

TOWER UPDATE

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated blood this past Sunday. We had a total of 17 donors and with those donors we collected 14 units. 14 units of blood has the potential to save 42 lives!!

Rummage Sale

It's Coming...

“BASEMENT BONANZA”
THE UMW RUMMAGE SALE
FRIDAY, JULY 11



HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY and giving High Street Church as their preference: Jocy Tapy, Edna Fulk, Danny Ruble, Wilma Swain (*IUH Ball Memorial Hospital*).

Save your antiques, small appliances, pictures, books, new & gently used clothes, crafts, small furniture, holiday items, housewares, toys and tools.



Be sure to visit our website!

www.munciehighstreet.com

Workers will be needed for set up on Wednesday and Thursday, July 9 & 10, as well as Friday, the day of the sale.

Tower Topics

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

Come join us in the fun! Any questions, call Carolyn Besser or Elli Taylor.

Delivery of your items for the sale will be Wednesday 8-4:00 & Thursday 8-2:00.

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

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

Submit By:

June 20

July 4 Mid Month

July 18

Issue Date:

June 25

July 9

July 23

Sunday, June 29th

On Sunday, June 29th there will be one service at 9:30am. This service will take place outside in the parking lot. Make sure to bring your lawn chairs!!

Following the service will be a Preschool Open House in the Angels on High Building, an Open House for the Archives in Room 301, and a meal in Parish Hall.

Wisdom

Dear Friends in Christ:

There was a very low price displayed on a number of stacks of Bibles at the Cokesbury display at Annual Conference this year. The Bibles were the new Common English Version, having come out in 2011. The price, as I recall, was somewhere around \$5.00 – a pretty good price for a new Bible.

When I noticed these stacks of Bibles at this rock-bottom price during one of the breaks at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, I determined I would come back later to purchase a copy. I didn't have a Common English Version of the Bible as yet. The decision to delay the purchase and return later was prompted by the tremendously long line of people with purchases to make from Cokesbury. Waiting in long lines, one could say, is not one of my passions.

I did return to the Cokesbury display after a long lunch on Friday. You probably have guessed it – the bargain CEV Bibles were gone. There had been so many when I had been there earlier. I did, however, purchase a CEV Bible. It's a little more expensive than those ones I spied earlier, but the difference was not insurmountable, and possibly a price worth paying just for avoiding that long line.

Saturday morning I decided to begin reading my new CEV Bible. I can't explain why, but I decided to start with "Proverbs." Chapter 1, verse 7 goes like this in the CEV: Wisdom begins with the fear of the LORD, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. That's a little different from the New Revised Standard Version's wording, which goes: The fear of the LORD is

the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. I think I prefer the CEV's take on that verse. It seems to me a person can be quite knowledgeable and still quite foolish. It is one thing to possess knowledge; it's another thing to know what to do with it. The latter gets us, it seems to me, into the area of wisdom.

Wisdom begins with the fear of the LORD. This "fear" has more to do with reverence, awe, and trust. The starting point for wisdom is not only a recognition of God and his character and activity; it is also a growing relationship with him. If God is the One who created and is also the One in whom creation will be brought to its fulfillment, then it would only make sense that the deeper one's relationship with God, the better one comes at understanding what the creation is truly about and what God is doing. Out of that stems wisdom.

Have you ever sat down at a keyboard and begun typing only to discover that what you are composing is gibberish? You are typing letters but not forming words. It's then that you discover that you had your fingers misplaced on the keyboard. If your index fingers don't begin on "f" and "j", what you will compose will appear as so much foolishness. To compose something that truly makes sense, one needs to begin with your fingers properly positioned.

