

# TOWER UPDATE

**MID-MARCH 2014**

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## Walk A Mile Golden Sneaker Awards



**HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY** and giving High Street Church as their preference: Jim Beckley, Helen Bullock (*IUH Ball Memorial Hospital*).

## CHANGES NEAR THE NORTH ENTRANCE

The Board of Trustees and Jake Stover are cooperating in Jake's Eagle Scout project, which will bring changes just outside the north entrance of our church. The old bicycle rack will be replaced and moved to west of the entrance (after some cleaning and painting in that area). To the east of the entrance a conversational seating area will be installed.

## TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

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

**Submit By:**

February 28

March 14 Mid month

March 28

April 11 Mid month

**Issue Date:**

March 5

March 19

April 2

April 16

## 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

## 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), billards, card games, pizza, drinks and dessert. The cost is \$5 per person if registered in advance, \$6 at the door. Register on Sunday or in the office today.

# GOD LOVES OUR INNER CHILD

Recently, I was looking over some “junk mail” and I came across a very interesting photo that brought back fond memories. It was a photo of a little girl about 3 or 4 years old who was wearing bright yellow galoshes and a bright yellow rain coat and was out playing in the rain. This photo caught my attention because it was a stop-action photo of her poised directly over a rather large puddle of rain water. Someone was about to get splashed! Her hair and cloths were wet, and it looked like this was probably one of many rain puddle trips she had taken that day.

I used to splash in rain puddles. Usually, there was someone standing next to me and unaware of the “deluge” that was coming their way. Galoshes would have been nice, but sneakers filled the bill just fine. Looking at that photo made me want to go out and re-live those “good times” again. The problem is that someone may have to call “911” if I tried it because my body is not 3 or 4 anymore. Sometimes, I sure miss some of the simple and fun things I used to do as a child.

We all have an inner child. That part of each one of us that never seems to grow up. Sometimes our inner child is that water puddle splashing little boy or girl who is going to get into trouble when he/she gets home. Of course, many of us don’t splash water puddles anymore, but there is a playful and joyful side of every adult that often only those close to us get to see.

Healthy relationships nurture our inner child. The flip side of a playful and joyful inner child is a broken one. We all have them both. The “water puddle” splashing side of each one of us is often easy to deal with by our friends and loved ones, but dealing with the broken inner child can sometimes be a challenge for those close to us.

The first stepping stone God gives us in relating to our inner child and the inner children of others is love. This is easy to do with the “water splashing” inner child in each one of us, but what about the other? God has blessed us with instructions on how to have healthy relationships with each other that will nurture the inner children of others and our inner child as well. I think that it is a start, and it may even be a cure for what ails the world—what do you think?

## 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (The Living Bible)

*<sup>4</sup>Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, <sup>5</sup>never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. <sup>6</sup>It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. <sup>7</sup>If you love someone, you will be loyal to that person no matter what the cost. You will always believe in them, always expect the best of them, and always stand your ground in defending them.*

Blessings,

Pastor Daryl A Gilbert

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## EVA KOR

Holocaust Survivor Eva Mozes Kor will be coming to Emmens Auditorium on Thursday April 3rd. The Title of her message is: "Forgiveness is a seed for peace." Admission and parking are free. Please come and hear her message of reconciliation so needed in our day and time.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL APPROVES APPLYING FOR STEP 2 IN THE FRUITFUL CONGREGATION JOURNEY**

At the recommendation of our Fruitful Congregation Journey Team (Jayne Brinson, Terri Hutchison, Dan Moore Snyder, Bob Myers, Marsha Nuerge, Jennifer Rice-Snow, Greg Smith, Dave Wilson, and Pastor Dale), the Church Council approved our church applying for Step 2 in the Fruitful Congregation Journey.

Step One in the Journey has involved our team in reading a different book each month, meeting with other churches monthly for further learning, and monthly meetings as a team here at our church. Our Team has also been sharing in various ways some of what is being learned in preparation for Step Two.

