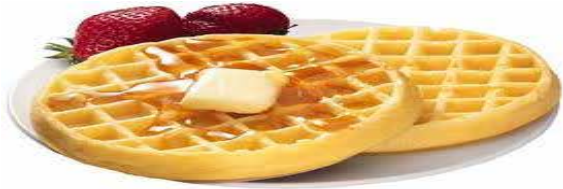


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Waffle Palooza

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.

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

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**Deadline for Submission is 12:00 Noon on
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May 9 Mid Month	May 14
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June 20	June 25

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BEING COMMUNITY IN TIMES LIKE THESE

What does it mean to be a community in our day and time? I think that there was a time when identifying a “community” was easy because community had definition. Definition came from the fact that a community was usually built around an entity such as a factory or particular industry, and that industry created needs for its workers. The factory or industry was composed of upper management, middle management, and workers. Housing in different parts of the community would be established that would serve these three levels of workers based on their income brackets, and these different parts of the community would be established in distinctively different parts of town.

People attending churches based on their social status should be no surprise since frequenting establishments based on social status is true in other areas of life. But churches? I recall an old quote: “Eleven o’clock on Sunday morning is the most segregated hour in America.” What do you think was meant by that? Could the person who coined that quote have been thinking about the supervisor who did not want to be looking at the back of his boss’s head on Sunday morning, or the entry level worker who really did not want to interact with his supervisor? I am sure that someone could find an exception to this thought.

Communities change. Factories close their doors, and people retire from their jobs. Sometimes they move in, or move away. Sometimes they stay in the same community and gain a different social status when the circumstances in their life change. Children in these families leave home (or stay) and make their way up or down the social ladder of life, and often make social changes in their lives that reflect those changes.

These churches served the spiritual needs of communities that were easy to define when they were established. How do these churches meet the spiritual needs of a community that has changed?

Churches, for better or worse, reflected the communities they served. The same people many interacted with on Sunday morning may have been the same people they saw at work during the week or the neighborhood grocery store on

Friday night. Spiritual needs revolved around hearing what God required of a person to be a good Christian and a productive member of the community.

For many of us those days do not exist any longer, and they are not coming back. The world we live in has changed, the spiritual needs of people have changed, and so have the needs of our communities. Has our church changed in light of the changes around us?

One thing that has always been true of all Christians (and possibly everyone else for that matter) is that we are all pilgrims on the way to some place that is much bigger than ourselves. In the larger sense we are talking about heaven, but in the natural sense we are talking about wholeness. Wholeness can be defined as something as universal as a better life for ourselves and our families, or something as profound as spiritual and/or emotional healing. There is something fulfilling about being on the right track when it comes to being in pursuit of wholeness.

Wholeness is something that many are pursuing in our day and time, and they are doing it out in the open. Whole industries have been created to help people get on the right path who are searching for this elusive phenomenon. There are people “out there” who have been on several different paths and discovered the paths that they were on did not lead them where they wanted to go.

Christ knows the right path. Christ has been leading people to wholeness for a couple of thousand years. The church is the body of Christ. What would Christ want the church to do in order to be community in times like these? What does Christ require of you and me?

Blessings, Pastor Daryl A Gilbert

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the beautiful lily and all the prayers. It brighten my day and made me feel special. I really appreciated it.

Doris Mentis

Sermon Series on The Holy Spirit

MAY 4 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sermon: "An Inside Job"

Scriptures: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

MAY 11 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY

Sermon: "Drawn into a Circle"

Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**MAY 18 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER/HERITAGE
SUNDAY/GRADUATION**

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

JUNE 1 ASCENSION SUNDAY COMMUNION

Sermon: "Praying Inside Out"

Scriptures: Acts 1:6-14 and Romans 8:26-27

JUNE 8 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sermon: "Empowered to Witness"

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21 and I Corinthians 12:3b-13

JUNE 15 TRINITY SUNDAY/FATHER'S DAY

Sermon: "Coming Alive in the Desert"

Scriptures: Romans 8:1-11 and Mark 1:12-13

High Street Archives Looks to New Home

With a strong impetus from Charles and Joyce Kaufman, the remarkable collection of Bibles, hymnals, photograph albums, choir records, class minutes, deeds, contracts, blueprints, sermons, histories, bulletins, keys, membership records, shards of broken stained glass, church directories, and even a fire helmet from the Explosion, were gathered into a small room on the ground level. These priceless heirlooms, some dating back to the 1850s, clearly define who the people of the Meeting House, Simpson Chapel, the Red Brick Church, and our present cathedral believed themselves to be, and mark the struggles and triumphs of their life together as the church of Jesus Christ in downtown Muncie.

