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Children's Choir

"The Children's Choir will begin on January 15th. We will meet each Wednesday at 6pm in the Choir Room. All children grades K-8 are welcome to join. This season, we look forward to learning about mission trips that will be occurring in 2014 at High Street. Children will learn that God's love is everywhere through singing different kinds of praise songs from Jamaica and Africa. They will also learn that God's love can be found and shared across the world. Please join us for this exciting Spring semester of singing God's love and praise!"

Service Times

8:30-9:30 Traditional Worship

9:45-10:45 Sunday School

9:45-10:30 Chapel Worship

11:00-Noon Contemporary Worship

Traditional Worship Broadcast at
 11 a.m. on WXFN - 1340 AM

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

Deadline for Submission is 12:00 Noon on
 Fridays before the Wednesday Issue Date

Submit By:	Issue Date:
January 17	January 22 (mid-month)
January 31	February 5

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NEW YEAR NEW BEGINNING!

As the New Year starts, I sense a growing desire in me for new beginnings; fresh revelations of heart and soul. But coming back to work from Christmas vacation, I wasn't feeling very motivated to write an article. Perhaps I was dulled by too much Christmas stimulus or maybe too much Christmas cheer; or possibly the descent of the Christmas season ending. Whatever the reason, I was searching for a spark of inspiration. You know those snapshots of insights that can catch you off guard, and then quickly vanish. Just like yesterday, as I was driving home after church I spotted a red-tail hawk perched on a fence post next to the road. I'm sure he wasn't hitchhiking, but rather waiting for his next meal. In an instant, I thought "that's a picture" and "where is my camera?" Needless to say, the moment was gone as I flew passed the winged creature. But being more sensitive to those inspired encouragements, I have learned to write them down as they happen. Here is such a story...

On Our Knees...

Sometimes we forget what it feels like to be sick until we are ill. I was at the end of a sinus infection and cold, and was feeling better. On a Wednesday afternoon, a young man walked into the church assisted with a walker. He was very thin with a bandage striping his forehead.

He asked for food for his children. After several questions, I learned his name, and that he had left the hospital due to falling because of a seizure. His name was Danny, and he was responsible for four children. I asked myself the question. "How could this man take care of four children in his condition?" I immediately felt better, and realized I wasn't so poorly after all.

We gave him food. I had an extra bag of cookies in the office, and \$5.00 in my pocket. I gave them to him. As he sat in the chair, I asked him if anyone had prayed with him, and he said, "No."

There was something very humble about this man. He was so thin that he reminded me of the beginning stages of a holocaust victim. I gathered his hand in mine, as he lowered his head and closed his eyes. It was a simple prayer, nothing elaborate or formal, but more importantly I was on my knees.

There's something about being on one's knees that gives one a new perspective; not only in prayer, but serving others in heart and spirit. I thought of Jesus praying with the sick, moved with compassion as He walked among the throngs of people...desperate, poverty-stricken individuals in body and soul, yet as He prayed and healed, He guided them to the Father, and His Kingdom.

And I rejoice with the fact that we as believers can partner with Him to bring the Kingdom of God to others. At least introduce them to the "good news".

Danny hasn't returned, and I wonder how he is doing. I pray that his visit to the church brought good results. We served Danny. We gave him food, and brought his name before the throne of grace. And yet, there is more for him than food or clothing, there is the reality of the Kingdom, and the Spirit dwelling within.

As we begin a New Year, may we find ourselves "on our knees" in mind, body and spirit, as we seek to serve others and discover new beginnings.

As the New Year begins
And the past is gone,
May we rejoice and
Sing a new song.

As we see others
Struggling to live.
May we remember
To love and forgive.

Bringing the Kingdom
And its Light
To hearts that need God
to dispel the night.

Yes, as the New Year reigns
As we seek Kingdom Keys,
May we find ourselves
On our knees...

'til we meet again, Deborah

How Well Do You Know Our Area?

The following data comes from MissionInsite for an eight-mile radius around the church.

1. Match the marital status of 15+ year- olds to the corresponding percentage of the population in this area.

Never Married	45.47%
Married	1.37%
Divorced	36.56%
Separated	10.39%
Widowed	6.21%

2. Match the educational attainment of 25+ year-olds to the corresponding percentage of the population in this area.

Less than 9th grade	5.62%
Some High School, no diploma	21.06%
High School Grad (or GED)	13.79%
Some College, no degree	10.79%
Associate Degree	10.48%
Bachelor's Degree	3.97%
Graduate or Professional School	34.29%

Thank You!

The love and concern given to us as we both were in the hospital at the same time was overwhelming.

Dale and Daryl were always there with with their presence, prayers and support.

How grateful we are. Thanks be to GOD.

Marilyn and Earl Williams

Offering Envelopes

Please begin using your 2014 Giving Envelopes. If you still have some left from 2013, please throw them out, recycle them or put them in your fireplace to use as kindling. Thank you for making the job easier for those who count the offering.