What does Step Two involve? It involves:

1. A period of preparation for an assessment
  - The church compiles a self-study to submit to an assessment team;
  - At least 50% of our members will take an online survey;
  - A one-day workshop for church leaders; and
  - Mystery guest worshipers who will submit a report.
2. On-site assessment
  - One-on-one interviews by the assessment team
  - A five-hour workshop with the Church Council;
  - One Sunday the team leader preaches at all three services; and
  - The assessment team will provide a Ministry Action Plan.
3. A period of decision
  - A 45 day period to consider and pray about the prescriptions found in the Ministry Action Plan.
  - A church conference to vote on whether to adopt the prescriptions in the Ministry Action Plan. If it does, the church moves into Step 3, which with the help of a coach, is the step of implementation over 12-18 months.

What is the cost of Step 2? The cost is underwritten by the Conference's Church Development budget (our Conference tithe at work).

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## **ANGELS ON HIGH COMPLETELY MOVED BACK**

By the time you are reading this, our Angels on High will have moved entirely back into the Stevenson Center. The classes that normally are held in the lower level of the building have been conducted in the church while repairs were made following the extensive water damage to that lower level. Classes on the upper level have been back in the Stevenson Center for some time now.

We are grateful to Jud Construction for making the repairs in a timely fashion. A meeting of Jud Construction, the sub-contractors, and some of our Trustees was held to decide upon the steps to take to prevent another incident like this re-occurring.

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## **IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING**

As you do your spring cleaning, please bring any sheets you no longer need to the church. It does not matter what shape they are in, what color they are, or what material they are made of! The Koinonia class will gather the sheets and deliver them to the Storehouse in Marion. The Storehouse is a vital connection in the life and work of the United Methodist Church in Africa.

Volunteers will cut the sheets into bandages that will be shipped to the Kafakumba Training Center. Who would have ever thought that spring cleaning could help those in another country?

Look for our drop off box in the main hall from March 23 through April 6 or see any Koinonia class member to drop off your sheets.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

The greatest group of friends I saw as a child was the Super Friends: Superman, Batman and Robin, Aquaman and Wonder Woman. I loved the idea of a group of powerful, heroic people joining together to fight evil. My favorite episodes included the villain Cheetah, because then Wonder Woman would save the day. Through Wonder Woman, I dreamed of foiling villains and being dramatic.

The Super Friends, as well as their Marvel cousins, the Avengers, are excellent groups of friends. While they have rivalries and disagreements, they are better together. Wesley is reminding me that Tolkien's Hobbit heroes also traveled with friends.

I wonder how Jesus would compare these super friends with His companions (I think that my future talks with Jesus will include a lot of laughter). For all their faults, Jesus valued His disciples. And they certainly grew into heroes.

Do you feel the attraction of heroism? I still do. Of course, I won't be fighting Cheetah. But I can work to extend the Kingdom, through God and with the help of friends.

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### I WILL MISS YOU ALL!

Dear Hight Streeters and Staff,

It is with a heavy heart that I have had to take a medical retirement. The past 18 years have been a joy and I have had the pleasure of working with and meeting so many wonderful people! Thank you for the cards and prayers. I pray for all of you: for health and happiness. I pray for High Street Church and all within it. May God bless all of you.

With love and blessings,  
Lori Gibson, Printing/Systems Administrator

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## CHURCH MOUSE POSITION

It is that time! Josh, our current church mouse, will be graduating in May. We are currently looking for someone to live in the apartment and provide security for the church. The apartment will be available August 1st with utilities and parking furnished. The apartment is rent free in exchange for providing security for the church. Also, available is a small stipend for additional duties. High Street United Methodist Church is a smoking and alcohol free campus.

If you are interested in this position. Please send in your cover letter and resume to High Street United Methodist Church, 219 S High Street, Muncie, IN 47305. If you have any other questions please call the church office at (765) 747-8500 and talk to Casey.



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## CHURCH COUNCIL APPROVES OFFICE STAFF CHANGES

The Church Council at its last meeting approved a proposal from our Staff-Parish Relations Committee that we reconfigure our office staff. The proposal called for the elimination of three current positions: Business Administrator, Office Manager, and Network Administrator. The SPRC proposed an outsourcing of the responsibilities dealing with payroll and with financial reporting and then the creation of two new positions: Church Administrator plus the Church and Public Relations Coordinator.

