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Fruitful Congregation Consultation Weekend

NOVEMBER 14 **8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

Interviews of pastors, staff, and key leaders

NOVEMBER 15 **9:00 – 10:00 A.M.**

The Church Council meets with the coach.

NOVEMBER 15 **10:15 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

All-Church Workshop with lunch. Child care and activities will be provided.

NOVEMBER 16
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

The Lead Consultant, Dr. Doug Anderson, will preach.

NOVEMBER 16 NOON
 The Prescription Report Meeting

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

**Deadline for Submission is
 12:00 Noon on Mondays**

Submit By:	Issue Date:
November 3 Mid-month	November 12
November 17	December 1
December 1 Mid-month	December 10

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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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Everything Isn't Just Black and White

Dear Friends in Christ:

You might accuse me of not having all the facts, because I did not go to this event and hear the speaker. And you may be right. I still feel compelled to comment.

Recently thousands of Delaware County youth gathered to hear a speaker address them on the theme of "No More Gray." That very title disturbed me. I believe there is gray in the world and that we need to be able to see it.

Why do I say this? First of all, I say it because of my Methodist roots. The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, said in one of his sermons:

Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.

Wesley is calling us to keep the main thing the main thing. The main thing, as Jesus told us, is to love God and to love others. The "smaller differences" we allow to remain in that gray area. To insist upon making them black-and-white issues between us soon diverts us from the main thing, and the main thing gets lost in our endeavors.

To keep the main thing the main thing is to do our best to do that which pleases God and that which encourages the best in others. A person intent upon living this way is not going to live an immoral or amoral life. Such a person does not base his or her actions upon "whatever" or "it feels good" or "everybody else is doing it." Such a person has a much higher standard.

And yet, this person can still see gray in the world. He or she needs to see gray in the world. Let me just offer a couple of reasons why this person, intent upon loving God and loving others, needs to see gray. The first

reason is just a matter of compassion. I may be listening to someone tell me his/her story. This person may have done something with which I do not agree. I would have chosen differently; at least I would like to think I would have. But I need to allow enough gray to hear why this person did what he or she did. I need to understand what motivated him/her. I still may disagree, but I need to allow enough gray to hear that there could be two sides to this matter. I still need to be understanding enough to be trusted then to encourage the best in and of that person. I think I need to be able to see some gray in order to do that.

Secondly, we live in an increasingly diverse world. There are some who think the way to deal with this diversity is the path of polarization. I believe instead we need to explore some common ground. We need to find enough common ground to allow us to cooperate in doing that which does encourage the best in and of people. That means the "smaller differences" need to remain in a gray area. We may have some honest differences. But if we turn those "smaller differences" into black-and-white issues between us, we soon will fail to do what we could do together. We will neglect to do the good we could have done. And I don't believe that pleases God.

The world we live in is not just black-and-white. It is full of gray. I don't believe God calls us to eliminate the gray. I believe instead he calls us to move beyond it and to make the main thing the main thing. The main thing is to love God and to love others.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dale

P.S. Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas, has a wonderful book on this subject: [Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White](#). It's worth reading.

Angels on High Preschool

Angels on High Preschool and PDO are enjoying this fall season in many different ways! Our students were able to share their classrooms and projects with families at our Open Houses. We had our fall parties, complete with costumes, games, and snacks. Our students are learning so much through activities, crafts, field trips, chapel services, fellowship, and fun!

Some of our fun events this month include Thanksgiving Feasts for the 3 Year Old, 4 Year Old, and Transition Classes. Our classes will venture on fun field trips including The Artist Within, BSU Planetarium, and Muncie Children's Museum Winter Wonderland. We are thankful this month, celebrating Thanksgiving and preparing for the holiday season.

Each month, our students are learning more about giving back to the community as we participate in a community service project. During November, our preschool is completing Operation Christmas Child and collecting canned food goods for the Food Pantry at HSUMC. In December, we will be collecting warm weather items (mittens, hats, coats) and ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

Angels on High Preschool will continue to have the fall fundraisers until Monday, November 3. The proceeds from our fall fundraisers benefit the scholarship account and offset costs of new supplies. This fundraiser includes flavor coated pretzels and popcorns from Concannon's Bakery and our delicious cheese balls (made by the Angels on High Preschool Board).

