

TOWER UPDATE

MID-JANUARY 2014

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DR. CRAIG HILL

Dr. Craig C. Hill, professor at our United Methodist Duke Divinity School, will be preaching at our 8:30 and 9:45 services on January 26th. Dr. Hill is coming as part of the East District event held the last weekend of this month here at our church. His presence with us is being made possible through the Nearing Fund of our church. Dr. Hill will be preaching on "Life in the Time between the Times."

Pastor Mendenhall will preach in the 11:00 service.



HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY and giving High Street Church as their preference: Jan Ellison, Jane Zimmerman, Diana Ruth Parkers (IUH Ball Memorial Hospital).

UMW Bake Sale

The UMW will hold a bake sale in the Church Parlor on Sunday, February 9th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The sale is sponsored by the Ruth and Martha/Mary Circles. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Samaritan Fund.



LEADERSHIP RETREAT

If you are a committee chair, a leader in a Sunday School class, a circle leader, a leader in a small group, or just wanting to grow, you are invited to participate in our Leadership Retreat being held in Parish Hall.

That morning you can expect to:

- share in an opening worship with communion;
- examine your own spiritual practices;
- learn how groups are different;
- learn how to keep groups on track;
- learn some of the various orientations and strengths people bring to meetings;
- learn how to monitor group interaction;
- hear an update on our capital campaign;
- hear an update on our four objectives;
- hear an update on our Fruitful Congregation Journey;
- receive a book; and
- be invited to join a group later to engage in discussion with our Fruitful Congregation Journey team.

Pastor Mendenhall and the staff will lead the retreat. Registration forms will be made available in the near future.

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

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

Submit By:	Issue Date:
January 17 Mid-month	January 22
January 31	February 5
February 14 Mid-month	February 19
February 28	March 5

E-Mail Prayer Chain

If you would like to receive an e-mail listing of High Street Church's Joys/Concerns/Prayer Requests for which you can pray, please send your name and e-mail address to Lori Gibson at:

info@munciehighstreet.com



PRAY WITH JOY

Dear Friends in Christ:

As part of my morning devotions some days ago, I read the first chapter of Philippians. In the third verse of that chapter, Paul writes: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." This was not the first time I have read that verse. Sometimes, however, what strikes me one time in a verse is not what strikes me the next time I read it or the time after that. That's the beauty of reading Scripture.

This time what struck me was Paul "praying with joy" for them. So often the prayers I pray and the prayers we pray together in the church are more concern-driven than joy-driven. Please understand that we should pray our concerns. Those concerns are born out of our compassion for one another and for others we care about who are not part of our church fellowship. Those concern-driven prayers are born out of our confidence in God to love and act in the lives of others. We should never jettison our concern-driven prayers.

At the same time, I marveled that Paul could pray with joy despite the circumstances. In verses 12 and 13 in that same chapter, Paul lets us know that he is imprisoned. In his place I would not readily leap with joy. But Paul can rejoice because his very imprisonment is being used by God as a witness to the imperial guard and to others for Christ. God is taking the bad situation and bringing some good out of it. Paul can pray with joy.

Paul then goes on to talk about people

who proclaim Christ out of questionable motives. Later in chapter three, he will warn the Christians in Philippi to "beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh!" Not everything is going smoothly. Not everything is as Paul would want it to be. There are some actually working against what Paul has been preaching and teaching. And yet, Paul manages to pray with joy!

How could he do this? I find myself turning back in chapter one to verse six: "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." He is confident that God is at work and that God will accomplish what he sets out to do! Not that Paul or the Philippian Christians are then passively to wait for God to complete his work in them. Later Paul writes about "straining forward" and "pressing on" toward the prize. And still he is joy-filled!

May his joy be ours!
Pastor Dale

WE ARE RECEIVING AN "OSCAR"

Muncie-Delaware Clean and Beautiful is recognizing our church for the work on the former Muncie Music Center. At an event on Thursday evening, January 23, representatives from our church and Angels on High will be on hand to receive this "Oscar" for the work done to enhance the appearance of the former music center and now our Willa Stevenson Center.

ORGAN RENOVATION BEGINS

Reynolds Associates, Inc. will begin the second and final phase of our organ renovation this month. Water getting into the south chamber has made a plaster wall in that chamber questionable. The Trustees knew we had to repair that wall as soon as possible. That required removing some of the pipes that require work, and in removing those pipes, access to other pipes that need work would be made possible. So, the decision was made to move ahead with the entire project.

The project will take much of the rest of the year. We have given the company a target date of December 1 for completion. Thad Reynolds will work with our organist Lana Blair to keep her informed as to what parts of the organ are available for use on any given Sunday.

