

TOWER UPDATE

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Coats Against the Cold

Hearts and Hands United is coming together once again to provide winter coats for those in our community who need them. The cutoff date for collections is October 12th. There is a collection box outside the church office if you have new or gently used coats to share. Plus sizes are especially needed. The giveaway this year is scheduled for Saturday October the 18.

SAVE THE DATES!

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).



HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY and giving High Street Church as their preference: Larry Besser, Helen Colsten, Judy Lambert, Peggy Richardson (*IUH Ball Memorial Hospital*).

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

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

Submit By:

Sept. 15

October 6 Mid-month

October 20

November 3 Mid-Month

Issue Date:

October 1

October 15

November 1

November 15

Expectations

Dear Friends in Christ:

The last time I wrote for this page in our church newsletter, I reported on my Mario Andretti Ride-Along Experience at the Chicagoland Speedway. But the day before, we went to more hallowed ground. Our time there took much longer than the three laps around the speedway. Yes, we went to Wrigley Field and rooted on the Cubs. The Cubs played the Braves. And yes, my Cubbies lost.

Quite frankly, when I learned who our pitcher was going to be that day, I went to the game with low expectations. Actually, given the weather forecast, I was afraid we would attend a rainout. But it didn't rain. So, the day could have been worse. I wasn't the only one that day with low expectations. Even the fellow where we parked our vehicle commented that given who was pitching that day, the Cubs were most likely to lose.

But I hang in there. One of the things we (okay I) gave up when we moved out of northwest Indiana down here was frequent access to televised Cubs games. But now Cathy shakes her head at me as I get on my phone. When asked, I tell her I am checking up on the Cubs. I can follow the team pitch-by-pitch.

I was doing that the other evening as the Cubs completed their three-game sweep of the Brewers. The Cubs' big names (Anthony Rizzo and Starlin Castro) are out with injuries. The Cubs' line-up this particular evening featured five rookie starters. In reading about the game on my phone (scores. espn.go.com), I read that the winning pitcher for this game, a rookie, said

this: There's a lot of energy. When I came up, there wasn't a lack of energy, but it's almost as if we're expecting to win more, I guess. . . . We won in the minor leagues, so we've had that bred into us that we need to win and want to win." With the rookie infusion, the Cubs since July 18 have the best record in their division.

Expectations make a real difference. Some people guard themselves against disappointment by living with low expectations. If you expect little, you can't be too disappointed when little happens. That's the way I entered Wrigley Field that day back in July. I would have been thrilled to have been surprised by a win. But I had guarded myself against being too deeply disappointed.

But living with low expectations is no real way to live. And it's no way to live as a Christian. Soon we will begin a sermon series on Philippians. Paul begins by thanking God for those Christians. He exhorts them to rejoice always. And he writes words we have heard often: I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Paul isn't talking about leaping over tall buildings in a single bound or pitching a no-hitter or composing a symphony. He is talking about facing all of the ups and downs of life. No matter what, God strengthens him. His expectations are in God. Isn't that the way we each are invited to live as we face the ups and downs of life?

With expectations of what God can do in and through us (and waiting until next year).

Pastor Dale

Greeting in Christ!

Thank you all for your support and prayers as we begin a new semester here at Ball State with the Cardinal Campus Ministries and CCO.

We have already begun to make dozens of new friendships and connections through the *Spiritual Life Fair*, the *Student Activities Fair*, and our *Info Table* in the Arts and Journalism Atrium. Please continue to pray and partner with us, that we may direct and guide students into places where they will grow in their faith and the local church.

The *College Connection/Wesley Fellowship* had a great start last Wednesday in Wesley Hall at College Ave UMC and is open to all students. We believe this large group study can be a connecting point between campus ministry and our cluster congregations.

Of course, our most strategic reach onto campus will be our small group ministry, *Quads*. Our hope is to reclaim the vital heritage of Methodism by experiencing bible study, leadership development and spiritual formation throughout the BSU community.

As always, please continue to let me know what opportunities you would like to share with our students and student leaders as a way of welcoming them into your congregational life. In the meantime, please continue to pray for our developing student leadership team and some of our broader outreach opportunities:

College Connection/Wesley Fellowship
Wednesdays 8:30 pm College Ave UMC

Cardinal Campus Ministries/ CCO Fall Retreat

October 4/5, Ft. Wayne

Jubilee Conference Launch Party

October 9

Jubilee Conference

February 20-22, Pittsburgh

As we continue to develop our web presence and access through the Ball State website, please feel free to direct students to get more information about upcoming events and opportunities to connect by emailing Bob Riggles at briggles@ccojubilee.org or Kasey Needham at cco@bsu.edu.

Grace and peace in Christ,

Bob Riggles



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Upcoming Sermons

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

SEPTEMBER 21

SERMON: "The Four-Step Program"

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:1-22

SEPTEMBER 28

SERMON: "Joy Completed!"