These delicious treats are great for upcoming holiday gatherings, as well as gifts! Each package of pretzels, popcorns, 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!

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!

All Saints Sunday is November 2nd

We will remember those members who have passed away since All Saints Sunday, 2013, and those for whom our pastors have conducted their funeral services. We will read their names and show their pictures in both the 8:30 and 9:45 services.

In the 11:00 service, we will show the pictures of these saints and ask people to come forward to light candles in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away.

Pastor Mendenhall will be preaching the sermon "Die Vertically" based on Revelation 7:9-17 and Matthew 5:1-12.

Charge Conference is Wednesday, Nov. 5th

All member of the Church Council are members of the Charge Conference. This year we will meet with our North Muncie Cluster of churches at College Avenue UMC on Wednesday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting we officially elect the leadership for 2015, set the pastoral compensation, and remove inactive members, if necessary.

Stewardship Sunday is November 9th

We will celebrate "Blessings Along the Journey" as we return our estimate of giving cards on Sunday, November 9, in all three services. Pastor Mendenhall will be preaching on "Think Generationally" based on Psalm 78:1-7 and I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

Thursday Luncheon Schedule

October 30 - Roy Tremble, singer

November 3 - Senior Supper at MCL, 4:30

November 6th Blood Pressure Checks - in Parish Hall

November 6 - Jim Cartwright, singer

November 13 - Susan Spilly Lee, SHIP Program

November 20 - Thanksgiving Dinner/90's Celebration, Jimmy Priest

November 27 - Thanksgiving - no luncheon

Trip to Warren

November 5th is the trip to Heritage Point in Warren, IN. Meet here at the church at 11:45 a.m.

98th Annual Church Bazaar

Saturday, November 1st, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will have our homemade caramels, candy, chicken pot pies, baked goods, jams, jellies, vegetable soup-to-go, pumpkin pies, holiday wreaths, and crafts. Lunch is served at 10:45 a.m. (all items are made by High Streeters).

Church Council Members

Church Council members are encouraged to attend Wednesday, November 5, at 6:30 at College Avenue UMC. Church Council members are urged to attend the Fruitful Congregation Workshop for them on Saturday, November 15, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

High Street Travelers

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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. COORDINATOR-Debbie Heeter EMAIL: dtheeter601@comcast.net

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



Nov. 30th Advent 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 9:00 AM Church Bazaar 10:45 AM Lunch
2 All Saints 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	3 9:30 AM Update Bridge 9:30 Am Knitting Class 12pm Mah Jongg 12:00 PM TT Deadline 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Senior Supper 4:30 PM Preschool Board 6:30 PM Uniting Head and Heart	4 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:15 AM Mary Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Grief Group	5 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 9:30 AM Mommy & Me 11:45 AM Warren Trip 1:30 PM Grief Group 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choir 6:30 PM Resound Mercy 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:00 PM AA's	6 8:00 AM SHIP 10:30 AM Bld Pres Chk 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 4:00 PM Mary Jane Luick	7 10:00 AM Westminster Fellowship	8
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23 Preschool 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 3:00 PM East District Conference - Gethsemane 5:30 PM Women's Group 6:00 PM The Grove	24 9:30 AM Update Bridge 9:30 AM Preschool/Kitchen 12pm Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry	25 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:30 AM Preschool/Kitchen 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Children Ministries	26 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 8:00 PM AA's	27 Office Closed 9:00 AM Worship Service	28 <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</p>	29 9:00 AM Hanging of the Greens

Advent Orchestra

Please plan to join our Advent Orchestra to play hymns in worship on Sunday, December 14 at 8:30. Anyone who plays an instrument equivalent to at least a high school level can join this joyful, worship event: strings, woodwinds, brass, or percussion. Parts will be available for practicing before Thanksgiving. We will rehearse in the sanctuary on Saturday morning, December 13, 9:30-11:00. Please contact Andrew Crow with your intent to participate so he can prepare a part for you: andrew.crow.dma@gmail.com

They're Back!

