
Mid-September 2016

Tower Topics

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

September 23

8am - 2pm Rummage Sale

September 25

1:30pm Crop Walk

Registration

2pm Crop Walk at College Avenue

September 26

8am - Update Learning

Classes start

October 1

Community Day

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

September 20

October 4

October 18

Sending date

September 28

October 12

October 25

Issue

October

Mid-October

November



Robin Williams, Meet Psalm 118

In 1989 Robin Williams starred in the film, The Dead Poet's Society, a story about an English professor in a 1950's elite, conservative boy's boarding school who shook up lives with his unorthodox style and ideas. He broke out of orderly rows of chairs and carefully knotted ties to jump onto tables reading poems or sitting on the grass by the lake with his students, talking about life.

One of this professor's favorite expressions was the Latin phrase "*carpe diem*" – "seize the day." He encouraged the students to think boldly and act freely, the sky was the limit as far as their possibilities were concerned, and change could – and should – happen today!

I've been thinking a lot about this idea recently. Often our world pressures us to move toward continual improvement at a breakneck pace: Fitbits on our wrists, organizational apps on our phones designed to improve our productivity, goal sheets posted on walls. "Seizing the day" has sometimes come to mean working at a feverish pace to cram every second full of activity before collapsing into bed at night – using careful techniques and sleeping aids to get "the best possible" rest.

I have just experienced the loss of a close family friend who taught me a lot about what it means to "seize the day," but from a different perspective.

For at least twenty years, this friend has battled various manifestations of serious illnesses: breast cancer, kidney failure, hearing loss caused by medication, heart disease, and, finally, breast cancer again. Through it all, she would work to rise like a phoenix from the ashes

of her latest diagnosis to maintain the life she cherished, complete with a little house in the country, dogs and animals she loved, close friends, and, of course, her own family including her latest beloved granddaughter, growing from toddlerhood to young child at an alarming rate!

In this process, my friend literally gave thanks for things I have never had to think about: drawing a good, deep breath without too much fluid getting in the way, taking a walk before weakness set in, being able to sleep comfortably for a two-hour nap. Because she had learned to be so aware of the gift of each moment, she taught us what was of value. Cleaning house? Energy could be better spent elsewhere. But sitting in an armchair in the meadow by the river watching the geese fly in to settle for the night? Just the right thing. Making sure the yard was mowed precisely to the correct height? Maybe not so meaningful. But picking a bouquet of wildflowers with your granddaughter then sitting on the porch steps to watch the bees find the treasure? That was a good day.

I certainly don't want to romanticize illness, or suggest that it is anything other than brutal and draining, but I do want to thank God for a friend who opened my eyes to the lessons of pushing past the brutality to seize each day, and to give thanks for it.

"This is the day that the LORD has made – let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Psalm 118:24

Carpe diem,

Pastor Sherrie

CONNECT

We're Not Martha Stewart

We will be meeting on Thursday evening, September 29 at 7:00 in Room 204. We will have 4 crafts available and each member will be able to make at least 2 items and perhaps more depending on time and supplies.

Craft options will include: 1) mason jar lid pumpkin, 2) 2 X 4 scrap wood pumpkins, 3) fall leaf wind mobile, and/or 4) painted acorns for display.

Please call the church office and RSVP so we have an appropriate level of supplies. Cost will be no more than \$10.00 and can be paid the night of the event. If you have any questions, contact Cynthia Dale at 729-7287.

Rummage Sale

Our Annual U.M.W. Rummage Sale is going to be September 23 from 8am - 2pm! Bring your items on September 21 from 9am - 3pm.

Save your Treasures! Clean off your shelves! Help our U.M.W. complete their mission goals! More Information to follow. Questions? Call Carolyn Besser or Donna McNary.

High Street Travelers - Since 1974



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

WED OCT 19 INDIANA HISTORY DAY, PART 4
CORYDON \$85 PER PERSON

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

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

NEW FOR 2017

Feb 4 -11 Western Caribbean Cruise: Honduras, Belize &
Cozumel RT Air, Ins. Inside cabin starting @\$1639 PP

April, 2017 Boston, MA 6 Nights/7 days 10 meals guided
tour JFK Library \$629 PP

June 5-7 Historic French Lick Resort & Louisville: Tours,
8 meals, River Cruise

Aug 15-23 Canadian Rockies by train, Montana & Glacier
Nat'l Park \$2995 Per

Dec. 5-7 Blues Christmas at Graceland: Lodging, shows,
4 meals Oh baby! \$599 PP

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 S. High St Muncie, IN 47305. COORDINATOR-Deb Heeter

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Update Learning

REMINDER: Registration is still open for fall Update Learning classes. Extra brochures are available in the office to hand to a neighbor or someone you're chatting with at the grocery!

Thursday Luncheon

Sept 22 CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE...NO THURSDAY LUNCHEON!

Sept 29 Chords of Friendship, dulcimer group.

