
Mid-October 2016

Tower Topics

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

October 22

9am Women's Build for
Habitat

October 29

9am Bazaar

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

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Sending date</u>	<u>Issue</u>
October 18	October 25	November
November 1	November 9	Mid November
November 15	November 22	December
December 6	December 14	Mid-December



Whole Family Ministry

Kasey Needham, Jason and Joy Bricker and I ask for your prayers. On October 22 we will be attending our fourth and final “Family Ministry Cohort” meeting – a program offered through our Conference designed to help churches look at Family Ministry in new ways. We have been blessed with the energy and enthusiasm of our leader, Helene Foust. We have met and worked with other churches across the Conference. Now we will be taking what we have learned and begin to pray about what Family Ministry is and can be here at High Street.

One of the basic challenges we have heard is to “step out of the silo” when it comes to thinking about Family Ministry. Traditionally, churches have tried to offer excellent opportunities for children and youth, but have tended to look at each age as self-contained, like corn stored in silos on the farm. Helene has been asking us to pray about the connection between those silos. For example, we will always need “specialists” who love working with elementary students, but how do we address the way they fit into the larger picture of their families and the church as a whole? How do we look across generations to learn from one another? How do we take the “connect” part of our “Worship – Connect – Serve” mission statement and apply it to Family Ministry?

In a way, I am beginning to think of Family Ministry as Whole Family Ministry, meaning:

* How can High Street work to encourage and support Whole Families? In a world with so many competing pressures and value systems, how can we equip nuclear families to learn together about the grace of God in a way that

doesn't burden, but rather uplifts the move to becoming a loving, grace-filled Whole Family?

* How can we begin to look at each other as part of a Whole Family? One of our hymnal offerings proclaims the church as “The Family of God.” How do we live with and learn from one another on our faith journeys? Even if we are not biologically related, where are opportunities for “church grandparents, aunts and uncles” to come alongside and support newer generations, and, in turn, learn from one another?

*How can High Street itself become a Whole Family – a representation of the fullness of the Christian community? Though we often think of Family Ministry as focusing on mom, dad and their kids, what if we were intentional in looking at the full spectrum of “families” as part of our church community? Single people with a “family” of close friends? Divorced, widowed, foster, non-traditional families who blend into the Whole? All ages, shapes and sizes, each bringing their gifts to the Family of God?

Obviously, many of these ideas are already at work at High Street. We have a tradition of caring for, reaching out to and praying for those in need across the Church Family. But we have been challenged by the Family Ministry Cohort to expand our understanding, and listen to new ways God is speaking to our Family.

Blessings,

Pastor Sherrie

WORSHIP

Church Council and Charge Conference

The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Our Charge Conference will be held here at High Street on Sunday, November 6. We will be hosting 53 other churches for this Charge Conference experience with our District Superintendent, Rev. David Byrum. Rev. Byrum has requested that our own Dr. Andrew Crow conduct a combined choir and that our own Resounding Mercy also lead us in singing. Church Council members are members of the Charge Conference.

CONNECT

Thursday Luncheon

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

Oct 20 Chords of Friendship, dulcimer group.

Oct 27 NO THURSDAY LUNCHEON.....but come to High Street's Bazaar for lunch!

Bazaar

The Bazaar is October 29, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 10:45 a.m. Please remember to bring all your donations of food on Thursday, October 27.

Bazaar Candy Booth

To those of you who are candy makers, or maybe even some of you kind people who would be a novice in this endeavor, we need your help! Any candy you could contribute to the bazaar's candy booth would be GREATLY APPRECIATED! We will be packing the candy boxes on Friday morning, October 28th, so please bring your candy to the church by 10:00 that morning. THANKS! Any questions? Call Darlene Heath at [765-759-5172](tel:765-759-5172).

Kid's Night Out and Angels on High Preschool

We are teaming up to celebrate the 20th annual "Fall Ball" at High Street UMC on Friday, October 28 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$12 for 1 child, \$16 for 2 children in a family, \$20 for 3 or more children in a family. From 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. a pizza supper will be offered in the church nursery for \$2 per child. From 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. "Trunk of Treats" will be offered in the church parking lot with parents accompanying their child/children. After receiving their treats, children will return to the Nursery for games and crafts. Pick up is at 9:00 p.m. in the church nursery. Please sign up by Tuesday, October 25 by calling the church office at 747-8500 and indicate whether your child will be eating pizza. For more information, call Arline Morrow at 744-0575.

SERVE

Women's Habitat Build

Do you love helping others? Do you desire to be the hands and feet of Christ while helping to make a local family's dream of

home ownership come true? If the answer to these questions are yes, I would love for you to join our Habitat for Humanity Women Build team with me!

The date for our High Street group is Saturday, October 22nd from 9am to 3pm, with lunch included. Our team will consist of 15 members, and each member is tasked with the goal of helping to raise \$3000 for the team build. We are already halfway to that goal with funds from our bucket offering earlier this year! Praise God! Having personally experienced two Women Build's in the past few years, I can tell you it is a blessing to be a part of such an amazing, tangible, Christ-based change for a local family. No special construction talents are needed to join the team, and no previous experience is needed either. On site will be the local Habitat construction director, and he will be more than happy to guide us through each task of the day. Only a giving heart, a willing spirit, and a desire to make a difference are required.

