

TOWER UPDATE

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Victory Camp Mosquito Nets

Thank you to everyone that responded to the Joy in the Harvest Mission Team request for funding for mosquito nets to be used in the refuge camp in Tanzania. Our hope was to be able to take 50 nets with us, but because of your generosity we have enough funds for over 70 nets!



HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY and giving High Street Church as their preference: Carol Casazza, Jim Lambert, Eleanor Fisk (*IUH Ball*)

REMINDER VBS

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

Bible donation

If you have extra Bibles around the house and would like to donate them. The office gives them out to people who ask for one.

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

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

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| Submit By: | Issue Date: |
| April 11 Mid month | April 16 |
| April 25 | April 30 |
| May 9 Mid month | May 14 |

Waffle Palooza

The Joy in the Harvest Mission Team will be sponsoring another Waffle Palooza! Come join the fun on Sunday, May 4 in Parish Hall. Enjoy all the waffles you can eat along with sausage, juice, milk, and coffee. A free will offering will be taken. This is the last fund raiser for the Joy in the Harvest Mission Team. Funds received this date will be used to offset the final team travel expenses. The team will be leaving for Africa Tuesday, May 27.

Thank You for Your Sheets

The Koinonia Class was able to collect 3 large tubs of sheets to be taken to the Marion Store House to be used for bandages in Africa. Thanks to all that participated.

Jelly Jar Roundup

UMW is about to make their famous strawberry jam. Sugar and money donations to purchase strawberries are needed. The jam will be sold at Update Learning Monday, April 28. You may also preorder jars of jam by calling the church office and pick up your pre-ordered jam on Sunday, April 27. With no May Breakfast this year, UMW is trying to find new ways to continue some of their traditions. Strawberry jam is one of those traditions! Yum, yum! Thank you!



Hit the Second Ball First

Dear Friends in Christ:

It's becoming that time of year; that time when the golfers get out their clubs and start heading for those courses. I have never taken up the game despite efforts by my grandfather. Oh, I do play some golf on our Wii at home. The last time I shot a four-under-par on the nine-hole course. I suffer from no delusion that my Wii abilities could transition successfully onto a real course. If they could, I would be on tour.

Having not taken up the game that Mark Twain called "a good walk spoiled," I found myself earlier this month officiating a funeral service for a woman who had become quite an accomplished amateur golfer. She had won a number of tournaments in her life. She even had a couple of holes-in-one to her credit. The certifications of those holes-in-one were actually displayed upon the top of her closed casket during the service.

Having met with her two sons and gained some insights into their mother's life, I decided to weave some of those insights around the game of golf in the message that day. As a non-golfer, I reached for a book on my shelf by Scott Peck entitled *Golf and the Spirit: Lessons for the Journey*.

Peck in one chapter talks about a saying that developed among the Japanese golfers. The saying is "Hit the second ball first." It comes from a golfer having hit a horrible shot. If he or she isn't going to hold anybody up, the golfer takes out another ball

and hits it. Now this ball doesn't count. The golfer needs to locate that first ball and play it. But this second shot is more about removing the bad taste left in the golfer's mouth from that first terrible shot. Remarkably enough, the second ball is usually hit nicely. What's the difference? The golfer has relaxed. This second ball doesn't count. So, in a more relaxed frame, the golfer hits this ball better. The lesson, of course, is to relax. One needs to relax enough to "hit the second ball first."

That is grace. We Christians celebrate that in life we can relax enough in God's love and acceptance of us that we can hit the second ball first. We don't need to tense up trying to earn God's love and acceptance. We don't have to tense up trying to do all we can to be worthy of God's love and acceptance. God's love and acceptance are freely given. We can relax in that assurance.

The paradox in golf and in life is that in order to improve as a golfer or as a person, one must first learn to relax. Relax in grace. Relax enough to hit the second ball first.

As spring begrudgingly begins to appear, I wish only the best to the golfers in our congregation. And I pray that each of us, golfer or not, will come to relax in God's grace. Whether on the golf course or in life itself, let's hit the second ball first.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dale

Staff Changes

- As of this writing, we are lining up interviews with four applicants for our Resident Security/Host position (church mouse). Josh Coleman graduates from Ball State this May. We have agreed with him to start the next person no later than August 1.

- We have eliminated the three positions of Office Manager, Business Manager, and Network Administrator, and have created two new positions: the Church Administrator and the Church and Public Relations Coordinator.

- Casey Headland is being hired as our Church and Public Relations Coordinator.

- Barbara Ballard, our current Business Manager, is working reduced hours in April and May in anticipation of her retirement at the end of May. Barb will be working seven hours a day on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

- The Staff-Parish Relations Committee will be planning a celebration for Barb and for Lori Gibson, our former Network Administrator.

- We have begun the search for the Church Administrator. The goal is to have that person in place by May 1.

- We have outsourced the payroll responsibilities for the church and for Angels on High as of now.

- While we will continue to write other checks in the church office, the financial reports for the church are also being outsourced. The goal is to do this by May.

Get Acquainted with the Bible

Where did the Bible come from and how do I find my way around in it? Who wrote the Bible and what difference does it make to me? What do I look for when purchasing a Bible? How do I begin to read the Bible and understand it? Do you ever ask yourself any of these questions?

High Street's pastors will lead this class on SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014 from 9:00–11:00 A.M. (8:30 a.m. Coffee, Doughnuts, and Fellowship) . Child care is provided. Please come in and sign up today 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 Scraft: White knitted neck scaft

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.

