

TOWER UPDATE

MID-MAY 2014

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THURSDAY LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

May 15th - Roy Tremble, singer

May 22nd- Barbara Demaree

May 29th-Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
with The String-a-Longs

SERMON SERIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

MAY 18 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER/
HERITAGE/GRADUATION SUNDAY
Sermon: "Our Guiding Presence"
Scripture: John 14:15-21

MAY 25 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER/
MEMORIAL WEEKEND
Sermon: "Sacred Suffering"
Scriptures: I Peter 3:13-22 and Romans 8:18-25



HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY
and giving High Street Church as
their preference: Rex Parish, Evelyn
Coulter, and Stanley Schull (*IUH Ball
Memorial Hospital*).

JUNE 1 ASCENSION SUNDAY/
COMMUNION
Sermon: "Praying Inside Out"
Scriptures: Acts 1:6-14 and Romans 8:26-27

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be coming
soon! June 23 - 27th. Keep watching Tower
Topics and the bulletin for more information.

JUNE 8 PENTECOST SUNDAY
Sermon: "Empowered to Witness"
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21 and I Corinthians 12:3b-13

Tower Topics

Please make sure to turn in Tower Topics
articles by the deadline. This will help keep
everything on schedule. Thank you!

JUNE 15 TRINITY SUNDAY/
FATHER'S DAY
Sermon: "Coming Alive in the Desert"
Scriptures: Romans 8:1-11 and Mark 1:12-13

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

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

Submit By:	Issue Date:
May 9 Mid month	May 14
May 23	May 28
June 6	June 11
June 20	June 25

My best friend....

The phone call came in the afternoon, news of my best friend, "She's gone." I questioned the caller, "What do you mean she's gone?" "She died early this morning. Sitting in her chair."

My mind could not accept the statement. My thoughts were confused. I assumed the caller had been mistaken. She hadn't been sick. But after several phone calls, the news brought me to the stark reality that my best friend was indeed... gone.

It's been ten years since I lost my very best friend suddenly, quickly without notice, no preparation. She was the type of person that people loved instantly... as people said, "the life of the party." We had been friends for over thirty years with coffee meetings, trips to Florida with our children, Sunday outings, and gospel sings. She was my groovy girlfriend, coffee chum, and fantastic friend. She was a "Cracker Barrel" cook, and shared her fresh garden tomatoes and sweet corn with everyone. Like I said, she was a party wherever she traveled.

Then suddenly, she was gone. I knew she was in heaven because she loved the Lord, yet the space in my heart was void of her joy, laughter, and smile.

Last May I was asked to do a mother/daughter speaking engagement at a local assisted living facility. The Friday before Mother's Day, I arrived as "Apple Annie" with a basket of apples and poetry in hand. I shared poems about mothers, daughters, and grandmothers; sharing stories about my mother, and grandmothers. After the program, I was asked to sit at the front table with a very pretty lady. She looked younger than the other residents, and I soon learned she was there for rehab from surgery. We instantly hit it off, talking about our lives, and children. She asked me for copies of my poems, and wrote down her email address, and name.

When I looked at her name, I took a gasp. The reality of who she was began

to sink into my heart; she had married my best friend's husband. I knew he had remarried, but I had left Indiana, and lost contact with the family. This woman had lost her husband around the same time my friend had passed. I sat there listening to her new life, and the way she explained it; the Lord had given them "a gift of time" together after losing their spouses.

I sat there with tears, wondering if I should tell her my connection with her new family. After the brunch, and more conversation, she decided to return to her room. She slowly maneuvered her wheelchair, away from the table, and I touched her arm to say good-bye. And, as I did that, I leaned down, and whispered, "Linda was my very best friend." Her eyes widened, and she took my hands. "Oh honey, I heard such wonderful expressions of love about her. The family was so broken when she passed." We exchanged hugs, and said good-bye.

As I walked to the car, I marveled at the timing of this encounter. If I had been one day earlier, or one week later, I would have missed her. The chance of being placed at her table when there were several tables available, and the instant sharing of our lives brought me to the conclusion that this was a divine appointment.

But the greatest reality was the fact that I was a witness of God's love. Death can be such a final ending for our hearts when we lose someone so dear, but God's love never ends. It is like streams of living water flowing with God whispering, "See, My Child, what I can do when you believe."

For my own heart, it was a lesson of realizing that life does go on when it seems so final, and God gives us a snapshot of hope and mercy when He carries us through those difficult and trying times.

'til we meet again, Deborah

A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Friends,

I am writing to thank you for your faithful payment of your 2013 tithes and district askings. According to our records, you are one of 652 churches which tithed at or above the 90% level! Thank you!

Because of your faithfulness, the budget of the Annual Conference is supported, our denomination's shared ministries are supported, and the necessary underpinning has been provided for all of the additional mission giving, Advance Special, special offerings, and related efforts which depend upon our connectional structure.

Because of your faithfulness to tithing, a young child was able to make her first public commitment to Christ through our camping program, a pastor's spouse was able to be treated for a life-threatening disease without experiencing catastrophic financial drain, and a college student received guidance from a university chaplain. Along with these ministries you have enabled your church to be connected to people in need around the world.