The project will cost \$199,000 and will be paid in twelve monthly payments; the first payment has been made. Three fourths of the funds needed to pay for the total renovation project are in hand. We are relying upon the congregation to continue paying toward our capital campaign to raise the remainder required by the end of the year.

An update on our capital loans: The Trustees have authorized a payment of \$100,000 to our High Street Church Foundation toward the \$192,788 loan for the purchase of the Muncie Music Center. Each month an interest payment is made to the Foundation for the outstanding amount.

The Board of Trustees, in light of a good year with investments, has moved to forgive the \$95,764 loan from the Major Maintenance Trust Fund for the tuckpointing project. This means we have only the \$92,788 left to pay back on the loan from the Foundation.

Wisdom People for FEBRUARY

Please send these wonderful folks a card and wish them many more active, healthy years.

Helen Terhune • 99 on February 1
Forum at Brookside No. 126A
Spring Meadow Ln.
Louisville, KY 40243-2207



Eleanor Friel • 90 on February 6
Elmcroft
1601 N. Morrison Rd. #206
Muncie, IN 47304

Patricia McClellan • 91 on February 12
3905 W. Clover Ln.
Muncie, IN 47304-4217

Shirley LaBerteaux • 91 on March 1
4604 W. CR. 400 N.
Muncie, IN 47304

UM Men's Breakfast

The next High Street United Methodist Men's Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, February 19th. Join us at 7:00 a.m. at Richards Restaurant for a delicious breakfast, devotions and great fellowship! Occasionally we will have a short program. We dismiss by 8:00 a.m. All men of the church are welcome to attend!



Richards Restuart
2601 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Muncie, IN 47303

The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

- Cereal
- Pork and Beans
- Spaghetti
- Pudding
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits



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

Don't forget Brown Bag Sunday is February. 2

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 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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19 8:30 AM Trad. Worship 9 AM Blood Drive 9:30 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday Sch 10:30 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 5:00 PM Youth Carol at Westminster Village 5:30 PM Women's Grp. 6:00 PM The Grove	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day OFFICE CLOSED 6:45 PM In God's Time	21 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 10:00 UMW General Meeting 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:00 Finance 7:15 PM Confirmation Class	22 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 4:00 PM Foundation 5:45 PM Hand Bell Reh. 6:00 PM Kids Praise 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM Overeaters Anon. 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM AA's 9:00 PM College/Career	23 8:00 AM SHIP 10:15 AM Lunch Activity 11:00 AM Thurs. Lunch 4:30 PM Wesleyan Circle 6:00 PM Confirmation Class - Jewish Temple	24 9:00 AM Play Day 1:00 PM UMW Executive Meeting 6:00 PM Confirmation Class - Jewish Temple	25 10:00 AM East District/High Street Nearing Fund Event/Craig Hill
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ADVENT

In Memory/Honor/Appreciation	Donor
Wesley Barnell & Our Parents-----	Jim & Mary Barnell
Dwight Black-----	Martha Black
Roger & Gloria Blewett-----	Phil & Ann Briggs
Bethany Class-----	James Cartwright
Our dear family & friends-----	Chesnut family
Dick Clevenger, our sons, Dave & Jeff, & Dick Holdcraft-----	Mary Lou Clevenger
Charles & Ethel Wichmann-----	Louise Dennin
Our parents-----	Bob & Lynn Gibson
Bill & Vern, Kent Green, Carl & Mary White, Martha Slusher, Robert & Lorraine Fodge, Randy Lewis, Herbert Russell, Deanna Cox, Granny-----	Betty & Keith Green
Eldon L. Green-----	Phyllis Green
Mr & Mrs Joseph Wagner, Mr & Mrs Arthur Henning, Mr & Mrs William Prosser, III-----	Jerry & Joene Henning
Our family-----	Karen & Larry Hoffman
Annabelle Howell, Mr & Mrs Joseph Howell, Mr & Mrs William Howell, LF Howell-----	Joseph Howell
Bette & Dale Reeder-----	Greg, Lori, & Sandra Hug
Jerry Justice-----	Nondius Justice
Carol Kundereich, Sandra Kundenreich, Judd, Fritz Thoma & Marianne Thoma-----	Al Kundenreich
Loving family-----	Julia Lewellen
Bill Luttrell, Wally Hieland, Dick Holdcraft-----	Majorie Luttrell
Family & Friends-----	Wince & Mary K Marcus
John & Dorothy Marshall, Bob & Althea Pogue-----	Dick & Liz Marshall
Donald Guard, Cathy's father-----	Dale & Cathy Mendenhall, children & grandchildren
MB & Mary Motsenbocker-----	Jud & Nancy Motsenbocker
Our parents-----	Jerry & Donna McNary
LeRoy & Dorothy Priest & Amary Conner-----	Jay and Penny Nolley
Carl & Dorothy Elser, Edgar & Linda Nuerge-----	Dick & Marsha Nuerge
William & Gertrude Richards, Lex & Oreda Richards, James Palmer & James Stewart-----	by families of Barbara Palmer & Lex Richards
In memory-----	Linda Pohly
Kenneth Poucher-----	Linda Poucher
Our parents-----	Tom & Marty Raisor
Our parents-----	David & Judi Reece
Jo Ann Riggin-----	Lloyd & Madaline Riggin
John Robinson-----	Barrie Robinson
Georgia & Richard Creagmile-----	Sally & Danny Ruble
Our parents-----	Ed & Beth Siler
Our parents-----	Charles & Paula Smith
Ervin & Eleanor Smith, John & Dorothy Allen, Eli & Mary Smith, Marvin & Chloe Babcock-----	Pat & Ann Smith, & Eli Smith
Joseph & Geraldine Wagner-----	Jane Stevens
Charles & Betty Terhune-----	Stacy & Bill Terhune
Family members-----	Don & Rinda Vogelgesang
Paul Wimmer, Blanche & Carl Wimmer, June & Farrel Jackson-----	Sandra Wimmer
Lewis Wulff, Huldah & Tom Stanley-----	Sydney Wulff

