

May 2016

Tower Topics

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

May 1, 2016

Brown Bag Sunday

May 8, 2016

Mother's Day

May 15, 2016

Pentecost

May 21, 2016

5 - 8pm All Church Prom

March 22, 2016

Graduation/Scholarship
Sunday

High Street United Methodist Christians:

- **Worship** God;
- **Connect** with other Christians to grow as disciples; and
- **Serve** Christ in the community.

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 8:00 A. M. on Tuesdays
MM = Mid-Month Tower Topics Issue

Deadline

May 3 MM
May 17 Mail for June
June 7 MM
June 21 Mail for

Distribution date

May 10
May 25
June 15
June 29

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Goals!

Dear High Streeters:

During each quarter of the year, our staff members submit goals. Each of us is doing more than is captured by our list of goals, but the goals represent our emphases for that quarter. For example, I still plan to preach on most Sundays, but I haven't listed that as one of the goals for the quarter.

So what are my goals in April through June that I will be sharing with our staff? Here they are:

1. Meet with staff members around their respective ministry descriptions and three-month goals.
2. Work with the Trustees, Finance, and the Facilities Investigation Team to relocate the children's ministry to one floor in the church. *(This has taken a little longer than originally anticipated, but we are getting close to having a proposal ready.)*
3. Work with the Trustees and the Foundation to adopt policies and practices that will both provide a reliable growth of the principal in our investments and also a reliable amount of funds with which to do the work of the church. *(I anticipate you will hear more about this in the near future.)*
4. Work with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee to realign the staff in order to provide accurate accounting procedures and reporting, membership attendance tracking and reports, and other needed duties.

(We are pleased to have hired Sherrell Bryant as our Finance Administrator. Sherrell is a retired CPA who will be working with our financial records. We have mutually agreed upon her working an estimated fifteen hours per week. This also means we will have to determine what other duties fell under the former Church Administrator position and hire part-time staff to make sure those duties are addressed.)

5. Work with the Trustees to provide a reliable energy source that will reduce the usage from public utilities and provide energy savings to the church for years to come. *(The Trustees are actively exploring the use of solar panels, the changing to more efficient light fixtures, and the changing of temperature controls for our heating and cooling system. I am not making any promises here or any predictions. We are actively exploring right now and have no recommendations formulated yet.)*
6. Work with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee in hiring a new Church Mouse. *(Now with the resignation of Kristy Mahoney as our Youth Director I will be working with our SPRC and the Youth Council in this area also.)*

Thanks for keeping our church and all of our staff in your prayers, as we set goals and seek to be both faithful and fruitful.

Pastor Dale

WORSHIP

Upcoming Sermons

MAY 1 BROWN BAG SUNDAY

Sermon: "Let's Talk about Heaven and Hell"

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5

MAY 8 MOTHER'S DAY

Sermon: "Let's Talk about Children"

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34

MAY 15 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sermon: "Let's Be Children"

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21 and Romans 8:14-17

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

MAY 22 CALL SUNDAY

Message: "Here I Am, Lord"

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

HONORING OUR GRADUATES AND
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

MAY 29 MEMORIAL WEEKEND

Sermon: "Beyond Double-Mindedness"

Scriptures: I Kings 18:20-21 and Galatians
1:1-12

ministries are supported, and the necessary underpinning has been provided for all of the additional mission giving, Advance Special, special offerings, and related efforts which depend upon our connectional structure.

Because of your faithfulness to tithing, a young child was able to make her first public commitment to Christ through our camping program, a pastor's spouse was able to be treated for a life-threatening disease without experiencing catastrophic financial drain, and a college student received guidance from a university chaplain. Along with these ministries you have enabled your church to be connected to people in need around the world.

Thank you for your generous giving in the past, and thank you for your faithfulness this year in meeting your obligations and opportunities for ministry. In recognition of your faithfulness, I am enclosing a special recognition that I hope you will post and share with your congregation.

May God continue to bless you with generous hearts and with abundant resources to share.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Michael J. Coyner

Thank you from the Bishop

Dear Friends,

I am writing to thank for your faithful payment of your 2015 tithes and district askings. According to our records, you are one of 620 churches which tithed at or above the 90% level! Thank you!