Lovingly tended for several years under the watchful eye of Idamae Waid, the little treasure house at last began to overflow. The dedicated members of the Archives Committee finally came to realize that the collection was in danger of strangling. Recently, when new space became available on the third floor, the pastors and trustees saw fit to allocate a more spacious area for a storage and work room, indeed a veritable "Heritage Room" which would allow the congregation to celebrate its legacy and dream about its future.

Wasting no time, the Trustees built a wall. And on Sunday, March 30, Pastors Gilbert and Overmyer led the Archives Committee in bearing symbolic items from the ground floor room to the third floor where they held a brief service of dedication of the collection's new housing.

Very soon now, furniture is to be delivered which will permit the committee to store the church's prized possessions in a carefully protected environment and to index and process the materials according to archival standards. The High Street Collection will have come home! And, in the near future, there will be an open house so that everyone can see what a difference has been made.

High Street Travelers

WED MAY 14 INDLPS IN THE MONTH OF MAY

\$75 Per Person

WED JUNE 11 MYSTERY TRIP

\$75 PER PERSON

THANK YOU!

Angels on High Preschool is having a busy and fun month! One of our special events this month was our Preschool Sunday. The children worked very hard on their songs and bible verse and it was a blessing to hear their presentation. Thank you to all of the families who joined us at HSUMC that day. We had a great turn-out of children. A special thank you to Jordan Dollins for accompanying us on the piano.

During the last few months, our children have learned and grown in many ways. It's hard to believe that we are now looking at the end of the school year! We are so enjoying Spring and looking forward to all of our fun events.

This summer, our Parent's Day Out Program will be open to all children in the community ages 12 months - 3rd grade. We are excited to be able to minister to more children in our community. If you are someone is interested in our summer PDO program, please contact Rebecca.

Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year is underway. Next year we will be offering all 9 of our classes, and we are quickly filling the spots. Registration forms are available in the church office or by visiting our website at www.angelsonhigh.org. Feel free to share our programs with families in this community.

As our preschool and PDO continues to grow, so do our needs of consumable supplies. In the parlor of the church, the preschool has placed a board listing the needs we have at this time. Please take a moment to visit this board or our website (www.angelsonhigh.org) to see what items are needed. We can always use donation of packaged snacks, disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, Kleenex, paper towels! We thank you in advance for your donations.

We have been very fortunate to have Ball State University students volunteering in our classrooms!

Their energy and love for the children allows us to provide even more for our students. Unfortunately, we will be without our students during the month of May. We would invite you to consider volunteering in our classrooms. Also, if you love to read, our Transition Class invites you to join them as a guest mystery reader. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca at 216-7919 or rswander@angelsonhigh.org.

Thursday Luncheon

May 1 - Tamaka Mendez, Gardening

May 8 - Delaware County Extension Chorus

May 15 - Roy Tremble, singer

May 22 - Barbara Demaree, Magnificent Muncie

May 29 - The String-a-Longs, Volunteer Luncheon

May 5 - Senior Supper at MCL

Welcome to the Pantry!

The pantry welcomes four new volunteers. We are grateful to have Liz Radcliff, Penny Nolley, Betty Bailey, and Nancy Holcomb join our volunteer staff. Joyce Neal and Joyce Castillo have joined us as substitute. If you feel so inclined, we need a Monday substitute. Great Thanks to all our volunteers.

Wisdom People for MAY

Please send these wonderful folks a card and wish them many more active, healthy years.

Margaret Quire • 91 on May 14
P.O. Box 2394
Muncie, IN 47307



Mary Barnell • 90 on May 14
5105 N. Everett Rd.
Muncie, IN 47304

Naomi Oxley • 91 on May 15
145 Dogwood Dr.
Warren, IN 46792

Jeanne Wellnitz • 92 on May 28
2107 W. Village Dr.
Muncie, IN 47304

James Webb • 91 on May 29
4004 N. Ball Ave.
Muncie, IN 47303

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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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
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HERE, READ THIS!