Thank You

I want to thank the pastoral staff and Charlotte Overmyer in particular for the service at High Street and the many visits she made to our family as we cared for my wife Ruby during her illness. She certainly provided strength to us all. The organ music by Lana Blair and the solo by Melanie Riggin were so very good.

I also want to thank the women of the church in the Mary Circle that prepared the meal for the 40 plus members of our family and friends after they attended the services at Elm Ridge Cemetery. The food was excellent and the warm welcome and friendship helped soften the sadness of Ruby's death. Ruby loved the church and the gathering at High Street after Elm Ridge service was a perfect way to end the day.

The Wagner Family Thanks all of you.

Jim Wagner

Travelers Trips

WED MAY 14 INDLPS IN THE MONTH OF MAY
\$75 Per Person

WED JUNE 11 MYSTERY TRIP
\$75 PER PERSON

JUNE 17 – 20 DOOR COUNTY
WASHINGTON ISLAND & LAMBEAU
FIELD WISCONSIN 3 NGTS / 6 MEALS /
ATTRACTION GRATUITIES \$638 PER/DBL

WED JUL 9 BEEF & BOARDS: CHURCH
BASEMENT LADIES IV \$75 PER PERSON

WED AUG 6 QUILT GARDENS OF
ELKHART COUNTY \$75 PER PERSON

AUG 8 – 17 DANUBE RIVER CRUISE
SOLD OUT!

SEPT 4 – 10 CIVIL WAR TO CIVIL RIGHTS:
GETTYSBURG & WASHINGTON, DC
6 NGHTS / 11 MEALS / ATTRACTIONS /
+++++ \$ 1049 PER / DBL OCC

High Street Travelers

NEW Trips Added!!

Nov 7 & 8 Downtown Chicago: Architecture and Eats! \$329 per person

July, 2015 Alaska Cruise & Tour on Celebrity Cruises

For more information – see the church office or email Deb Heeter at dheeter601@comcast.net

Youth Events

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

April 20: Easter! Confirmands and New Members welcomed

April 27: Grove 6-8pm

May 4: SAF 4-7pm at High Street UMC



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| <p>6 Communion/Brown Bag</p> <p>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 5:30 PM Women's Grp.</p> | <p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM Update Learning Brkfst 8:00 AM Update Learning 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Preschool Board 4:30 PM Senior Supper</p> | <p>8</p> <p>6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:30 Ruth Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 3:30 PM Trustees 7:15 PM Confirmation Class</p> | <p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM M & M's 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 1:00 PM Elder-Law 5:45 PM Hand Bell Reh. 6:00 PM Kids Praise 6:00 PM Membership Class 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</p> | <p>10</p> <p>8:00 AM SHIP 10:15 AM Lunch Activity 11:00 AM Thurs. Lunch 1:30 PM Naomi Circle</p> | <p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Play Day 5:30 PM Cardinal Swim Team 12 NOON TT Deadline</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Fruitful Congregation 9:00 AM Travelers Trip 9:00 AM East District Con. Ed 1:30 PM Palm Sunday Breakfast set-up 4:30 PM Rialzo Volunteer - Parking Lot 6:00 PM ACAT Lanes and Games</p> |
| <p>13 Handbells/Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:30 AM Palm Breakfast 8:30 AM Trad. Worship 9 PM Blood Drive 9:30 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday Sch 10:30 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 5:30 PM Women's Grp. 6:00 PM Youth Movie Night</p> | <p>14 Holy Week</p> <p>8:00 AM Update Learning Brkfst 8:00 AM Update Learning 1:30 PM Food Pantry 3:30 PM Children's Ministries 4:00 PM Scholarship Committee</p> | <p>15 Holy Week</p> <p>6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Seder Dinner</p> | <p>16 Holy Week</p> <p>7:00 AM UM Men's Brkfst - Richards 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 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</p> | <p>17 Holy Week</p> <p>8:00 AM SHIP 10:15 AM Lunch Activity 11:00 AM Thurs. Lunch 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service</p> | <p>18 Good Friday</p> <p>8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Office Open 12:00 PM Good Friday Service - First Baptist</p> | <p>19</p> <p>9:30 AM Orchestra Rehearsal 10:00 AM Easter Angel Breakfast</p> |
| <p>20 Easter</p> <p>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 5:30 PM Women's Grp.</p> | <p>21</p> <p>8:00 AM Update Learning Brkfst 8:00 AM Update Learning 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Scholarship Committee</p> | <p>22</p> <p>6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Finance 5:00 PM Children's Ministries 5:30 PM Kiwanis Kids 6:00 PM Servant Leadership</p> | <p>23</p> <p>8:00 AM Making jam 9:00 AM M & M's 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 7:00 PM Fruitful Congreg. 8:00 PM AA's 9:00 PM College/Career Hangout Night</p> | <p>24</p> <p>8:00 AM SHIP 10:15 AM Lunch Activity 11:00 AM Thurs. Lunch 4:30 PM Wesleyan Circle</p> | <p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Play Day 12 NOON TT Deadline</p> | <p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM Get Acquainted with the Bible</p> |
| <p>27 Preschool Sing</p> <p>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 5:30 PM Women's Grp. 6:00 PM The Grove</p> | <p>28</p> <p>8:00 AM Update Learning Brkfst 8:00 AM Update Learning 1:30 PM Food Pantry</p> | <p>29</p> <p>6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry</p> | <p>30</p> <p>9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 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 7:30 PM Study and Snack for Finals 8:00 PM AA's</p> | | | |

