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Mary Circle Meeting

Mary Circle will have their meeting on October 7th at 9:30 a.m in the parlor. Everyone is welcome!

UMW GENERAL MEETING

UMW General Meeting will be Tuesday, October 21st at 10:30 A. M. hosted by Mary Circle. Everyone please come and learn how to help take care of our creation.

Peanut Brittle Class

All those interested in learning how to make Virgil Oxley's peanut brittle, mark your calendar for 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17 and be in the church kitchen for a very tasty lesson. The candy we make will be available at the UMW Bazaar on Nov. 1. Please call Nancy Motsenbocker, 284-5361 or email nancymots@comcast.net to reserve your spot.

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

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

Submit By:	Issue Date:
October 6 Mid-month	October 15
October 20	November 1
November 3 Mid-month	November 12
November 17	November 26

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Service Times

8:30-9:30 A. M. Traditional Worship

9:45-10:45 A. M. Sunday School

9:45-10:30 A. M. Chapel Worship

11:00-Noon Contemporary Worship

Traditional Worship Broadcast at
 11 a.m. on WXFN - 1340 AM

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Giving Just Because.....

Giving just because... could be the beginning of a personal sentence many of us would need to ponder before completing. Pondering would be required because it is giving that comes from the heart. It is second nature giving often only when shared with those closest to us. It can manifest itself in simple things, like passing on a skill to one's child or grandchild—tossing the ball around, sewing and knitting, tinkering out in the barn. Or, lessons gained from a lifetime of just living in a busy world, and shared with loved ones simply because we don't want them to make the same mistakes we made in life. However, *Giving Just Because...* can take on a different meaning that is just as profound as sharing with those close to us, and can have a life changing impact on the lives of others.

Giving Just Because is not something we hear every day, for there is another phrase we often hear that speaks to our age and time; giving back. Those two words can have "*Giving Just Because...*" implications since they, too, can come from the heart. Many can apply those words to their relationship with aging parents, grand-parents, friends, and relatives, for many feel the need to give back to those who had given so much to them. However, this term can also apply to other situations as well.

I encountered "giving back" in my old neighborhood many years ago. My old elementary school sponsored an afterschool program that gave many young people a place to go until parents returned home from work. One particular day we had a very special guest who probably felt the need to give back, and dropped by for a visit. I think it was the late '60's, and I think he was at the peak of his career—I am unsure about time and career because I didn't have a clue who he was at the time. OJ Simpson stopped by unexpectedly to hang out with us one evening. I assume he stopped by unannounced so he could spend time with us and not adult fans and media. To my friends, he was bigger than life, and they were overwhelmed by his presence. But most important were those volunteers who showed up daily to let us know, in some way, that there was more to life than what we saw every day.

My time came to leave my old neighborhood, and I sought my "fortune" in the automotive industry. I encountered many "old school" technicians along

the way who felt the need to give back by sharing much of their experience with me. In addition to technical expertise, some of what they shared seemed absurd at the time; "Always take care of your knees and back!" Some of what they shared was profound; "Remember, the customer is always right!" Maybe they were *Giving Just Because...* for I imagine someone did the same with them back in the day. Actually, that is probably the reason I did the same when "my day" came and I had the opportunity to share time tested wisdom.

Giving Just Because... took on a whole new meaning for me recently when I had a few folks over for Bible Study and Car Guy/Gal Wednesday night at my home. I retired from the automotive field ten years ago, and since then had been keeping "time tested wisdom" and expertise to myself without realizing it. Honestly, I didn't want to do that event. I could not see how such an evening could bear much fruit, for I didn't think there would be many people interested in such a thing. In fact, it wasn't my idea to do the Car Guy/Gal gathering in the first place. It was the "brainchild" of wise parents who saw how so much wisdom and knowledge among the members of High Street could touch the lives of young people who were following in the same footsteps. So, when I said "yes" to this event, I guess I could have finished my *Giving Just Because...* sentence this way; God (and parents) "kind of" twisted my arm. However, by the end of that evening, I was glad God (and parents) twisted my arm! I realized at the end of the day how I had the chance to "give back" by sharing my life-passions. One passion from long ago that led me out of my old neighborhood and into a new existence, and the other passion that led me out of my old existence and into new life! Isn't God good? In fact, I shared the evening with a group of people who were doing the same thing with me without realizing it, and we had a blast! *Giving Just Because...* is built on those things we are passionate about—those things that come from the heart. Question: Is God twisting your arm today?

