

TOWER TOPICS

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Walk A Mile

High Street United Methodist Church will be participating in Walk-A-Mile in my shoes fundraiser for Muncie Mission on Saturday, February 8th. Check-in is at 8:00AM with an opening ceremony at 9:00AM. The walk will start at the Muncie Fieldhouse, corner of Wysor & Walnut Streets. The course will take those participating to the Mission. For more information or to register online, please visit our new site: www.walkformunciemission.com. If you still have questions or need more information contact Pastor Daryl.

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:
February 14 Mid month	February 19
February 28	March 5
March 14 Mid month	March 19
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Walk a Mile in Someone Else's Shoes

I saw a movie some time ago titled "The Help". I went to see it because members of the bible study class I was part of told me how great of a movie it was. In a nutshell the movie was about African-American maids working in the homes Southern families in the early 1960's. I generally don't like this type of movie because they are often depressing for me, but I went to see it anyway. Well, it did not disappoint me for it was depressing in some ways, but it was a great movie and I am glad I went to see it.

First, the depressing part. These women worked in horrible psychological conditions. Of course, considering the times they lived in and where they lived this would have been a given. What I was reminded of, having lived during that same time period, was how the servants were in tune with the needs of their employers. It made me think back to that same time period in my life and recall the conversations I overheard among women in my community who worked as servants in similar households where their employers were indifferent to their individual identities as people. Again, thinking back, I recall when I was old enough to understand, the shame I felt when I realized what these women went through to take care of their families.

Next, the great part. In the movie, a journalist risked everything to walk a mile in their shoes. At least she made an effort to. What this journalist discovered was the hopelessness of each servant's situation. There were no "bootstraps," and no other jobs for the maids to consider. They were trapped in this hopeless situation—and their daughters would be trapped as well when they were old enough to work. The journalist, who came from

a privileged background, did her best to meet these women where they were and help them work through what they were dealing with at that time. The servants did not need someone to resolve their issues for them for they knew resolution would come eventually just like it did for so many others before them.

Now, the glad part. I heard a quote recently that sheds light on the attitudes of the servants depicted in the movie and those from my past who faced similar challenges. "The world is not how you see it; you are how you see the world." This statement made me think of those from "back in the day," and how many who saw the world as unjust, and complained about it, always seemed to face one challenge after another. Then there were those who had faith in Christ, and always seemed to land on their feet no matter what troubles came their way. Not being a Christian I always thought they were just lucky, I know different now. I don't know for sure, but I would like to think each one saw the world as belonging to God and no other. I think each one knew no matter what, that God was in control—even during the most challenging times.

The movie reminded me of whose shoes I walk in; those who overcame impossible challenges knowing Jesus was walking with each one of them. Someday someone will walk in our shoes—possibly the children in our church and community; I pray our life testimony will reveal how He walked with us through impossible challenges and He will walk with them too!

Blessings, Pastor Daryl A Gilbert

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014
9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

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 are available in the office if you would still like to sign up. We would love to have you!

MISSION FAIR

We will have a Missions Fair Sunday, February 23 in Parish Hall following the first service, and continuing through noon. High Street members have a passion for helping others, and we would like to share our passion with all. Booth space is available. Please contact Pastor Daryl for more information.



Be sure to visit our website!

www.munciehighstreet.com

UMW

Think GREEN, not white, as UMW offers a program on "Creation Care" with our own Jennifer Rice-Snow on Tuesday, February 18, 10:00 AM. A light snack will be served.

Wesleyan Circle will be hostesses. Pick up a friend in your car and enjoy a morning with Christian friends.

Make reservations with Mary Swanger @282-9197.

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

ANGELS ON HIGH PRESCHOOL

With the crazy winter weather and recent flooding in our building, it has been an interesting month! We are welcoming Spring to come any time!

The restoration and cleaning process in the Willa Stevenson Center has begun. But there is much to be done! Many classroom items, paper, etc. have been lost. It has been a heart-breaking situation, but the staff is strong and working to get it back together. Jud and Mike Motsenbocker are a constant blessing, and we know we are in good hands!

Many have asked how they can help during this difficult time. We will be having many clean-up times soon, but these will be scheduled once the construction companies and others have given us permission to be in the space. We are reporting damaged items to the insurance company, but it will be some time before we have all worked out and items replaced. If you are interested in donating items, here is a list we definitely need at this time: paper towels, toilet paper, copy paper, adhesive strips, antibacterial wipes, tape, toys, and books. As we continue to get through this process, our needs will grow and we will let everyone know more then.

