
Mid-May 2016

Tower Topics

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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 17
June 7 MM
June 21
July 5 MM

Distribution date

May 25 - Mail for June
June 15
June 29 - Mail for July
July 13



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 Dance

May 30, 2016

Office Closed



His-story

A small group has been meeting together on Sunday evenings from 5:00 – 6:30 P.M. in Room 301 to take a walk through the fascinating New Testament book of Hebrews. Although some of us bring in background information, we don't have a study book, or a schedule, or a deadline – we have, instead, been reading the scripture aloud a few verses at a time, the wrestling with what we are hearing or understanding from it.

Scholars think that it was written at a time when the first century church was struggling with a lot of things, not least of which was just being flat worn out. In his commentary, Hebrews, Thomas G. Long writes:

They [the congregation] are tired – tired of serving the world, tired of worship, tired of Christian education, tired of being peculiar and whispered about in society, tired of the spiritual struggle, tired of trying to keep their prayer life going, tired even of Jesus. Their hands droop and their knees are weak (12:12), attendance is down at church (12:25) and they are losing confidence. (Long:1997, 3)

In our world today, when we're hearing that the "nones" (those who declare no religious affiliation at all) are the fastest growing "religious" group, and where people find they are looked at oddly for going to church Sunday mornings in an increasingly secular society, these realities seem true for many of our 21st century congregations, as well as for the early church.

What we are beginning to discover in our study, however, is that the author of Hebrews gives encouragement to his (or her!) congregation in a

very specific way. Rather than trying to "dumb down" the story of Jesus and his work to make it easier to understand, or rather than trying to hedge Jesus around with a long list of laws and rules the Jesus-followers must obey, the author dives straight into deep theological pronouncements about the nature and meaning of Jesus himself. Hebrews is trying to get its readers to wrestle with the story of Jesus and his nature, trusting that the recovery of this story will directly impact and inspire the lives of his followers.

Right now at High Street we are praying through ways we can continue to challenge each other and improve the way we teach this story of Jesus. A new Family Ministry Team is being formed to help guide vision and discussion about discipleship paths that will allow us to clearly communicate to even our tiniest members the nature of Jesus and his love. We're exploring what kind of training and equipping we can offer to "servant leaders" – volunteers who will be willing to walk alongside children and youth in this growth process. And we're looking for ways to equip small groups who wish to meet to deepen in their own understanding of the nature of Christ Jesus, God's Son, Savior.

Pray for us in this journey. And feel free to jump in any time!

Blessings,

Pastor Sherrie

P.S. The Hebrews study is open to anyone who is interested. Come any time you are able to join the discussion.

WORSHIP

Upcoming Sermons

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

Pray for General Conference May 10 - 20, 2016

Nearly 1,000 elected delegates from Methodist Churches across the globe are meeting in the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon for the 2016 General Conference. Once every four years, this body of the church gathers for worship, prayer and the difficult task of setting policy and establishing the Book of Discipline for the entire church. Naturally, there are earnestly held opinions on differing sides of many topics. They are asking for prayers of support for "genuine

Christian conferencing," where parties will work in a spirit of unity to listen and share with one another with dignity and respect. Our Indiana Conference delegation includes clergy and laypersons elected by last summer's Annual Conference. One of those delegates is Rev. Lisa Schubert-Nowling, pastor of College Avenue UMC, one of our cluster churches.

CONNECT

Thursday Luncheon

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

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 Church Library

The church library is an important ministry to the congregation.

The library is a ministry to those who are grieving, going through a divorce, are questioning God, have parenting questions or just want to read an inspirational fiction book or read an inspirational book to their children.

When the library is open, it is important for a volunteer to be there to help the person or family find that just right book or books, DVD. This is especially important for people new to our congregation! It is way to be a witness for God.

Sunday, a young man came in, found a book he wanted, as he was checking out his book, I asked him how old he was, what school he attended. What would have happened if no volunteer had been in the library? That's right, he probably would not have checked out a book nor gotten to talk informally to someone from our church. Again, being a witness for God.

Fruitful Congregation says we are to be connecting with the congregation-I interpret that to mean ALL members whether very long time members, new members or first time visitors, young adults, children.

Are we doing all we can do to promote this important library ministry? Are we talking about books we have read? Are

we suggesting books, DVD's, magazines we would like to see in the library? Are we encouraging people to come to the library? Are we returning our library books in a timely manner so others have the opportunity to read them?

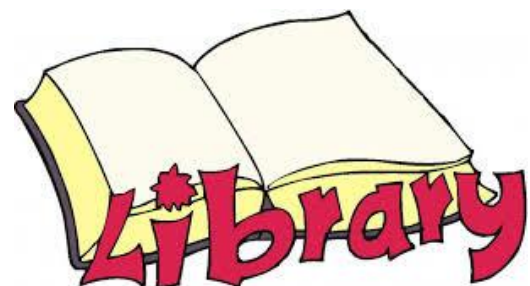
Is the library "user friendly" with well-marked shelves, spine labels easy to read so books can be found? Do we have the latest books, children's books, DVD's, etc. available for our congregation? Does the library have a reading corner with "comfy" chairs and a table for those who want a quiet place to read? Has the library been painted, pictures added, so it's a joyful library to visit?

Are we overlooking the best place in the church to be a witness for God?

Below is the number of books we have had checked out over the last four months:

January - 8 books
February - 8 books
March - 25 books
April - 49 books

This is wonderful!! People are using the library!!