Blessing!

Pastor Daryl

Angels on High Preschool

Angels on High Preschool and PDO is off to a great start! We are thankful for our successful transition to this new school year.

This month, our classes enjoyed their first chapel. It is always a blessing to listen to the preschool children as they praise God with their songs, and to witness their learning about Jesus. A special thank you to Pastor Daryl and Deborah Musik for providing the bible story during the chapel. The HSUMC congregation and preschool families are always invited to our chapels, so please feel free to join us!

We have much to look forward to in October! Our Preschool Open Houses and Pizza Fellowship Dinners will be held this month and are a great way for our preschool families to visit our preschool and enjoy fellowship. We will celebrate the fall season with our fall parties, along with attending various fall related field trips. The 4 Year Old Classes were able to learn about Johnny Appleseed and will visit a pumpkin patch. Our 3 Year Old Classes explored their senses at the Muncie Children's Museum and learned about nature at the Minnetrista Cultural Center. The Enrichment Class and Transition Class visited Muncie Fire Station #1 and enjoyed learning about fire safety. The Transition Class will also make the trip to One Fun Farm, which is always a great time!

Another exciting event for our preschool this month our the Fall Fundraisers. The proceeds from our fall fundraisers benefit the scholarship account and offset costs of new supplies, etc. During October, our preschool will be taking orders for flavor coated pretzels from Concannon's and our delicious cheese balls. Concannon's flavor coated pretzels are manufactured and packaged fresh in plastic domes. Each dome holds approximately 60-63 pretzels and weighs approximately 12 ounces. There are several flavors to choose from including milk chocolate, dark chocolate, white chocolate, key lime, butterscotch, lemon, peanut butter, white raspberry fudge, caramel, marshmallow and just in time for fall, pumpkin. This year, we are offering cheddar cheese balls with and without nuts, chocolate chip dessert cheese balls, and cherry cheese balls.

These delicious treats are great for upcoming holiday gatherings, as well as gifts! Each package of pretzels and cheese ball is sold for

\$6.00. The order form for these delicious treats is available in the church office and preschool website www.angelsonhigh.org. You can place an order by completing the order form and returning it to Rebecca Swander (mailbox in the front office) or you can email your order to Rebecca at rswander@angelsonhigh.org. Orders for the pretzels and cheese balls will be taken until Sunday, November 2. All orders will be available for pick-up starting on Sunday, November 16. We hope you will consider purchasing some goodies while supporting a great cause!

Angels on High Preschool had 106 children enrolled and is now a Registered Child Care Ministry in Indiana. This recently became a requirement because we now have programs in which a child can be in our facility for more than 4 hours for 10 consecutive days. We have been going through this process for the past school year and it has definitely been a lot of work! However, it has been completed and we are excited to be a part of this in Indiana.

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 donations of packaged snacks, Lysol disinfecting spray, baby wipes, Kleenex, and paper towels! We thank you in advance for your donations.

We are moving our classrooms around and have found the need for a rocking chair or glider. If you have one to donate, it would be much appreciated!

Angels on High Preschool has been blessed by the congregation of High Street United Methodist Church. We would like to give a special thank you to a few people, who have helped us in many ways these past few months. Thank you John Miller for assisting us with new technology and programs. We have made some major changes and we could not have done this without your assistance! Thank you to Greg and Denise Smith for helping with Notary process and for assisting at our orientation sessions. Thank you to Steve and Linda Swanger for the beautiful flowers and landscaping around the building. Also, thank you to our board members for all of their help and support as we enter into our new school year.