Because of your faithfulness, the budget of the Annual Conference is supported, our denominations's shared

CONNECT

We're not Martha Stewart

Tuesday, May 10, 7:00, at the church, we will be holding the next crafting event. We will be making a red, white, and blue plague inscribed with "In God We Trust" that can be used and enjoyed for Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day, if not every day! Participation fee is \$10.00 and does not need to be pre-paid, but a RSVP to the church office by May 6 is a must to ensure we have adequate supplies! If you have question, contact Cynthia Dale 729-7287.



Look What's Coming to Thursday Luncheon!

Food, camaraderie and a programall for \$4.....from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm!

Apr 28 Benita Buchanon from FUTURE CHOICES, Bright-Eyed Seniors division

May 5 Crooner Jim Cartwright

May 12 A tribute to our mothers: "Pocketbooks and Bags" with Betty Hays

May 19 Madison County Music Makers

May 26 Sing-a-long led by Ben and Karen Howells

High Street Travelers - Since 1974

WED MAY 11 INDIANA HISTORY, PART 1
SOUTH BEND \$85 PER PERSON

MAY 16 – 20 BRANSON WITH A TWIST! 4
NIGHTS / 5 DAYS WAIT LIST!!

WED JUNE 15 INDIANA HISTORY, PART 2
VINCENNES \$85 PER PERSON

JULY 18 – 31 SCENIC IRELAND INCLUDES: RT
AIR / 13 DAYS / INSURANCE / TOURS

WED JULY 20 BEEF & BOARDS: CHURCH
BASEMENT LADIES \$85 PER PERSON

WED AUG 17 INDIANA HISTORY, PART 3 tba \$85

SEPT 8 & 9 OVERNIGHT MYSTERY TRIP:
Transportation/ Lodging/ 4 Meals / 6 Tours
\$398 per person Double Occ

SEPT 11 – 17 BEAUTIFUL MAINE 6
NIGHTS / 7 DAYS SOLD OUT!

WED SEPT 21 BEEF & BOARDS: MENOPAUSE
THE MUSICAL \$85 PER PERSON

WED OCT 19 INDIANA HISTORY DAY, PART 4 tba \$85

NOV 15-18 NEW! CHRISTMAS AT THE BILTMORE
\$569 PER PERSON 3 NIGHTS / 6 MEALS /
CANDLELIGHT & DAY BILTMORE TOURS /ASHEVILLE

WED DEC 7 A B & B CHRISTMAS \$85 PER PERSON

Reservation Policy:

1) Contact High Street UM Church at 765/747-8500

2) Payment MUST accompany reservation.

3) Cancellations made within 7 days of trip are NOT guaranteed a refund. Tours are open to the Public, clubs & groups. All trips are deluxe motor coach unless noted. High Street Travelers is sponsored by and is a mission of High Street United Methodist Church, 219 So High St Muncie, IN 47305. COORDINATOR-Deb Heeter

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Wisdom People for May

Joanne Spurgeon • 90 on May 5
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Mary Barnell • 92 on May 14
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Muncie, IN 47304

Margaret Quire • 93 on May 14
P.O. Box 2394
Muncie, IN 47307

Naomi Oxley • 95 on May 15
145 Dogwood Dr.
Warren, IN 46792

Jeanne Wellnitz • 97 on May 28
5801 W. Bethel Ave. #146
Muncie, IN 47304



Sunday Night Bible Study

There is plenty of room around the table in Room 301 on Sunday nights from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Some of us are meeting to read the Biblical book of Hebrews together. There are no assignments, dress is casual, and all are welcome -whether you're a practiced Biblical scholar or have never even heard of Hebrews. Just bring a favorite Bible (if you have one) or use one of ours. We'll take a few verses at a time and see where the Spirit leads. Pastor

Sherrie and Bill Drake are "leading," though everyone's observations and insights make the experience richer.

SERVE

Habitat Workers

Calling all community activists. Habitat staff has assigned High Street workers the week of June 14th thru 18th for construction duty. We will be assigned work according to the progression of projects during that period. Save the dates so we can have an adequate crew of workers, whether skilled, or novice, men or women, young or mature. We will want to be proud of our contribution. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Parlors the first of May.

High Street Food Pantry Served in 2016

604 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:

- Spaghetti
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Canned green beans
- Pasta
- Jelly

Samaritan Fund 2016

People Helped: 192

Utilities:	\$1,453.91
Rent:	\$382.00
Prescriptions:	\$56.09
Misc:	<u>\$234.00</u>
Total:	\$2,126.00

GENERAL INFORMATION

From the Archives Corner

A Precious Heritage

The more we know about High Street United Methodist Church, the more we realize what we have been given!