Thank you for your generous giving in the past, and thank you for your faithfulness this year in meeting your obligations and opportunities for ministry. In recognition of your faithfulness, I am enclosing a special recognition that I hope you will post and share with your congregation.

May God continue to bless you with generous hearts and with abundant resources to share.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Michael J. Coyner

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank Pastors Dale, Daryl and Charlotte for their visits and prayers while Jim and I were at IU Health Ball Hospital and Westminster Village the past several months. Their presence helped us through a difficult time. Also a thank you to the members of the congregation for the visits, calls, get well wishes and prayers. I ask that you continue to remember our family in your prayers.

Jo Ann Beckley

ALL CHURCH PROM

The youth will be hosting an All Church Prom again this year. It will be held on Saturday, May 31st from 5:00PM - 8:00PM in Parish Hall. Come for fun, snacks, dancing, and pin-the-tail on the donkey. You can register in the office.

LOST AND FOUND

Gloves: Pair of black leather gloves, size 7
Single black leather glove, right hand
Single black knit glove, right hand

Hats: Green knitted hat, tan knitted hat

Neck Scarf: White knitted neck scarf

Lightweight Blanket: Shades of blue

Wrist Brace: Black

Glasses: Red frames

Ring: Blue and red, turquoise setting.

Insulin bag: Black

Earphones: White smartphone

Laptop cord: Black hp

If any of the above items are yours they can be picked up in the church office.

Update on Staff Changes

You are invited to an open house at our church on Sunday, June 1, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. The open house is our opportunity to thank both Barbara Ballard, our Business Manager, and Lori Gibson, our Network Systems Administrator, for their years of employed service in our church. Together they have combined approximately twenty-eight years of employment on our staff.

Lori Gibson had to end her employment here due to health reasons. Barbara Ballard is retiring. Her last day on staff will be May 31.

At approximately 4:00 p.m. on June 1, we will present each of these ladies with a love gift from our church. Please come to the office and pick up an envelope in which you may return your donation to the love gifts. Please note on the envelope that you have the opportunity to designate how you want your donation divided between the two ladies. If you do not so designate, we will split your donation to direct half toward each lady. Please make your donation payable to High Street Church and have it to our office no later than Friday, May 23.

We have hired Casey Headland, formerly our Office Manager, to the position of Church and Public Relations Coordinator. We have also hired Cherish Hensley as our new Church Administrator to begin May 22. Both positions are full-time. We are also outsourcing our payroll and our financial record-keeping. I know you will want to congratulate Casey and welcome Cherish to our church staff.

I look forward to seeing you at the open house on June 1 and to the opportunity we have of presenting the love gifts to Barb and Lori.

Yours in Christ,
Dr. N. Dale Mendenhall

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 Casey Headland at:

info@munciehighstreet.com

WE NEED YOUR HELP

According to Child Protection Guidelines, we are required to have two adults with any group of children in our care. At present, we are not complying to that rule during Children's Church on Sunday mornings.

You would not be required to Lead or Teach the group. Just be a helper to the person who is Leading by being there.

If you would be willing to help by being that person during the 8:30 or 11:00 worship service on Sunday morning, please contact Pastor Daryl. If we have 4,6, or even 8 people sign up, we would have a good rotation.

Please prayerfully consider this ministry. Our children **need** your help.

Thank you!



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 8:00 AM PDO 8:00 AM SHIP 10:30 AM Blood Press. 11:00 AM Thurs. Lunch	2 9:00 AM Play Day 1:00 PM UMW Executive 6:00 PM Kid's Nite Out 6:00 PM Child Protection Training	3
4 Brown Bag 7:45 AM Waffle Breakfast 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 12:30 PM Confirmation 4:00 PM SAF 5:30 PM Women's Grp.	5 9:30 AM Bridge For Fun 12:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Preschool Board 4:30 PM Senior Supper	6 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:00 AM Play Day 9:30 AM Mary Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Staff Parish	7 9:00 AM M & M's 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 5:45 PM Hand Bell Reh. 6:00 PM Kids Praise 7:00 PM Overeaters Anon. 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM AA's 9:00 PM College/Career	8 8:00 AM SHIP 10:15 AM Lunch Activity 11:00 AM Thurs. Lunch 1:30 PM Naomi Circle	9 9:00 AM Play Day 11:00 AM Preschool Tea 12 NOON TT Deadline 2:00 PM Preschool Tea	10 9:30 AM PEO Group 2:00 PM Mary Barnell's Party
11 Mother's Day 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 The Grove	12 9:30 AM Bridge For Fun 12:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry	13 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:00 AM Play Day 9:30 AM Ruth Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 3:30 PM Trustees 6:30 PM Walking in Dust of Rabbi Jesus Study	14 8:00 AM Travelers to Indy 9:00 AM M & M Bible Study 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 1:00 PM Elder-Law 5:45 PM Hand Bell Reh. 6:00 PM Kids Praise 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	15 8:00 AM SHIP 10:15 AM Lunch Activity 11:00 AM Thurs. Lunch	16 9:00 AM Play Day 6:00 PM Kid's Nite Out	17 12:00 PM Bridal Shower for Caryle Horn
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