At this time, we are not able to use either floor in our preschool building. It is going to be a little different the next couple of weeks, but we are so thankful to have the opportunity to offer our programs at the church. Our dedicated preschool and PDO staff have already spent

countless hours cleaning, sorting, and moving items to the church. I am so thankful for all of them!

It is hard to believe it is already time to start enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year! The enrollment for current Angels on High Preschool, PDO, and High Street United Methodist Church families will begin on Monday, February 10. To reserve a spot for your child in our preschool program, please return the registration card and fee promptly. Enrollment is based on the day and time we receive the enrollment card. Registration cards will not be accepted before February 10. This allows us to be fair to everyone registering for Angels on High Preschool. Open enrollment (families outside of the preschool or church) will begin on Monday, February 24, 2014. We have registration packets available in the church office or by contacting director Rebecca Swander. Please feel free to share our preschool with many in the community!

February will be a fun month for our preschool students. Our classes will celebrate Valentine's Day, worship together during chapel, attend field trips to the dentist office and Baskin Robbins, complete winter projects, and learn more with numbers and letters. We welcome HSUMC members to stop by and visit us! We are having a great time!

Preschool Director - Rebecca

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Communion 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 6:00 PM Super Bowl Youth Party - Brand's House	3 9:30 AM Bridge for Fun 12 Noon Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Senior Supper 6:45 PM In God's Time	4 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:15 AM Mary Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 7:15 PM Confirmation Class	5 9:00 AM M & M's 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 5:45 PM Hand Bell Reh. 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	6 8:00 AM SHIP 10:30 AM Blood Press. 11:00 AM Thurs. Lunch 1:30 PM Naomi Circle	7 9:00 AM Play Day 5pm Travelers/Youth Pacers Game	8 8:00 AM Walk A Mile at the Fieldhouse 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: "God Is Faithful"
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!



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

Follow Us on Facebook!



Be sure to "Like" High Street Church on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/High-Street-United-Methodist-Church/58417698681> to get the latest news and updates about things happening at the church.

College Career Group

Looking for something to do on a Wednesday Night? Join the College Career Group at 9pm in the Garden Court. It is a fun group of people! Come and learn about the Bible, play games and get to know others.



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The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

- Applesauce
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Pudding Mix • Jelly
- Peanut Butter • Cereal

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

Food Pantry ♦ 2014

The High Street Food Pantry has served for 2014:

84 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.



HOSPITALIZED THE PAST MONTH and giving High Street Church as their preference: Jan

Ellison, Diana Ruth Parks, Jane Zimmerman, Barbara Sparenberg, Jim Lambert, Betty Green, Julie Harris, Laura Constantine, Sydney Wulff.

HOW WE HELP!

The Samaritan Fund - 2014

People Helped: 43

Rent:	\$550.00
Utilities:	\$1,122.96
Prescriptions:	\$130.87
Misc.:	\$135.00
Total:	\$1,938.83



This year has been hard on all of us, but the least of these have felt it even more. Look at the figures and you'll see that most people were concerned about staying inside and staying warm. The Miscellaneous line reflects the 9 people who felt a monthly bus pass was what they needed so they could get around Muncie to look for jobs, get groceries and make it to appointments in this terrible weather. Thank you so much for helping us assist the least of these.

Your Tower Topics

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info@munciehighstreet.com

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

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.

Youth Events

- Feb. 2:** Super Bowl Party - Brands - 6 P.M.
- Feb. 7:** Pacers Game with HS Travelers
- Feb. 4:** Confirmation class - 7:15 to 8 P.M.
- Feb 11:** Confirmation class - 7:15 to 8 P.M.
- Feb. 16:** SAF - Corinth Church - 6 P.M.
- Feb. 18:** Confirmation class - 7:15 to 8 P.M.
- Feb. 23:** Youth Council - 5 P.M.
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.

CANDY GRAMS!

The youth will be selling candy grams Sunday February 9th from 9:30 - 9:50 AM and then again from 10:30 - 11:00 AM. Would you like to give your spouse, friend, secret admirer a gift and also help out the youth? Then the candy grams are for you! Proceeds go to help out with the Valentines-theme mission fundraiser at the church.

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FEBRUARY 16, 2014

Scripture:

Matthew 5:21-37

“Integrity in Relationships”

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

FEBRUARY 23, 2014

Scripture:

Matthew 5:38-48

“Called to be Holy”

Pastor Daryl Gilbert