Walk a Mile

Once again, High Street United Methodist Church will be participating in Walk-A-Mile in my shoes fundraiser for Muncie Mission. Our team, The High Street Strollers, did a magnificent job of raising funds for a worthy cause, and we can do even better this year! Our goal is ambitious this year in comparison to 2013; we hope to raise \$3500.00 for Muncie Mission, and you can help! Go to our webpage: <http://www.walkformunciemission.com/66393> to donate or register to join us! If you would like more information please contact Pastor Daryl.

Thank You!

When a mishap changed my life in an instant, I knew I had become dependent. My first appeal was to God! It was so comforting to have the support of the High Street pastoral staff. Many thanks to my church family who demonstrated their concern for me in so many ways.

Jim Cartwright

IN GOD'S TIME

IN GOD'S TIME, a study of what the Bible says about the future, begins Monday, January 6, at 6:45 p.m. here at the church. The study features video presentations by Dr. Craig Hill of the Duke Divinity School. Pastor Mendenhall will be facilitating these sessions, which will run through February 24. Each participant will receive sheets to help follow the video and to promote discussion. The book *In God's Time* by Dr. Hill will be available for \$15. You

High Street Travelers 2014 Trips

FRI FEB 7	PACERS VS. HOUSTON	\$45 AD / \$18 YOUTH
THURS FEB 27	LACOMEDIA: RING OF FIRE-THE STORY OF JOHNNY CASH	\$75 Per Person
FRI – SAT MARCH 28-29	DOWNTOWN CHICAGO THEATRE	\$299/ DBL PER PERSON
SAT APR 12	GIRLFRIEND GETAWAY – FT WAYNE VERA BRADLEY SALE	\$40 Per Person
WED MAY 14	INDLPS IN THE MONTH OF MAY	\$75 Per Person
WED JUNE 11	MYSTERY TRIP	\$75 PER PERSON
JUNE 17 – 20	DOOR COUNTY, WASHINGTON ISLAND & LAMBEAU FIELD WIS	
3 NGTS / 6 MEALS / ATTRACTION & GRATUITIES		\$638 PER/DBL
WED JUL 9	BEEF & BOARDS: CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES IV	\$75 PER PERSON
WED AUG 6	QUILT GARDENS OF ELKHART COUNTY	\$75 PER PERSON
AUG 8 – 17	DANUBE RIVER CRUISE HURRY – SHIP IS ALMOST FULL!	
SEPT 4 – 10	CIVIL WAR TO CIVIL RIGHTS: GETTYSBURG & WASHINGTON,DC	
6 NGHTS / 11 MEALS / ATTRACTIONS / ++++++		\$ 1049 PER / DBL OCC
WED SEPT 17	MYSTERY TRIP	\$75 PER PERSON
WED OCT 8	“MADE IN AMERICA: FACTORIES, FALL AND FOOD”	\$75 PER
OCT 17 – 19	HOLMES COUNTY,OH & LONGABERGER BASKETS	\$499 DBL PER
NOV 8-15	COASTAL GEORGIA MISSION TRIP	NEW!!
LODGING / MEALS / SERVICE PROJECT / Starting at \$750 + transportation		
WED NOV 12	BEEF & BOARDS: FIDDLER ON THE ROOF	\$75 PER PERSON
WED DEC 3	BEEF & BOARDS: CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION	\$ 75 PER PERSON



After EVERY 3rd paid trip you receive a \$25 voucher towards a future trip. 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 a mission of High Street United Methodist Church 219 So High St Muncie, IN 47305. COORDINATOR-Deb Heeter dheeter601@comcast.net

Homeless Shelter Help Needed!

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High Street will be helping with meals for the Christian Ministries Sleeping Room for Homeless Men Sunday, January 26th through Saturday, February 1st.

Volunteers are needed from 6-8 AM and 6-8 PM each day of that week to provide a warm meal and serve it to the men.

The sleeping room has been very busy this winter, averaging 13-14 men each night and has been at capacity (17) some days due to the cold weather. This is a great way to serve as the hands and feet of Christ as we reach out to these men!

If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please call Sue Stover at 765-661-1066 or email Sue at sstover400@gmail.com.

act...to End Human Trafficking!

Ending human trafficking is an area of focus for United Methodist Women. Again this Super Bowl season, United Methodist Women and partners will participate in the Intercept Human Trafficking campaign to raise awareness of modern-day slavery. This year's Super Bowl takes place in East Rutherford NJ, just outside New York City. Large sporting events can encourage and profit from the culture of sex and labor trafficking, and large cities can be a hub and a destination for traffickers and the trafficked. New York is also a place where many are working to end modern-day slavery, help survivors and prosecute traffickers. The state has one of the most comprehensive laws in the country empowering law enforcement with tools to end trafficking. Super Bowl XLVIII may be a unique opportunity to bring this human tragedy to the consciousness of millions participating in this unofficial national holiday. PRAY to end human trafficking and for more info visit: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/act/trafficking

Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-800-3737-888 if you suspect human trafficking in your community.