Please contact me at home at 288-6812 or via email at jaynebrinson@yahoo.com if you would like to join our team. I look forward to hearing from you!

CROP Walk

There were 33 High Streeters walking in the CROP Walk. The total number of walkers that day from a variety of churches totaled 100. So we High Streeters made up one-third of the walkers. We walked to raise money to help feed people in need all around the world and here in Delaware County. Thank you to all the walkers and everyone who donated money.

Community Service Day

We had 51 High Streeters mostly garbed in orange gathered on Saturday morning, October 1, to go out into the community to serve. Some did repairs and painting at Christian Ministries of Delaware County (this was the longest working group of the day). Some grabbed trash and recycling bags and grabbers from the Muncie/Delaware Clean and Beautiful trailer and worked their way west of our church cleaning along Jackson, Adams, and Charles Streets. Some grabbed cleaning supplies and after learning more about the ministry of A Better Way, got to work scrubbing and cleaning. The largest group convened at Lynd Place to color and sing and visit with the residents, including our own Dorothy Webb. They also ate doughnuts and drank coffee.

We had planned to do some painting on some exterior walls at Covenant Partners. The rain we had that week, however, made the block building too moist for us to paint, but that made for an even larger group working at A Better Way where there was plenty to do for all. Thank you to all who came out to help serve the community.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Community Day Booklets

Enjoy great deals while helping Christian Ministries provide services to those in need in our community!

Carson's Community Days are Wednesday, November 9th, through Saturday, November 12th. For a \$5 donation that will go to Christian Ministries, you get a coupon booklet that contains a \$10 coupon good on an item of \$10 or more, a 30% off shopping pass, a 30% off Yellow Dot coupon, plus great bonus offers — available during Community Days only. Coupon booklets are available in the church office. Pick up one for yourself and one for a friend!

Poll Workers Needed

We have heard that both the Democratic and Republican Parties are on the lookout for people willing to work the polls on Election Day. According to County Clerk, Mike King, if you would be interested you may contact your own Party Headquarters for more information:

Democratic Party Headquarters
214 N. Walnut Street, Muncie
282-9965

Republican Party Headquarters
301 W. Main Street #2, Muncie
289-2448

Calendar of Events

Thu Oct 13, 2016

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

Fri Oct 14, 2016

Sat Oct 15, 2016

Sun Oct 16, 2016 Handbells are playing

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship Service
9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee Time
9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship Service
9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes
10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee Time
11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship Service
4pm Youth Council
5pm - 6:30pm Hebrews Bible Study - 204
5pm - 7pm The Grove

Mon Oct 17, 2016

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

Tue Oct 18, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor

8am Tower Topics Deadline
8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
3:30pm Nominations Committee
6pm - 7:15pm Disciple Bible Study: OT - Rm 204

Wed Oct 19, 2016

6am - 8pm Travelers Indiana History Day, Part 4
6am - 7am Men's Breakfast prep - Parish Hall
7am - 8am UM Men's Breakfast - Parish Hall
9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Study - Room G6
5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303
6pm - 6:50pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids
6pm - 7pm Disciple Path - Room 204
7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Oct 20, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon - PH
3:15pm - 4pm Grants Committee
4pm - 5pm Foundation
6pm - 7:30pm Lilies (Women's Group) - Rm 303

Fri Oct 21, 2016

7:15am - 8:45am Kingdom Advisors - Room G6
9:30am - 11:30am Westminster
1pm - 2:30pm UMW Executive Meeting - Rm G6
2pm - 3:30pm Family Ministry Staff Meeting

Sat Oct 22, 2016

9am - 4pm Family Cohort - Cumberland UMC
9am - 3pm Women's Build for Habitat
2pm - 3pm Truman Pope's Memorial Service
3pm - 4pm Truman Pope family gathering

Sun Oct 23, 2016 Preschool Singing

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship Service
9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee Time
9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship Service
9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes
10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee Time
11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship Service
2pm - 4pm Youth visiting at Westminster

Mon Oct 24, 2016

7:30am - 9:30am UL Breakfast - Parish Hall
8:30am - 2pm Update Learning Classes

1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
4pm - 5pm Finance Committee - Room 205

Tue Oct 25, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
12pm - 2pm Samaritan Lunch - Parlor
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
6pm - 7:15pm Disciple Bible Study: OT - Rm 204

Wed Oct 26, 2016

9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Study - Room G6
5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303
6pm - 6:50pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids
7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Oct 27, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
8am - 5pm Bazaar set up - Parish Hall
9am Preschool party - Room 307
4pm - 5:30pm Wesleyan Circle - Parlor

Fri Oct 28, 2016

8am - 5pm Bazaar set up - Parish Hall
6pm - 9pm Kid's Night Out Fall Ball- Nursery

Sat Oct 29, 2016

9am - 1pm Bazaar - Parish Hall
10:45 am Bazaar Luncheon - Parish Hall

Sun Oct 30, 2016

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship Service
9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee Time
9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship Service
9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes
10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee Time
11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship Service
11am - 12pm Young Family Life Group
5pm - 6:30pm Hebrews Bible Study - 204
5pm - 8pm Pumpkin Bash - Pattison's House

Mon Oct 31, 2016

8:30am - 2pm Update Learning Classes
9am Preschool party - Room 307
12pm - 1pm Update Learning Lunch
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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