

# TOWER TOPICS

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## Walk A Mile Thank

We won the Golden Sneaker Award from our Walk A Mile Event!! It will be presented to us Wednesday, March 5th at 5pm in Parish Hall. All walkers are requested to be present to receive this award. Please also make sure to wear your red shirts. All others are invited to join in the celebration and honor of our award.

## 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

<b>Submit By:</b>	<b>Issue Date:</b>
February 28	March 5
March 14 Mid month	March 19
March 28	April 2
April 11 Mid month	April 16

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# SO THAT.....

Dear Friends in Christ:

Thanks to the insight of our Fruitful Congregation Journey Team and the funding from our High Street Foundation, those who attended our Leadership Retreat were given the book *Bearing Fruit: Ministry with Real Results* by Lovett H. Weems, Jr. and Tom Berlin. Our leaders were asked to read the book and then participate in one of four discussion groups to be held in March by members of our FCJ Team.

As part of the retreat, I shared two very important words: SO THAT. Weems and Berlin cite some significant Scripture passages to illustrate how vital SO THAT has been and can be.

*Have them make me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell with them. (Exodus 25:8)*

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)*

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

(Romans 12:2)

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)*

*God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. (I John 4:9)*

Weems and Berlin point out that if we in the church would apply SO THAT to all of our endeavors, we would shift our focus from activity to outcomes. Thus, we should always be filling in the blank that comes after the SO THAT. “We are going to do whatever we are talking about SO THAT \_\_\_\_\_.” We then evaluate later not by simply asking if we did the activity but by whether we accomplished what we set out to accomplish in and through that activity.

Let me share two more related thoughts. It would seem to me that whatever comes after the SO THAT should have something to do with accomplishing our mission, which is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Secondly, by focusing upon outcomes rather than activities, we will find ourselves continually evaluating whether the efforts put into any activity were worth the results. If not, then we either need to revise our efforts to get better results through this activity or we need to look for a different activity through which our efforts could lead to more fruitful results.

Why do I share these thoughts with you? SO THAT these two words will become a part of who we are and how we function as the church SO THAT as a church we become increasingly fruitful in our ministry in this mission field where God has placed us.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Dale

## BEARING FRUIT DISCUSSION GROUP

You are invited to attend a discussion group hosted by members of our Fruitful Congregation Journey Team. The discussions will focus upon the book Bearing Fruit: Ministry with Real Results by Lovett Weems and Tom Berlin. Here are the opportunities for entering into these discussions:

Sunday, March 16, 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Center  
Sunday, March 16, 11:00 a.m. in room 205  
Tuesday, March 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor  
Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in room 301.

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## ACAT LANES AND GAMES NIGHT

The All Church Activities Team is have a Bowling Night on Saturday, April 12th from 6pm to 8pm at Cardinal Lanes in the BSU Student Center. There will be bowling (shoes included), billiards, card games, pizza, drinks and dessert. The cost is \$5 per person if registered in advance, \$6 at the door.

You can registers starting Sunday March 16th.

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## THURSDAY LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Thursday Luncheon Entertainment schedule for March.

Mar 6 - Chip and Peppermint (clowns)

Mar 13 - Jimmy Priest, St Patrick's Day Luncheon

Mar 20 - Tony Mench, "Safety is No Accident"

## DISTRICT-SPONSORED MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST

Men are invited to attend the following Saturday breakfasts for inspiration, fellowship, and good food as we travel through Lent. The breakfasts begin at 7:30 a.m.

March 8 - Desoto UMC, 6309 N. CR 500 E, Muncie

March 15 - Fairview (Randolph Co.) UMC, 11048 W SR 28, Redkey

March 22 - Daleville UMC, 8104 S Hickory Lane, Daleville

March 29 - Center Chapel UMC, 900 W Royerton Road, Muncie

April 5 - New Burlington UMC, 8080 S CR 475 E, Muncie

April 12 - Gethsemane UMC, 1201 W McGalliard Rd, Muncie

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## Wisdom People for MARCH

*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

## **Get Rich Quick – Count Your Blessings and Watch for the Signs of Love**

A friend is a human angel who chooses to wrap you in caring thoughts and prayers when you need outside support, when your inner strength wavers, and when you begin to think that you cannot make it on your own. A friend is someone who listens but does not judge; he/she may offer advice but is not offended if you don't accept or act upon it. A friend can be a family member (and has been for me), but is more often a close acquaintance you have met along the journey of life (and I have many of these!)

On December 27, 2013, my Mary Engelbreit's calendar page told me to HAVE FAITH. I had just returned from a wonderful family Christmas in Chicago, but it also was after more than a month filled with undiagnosed arthritic pain, which had kept me on the verge of tears every waking moment. And yet this sign, told me to HAVE FAITH. All I did was to tear off the page and save it; I did not truly believe it!