Arduous and often sacrificial endeavors of countless women and men of faith have put every stone and pillar and pane of glass in place in this house of worship.

After the explosion, they did it all over again.

Even more important, they handed down the living faith which means so much to us today.

And that is true of the whole Methodist heritage. John and Charles Wesley established an incredible religious tradition in which some thirty-nine millions of people worship today under many denominational names. Here in America, Francis Asbury-- whose ministry we celebrate all this year-- expanded the Wesleyan inheritance across half the continent. And one of the earliest Methodists in this country, Richard Allen, began the movement which resulted-- exactly 200 years ago this year--in the black African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME).

(Oh, incidentally, have you seen the commemorative Richard Allen stamp which the U.S. Post Office has issued to mark this occasion?)

So it's no wonder that our United Methodist Church celebrates Heritage Sunday each year. Most United Methodist churches

observe it on the Sunday nearest May 24. Why? Because May 24 was the day on which John Wesley felt his "heart strangely warmed" at Aldersgate, an experience which propelled him into the reformation of England, a ministry which we still revere today. Although High Street Church observes Heritage Sunday at various times, we are deeply grateful for all the spiritual gifts which have descended to us, none of which is of our own making or deserving.

May we faithfully pass on this rich heritage to the rising generations!

Thank You, Thank You!

My family and I are so blessed by High Street Church. We have been showered with gifts, cards, prayers, and lots of love! I am truly grateful to my volunteers, co-workers, and especially Julie Buesink and Kasey Needham for filling in for me while I was on maternity leave. They all did a wonderful job!! Thank you to everyone who prays and thinks about my family. You are a great group of people to work for.



Casey Headland

Thank You!

We want to give a BIG THANK YOU to all the people who help with the Coffee Bar and wonderful goodies that are provided in the Parlor, between Sunday Services.

Tom and Cheryl Foote head this up with goodies being provided by many members of our church. We are blessed to have people here that love to bake and enjoy sharing the fruits of their labor. There are other who bring in fruit, cheese, crackers and other items to complete a

wonderful table for us to share and enjoy. We also Thank those who serve us coffee with their warm friendly smiles.

This is a much needed servant service at our church and it give us a place to take new visitors, meet with old friends and socialize. We "The Connect Team" thank you from the bottom of our hearts. If you want to be a part of this servant service, please contact Cheryl Foote.

Library Corner

Read a good book lately? Your church library has a great selection. Visit the library on the second floor, you'll be surprised at what you find there. Our founder John Wesley said, "The work of grace would die out in one generation if the Methodists were not a reading people. Reading Christians will be knowing Christians".

Calendar of Events – May

Sun May 1, 2016 Brown Bag Sunday

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship
9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee
9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship
9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes
9:45am - 10:45am College Group- Rm 305
9:45am - 10:45am Disciple's PH
10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee
11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship
11am - 12pm Young Families Group- 205
2pm - 3:30pm Introductory Tour
4pm - 7pm SAF Youth - Gethsemane
5pm - 6:30pm Hebrews Study -Room 301

Mon May 2, 2016

7:30am - 9:30am UL Breakfast - Parish Hall
8:30am - 2pm Update Learning Classes
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
4:30pm - 5:30pm Senior Supper - MCL

Tue May 3, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
8am - 8am Tower Topics Deadline
9:15am - 10:45am Mary Circle - Parlor
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
4pm - 5pm Children Clothing Center
4pm - 5pm FCJ Facil. w/Doug Anderson
6:15pm - 7:45pm Lilies Youth Lounge

Wed May 4, 2016

8am - 12pm Preschool Mother's Tea - Parlor
9:15am - 10:45am Women's Group - Rm G6
5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303
6pm - 7pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids
7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu May 5, 2016

8am - 5pm Preschool Mother's Tea - Parlor
8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon - PH
1:30pm - 3pm Naomi Circle Parlor

Fri May 6, 2016

8am - 5pm Preschool Mother's Tea - Parlor
6pm - 9pm Family Night

Sat May 7, 2016

Sun May 8, 2016 Mother's Day

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship
9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee
9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship
9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes
9:45am - 10:45am College Group- Rm 305
9:45am - 10:45am Disciple's PH
10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee
11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship
11am - 12pm Young Families Group- 205
5pm - 6:30pm Hebrews Study -Room 301
5pm - 7pm The Grove - YL/PH/Kitchen