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:1-13

Sunflowers and Joy

Thank you to everyone that bought sunflowers or donated funds following our presentation about Joy in the Harvest and our mission trip. We raised \$104 which is enough to feed 2 children for an entire year! May God bless the children that will benefit from those funds!

The 2014 Joy in the Harvest team

Thank You!

Thanks for all the visits, thoughts, and prayers during my recent hospital stays. The love and support was deeply felt and appreciated.

Earl Williams

Pantry

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Food Pantry in the last few weeks. Donations have been on the rise and the shelves aren't quiet as bare as they were during the summer months! When we aren't shopping just to fill bags for the next week it allows us to concentrate more on stocking up when we find a great price on one of our staples.

We are adding crayons and coloring books to its inventory for families with small children. If you can help, please place those items in one of the Food Pantry baskets in the Narthex.

We also received a \$200 grocery gift card last week from Meijer! The Muncie Meijer is a long time supporter of area food pantries, and as a shopper for the High Street Food Pantry, I get extra special service when I show up to purchase multiple cases of the items showcased in the weekly ad.

So next time you're at Meijer, remember to thank your favorite greeter, cashier or stockperson for the generous donation that allows us to continue our mission to feed the hungry in our community.

Jennifer Hopper

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



	<p>1</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:15 AM Mary Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 12:00 PM TT Deadline 1:30 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Update Brochure Folding 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 9:30 AM Mommy & Me 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choir 6:30 PM Resound Mercy 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:00 PM AA's 8:30 PM Young Adults Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 AM SHIP 10:30 AM Bld Pres Chk 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 4:00 PM Nominations</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4:45 PM Youth Boy's MovieNight</p>
<p>7 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 5:30 PM Women's Group 6:00 PM The Grove</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 AM Bridge For Fun 12:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Senior Supper 6:30 PM Servant Leadership</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:45 AM Renovaré 8:00 AM Ruth Circle making Pot pies 8:30 AM Staff 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 3:30 PM Trustees 6:00 PM Child Protection Training</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM M&M Bible Study 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 1:00 PM Elder-Law 4:00 PM Nominations 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choir 6:30 PM Resounding Mercy 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:00 PM AA's</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 AM SHIP 11:00 AM Lunch Activity 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 1:30 PM Naomi Circle</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Play Day 10:00 AM Naomi Circle - Westminster Fellowship</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</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 1:30 PM Crop Registration 2:00 PM Crop Walk 5:00 PM Church Picnic</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 AM Bridge For Fun 12:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Children's Clothing Center 4:30 PM Preschool Board 6:30 PM Uniting Head and Heart</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 10:30 AM UMW Meeting 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Martha Mary</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 AM UM Men's Brkfst 9:00 AM Fall Mystery Trip 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choir 6:30 PM Resounding Mercy 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 7:00 PM Staff Parish 8:00 PM AA's</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 AM SHIP 11:00 AM Lunch Activity 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Play Day 6:00 PM Kid's Night Out</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</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 12:15 PM Advent/ Christmas Luncheon 5:00 PM Youth Council 5:30 PM Women's Group 6:00 PM The Grove</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30 AM Update Breakfast 8:00 AM Update Learning 9:30 AM Bridge For Fun 12:00 PM Mah Jongg 12:00 PM TT Deadline 1:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Uniting Head and Heart</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 11:45 AM Preschool Chapel 1:30 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Children Ministries</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 11:00 AM FCJ Prayer Team 11:45 AM Preschool Chapel 4:00 PM Kid's Grief 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choir 6:00 PM FCJ Prayer Team 6:30 PM Resounding Mercy 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:00 PM AA's</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:00 AM SHIP 11:00 AM Lunch Activity 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 4:30 PM Wesleyan Circle</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM Play Day 11:45 AM Preschool Chapel 1:00 PM UMW Executive 3:15 PM Preschool Chapel</p>	<p>27</p>
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Thursday Luncheon Schedule

September 8 - Senior Supper at MCL

Save the Dates: Update Learning, September 22 - October 27

High Street Travelers

**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

Jan 23-31, 2015 CARIBBEAN CRUISE
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

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

For more information about Travelers Trips
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A Disciples Path

There will be a class for anyone who would like to become a member on Saturday, October 4th, from 9am-1pm. The class is preceded by "The Pastor's Coffee," which is a 1 1/2 hour introductory class offered on several evenings the preceding week. Only one Pastor's Coffee is required for each Disciple's Path participant. Dates and times are listed below. Please call the church office to register by September 28th. Both classes are mandatory. Please let us know if you need child care when registering.

Pastor's Coffee dates:
Each class will begin at 6 pm

Monday September 29th

Tuesday September 30th

Wednesday October 1st

Friday October 3rd

Thank You!

We want to thank all who helped with Helen Colsten's funeral service. To those who served the lunch, it was delicious and much appreciated. To Lana for the music and Pastor Dale for the eulogy. Our mom would have loved it. You described her perfectly. It meant so much to our family.

Helen Colsten Family

Thank You!

High Street Friends,

Your thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers, etc. have been appreciated as I recover from surgery. Thanks!

Beth Siler