What does this mean for our current office staff? Our Network Administrator, Lori Gibson, has been battling health conditions that have resulted in her inability to report to work yet in 2014. We have reached a mutual agreement with Lori that she needs to seek Social Security Disability, and we have referred her to a local attorney highly recommended in handling this process. We have also promised to assist her as best we can in this process. Our Business Administrator, Barb Ballard, with the outsourcing of much of the financial responsibilities, will be working 21-hour weeks through April and May. This will keep Barb on the payroll as she assists in the transition and moves toward her own retirement. Sometime after Easter we will recognize and celebrate both Lori and Barb and their lengthy and faithful service in and through our church. Casey Headland, our Office Manager, is being offered one of the two new positions.

The proposal from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee comes as a result of realizing that we have not been functioning at full force as an office staff for some time. The proposal also is intended to cover the office staff responsibilities at a reduced cost.

The goals in the coming months are:

- Interview for the one new position in April
- Outsource the payroll responsibilities by April 1
- Outsource the financial reporting by May 1
- Hire the new employee to begin in May and work with Barb in transition
- Celebrate both Barb Ballard and Lori Gibson and their years of service to High Street Church

One of the questions asked in the Church Council meeting had to do with the ability to access checks for ministries in a timely fashion. The Church Administrator will write those checks. We will use a voucher system. The financial services company to which we are outsourcing payroll and financial reports will receive reports from the Church Administrator and then compile the needed financial reports.

Please keep our office staff and especially those most affected by these changes in your prayers.

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## THURSDAY LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Thursday Luncheon Entertainment schedule for March.

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

Mar 27 - Dave Elmore, singer

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## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Support Group starts Monday, March 24th, 6:30-8:00pm in Garden Court. If you would like to sign up to join the grief class please call the church office to register at 747-8500.



## THANK YOU FROM THE YOUTH

The youth would like to thank the adult Sunday School classes for their enthusiastic participation in the Sunday School Wars fundraiser. The competition came down to the last week, but Bethany class edged out a win. Seekers + Servers and Koinonia classes will receive consolation prizes. The fundraiser brought in \$387 for the Jamaica trip.

If you would like to contribute to the Jamaica trip, the youth will be selling keychains in the hallway between services for the next few weeks. The keychains were handcrafted by Jim Carr and are \$10 each. For every ten keychains sold, one day's worth of the trip for one youth will be funded.

We are now accepting registrations for junior and senior high camp! The senior high students (those completing 8th-12th grade) will camp at That Thing! at Epworth July 6th-11th. The junior high students are welcome to choose the week they would like to camp, but a large number of High Street and Muncie campers will be attending Camp Adventure June 29th-July 4th. Youth camps will be \$185 this summer. Camps are also available for children fifth grade and under. See Kristy for more information and a registration form.

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## PEANUT BRITTLE

Virgil Oxley has retired from making his famous peanut brittle, but he has offered to teach some of us the recipe and method here in the church kitchen.

If you're interested in attending/helping at this cooking lesson, call Nancy Motsenbocker, 284-5361 for more details.

## Youth Events

**March 23rd:** Vespers and Visiting with Pastor Charlotte meet at Westminster Village at 2:45 pm  
Steak and Shake meal to follow  
5:00- 6:00pm

**March 30th:** No Grove (spring break)

**April 4-5:** 30-hour famine at Gethsemane  
Fri at 7:00 pm - Sat. 7:00 pm

**April 13:** Palm Sunday breakfast 9:30 am  
- 11:30am

**April 15:** Youth and Confirmation class invited to join UMW for Seder Dinner

**April 20:** Easter! Confirmands and New Member

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## GRIEF GROUP AT BMH

An adult grief group is being offered and anyone experiencing grief due to a death is welcome to attend. This six week program will meet every Thursday evening beginning April 3, 2014. We will meet in the IU Health Ball Memorial Cancer Center, 2401 W. University Ave, Muncie, in Conference Room B from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The cost is \$10.00 per family unit.

Please call IU Health Ball Memorial Hospice at 765-747-4273 or 1-800-458-2255 to register for this group on or before April 1, 2014. We look forward to hearing from you.