Rebecca

High Street Travelers

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

**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

2015 - SAVE THE DATE

MAR 1 – 7 NEW ORLEANS, LA
MAY 5 – 7 HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL
JULY 6 – 17 ALASKAN CRUISE TOUR:
CELEBRITY 'S MILLENNIUM SHIP
DOUBLE CABINS STARTING @ \$3695
INCLUDES: RT AIR, TAXES & PORT FEES,
11 Nights/*Wilderness Express Train/Bus to Indy Airport

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

After EVERY 3rd paid trip you receive a \$25
voucher towards a future trip. Reservation Policy:
1) Contact High Street UM Church at 765-747-8500
2) Payment MUST accompany reservation.
3) Cancellations made within 7 days of trip **are**
NOT guaranteed a refund.

Tours are open to the Public, clubs & groups. All trips are
deluxe motor coach unless noted. High Street Travelers
is sponsored by and a mission of High Street United
Methodist Church 219 So High St Muncie, IN 47305.

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Thursday Luncheon Schedule

October 2 - Deb Heeter, "Door County"

October 9 - Secret Families, Al Holdren

October 16 -
Delaware County Extension Chorus

October 23 - Madison County Music Makers

October 30 - TBA

Coats Against Cold

Hearts and Hands United is coming together
once again to provide winter coats for those
in our community who need them. The cut
off 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 distribution this year is scheduled for
Saturday October the 18, from 10 to 2.

Wisdom People for OCTOBER

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

Martha Black • 90 on October 8
4501 N. Wheeling Ave. 10-A #102
Muncie, IN 47304



Robert Baur • 91 on October 13
3810 W. Riverside Ave.
Muncie, IN 47304

Stanley Schull • 92 on October 27
1601 N. Morrison Apt. 6A
Muncie, IN 47304

Everett Tipton • 90 on October 27
11050 Presbyterian Dr. Apt. 197
Indianapolis, IN 46236



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5 Communion 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 4:00 PM SAF - Youth 5:30 PM Women's Group	6 7:30 AM Update Breakfast 8:00 AM Update Learning 12:00 PM TT Deadline 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Senior Supper 6:30 PM Uniting Head and Heart	7 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:15 AM Mary Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry	8 8:00 AM Travelers Trip 9:00 AM M&M Bible Study 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 1:00 PM Elder-Law 4:00 PM Kid's Grief 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choir 6:30 PM Resounding Mercy 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:00 PM AA's	9 8:00 AM SHIP 11:00 AM Lunch Activity 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 1:30 PM Naomi Circle	10 9:00 AM Play Day	11
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216,000 Steps to Fight Hunger

That's approximately the number of steps taken by 54 representatives of High Street Church who walked in the Crop Walk on September 14. (Well, Scarlett, Joseph, and Josiah rode in their strollers, but we also had 3 dogs with us, so the total is about right!)

Here are some other amazing facts from that day:

The entire congregation walked in solidarity that morning, as they came forward in each service to place their offering and bottles on tables at the front of the sanctuary and chapel.

Our own Sue Stover was the Director for the Muncie Crop Walk, pulling all the churches together.

As the walkers came to College Avenue to sign in, the first person to greet them was our own Jim Lambert, helping at the registration tables.

We collected 45 water bottles with a total of over \$1,000 in dimes (and a few other coins and bills). We wheeled them to the front of the crowd in a wheelbarrow!

We turned in a check for \$665.74 from the bucket offering.

The walkers turned in money, too. That total is at least \$400.