Mon May 9, 2016

7:30am - 9:30am UL Breakfast - Parish Hall
8:30am - 2pm Update Learning Classes
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens

Tue May 10, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
 9:30am - 11am Ruth Circle - Parlor
 10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
 12pm - 2pm Assistance App. Lunch - Parlor
 1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
 3:30pm - 4:30pm Trustees - Rm G6
 6pm - 7:30pm Children's Team - Parlor
 7pm - 8pm We're Not Martha Stewart- 303

Wed May 11, 2016 Travelers IN History

9:15am - 10:45am Women's Group - Rm G6
 9:30am - 11:30am M&M Study - Room 205
 1pm - 3pm Elder-Law Counseling - Library
 5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303
 6pm - 7pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids
 7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu May 12, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
 11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon
 4pm - 5pm Ireland Pre-trip Meeting

Fri May 13, 2016

6pm - 7pm Kid's Night Out

Sat May 14, 2016

8:30am - 9am P.E.O. set up - Parlor/Chapel
 9am - 12pm P.E.O. Group - Chapel/Parlor
 2pm - 3:30pm Madge Covert Memorial

Sun May 15, 2016 Pentecost

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship
 9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee
 9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship
 9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes
 9:45am - 10:45am College Group- Rm 305
 9:45am - 10:45am Disciple's PH
 10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee
 11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship
 11am - 12pm Young Families Group- 205
 4pm - 5pm Youth Council - Parish Hall
 5pm - 7pm The Grove - YL/PH/Kitchen
 5pm - 6:30pm Hebrews Study -Room 301

Mon May 16, 2016 Travelers to Branson

12pm - 2pm UL Mah Jongg Class - Rm G6
 1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens

Tue May 17, 2016 Travelers to Branson

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
 8am - 8am Tower Topics Deadline
 10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
 1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
 5:30pm - 6:30pm Martha Mary Circle
 6:15pm - 7:45pm Lilies Youth Lounge

Wed May 18, 2016 Travelers to Branson

6am - 7am Men's Breakfast prep - PH
 7am - 8am UM Men's Breakfast - PH
 9:15am - 10:45am Women's Group - Rm G6
 5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303
 6pm - 7pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids
 7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu May 19, 2016 Travelers to Branson

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
 11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon

Fri May 20, 2016 Travelers to Branson

7:15am - 8:15am Kingdom Advisor's - G6
 2pm - 3:30pm Family Ministry staff -Parlor
 2pm - 5pm Kid's Hope Party - Parish Hall
 5:30pm - 8:30pm Set up Church Dance - PH

Sat May 21, 2016

4pm - 5pm Church Dance set-up - PH
 5pm - 8pm All Church Dance - Parish Hall
 8pm - 9pm Dance clean up - Parish Hall

Sun May 22, 2016

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship
 9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee
 9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship
 9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes
 9:45am - 10:45am College Group - Rm 305
 10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee
 11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship
 11am - 12pm Young Families - Room 205
 1pm - 5pm Preschool family event Sanc/PH
 5pm - 6:30pm Hebrews Bible - Rm 301
 5pm - 7pm The Grove 6th grade welcome

Mon May 23, 2016

12pm - 2pm UL Mah Jongg Class - Rm G6
 1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens

Tue May 24, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
12pm - 2pm Assistance App. Lunch - Parlor
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
4pm - 6pm Travelers' Trip Preview Event

Wed May 25, 2016

8am - 12pm Preschool May Celebration -
9:15am - 10:45am Women's Group - Rm G6
5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303
6pm - 7pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids
7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu May 26, 2016

8am - 12pm Preschool May Celebration
8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon
4:30pm - 6pm Wesleyan Circle - Parlor

Fri May 27, 2016

6pm Preschool Graduation - Sanctuary, Parlor
1pm - 2:30pm UMW Executive - Room G6

Sat May 28, 2016

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship
9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee
9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship
9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes
9:45am - 10:45am College - Room 305
10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee
11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship
11am - 12pm Young Families - Room 205
5pm - 6:30pm Hebrews Bible Study-Rm 301

Mon May 30, 2016

Office Closed - Memorial Day

Tue May 31, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens

Contact Information

Our Visitation Pastor, Charlotte Overmyer, is available in the church office on Tuesday mornings, 8:30--10:00 a.m. This is a good time to talk with her about opportunities to visit our homebound members, concerns you may have about your own family members, or an insight or question you would like to share with her.

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