We have had a number of people reading Bearing Fruit, the first book on the reading list of our Fruitful Congregation Journey Team. Conversations have been stirred. What we can use now are some helpful ways to begin bearing fruit.

Our Team found the last book in their reading to provide a number of those ways. The Team so believes in how helpful this book can be for the entire church that each Team member and the pastors are personally purchasing two copies of the book to begin handing to others in the church.

So, here in the near future, if Jayne Brinson, Terri Hutchison, Dan Moore Snyder, Bob Myers, Marsha Nuerge, Jennifer Rice Snow, Greg Smith, Dave Wilson, or one of the pastors hands you a copy of Get Their Name, please take it. Read it. And then pass it on.

High Street Nursery News

The High Street UMC Nursery provides childcare during ALL worship services, committee meetings, choir practices, and special events. If you need childcare for anything other than Worship Services, please let Casey Headland or Arline Morrow know in advance, and we will gladly schedule care for your child / children. It is not cost efficient to schedule workers if they are not needed.

“Playday” and “Kid’s Night Out” will continue during the summer. “Playday will take place on Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. till noon. “Kid’s Night Out” will take place the first and third Friday of each month from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Please call the office in advance to schedule a place for your child / children. A fee is charged for these events, and details of activities will be given at that time.

NAOMI CIRCLE

Naomi Circle will meet on Thursday, May 8th at 1:30pm in the parlor.

THANKS, JAKE!!

Have you noticed the new benches and the new bike rack on either side of our north entrance? Jake Stover in conjunction with our Board of Trustees has helped make this area a more inviting place to be. Jake has done this project as part of earning his Eagle Scout Award.

The Trustees are also planning to add some planters in the new seating area.

CAKE NOTICE!

If you have a special event on Sunday during the coffee bar hour please let the office know and we will contact the coffee bar workers. Also, make sure to have a person to cut and serve the cake, and be sure you have forks, plates, and napkins. Thank you!

ADDITION TO EASTER LILIES

Donor

Mary and Jim Barnell
Jane Stevens

In Memory/Honor Of

Wesley Barnell and our parents
Joseph and Geraldene Wagner



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The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

- Soup
- Jelly
- Cereal • Sauce
- Peanut Butter • Pasta

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:

362 people



Thank you for your contributions, both food and monetary, to the High Street Food Pantry!

High Street Memorials



- † Pat McClellan
- † Ann Rohrig
- † Dorothy Leake



HOSPITALIZED THE PAST MONTH and giving High Street Church as their preference: Carol Casazza, Eleanor Fisk, Jim Beckley, Liz Kirkland, Jim Lambert, Kenneth Ford, Danny Ruble, Helen Ross, and Jack Gebhart

HOW WE HELP!

The Samaritan Fund - 2014

People Helped: 190

Rent:	\$2,121.00
Utilities:	\$5,375.55
Prescriptions:	\$390.91
Misc.:	\$684.00
Total:	\$8,571.46



The need for assistance is always growing. the number of people calling or coming in on Tues. mornings to try to make an appointment for assistance gets bigger every week. We are so grateful for your donations which allow us to help the least of these.

REMINDER VBS

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

THANK YOU!

Many THANKS to all those who helped make our strawberry jam by...donating jars, sugar and a Wednesday morning when we stirred, filled jars and labeled the jam! The UMW Strawberry Jam tradition continues! Yum! Yum!

Susan

Youth Events

- May 4:** SAF - High Street Church at 4PM
- May 11:** The Grove at 6PM
- May 18:** Youth Council at 5PM
The Grove at 6PM
- May 27:** All Church Prom Set Up at 6PM
- May 28:** All Church Prom Set Up at 6PM
- May 30:** All Church Prom from 5-8PM

ALL CHURCH PROM

The youth will be hosting an All Church Prom again this year. It will be held on Saturday, May 30th from 5:00PM - 8:00PM in Parish Hall. Come ye one and all for fun, snacks, dancing, and pin-the-tail on the donkey.

Congratulations and Welcome to High Street Church

High Street UM Church was blessed to have the following people recognized on Easter Sunday.

Baptisms: Sophie Grace Fallon, Andrew Everetts, Katie Grace Everetts

New Members: Greg and Julie Fallon, Doug and Amanda Droste

Confirmands: Jessica Cunningham, Savannah Pattison, Adrianna Castillo, Katherine Wolfe, Andrew Everetts, and Katie Everetts

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