

# TOWER UPDATE

MID-JULY 2014

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## THANK YOU!

A huge Thank You to everyone who purchased our UMW chicken pot pies. Our profit was \$842.03, which will go a long way toward supporting UMW missions. Your generosity was very much appreciated.

### Ruth Circle Members



**HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY** and giving High Street Church as their preference: Dorothy Webb (*IUH Ball Memorial Hospital*).

## All Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 14th for the annual All-Church Picnic! It will be held at Morrows Meadows in Yorktown. Watch for details.

## TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

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

Submit By:  
July 18  
August 1 Mid Month  
August 15

Issue Date:  
July 23  
August 6  
August 20

## IT WAS A SUCCESS!

Our thanks to Resounding Mercy, our VBS staff and children, Marsha Nuerge and the meal crew, our parking attendants, our ushers, our sound crew, our Angels on High staff, our Archives Committee, our custodial staff, our set-up crew, and our take-down crew for all the efforts that made our Outdoor Worship on June 29 such a joyous occasion. We had 265 in worship in our one service and have received a number of positive comments. And our thanks to The Star Press for the pictorial coverage.

## ATTENTION HABITAT VOLUNTEERS

**ALL INTERESTED MEN AND WOMEN** who would like to be a part of High Street work team for Muncie Habitat save the weekend of September 5th and 6th. This will be High Street's chance to show our community involvement in Habitat. No assignment has yet been made at to our work project. More information will be forth coming in the future. Get your tools dusted off and nail aprons mended.

Jerry McNary

# “Striving for an attitude of Gratitude”

One of my most recent explorations is a book written by Linda Douty titled: How Can I See the Light When It's So Dark?: Journey to a Thankful Heart. In this book Douty writes about how one's journey toward an attitude of gratitude is a trip worth taking, and how it takes more than just sheer determination to get one there. She commented that studies have shown that grateful people have fewer health issues, and often live longer lives. The thing that caught my interest was her comment of how people are drawn to those who have an attitude of gratitude—a thankful heart.

Before we begin we must believe that the trip is worth taking. All humans are “hard wired” for certain things; our basic desire to cling to life, our need for food, etc. We are hard wired to be thankful as well. All one has to do is look at the hearts of children to know that for sure. Smiles come easy to children when they are happy, and it usually does not take a lot to get small children to that place. When a child is happy he or she is content, and contentment is one of the attributes of a thankful heart. What about those arms swung wide when they see someone they care about? Let's not forget birthday parties and a child's reaction toward the giver of a sought after gift. Life's journey toward adulthood leads many away from a heart of gladness, and God wants to lead us back. Douty writes that first we must confront the roadblocks that lead us away from gratitude.

An attitude of gratitude is not built on a foundation of guilt. Remember when we were children and were told to eat something on our plates because people are starving in other parts of the world? Of course, we need not waste food, and yes, we did need to eat our vegetables, but gratitude is not built on the perceived misery of others. I remember eating those green beans out of guilt and telling myself to be thankful even though I was not. In fact, I would have been thankful if my mother had misplaced her can opener!

I recall growing up with a friend who lived in an extreme case of “having not.” I recall other children pointing out his family's poverty and

having a good laugh at his family at his expense. When I think back to those times it is interesting to note that my friend never really reacted to those remarks. In fact, none of his family reacted to the remarks, stares, or sneers from those in the neighborhood who may have believed that they were much better off than this family. Actually, most everyone in our community was sort of living in the “same boat,” but it probably made some of them feel better about their situation to point out my friend's family's lack of “luck.”

What this family did not have in “luck” they had in heart. As I look back it is really hard to explain what this meant, except to say that many who got to know them spent more time with them than they did with their own families. I think that this family was grateful for having enough—they were content. This did not mean that the members of this family did not try to do better for themselves and each other; it meant that what they had or did not have did not define who they were. What defined each of them was what they did have for sure, and that was each other. They had a way of making others feel loved, important, and special because this is how they felt about themselves. Most of all, they did not live in the past thinking of what they lost, and they did not worry about the future and its uncertainties—they lived, loved, and gave love one day at a time.

When one strives for an attitude of gratitude one comes to know that one is loved, important, and special in spite of one's outward condition. God loves each one of us, and God's love is enough to move us toward an attitude of gratitude. Is the journey worth it? *Matthew 18:1-6 Answers that question for me: <sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>He called a child, whom he put among them, <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”*

Blessings, Pastor Daryl A Gilbert

# Habitat Bolivia

Dear Friends at High Street UMC,

We have the wonderful opportunity to join Muncie Habitat for Humanity on a Global Village trip to Bolivia! Muncie Habitat has partnered with the Habitat affiliates in Bolivia for over 25 years! In that time, Muncie Habitat has "tithed" over \$250,000 to serve 97 families in the country. In order to witness the work with our eyes and hands, and to develop deeper relationships and partnerships, we will be taking this trip with a team of 10 local people to help **build a house** for a family in need. We are honored to join former board members, volunteers, donors, staff, and long-time supporters of Muncie Habitat.

We are going to Bolivia to help build houses--not because local people in Bolivia cannot do this work: We are going there because we want to become a part of the larger Habitat Bolivia story. This trip will serve as a precious opportunity to serve families who are in need of practical housing solutions, while also allowing us to experience a new culture and build relationships with God's children in Bolivia. Relationships between the affiliates will be strengthened, families will be serviced, and my life will be forever changed.

**We have a few requested of you. First, may we ask you to please pray for our team** as they partner with Habitat Bolivia?