SERVE

Coffee Bar

The Coffee Bar is ready to go for the Fall Quarter. Many, many thanks to all those who participate either by brewing coffee, bringing items for the table, setting the table, or serving coffee. Over 70 of our church family have been and/or continue to be part of the Coffee Bar: Carol Casazza, Bob Chico, Arnold & Celesta Dudley, Linda Dague, Cynthia Dale, Sue Dougherty, Rick & Lila Edmundson, Tom & Cheryl Foote, Mary Lee Glore, Darlene Heath, John & Grace Miller, the Koinonia Class, Shirley Lanum, Tom McDaniel, Bob & Kay Mingle, Barb Pavey, Janie Pegg, Nancy Pilkington, Danny & Sally Ruble, Judi Reece, Wilma Robinson, Marty Raiser, Lana Remaly, Jerall & Joanie Ross, Mary Ruble, Jim & Gretchen Schneider, Ed & Beth Siler, Gray & Ruth Swetnam, Kay Stickle, Patsy Smith, Jerry & Barbara Sparenberg, Lolis Tucker, Shirley Taylor, Don & Rinda Vogelsgang, Dick & Rhonda Williams, Brian & Kelly Wolfe, Debbie Wilson, Maria Woodall, and the Youth of the church.

At this point, there are opportunities to brew coffee and set the table on October 16, and November 27. Coffee Brewing starts around 8 a. m. and items are brought in or are available to place on the table. The Coffee Bar closes around 11 a. m.

Donations of baked items, fruit, cheese, crackers, etc. are always welcome and appreciated!

If you would like to help out, please call the church office at 747-8500 or Rhonda Williams at 284-9260.

Community Service Day Saturday, October 1

Sign up on Sunday mornings or during the week in the church office.

We will be serving Christ in the community as we work with
Covenant Partners
Christian Ministries
Muncie Clean & Beautiful
A Better Way
Nursing Homes

GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank You!

"Thank You" hardly seems adequate to express our appreciation for the love and support our church family gave us during Jim's illness and passing. Through it all we were loved and comforted in many ways. So, thank you for the cards, flowers, memorials, and lots of hugs. God bless you all.

Judy Lambert and family

Free Flu Shots

Sunday, September 18 from 9 - 11 a. m.
in Garden Court. In cooperation with
Walgreen's.



Thank you so much.

Dear High Street UMC Family,

Your generosity is overwhelming! The non-perishable items you brought to fill the Edible Muncie cart will provide a Muncie family with needed food, a cart and an insulated bag in which to carry the food home.

Peace,
Edible Muncie of Delaware County, Inc.
Board Members: Karen and Ben Howells,
Jennifer Rice-Snow, Susan Trout, Maude Jennings, Markie Oliver, and Barb Wills.

Calendar of Events

Thu Sep 15, 2016 Travelers on Maine Trip
8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon - PH
1:30pm Archive Committee - Room 301

Fri Sep 16, 2016 Travelers on Maine Trip
7:15am - 8:45am Kingdom Advisor's Group
2pm Family Ministry Meeting - Library

Sat Sep 17, 2016 Travelers on Maine Trip

Sun Sep 18, 2016 Handbells playing

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship Service
9am - 11am Flu Shots in Garden Court
9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee
9:30am Koinonia Class - Kitchen
9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship Service
9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes
10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee
11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship
11am - 12pm Young Families LifeGroup
4pm Koinonia Class - Kitchen
5pm - 6:30pm Hebrews Bible Study - 204
5pm - 7pm The Grove - Youth Lounge/Parish

Mon Sep 19, 2016

12pm - 2pm Update Learning Mah Jongg
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
4:30pm - 5:30pm Preschool Board in 204

Tue Sep 20, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
8am Tower Topics Deadline
8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
1:30pm - 3:30pm UMW General Meeting
6pm - 7:15pm Disciple Bible Study: OT - 204

Wed Sep 21, 2016

6:30am - 7am Men's Breakfast prep - PH
7am - 8am UM Men's Breakfast - PH
9am - 3pm Rummage Sale drop off - PH
9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Study Group
10am - 5pm Travelers Beef and Board
5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303
6pm - 7pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids
6pm - 7pm Disciple Path
7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Sep 22, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
9am - 3pm Rummage Sale set up - PH
4:30pm - 6pm Wesleyan Circle - Parlor
6:15pm - 7:30pm Lilies Group - Youth Lounge

Fri Sep 23, 2016

8am - 2pm Rummage Sale - Parish Hall

Sat Sept 24, 2016

Sun Sept 25, 2016

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship Service
9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee
9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship Service
9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes
10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee
11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship
11am - 12pm Young Families LifeGroup - 205
1:30pm - 2pm Crop Walk Registration
2pm - 5pm Crop Walk - College Avenue
5pm - 6:30pm Hebrews Bible Study - 204
5pm - 7pm The Grove

Mon Sep 26, 2016

7:30am - 8:20am UL Continental Breakfast
8:30am - 2pm Update Learning Classes
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
5:30pm - 6:30pm Discipleship Process Team

Tue Sep 27, 2016

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

Wed Sep 28, 2016

9am - Mommy & Me - Room 204
9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Study - G6
5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303
6pm - 7pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids
6pm - 7pm Disciple Path - Room 204
7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm - 8:45pm Staff-Parish Relations
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Sep 29, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon
7pm We're Not Martha Stewart - Room 204

Fri Sep 30, 2016

1pm - 2:30pm UMW Executive - Room G6

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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