At about the ½ way mark, when our feet were getting a bit tired, we were rejuvenated by the sound of music coming from our own Resounding Mercy praise team. They had carried their instruments and sound equipment to the area outside the Atrium and provided great music for us as we walked by. They also provided a witness to the Ball State Community that the Crop Walk is a Christian effort to end hunger.

After the walk, each walker received coupons and a very special treat: footprint cookies, with each toenail painted a bright color, made by our own Maria Woodall.

Thank you to everyone in the congregation, for you helped in some way. Each one of you has helped this prayer of another person, somewhere in the world, be answered; "Give us this day our daily bread."

Special Charge Conference

Do you remember the leak along the south wall of our sanctuary and how we had to partition off the southeast corner of the sanctuary last winter? We don't want to have to do that again. And the Board of Trustees are leading the way.

Members of the Church Council are called to a special charge conference to be held Sunday, September 28, at 6:00 p.m. to hear the recommendation for the project and its funding. Following what we hope is a brief charge conference, we will convene as a Church Council just for the business of doing the council's part in the Fruitful Congregation Journey Self-Study. The hope is to be out by 7:00 p.m.

Please let us know if you need child care.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have shown your love and support to me and my family following the death of my daughter, Jeanette Wolfe. It is such a comfort to belong to such a caring community as we know in High Street.

Shirley LaBerteaux

Thank You!

Thank you so much for your prayers and beautiful cards sent on behalf of my daughter, Jenny Burgess. She has now returned home to recuperate, free from cancer and dialysis. We are so grateful after a difficult time.

Phyllis Green

E-Mail Prayer Chain

If you would like to receive an e-mail listing of High Street Church's Joys/Concerns/Prayer Requests for which you can pray, please send your name and e-mail address to info@munciehighstreet.com.

The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

- Corn
- Peas
- Fruit
- Tuna
- Green Beans
- Pork and Beans
- Apple Sauce
- Peanut Butter

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:

1,154 people



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

High Street Memorials



- † Helen Colsten
- † Robert Willbanks
- † Wilma Swain
- † Rex Parish



HOSPITALIZED THE PAST MONTH and giving High Street Church as their preference: Earl Williams, James Webb, Jim

Wagner, Charles Smith.

HOW WE HELP!

The Samaritan Fund - 2014

People Helped: 372

Rent:	\$3,201.00
Utilities:	\$8,957.96
Prescriptions:	\$1,073.42
Misc.:	<u>\$1,410.80</u>
Total:	\$14,649.18



Thank you for all your support and help with our Samaritan Fund program. Your generosity is truly appreciated by the people we help. As you can see helping with Utilities is our biggest need.

Thank You!

A big thank you for the nineteen persons representing High Street who worked on Habitat projects this past weekend. It was a fantastic group of committed Christians from our church who gave up their weekend to help others. We worked on two homes which were in need of special attention as Habitat now places attention on refurbishing existing homes in the Muncie area. It was a great two days of working hard together and on Friday beating back the 90 degree heat. Our group, sometimes divided into two groups, was made up of these persons: Larry Besser, Jim Cartwright, Ken Constantine, Cameron Dale, Judy Gillum, Karen Howells, Ben Howells, Dana Lloyd, Donna McNary, Jerry McNary, Bob Mingle, Linda Pohly, Ron Reiter, Jim Schneider, Sue Stover, Gary Swetnam, Ellie Taylor, David Wilson, and Debbie Wilson. Our thank you also extends to the women of the church who provided 26 lunches for Habitat workers each day. Our church is grateful for this fine group of people. The next time you see them, remind them how much God loves them for their giving spirit.



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OCTOBER 5, 2014

Pastor Daryl Gilbert

OCTOBER 12, 2014

Scripture:

Philippians 3:4b-14

"The Pursuit Is On"

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

OCTOBER 19, 2014

Scripture:

Philippians 4:1-9

"Alleviating Our Anxiety"

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

OCTOBER 26, 2014

Bishop J. Lawrence is preaching all 3 services about Africa University.