Be sure to visit our website!

www.munciehighstreet.com

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



JANUARY

			1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	2 No Luncheon 8:00 AM SHIP	3 No Play Day No UMW	4
5 8:30 AM Trad. Worship 9:30 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday Sch 10:30 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	6 No Activities	7 6:45 AM Renovaré 9:00 AM Play Day 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 7:15 PM Confirmation Class	8 9:00 AM M & M's 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 1:00 PM Elder-Law 5:45 PM Hand Bell Reh. 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM Overeaters Anon. 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Fruitful Congreg. 8:00 PM AA's 9:00 PM College/Career	9 No Luncheon 8:00 AM SHIP	10 9:00 AM Play Day	11 9:00 AM Fruitful Congr.
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Sermon Series 2014

January 5 2nd Sunday After Christmas/Epiphany
Sermon: "So Where's the Joy?"
Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-14 and Ephesians 1:3-14

January 12 Baptism of the Lord
Sermon: "Beloved"
Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9 and Matthew 3:13-17

January 19 Human Relations Day
Sermon: "TBA"
Scripture:

January 26 Nearing Fund Sunday
Sermon: Guest Speaker, Dr. Craig Hill

February 2 Holy Communion
Sermon: "The Rest of the Week Matters"
Scripture: Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-12

February 9 Scout Sunday
Sermon: "Integrity: Getting Your Act Together"
Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12 and Matthew 5:13-20

February 16
Sermon: "Integrity in Relationships"
Scripture: Matthew 5:21-37

February 23
Sermon: "TBA"

March 2 Transfiguration Sunday
Sermon: "Cloudy with a Chance of Glory"
Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18 and Matthew 17:1-9

Projectionists Needed!

Persons are needed to help run the projection slides at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. It's fun, easy, and best of all, it's only once a month! If you are interested or want more information, call Barbara



Ballard in the church office, 747-8500.

You are needed!

Special Events at High Street Church

On Saturday, January 25, Dr. Craig Hill will be presenting two workshops here at High Street Church in conjunction with our East District. Dr. Hill is the Research Professor of Theological Pedagogy and Executive Director of the D. Min. and M.A.C.P. programs at Duke Divinity School. The two workshops will be for pastors and church members and deal with a United Methodist understanding of apocalyptic literature ("end times") in the Bible. Then on Sunday, Dr. Hill will preach at both our 8:30 and 9:45 services.

Blood Drive

A blood drive will held Sunday, January 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. See Earl Dillon to schedule an appointment today! The donation process takes less than an hour. It is recommended that donors have a light snack before donating. Most people are eligible to donate. There are very few causes for deferral and very few medications that are not acceptable. Check out the website at www.indianablood.org



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The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

- Applesauce
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Pudding Mix • Jelly

Please leave donations in the wicker baskets at the North Door entrance at in the Narthex.

Food Pantry ♦ 2013

The High Street Food Pantry has served for 2013:

1,596 people



Thank you for your contributions, both food and monetary, to the High Street Food Pantry!

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers for the Altar for 2014 please call the church office at 747-8500 to reserve your date.

In Sympathy



Our love and condolences are offered to Terri Stuart and family on the death of her mother, Wanda Corad.

"Mourn with those who mourn..." Romans 12:15



HOSPITALIZED THE PAST MONTH and giving High Street Church as their preference: Jim Beckley, Jane Zimmerman.

HOW WE HELP!

The Samaritan Fund - 2013

People Helped: **698**

Rent:	\$5,365.00
Utilities:	\$14,111.06
Prescriptions:	\$1,833.68
Misc.:	\$2,217.58
Total:	\$25,213.91



Thank you for your generosity! We served 116 people more than in 2012, and distributed almost \$2,000 more than in 2012. As a reminder, this is all done through a voucher system--no one is given cash. The need for the Samaritan Fund continues to grow from year to year. We are so thankful for your generous donations that allow us to assist the least of these in any way that we can.

Your Tower Topics

Don't forget, you can now receive your *Tower Topics* newsletter by way of e-mail! Just send your name and e-mail address to:

info@munciehighstreet.com

Contact Lori Gibson, editor, at **rebelnomo@munciehighstreet.com** or call 747-8500.

Thursday Lunch Schedule For January

Jan. 9: No Luncheon

Jan. 16: Linda Boys "singer"

Jan. 23: Jimmy Prist "musician"

Jan. 30: Conrad Lane "movies now and then"

Area Quiz Answers

1. Marital Status

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Jeremiah 31:7-14 and Ephensians 1:3-14

"So Where's the Joy?"

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

JANUARY 19, 2014

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"TBA"

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JANUARY 12, 2014

Scripture:

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"Beloved"

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JANUARY 26, 2014

Dr. Craig Hill, guest speaker