**Count Your Blessings** (original words & music by Irving Berlin – words revised by me)

When I'm worried and I can't sleep, I count my blessings instead of sheep, and I fall asleep counting my blessings.

When I think of all I've gone through, I thank the Lord, friends, and family too, and I fall asleep counting my blessings.

When I wake up each morning, I can thank the Lord above for giving me another day, and people I can love.

If you're worried and you can't sleep, just count your blessings instead of sheep, and you'll fall asleep counting your blessings.

I rewrote the words to "Count Your Blessings" after my recovery from breast cancer in July 2010, and I do try to sing and share the words frequently. But, the magic of the song's message was not working for me in my current situation. My long-scheduled knee surgery was cancelled unexpectedly due to a severe anemia discovered at my pre-op visit. So, my call went out to my mighty prayer warrior friends (mostly in my Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group) for

doctors to find answers and for the cessation of my pain (both arthritic and knee). My prayer warriors did their jobs and wrapped me in their caring thoughts; they lifted my pain, my lack of knowledge, and my weakening resolve; and they helped to get the "ball rolling."

On January 2, my primary care physician met, almost by accident, with Clarence and I and discussed the meaning of several test results obtained over the past weeks; and guess what? He/we came up with an action plan for more tests that may actually give me some real answers. At least I'm on a temporary medication that makes me feel better and has raised my spirits tremendously. Being without pain is an amazing thing. And to punctuate the reality of the moment, guess what appeared on the January 3, 2014, Mary Engelbreit calendar page? You guessed it; it was a recycled picture of the HAVE FAITH page from December 27. I had never seen the same page two months in a row before let alone the very next week! But there he was – a little boy standing in the snow with a little bird singing his heart out while sitting on the edge of the little boy's snow shovel. Mary does recycle pages often as well as add new ones every year, but to have the same message in one week? That was truly a sign of love and belief, and so I did get the message and I do continue to "Count My Blessings" every single day, and I do thank the Lord for giving me loving family and friends who help to carry me even now through my darkest days.

I close with the words from Philippians 4:13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength sent to me by one of my dear prayer warriors. Thanks to you all. Because of you I know that I will persevere and overcome these many challenges.

Love in Christ, Carol Casazza

# March

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# Lenton Sermon Series

## “Friends”

March 9 1st Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: “Friends Have Their Priorities Straight”

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 and Matthew 4:1-11

March 16th 2nd Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: “Friends Bless Others”

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a and John 3:1-17

March 23 3rd Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: “Friends See More Than What’s Wrong with Us”

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11 and John 4:5-42

March 30 4th Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: “Friends Radiate Light”

Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-14 and John 9:1-41

April 6 5th Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: “Friends Hope”

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 11:1-45

April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday

Sermon Title: “Friends Humble Themselves”

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11 and Matthew 21:1-11

April 20 Easter Sunday

Sermon Title: “What a Friend We Have!”

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43 and John 20:1-18

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## 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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## 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](mailto:info@munciehighstreet.com)

## EVA KOR SEMINAR

Eva Kor, Holocaust survivor and founder of the CANDLES Museum of South Bend will be coming to Muncie IN. on April 3rd. Ms. Kor, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday, will share a message of forgiveness and reconciliation with 500 Middle School students from Burris, Northside, and Wilson at 1pm. She will share that same message at the L.A.PittengerStudentCenter at 3 pm. A 40 minute video about her struggles will be shown at that location, and that presentation will be followed by comments and a lecture. The Ballroom at the L.A.PittengerStudentCenter will seat about 500. BallStateUniversity has pledged the bulk of what is needed to bring Ms. Kor and her message to Muncie. Several local institutions (including High Street UMC) and private individuals have contributed as well. I will have more event information soon!

More info is available about Eva Kor and CANDLES at this address: <http://www.candleholocaustmuseum.org/>



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## The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

- Canned Fruit
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Diced Tomatoes • Jelly
- Peanut Butter • Pasta/Sauce

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: 97

<b>Rent:</b>	\$1,201.00
<b>Utilities:</b>	\$2,319.31
<b>Prescriptions:</b>	<b>\$244.12</b>
<b>Misc.:</b>	<u>\$582.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,346.43</b>



*Ding! Ding! Ding! And the Winner Is...Rent & Utilities, so that people can stay warm and safe in this brutal winter weather we've been having. They will do without medicine to stay warm. The increase in the Misc. category is for the same reason--people requesting 30 Day Passes for the MITS buses so they don't have to walk to places in the cold. Thank you for being so generous to let us help the least of these!*

## 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.

## Thank You!

A great big thank you to all my High Street and Thursday Luncheon families for all your prayers and love you all have shown to me during my November 12th accident and following reoperation. May God richly bless all of you!

Eternally grateful,  
Shirley Taylor

## 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.*

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