Please pray for:

- *Habitat Bolivia*: that God will assist them in their work, and that we will be a help and bring encouragement.

- *The family we will serve*: that this house will positively impact their family for years to come.
- *Our team*: that we will have safety, unity, and be able to effectively communicate with people.
- *Our financial needs*: that God will provide the support we need for this project. Our team of 10 must raise an additional \$15,000 for trip expenses.

**Next, would you please consider contributing to our project? Your contribution will help our team to pay for all expenses associated with this trip.**

You may support us in our Global Village trip with Habitat by writing a check to High Street UMC and designating the check to Habitat Bolivia. Your assistance, no matter the amount, will help impact the lives of families in Bolivia. All funds need to be received by **August 1, 2014**.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Sincerely,

Del and Jayne Brinson

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## Mary Circle and Friends

I miss seeing you each month for circle and church. I hope all is going well with your circle as well as you individually! I'm going to be at Hamilton Lake in Steuben, CO for the first two weeks in July.

Take care and best wishes,

Evelyn Shoemaker

## Upcoming Sermons

### JULY 20

SERMON: "It's Not Easy Being Green"

SCRIPTURES: Psalm 92 and Luke 21:1-4

### 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

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## Thank You Master Gardener

Our thanks to the Master Gardeners who devotedly attend to the flowers outside our church and enhance the appearance of our property.

## Car Guy and Gal Club

*New!* Car Guy and Gal Club - Do you enjoy working on cars, trucks, or engines....or maybe just enjoy being around them? If so, this new group is for you! The format will be to meet at a member's house (garage) and work on/discuss his project and have a snack. Then, for the next meeting, members will meet at someone else's place and do the same. Car Guys is open to all ages and abilities.....Just come for car talk and Christian fellowship. The first get-together will be Wednesday, July 16th at 7pm at Andy Wolfe's house at 5512 W Oakbrook Ct., Muncie. Meeting frequency, etc. will be discussed

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## Dance Lessons

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Join us for dance lessons! Classes will be 1 hour each week for 6 weeks beginning mid-July. The cost could be as low as \$15 per person/\$30 per couple per week! Contact Jennifer Everetts at 765-729-0196 for more information or to register.



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<b>6 Brown Bag</b> 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 11:30 AM Anniversary Party Set-up 1:00 PM Anniversary Party for John and Jo Wagner	<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Bridge For Fun 12:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Senior Supper	<b>8</b> 6:45 AM Renovaré 7:00 AM PDO 8:30 AM Staff 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry	<b>9</b> 8:00 AM Rummage Setup 9:00 AM Travelers Beef and Board 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 1:00 PM Elder-Law 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM AA's 9:00 PM College/Career	<b>10 No Luncheon</b> 8:00 AM SHIP 8:00 AM Rummage Setup	<b>11</b> 8:00 AM Rummage Sale 9:00 AM Play Day	<b>12</b>
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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

## AUGUST 24:

### **RECOGNITION OF 50+ YEAR MEMBERS**

It's always a joy to recognize those people who have been members of High Street for fifty years or more. This year we will hold this recognition on Sunday, August 24, in conjunction with Pastor Dale's sermon on "Why This Church?"

## **AUGUST 31:**

### **FIFTH SUNDAY/LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

We will conduct one service on this Sunday. You are invited to come to church dressed in the attire you typically wear to work or school. Those of you who are retired are invited to come dressed for the job from which you retired.

## OCTOBER 26:

### **BISHOP MCCLESKEY PREACHING**

Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey will be preaching all of our worship services. Bishop McCleskey will be sharing about Africa University, to which we have pledged \$10,000 over the next three years in support of endowing a chair in agriculture and in providing student scholarships. Bishop McCleskey has been gracious enough to re-schedule with us after the weather interfered with him being with us this past winter.

## NOVEMBER 2:

### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

We will remember those members of this church who have passed away since the last All Saints Sunday.

## NOVEMBER 14-16:

### **FRUITFUL CONGREGATION**

### **CONSULTATION WEEKEND**

Be sure to save this weekend! The consultation team will be with us Friday through Sunday, conducting interviews (Friday), working with our Church Council and conducting a workshop for church members (Saturday), leading worship and reading the prescriptions for our future (Sunday).

# High Street Travelers

**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 NIGHTS / 11 MEALS / ATTRACTIONS / ++++++  
\$ 1049 PER / DBL OCC**

**WED SEPT 17 MYSTERY TRIP  
\$75 PER PERSON**

**WED OCT 8 "MADE IN AMERICA:  
FACTORIES, FALL AND FOOD"  
\$75 PER PERSON**

**NEW! FRI NOV 7 CHICAGO, IL:  
ARCHITECTURE & EATS! PRICE: \$329/DBL**

**WED NOV 12 BEEF AND BOARDS:  
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF  
\$75 PER PERSON**

**WED DEC 3 BEEF & BOARDS:  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION  
\$ 75 PER PERSON**

## ALSO PROMOTING:

**Jan 23-31, 2015**

### **CARIBBEAN CRUISE**

**by Scenic Seekers Tours**

**Royal Caribbean's 7-night Southern  
itinerary on Jewel of the Seas**

**RT air to San Juan / Cabin in Selected**

**Category / transfers & taxes Starting at \$1,799 per**

**May 10-18, 2015**

### **A JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY LAND**

**Offered by First Presbyterian Church & Rev.  
J.D. Georlett**

**9 days / RT Air / Fully Escorted / Hotels /  
Meals ++++++**