To live a life that makes the most sense and has the deepest meaning and impact, that life needs to begin properly positioned. Wisdom begins with the fear of the LORD.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dale

Archives: More Than Pictures of Dead People

In the last issue of Tower Topics, we talked about the fantastic collection of records, documents, photographs and memorabilia that High Street's Archive Committee is responsible for maintaining. We do indeed have a rich heritage of artifacts from the past which we want to preserve for future generations. But at one time those documents and pictures were not old. The people shown in the photographs were real, live individuals who were the life blood of the church at the time. And the documents were newly-created records that someone felt that it was important to save. Events were occurring that needed to be remembered. And they have been. We want to continue this process.

So, the function of the Archives Committee is not just to maintain old records, it is to collect and preserve new records. In another 175+ years, the records that we save today will be as treasured as those that we have now. We hope that they will be treated with the same care and respect as we give the ones that were created 175 years ago. Which is why the Archives Committee is excited about its new working and storage area. Moving out of a closet off of the "Potty Room" into a larger space on the third floor will make it possible to give our records a safer and more accessible place to live.

This move was made possible by the moving of the preschool to the old Music Building. Was this move a watershed event in the life of the Church? Absolutely! Did the Archives Committee document this event? Absolutely! We well understand that change is constant in an effective church congregation. What the

Archives Committee wants to do is to document the changes as they occur. Along with recording the every-day, normal life of the church – if there is such a thing – we want to be able to tell future generations about the major changes that have happened. Which is why we have so much information on the explosion and fire. That was a major turning point in the life of the Church. It could have moved out of downtown Muncie. But it didn't.

The creation of the Willa Stevenson Center for the Angels on High Preschool is another reflection of the growing impact that High Street is having on the Muncie community. Our church didn't move to the suburbs after the explosion, and now, with this new building, the church is helping to make downtown Muncie a more livable place for families. Hopefully this will make High Street more attractive to new members. And as this impact continues, your Archives Committee will continue to record and document.

We welcome anyone who feels that the work of the Archives Committee is important. We also welcome financial contributions. We are equipping the new work area with archivally-compatible work surfaces, equipment and storage containers. Our goal is to be able to preserve our 150-year-old documents for another 150 years with no further deterioration, along with all the new documents that are created on a daily basis. We think the new area will be key in doing this. We are planning a reception for the congregation to visit our new area and see our progress. Details will be published when they are finalized.

Thursday Luncheon

June 12th - YWCA Chorus

June 19th - Cornfield Cloggers

June 26th - Aging of the Eye, Dr. Vasilis Makris, Makris Vision

PANTRY

The High Street Pantry serves ten families and four single people a week. The bags include food for approximately a week. The items requested in newsletter and bulletin are those needed to fill the orders. Many items are donated by the congregation on Brown Bag Sunday. - *Always appreciated.*

Some items are purchased from the pantry fund: meat, frozen OJ, dried milk, TP, mashed potatoes. Some items are donated by individuals: bread, eggs, margarine, crackers. - *Gratefully received.*

Some items are donated by groups (UMW circles, SS classes): gelatin, cereal, canned potatoes, tuna fish, macaroni/cheese, soap. - *Many , many thanks.*

Items needed to complete each order are purchased from the pantry fund. The purchases have depleted that source. No request for cash has been made to the congregation lately.

This is a request: Please, help the pantry replenish its buying power. Checks need to be made out to High Street UMC, with note: PANTRY in the memo line and cash are welcome at any time in the office. - *Muchas gracias.*

Bob Chico, Jennifer Hopper, Merrilyn McNary

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be June 23rd - 27th. The theme this year will be "Workshop of Wonders, Imagine and Build with God." Registration forms and packets are now available in the church office. The cost is \$5.00. Ages 3 years through 5th grade welcome! Please contact:

Bethany Davis at (765) 748-0104
bethanymdavis78@sbcglobal.net

or

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for more information. We are also still needing volunteers to help out with Bible School. If you love working with children and are looking for something to do. Then this is for you!