The flamingos have returned to help the youth raise funds for High Street missions. The first flock departed for a local yard last Wednesday and they plan to travel around for the coming month and a half. If you would like to purchase insurance to ward away tacky plastic birds, the youth will be selling flamingo insurance in the hallway between services. Insurance can be for any increment of \$5 from \$10 and up. It can be overbid by the person hoping to remove flamingos from their yard, but we would let you know if you were suddenly vulnerable to an invasion of bright pink birds. If you know that your neighbors really hate flamingos, or you have a homeowners association that greatly disapproves of lawn ornaments, or the color pink gives you horrible nightmares, or you have some other great need to avoid neon birds, we do have a Do Not Flock list for which you can sign up in the office.

Projectionists Needed!

Persons are needed to help run the projection slides at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship service. It's fun, easy, and best of all, it's only once a month! If you are interested or want more information, call Casey Headland in the church office, 747-8500.

You are needed!

Upcoming Youth Events

November 2nd- High Street hosts SAF
Gethsemane and Corinth youth visiting 5:00-8:00

November 9th- Youth Council 5:00-6:00
The Grove 6:00-8:00

November 16th- The High Street Youth present the
Dinner for Destiny from 12:00-1:00 in Parish Hall.

November 23rd- The Grove 6:00-8:00

November 28th- Thanksgiving Break

High Street Youth

The High Street Youth present
A Dinner For Destiny Rescue Mission
12:00-1:00 in Parish Hall
Sunday November 16th

To be held in conjunction with the reading of the
Fruitful Congregation prescription

The High Street youth would like to invite all High Streeters to take part in an autumn meal at noon on Sunday November 16th in Parish Hall. We plan to cook plenty of food for all! The lunch will include the announcement of the Fruitful Congregation prescription, but the youth will also be taking a free will offering. The proceeds of the offering will all go to benefit the Destiny Rescue Mission, a group who works to free individuals who have been trafficked into slavery. This group gave a presentation at Epworth Forest during senior high camp this past summer and many of our youth have since worked to aid them in their mission. We thank you in advance for helping them support this cause and look forward to serving you lunch!

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:

1,339 people



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

High Street Memorials



- † Nancy Yencer
- † Earl Williams
- † Helen Colsten
- † Rex Parish



HOSPITALIZED THE PAST MONTH and giving High Street Church as his preference: Dwon Miller

HOW WE HELP!

The Samaritan Fund - 2014

People Helped: 418

Rent:	\$3,801.00
Utilities:	\$9,912.96
Prescriptions:	\$1,246.58
Misc.:	\$1,482.80
Total:	\$16,443.34



Thank you to everyone who helps to support this ministry of our church. As you can see our assistance program is filling a big need in our community.

Shop for a Cause!

Carson's Community Days are coming! Purchase a coupon booklet for \$5 that contains \$500 worth of coupons, including a coupon for \$10 off a \$10 item. Coupons can be used at Carson's Community Days November 14th and 15th. 100% of the \$5 for the booklets goes to Christian Ministries to help residents of Delaware County in need. Coupon booklets are available in the church office or from Sue Stover. With booklet sales benefiting Christian Ministries, shopping has never been so rewarding!

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget on Sunday, November 2nd Daylight Savings Time ends. Be sure to turn back your clocks!



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NOVEMBER 2, 2014

Scripture:

Revelation 7:9-17 & Matthew 5:1-12

“Die Vertically”

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NOVEMBER 9, 2014

Scripture:

Psalm 78:1-7 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

“Think Generationally”

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

NOVEMBER 16, 2014

Consultation Weekend

Guest Speaker, Consultant

NOVEMBER 23, 2014

Scripture:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

“Shoving and Ramming Not Allowed”

Pastor Dale Mendenhall