747-8500 for Trip itinerary / Details
- 2) Payment or deposit MUST BE RECEIVED WITH 7 DAYS of making reservation. Prices are quoted double occupancy. Single supplement OR cruise category selected will add cost to the trip.
- 3) Cancellations per refund policy & travel insurance.
- 4) WAIT LIST means names & deposits are still being accepted. SOLD OUT means no more reservations accepted.

Tours are open to the Public, clubs & groups. All trips are deluxe motor coach unless noted. High Street Travelers is sponsored by and a mission of High Street United Methodist Church 219 So High St Muncie, IN 47305.
COORDINATOR-Deb Heeter EMAIL: dheeter601@comcast.net





SESSIONS FOR LISTENING, SHARING, SUPPORTING, STUDYING

Each Tuesday, February 13 – March 20, 2018

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Room 302

High Street United Methodist Church

219 S High Street, Muncie, IN 47305

765.747.8500

Class is limited to 12

FACILITATOR

Sandra Hardcastle, Director of Older Adult Ministries

COST

\$18 for the Study Manual, *Understanding Your Grief*, by Alan Wolfelt

****** Turn in the lower portion ******

REGISTRATION for GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

_____ *ENCLOSED IS \$18 for the Study Manual plus s & h.
Make checks payable to High Street United Methodist Church.*

**The deadline to register is Sunday, January 28, 2018 and
payment must accompany registration form.** *Bring or mail to*

*High Street United Methodist Church
219 South High Street, Muncie, IN 47305*

SERVE

Samaritan Fund in 2018 12 clients

Utilities:	\$319.46
Rent:	\$150.00
Prescriptions:	\$ 0.00
Misc.:	<u>\$ 54.00</u>
Total:	\$523.46



High Street Food Pantry Served in 2018 40 clients

Thank you for your contributions, both food and monetary, to the High Street Food Pantry! Please leave donations in the wicker baskets at the North Door entrance and in the Narthex.

Food pantry needs:

- Pork & Beans
- Soap
- Soup
- Beans - red, white, kidney
- Apple Sauce
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter



Walk A Mile in My Shoes Saturday, February 10

Join the High Street Strollers in walking and/or raising funds in support of the Muncie Mission. Sign-up sheets will be available starting Sunday, January 21 and will be in the main hallway on Jan. 28 as well. Please have all registration

forms turned back in by January 31. You will be able to pick up your shirts on February 4.

The walkers will gather at the Horizon Convention Center. Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. The opening ceremony occurs at 9:00 a.m.

Register at: walkformunciemission.com

1. Click on "Register here" or "Donate to a Walker" (on the left column)
2. Select type; join a team
3. Choose: High Street Strollers #122



GENERAL INFORMATION

Foundation Facts

The scholarship committee has been busy revising the application form. Each year high school seniors and those currently enrolled in higher education are encouraged to apply for assistance through the Rowls Fund. The application form should be available by late February and completed by March 31. All applicants should be members of High Street United Methodist Church and have a G.P.A. of 2.0 or better.



Directory Information

Please make sure to get all information, address, and phone number changed into the office or to Casey Headland at cheadland@munciehighstreet.com for the new 2018 Directory.



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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. When you don't let the church know then your mail comes back and cost the church money. You can email Casey Headland at cheadland@munciehighstreet.com. Thank you!



Thank you!

Thank you so much for your donation of 535 hats, gloves, and socks! We appreciate



Thank you!

We have received your monetary donation. This donation will be of great help through the coming winter days as the demand increases for new underwear, socks, T-shirts, and jeans. Thank you so much for your donation.

Sincerely,
The Board of Delaware County Children's Clothing Center

Contact Information

Charlotte Overmyer - Visitation Pastor
Tuesday mornings, 8:30--10:00 a.m.
Sherrell Bryant - Church Financial Administrator
Tues., Thurs. morning - please call ahead

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FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8 - 11am SHIP Counseling 11:30 - 1:30 Thursday Luncheon 1:30 - 3:00pm Naomi Circle - Parlor	2	3
4 Communion/Brown Bag 8:30 - 9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30 - 11am Fellowship & Coffee 9:45 - 10:30am Informal Worship 9:45 - 10:45am Sunday School 11am - 12pm Contemporary Worship 5 - 7pm Bible Study 5 - 7pm The Grove	5 12 - 2pm Mah Jongg Class - 301 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open 1:30 - 2:30pm Update Learning Mt. - 302 4:30 - 5:30pm Senior Supper - MCL 7pm - 8:30pm Connect Team - Lib.	6 6:45 - 8 am Renovare - Parlor 8:30 - 10 am Church Staff - Library 10am - 12pm Pastoral Staff - Office 1:30 - 2:30 pm High Street Pantry Open	7 9:15 - 11am Women's Bible Study - 301 5:45 - 7pm Handbells - 303 6-8pm Sassy Sewers Quilting Grp. - PH 6 - 7pm Children & Youth Choirs Rehearsal 7 - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8 - 9pm AA's - 301	8 8 - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office 11:30 - 1:30 Thursday Luncheon	9	10 8am Walk A Mile Check-in 9am Opening Ceremony (Walk A Mile) - Horizon Convention Center
11 Handbells are playing 8 - 11am Ruth Circle Bake Sale 8:30 - 9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30 - 11am Fellowship & Coffee 9:45 - 10:30am Informal Worship 9:45 - 10:45am Sunday School 11am Dale is baptizing Oliver - Sanc. 11am - 12pm Contemporary Worship 4 - 5pm Youth Council Meeting - Lib. 5 - 7pm Bible Study 5 - 7pm The Grove	12 12 - 2pm Mah Jongg Class - 301 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open 6:30 - 7:30pm Stewardship Comm. - Lib.	13 6:45 - 8am Renovare - Parlor 8:30 - 10am Church Staff - Library 9:00 - 11am Ruth Circle - Parlor 10 am - 12pm Pastoral Staff - Office 12 - 2pm Samaritan Appt./Lunch - Parlor 1 - 3pm Grief Recovery Group - 302 1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open 7pm - 8pm Trustees Committee - 301	14 9:15 - 11am Women's Bible Study - 301 12pm Community Lenten Service - Chapel 1 - 3pm Elder-Law Counseling - Lib. 5:45 - 7pm Handbells - 303 6-8pm Sassy Sewers Quilting Grp. - PH 6 - 7pm Children & Youth Choirs Rehearsal 7 - 8pm Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary 8 - 9:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8 - 9pm AA's - 301	15 7:15 - 8am Kingdom Advisor's - G6 8 - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office 11:30 - 1:30 Thursday Luncheon	16 6:30 - 9:00 pm Kid's Night Out	17 6am Lenten Men's Breakfast cooks coming in 7:30am Lenten's Men Breakfast - PH
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