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



<p>1 Communion/Brown Bag 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 2:30 PM Jamaica Team Meeting - Everett's 3:30 PM Barband Lori Open House 5:00 PM Prom clean up 5:30 PM Women's Grp. 6:00 PM The Grove</p>	<p>2 9:30 AM Bridge For Fun 10:30 Preschool Party 12:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Preschool Board 4:30 PM Senior Supper</p>	<p>3 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:00 AM Play Day 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 2:00 PM Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus 4:00 PM Travelers Preview Event 6:00 PM Travelers Meeting for Doors County</p>	<p>4 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 7:00 PM Overeaters Anon. 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM AA's 9:00 PM College/Career</p>	<p>5 8:00 AM SHIP 10:30 AM Blood Press. 11:00 AM Thurs. Lunch 4:00 PM Mary Jane Luick</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM Play Day 12:00 PM TT Deadline 6:00 PM Kid's Night Out</p>	<p>7 3:00 PM Savannah Myers graduation party</p>
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<p>15 Father'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 12:00 PM Jamaica Team Meeting - Parlor</p>	<p>16 9:00 AM Pastor interviews 9:00 AM Update Learning Meeting 9:30 AM Bridge For Fun 12:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Preschool Board</p>	<p>17 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:00 AM Play Day 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 11:45 AM Heritage Pointe 1:30 PM Food Pantry 2:00 PM Walking in Dust of Rabbi Jesus Study 5:00 PM Children Ministries 6:00 PM Child Protection Training</p>	<p>18 7:00 AM UM Men's Brkfst 8:00 AM Life Stream 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 6:00 PM Overeaters Anon. 8:00 PM AA's 9:00 PM College/Career</p>	<p>19 8:00 AM SHIP 10:15 AM Lunch Activity 11:00 AM Thurs. Lunch</p>	<p>20 9:00 AM Play Day 12:00 PM TT Deadline 6:00 PM Kid's Nite Out</p>	<p>21</p>
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<p>29 9:30 AM One Service 10:30 AM Open House for Preschool and Archives 10:30 AM Meal</p>	<p>30 9:30 AM Bridge For Fun 12:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry</p>					

Daily Prayer Request Jamaica Team!

Tuesday June 17th-

Safe travel to Jamaica with no missed flights
Quick acclimation to Jamaican culture

Wednesday June 18th-

Visit to Gertie McKenzie school in the morning
Safety while cleaning orphanage property at Spring Garden in the afternoon

Thursday June 19th-

Safety while cleaning orphanage property at Spring Garden
Open hearts for the lessons God has for each of the team

Friday June 20th-

Safety and fun during our sight seeing day
Effective outreach during game night at a local church

Saturday June 21st-

Visit to Robin's Nest Orphanage in Montego Bay
Continued growth and learning for team members

Sunday June 22nd-

Visit to local church in the morning
Feeding and clothing ministry at church in the afternoon

Monday June 23rd-

Painting and outreach at a homeless shelter
Safety and fun for an afternoon at Blue Hole

Tuesday June 24th-

Safe travels and no missed flights as we journey home
That God would solidify life lessons from this trip in each heart

Upcoming Sermons

JUNE 29

SERMON: "What's Your Story?"
SCRIPTURES: Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 66:16

JULY 6

SERMON: "Reclaiming Our Missional Heritage"
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:16-20

JULY 27

SERMON: "The Two Mission Fields"
SCRIPTURES: Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

AUGUST 3 COMMUNION

SERMON: "Who's New in Your Life?"
SCRIPTURES: Colossians 4:5-6
Matthew 5:13-16

AUGUST 10

SERMON: "Why God?"
SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-8 and 3:16-21

AUGUST 17

SERMON: "Why Church?"
SCRIPTURES: Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

AUGUST 24

SERMON: "Why This Church?"
SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 1:4-19

SEPTEMBER 7

SERMON: "Whom Are We Hosting?"
SCRIPTURES: Hebrews 13:1-2
Matthew 10:40-42

SEPTEMBER 14

SERMON: "The Four-Step Program"
SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:1-22
Based on chapter 10 in the book