Thanks!Thanks!Thanks!

Christmas has come and gone but there's still lots of appreciation and thankfulness for all the willing hands that helped decorate and then un-decorate our church for the Advent season. All your efforts were so much appreciated. Thanks again.

Donna McNary

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.

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

UPDATE LEARNING

Update Learning Classes are starting in March! The Update Session will run from March 24 - April 28th. There will be a Continental Breakfast at 8:00 A.M with classes start at 8:30 A.M.

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: "God is Faithful"

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7 and 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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!

HATS! SCARVES! AND GLOVES! OH MY!

Thank you for all the hats, scarves and gloves that decorated the Mitten Tree in the sanctuary this Advent season. Two boxes were delivered to Christian Ministries. They were so pleased with our gifts. What a blessing those things will be during these COLD winter days ! We collected 30 hats, 36 pairs of gloves and 8 wonderfully warm scarves !! Some of them came from great clearance sales and many of them were handmade ! Thank you High Streeters for being so generous ! Your gifts are keeping lots of necks, heads, hands and hearts WARM !

Thanks Again !!

Salvation Army Ringers

Thank you to all those who rang bells at Marsh as part of community service during this Christmas season. We had a great group representing High Street with some entire families taking part.

Twenty years ago Joe Rogers began what was mostly a paid ringer program when he volunteered High Street to supplement Salvation Army ringers and reduce their costs. Jim Lambert continued that tradition for several years by organizing our hourly schedule.

Today many folks faithfully ring every year as away to spread joy at Christmas.

Plan on ringing next season.

Jerry McNary

Upcoming Youth Events

- Jan. 14: Confirmation class - 7:15 to 8 P.M.
- Jan. 19: Visit to Westminster to help Pastor Charlotte with Vespers - 3 P.M.
- Jan. 21: Confirmation class - 7:15 to 8 P.M.
- Jan. 26: The Grove - 6 P.M.
- Jan. 28: Confirmation class - 7:15 to 8 P.M.
- Feb. 2: SAF at Corinth
- Feb. 4: Confirmation class - 7:15 to 8 P.M.
- Feb. 9: Youth Council - 5 P.M.
The Grove - 6 P.M.
- Feb 11: Confirmation class - 7:15 to 8 P.M.
- Feb. 16: The Grove - 6 P.M. (Valentines Theme)
- Feb. 18: Confirmation class - 7:15 to 8 P.M.
- Feb. 23: The Grove - 6 P.M.
- Feb. 25: Confirmation class - 7:15 to 8 P.M.

Confirmation classes will take place each Tuesday from 7:15 to 8:45 until the Tuesday before Easter. We will not meet March 25 due to Spring break and the mission trip to Jamaica.

Thank you to the Youth!

On Sunday, January 19, our youth group joined me in leading Vespers at Westminster Village. They were articulate in their reading and added so much to the service. Just as importantly, they were gracious and friendly in visiting with the residents after the service. Then, they asked if they could join me in visiting some of our members who live in the health center, so off we went! We visited four folks there, and again, I was so proud our youth for their openness, their smiles, and their warmth. My pride only grew as we went to a near-by restaurant, where they were as thoughtful and friendly to the servers.

We have a fine group of young folks in our church, and we are blessed by them and their leader, Kristy Mahoney. God bless them!
Pastor Charlotte