Friday, May 13- Kid's Night Out: Pajama Party, 6-9PM in the Nursery (G-4)

Kids ages 6 months and up are invited to wear their favorite PJs. Bring your own supper, but not Peanut Butter please!! The cost is \$12-1 child, \$15-2 children, \$18- for 3+ children. Call the church office by Wednesday, May 11 to register your child/children at 747-8500.

Wednesday, May 18-Children & Youth leader training and Call out- 6-7pm in G-6

If you are interested in helping in children or youth ministry as a teacher role or servant leader, are currently teaching/leading, or just want to learn more... join us as we explore what it means and how to teach and lead our children and youth! Question to be thinking about: *What is Sunday School, Children's Church, VBS, Youth Group really about?*

***If you need child care, please call the church office, 747-8500.**

Youth Game Night-5-8pm in the Parlor

Youth 6th-12th grade are invited to come play games in the Parlor!

Saturday, May 21- All Church Dance, 5-8pm in Parish Hall

The dance theme is Dancing Through the Decades. All ages are welcome, and they can bring a friend! There is no ticket cost, but we will take a free will offering for youth missions. Light snacks and desserts will be provided. If someone would like to bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert they are welcome to do so. ACAT is hosting the event, and the youth are doing the decorations.

Sunday, May 22- Graduation Sunday!!

Come celebrate our graduates and scholarship recipients with us!

6th Grade Welcome, 5-7pm

Students who will be entering 6th grade for the 2016-2017 school year are invited

to join the youth at Brian and Kelly Wolfe's House!

Monday, May 23- High Street Charge Conference, 6:45 in Parish Hall

The Church Council will be meeting to discuss some important issues. All Church members and congregants are welcome to come!

Friday, May 27- Angels on High Preschool Graduation, 6-7pm in The Sanctuary

Celebrate with the new graduates!

Thurs-Saturday, June 9-11- Indiana Annual Conference at Indiana Convention Center

Annual Conference is a time where United Methodist Church pastors and lay leaders gather together to worship, learn, and grow together. This year's theme is BE HOPE. Here is a link for more information! It is a great experience to attend, meet other people in IN who worship, serve, and connect in United Methodist Congregation.

<http://www.inumc.org/ac16>

Sunday, June 12- Celebrating Promotion Sunday!

We will be celebrating our students and their achievement to the next grade level! Join us in worship!

Tues- Sat, June 14-18- Habitat Week

High Streeters ages 14+ are invited to join Habitat for Humanity to help build! More info to come soon.

Sun- Thurs, June 26-June 30- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SURF SHACK- 5:30-8pm

We will be exploring God's Amazing Love!

High Street Travelers - Since 1974

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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SERVE

Rummage Sale Help Needed!!

Do you like to organize? Do you like to help?

Do you like to work on projects that help others?

Do you like to reuse, repurpose or recycle?

Are you interested in mission projects? Then our High Street U.M.W. needs you to help us with our annual summer rummage sale!

We have helpers, but we need more hands to help get everything ready for the rummage sale which helps us fund our mission projects.

If you could help,
call Donna McNary (798-6409).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for the lovely planter you sent for Bob's Memorial Service. We had many fond memories of the years we served at High Street. As you know, Bob was an outstanding minister at the many churches we served but he was especially proud of the years he served at High Street.

Audrey Stine and Family

Masterworks Chorale

Inspired by the sesquicentennial of Muncie and celebrating the bicentennial of Indiana, Muncie's Masterworks Chorale will offer "Middletown USA," a free event for the community on Saturday, May 14, 2016, 7:30pm at Muncie Central High School. For this celebration, Masterworks Chorale commissioned *Middletown Chronicles: The Making of Middletown, America*, for chorus and orchestra. From letters, diaries, poems, articles, and interviews, the texts of this new piece were intentionally gathered around the themes that make a community distinct: work, faith, recreation, education, and natural beauty. The *Middletown Chronicles* renders music for Muncie voices from the pioneer days to the modern day.

In addition to this premiere, the audience will experience Muncie as Middletown through music, spoken words, and visual images provided by The Center for Middletown Studies and the Archives and Special Collections, BSU Libraries. Masterworks Chorale also partnered with Motivate Our Minds to share the Middletown history and experience with a group of local students. Several members of our High Street Sanctuary Choir also sing with Masterworks Chorale and Director of Music Ministries Andrew Crow will lead the event. WIPB will be there to make a full-scale video production of the event for later distribution throughout the region.

Tickets are free. See Andrew Crow on a Sunday morning to secure tickets in advance or call the Masterworks Chorale office at [765-286-5347](tel:765-286-5347) x22. Tickets may also be available at the door.

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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Thu May 12, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon
4pm - 5pm Foundation - Room 204

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
8:30 am - 10am Staff Meeting
8am Tower Topics Deadline
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
5:30pm - 6:30pm Martha Mary Circle

5:30pm Family Ministry Team - Parlor

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
5pm - 8pm Youth Game Night - Garden Ct.
6pm - 7pm Children/Youth Teacher Training
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
4pm - 5pm Edible Muncie - Room 204

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
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
6:45pm Charge Conference - Parish Hall

Tue May 24, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
8:30 am - 10 Staff Meeting
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
12pm - 2pm Assistance App. Lunch - Parlor
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens

Wed May 25, 2016

8am - 12pm Preschool May Celebration -
9:15am - 10:45am Women's Group - Rm G6
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

11am - 12pm Preschool Celebration
1pm - 2:30pm UMW Executive - Room G6
6-7pm Preschool Graduation - Sanctuary/Parlor

Sat May 28, 2016

Sun May 29, 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
8:30 am - 10 Staff Meeting
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens

