

TOWER UPDATE

MID-FEBRUARY 2015

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LENT

Wednesday Lenten Services are noon at
the Unitarian Universalist Church
4800 W. Bradford

Feb. 18 Rev. Tracy Paskche-Johannes, Pastor,
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

The observance of Ash Wednesday

Feb. 25 Rev. Daryl Gilbert, Associate Pastor,
High Street United Methodist Church

Mark 1:9-15

Mar. 4 Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd
Mark 8:31-38

Mar. 11 Fr. Sean Pogue, St. Francis
Catholic Church, John 2:13-22

Mar. 18 Dr. Anne Eliades and BiBi Bahrami
A blessing from the Jewish and
Muslim Communities

Mar. 25 Rev. Kevin Woodget, Pastor,
The Church of the Living God John 12: 20-33

April 3 Good Friday service at Union
Missionary Baptist Church

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY and giving High



Street Church as their preference:
Mildred Estabrook, Jim Barnell,
Evelyn Coulter. (*IUH Ball Memorial
Hospital*).

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

Deadline for Submission is
8:00 A.M. on Tuesdays

Submit By:	Issue Date:
February 17	February 25
March 3 Mid-month	March 11
March 17	March 25

Shrove Tuesday

February 17, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Join us on Shrove Tuesday for a Pancake
dinner served by the Koinonia Class and a
presentation from Dan Moore Snyder on the
origin of Shrove Tuesday. Donations will be
accepted for Africa University.

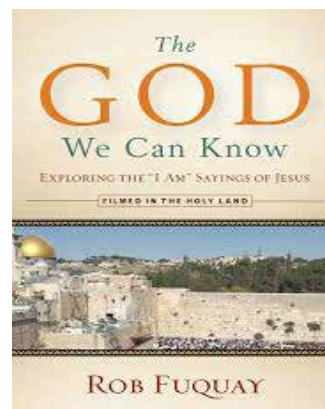
Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Join us as we begin this year's Lenten journey
on Ash Wednesday. We will celebrate Holy
Communion and offer the imposition of
ashes. The Sanctuary Choir will sing. Pastor
Mendenhall will begin our Lenten sermon
series with "Getting to Know God?" as we
study "The God We Can Know" throughout
Lent.

New Study



In conjunction with
Lent we have a study
starting February 18th,
Ash Wednesday, "The
God We Can Know".
This is a seven week
study to explore the "I
Am" sayings of Jesus.
Books are available in
the office for \$7.00.

Making Your Journey a Quest

Dear Friends in Christ:

Years ago in researching a sermon I read about the distinction between an adventure and a quest. (Now my memory is not good enough to recall my source on this.) But here was how this person distinguished between the two. This person said that an adventure is something we do and come back from relatively unchanged. For example, we go to an amusement park to ride the rides. We have fun. We enjoy the day. And we return pretty much the same as before we left. Nothing has really changed in us or about us; we do have some fun memories. Vacation trips may fall into the adventure category also.

A quest, on the other hand, involves change. The quest may change the world around us. The quest may bring change to the person engaged in the quest. Usually the quest is in search of something. The quest may involve some adventures along the way, but the quest itself brings about change.

I share this because from time to time I am asked to share knowledge of our Fruitful Congregation Journey as if I have taken this journey before in another church. I have not. This is new to me. It's why we have a coach; the funding for whom has been approved by our High Street Foundation.

This journey being new to me also shapes my attitude toward and hopes for this journey. I am viewing this journey as a quest. I don't simply want it to be an adventure; something we did and enjoyed and remember but didn't result in any real change. I am praying this journey is more like a quest for us.

Quests are biblical, I believe. Abram set out to go he didn't know where; God would

show him. And along the way, Abram was changed to Abraham. Moses was sent back into Egypt to bring God's people out of Egypt. They traveled through the wilderness toward the Promised Land. Along the way the people who had been slaves were changed into the people ready to enter the Promised Land. The disciples left their daily routines to follow Jesus for three years. They had no idea where this journey would take them. What a change it made in their lives!

What are we searching for on this quest? I believe we are seeking God's guidance for how we will be High Street United Methodist Church today and in the foreseeable time to come here in downtown Muncie. I am praying that God will lead us as we transition toward a new day; holding on to what is essential and willing to adapt to reach people for Christ. I am praying that through High Street Church God will be able to impact the life in Delaware County and the lives of its people.

I am so very grateful for the people who have responded positively to the invitation to serve on our Ministry Action Plan teams. (They are listed elsewhere in this issue.) I ask you to join me in praying for them and praying for us together as High Street Church. May God bless us on this quest.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dale

The logo for "Quest" features a stylized letter "Q" on the left. The "Q" is composed of several horizontal, curved bands in shades of blue, green, yellow, and orange, giving it a globe-like appearance. To the right of the "Q", the word "Quest" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

A SUMMARY OF THE CONSULTATION REPORT

Received November 16, 2014

Accepted by the Church Conference on December 11, 2014

While High Street Church has a number of **strengths**, these are the five noted by the Consultation Team:

Friendly and Concerned People
Willingness to Make Significant, Necessary,
and Strategic Adjustments
A Church in Mission
Meaningful Worship Services
Facilities, Location, and Resources

There are five **concerns** highlighted by the Consultation Team. The Consultation Team also provided a **Ministry Action Plan** to deal with each concern.

Concern: Lack of consistent alignment with the Mission and Vision of the Church.

Ministry Action Plan: Aligning with the Mission and Vision of the Church.

1. Day of Prayer
2. Ministry audits of each ministry under the newly forming Ministry Audit Team.
3. Each staff person will develop a results-based job description to be reviewed by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, which will conduct a staff audit and align staffing with the mission and vision of the church.

Concern: Moving People from Welcome to a Growing Discipleship

Ministry Action Plan: Develop an Intentional Welcoming, Connecting, and Discipling Process

1. Form a team to develop a clear process for welcoming, identifying, following up, listening to, connecting, and discipling new persons.
2. Form a team to develop a sustainable small group ministry.
3. Form a team to create a clear discipleship process.

Concern: Insufficient Relational Connection with the Mission Field

Ministry Action Plan: Developing a Relational Connection with the Mission Field through the forming of a Relational Outreach Team to lay out a process to include:

1. Evaluation of the missional ministries
2. Selecting at least one person from the Team to participate in each missional ministry to connect relationally
3. Enacting a plan to follow up with new contacts
4. Lead in developing and designing future outwardly focusd events

Concern: Aging Congregation

Ministry Action Plan: Develop Creative, Relevant Ministries with Children, Youth, and Young Adults through Gifted Teams of Passionate Leaders. Each team will develop plans and strategies to reach and disciple the respective age groups.

1. Form a Children's Team
2. Form a Youth Team
3. Form a Young Adult Team

Concern: Need for intentional leadership development plan in order to expand volunteerism

Ministry Action Plan: Develop an Intentional Strategy for Staff and Leaders to Expand Persons Involved in Ministry

1. Conduct a Lay Leadership Development session with at least 15 persons
2. Conduct a workshop for staff, church council, and other leaders in accountable leadership
3. Conduct a workshop on expanding volunteerism
4. Conduct a workshop in mentoring.

BIRTHING A NEW LIFE CYCLE

Target Dates for Our Ministry Action Plan

December 31, 2014 (deadline)

Form Connection Team (2a)
Form Small Group Ministry Team (2b)
Form Relational Outreach Team (3)
Form Children's Team (4)
Form Youth Team (4)
Form Young Adult Team (4)

January 1, 2015 (deadline)

Form Discipleship Process Team (2c)

January 18, 2015 (deadline and actual date)

Day of Prayer Service

January 25, 2015 (actual date)

Initial meetings of the seven teams

February 1, 2015 (deadline)

Relational Outreach Team meets (3)

February 5, 2015 (actual date)

Training of staff: results-based job descriptions
Training of SPRC on conducting a staff audit

February 28, 2015

(actual date; optional event)

“Deepening Your Effectiveness” Workshop
in Wakarusa

March 5, 2015 (actual date)

Accountable Leadership Workshop (5)

March 14, 2015 (actual date: optional event)

District Training with Dr. Scott Kisker at
High Street

April 9, 2015 (actual date)

Mentoring Workshop (5)

April 30, 2015 (deadline)

Ministry Audit (1b)
Staff-Parish Relations – Job Descriptions (1c)

May 30, 2015 (deadline)

Discipleship Process Implemented (2c)

May 31, 2015 (deadline)

Small Group Ministry Implementation (2b)
Relational Outreach Process (3)

June 30, 2015 (deadline)

Children's Ministry Plan (4)
Youth Ministry Plan (4)
Young Adult Ministry Plan (4)
SPRC – Job Description Alignments (1c)

August 15, 2015 (deadline)

Connection Process Implemented (2a)
Children's Ministry Implemented (4)
Youth Ministry Implemented (4)
Young Adult Ministry Implemented (4)

September 15, 2015 (deadline)

Volunteer Workshop (5)

September 30, 2015 (deadline)

Lay Leadership Development Process Begins (5)



EIGHT TEAMS FORMED AND STARTED

Growing out of our Fruitful Congregation Journey Consultation, eight teams have been formed to lead our church in implementing our Ministry Action Plan.



These teams have all met together in their initial meetings with Pastor Mendenhall on January 25. Representatives from each team met the first part of February with our coach, Dr. Doug Anderson.

Please keep these team and their members in your prayers. Please also feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with these team members as they help move us forward as a church.

Children's Ministry Team

Clay Arnett
Katherine Atkinson
Jayne Brinson
Chris Gamble
Nikki Gamble
Greg Smith
Patsy Smith

Connection Team

Del Brinson
Terri Hutchison
Donna McNary
Marsha Nuerge
Andy Thorpe

Discipleship Process Team

Becky Kammeyer
Merrilyn McNary
Deceil Moore Snyder
Mary Ruble
Brian Wolfe

Ministry Audit Team

Cynthia Dale
Greg Fallon
Ned Kammeyer
Dick Marshall
John Miller
Scott Pattison
Elli Taylor

Relational Outreach Team

Jennifer Everetts
Ben Howells
Karen Howells
Jerry McNary
Lana Remaly
Jennifer Rice Snow
Sharon Van Hove

Small Group Ministry Team

Jack Gebhart
Dan Moore Snyder
Gretchen Schneider
Karen Siefert

Young Adult Team

Bethany Davis
Amanda Droste
Carlye Frye
David Frye
Stacey Myers
Barbara Pavey
Julian Railey

Youth Team

Jason Bricker
Kate Crow
Valerie Freestone
Jeri Harman
Bob Myers
Kelly Wolfe

Staff and Staff Parish

Relations Met with the Coach

How do you write a results-based job description? Our staff met on February 5th with our coach, Dr. Doug Anderson, to learn how each staff member can do this. Following this training, Dr. Anderson will train our Staff-Parish Relations Committee on results-based job descriptions and how to assess them in light of the priorities of the church.

Church Council

Our Church Council met on Monday, February 9. The Council heard reports as to how we ended 2014 and where we are in our capital campaign and its projects.

In addition, the various ministry areas will learn how to perform a ministry audit. As part of our Ministry Action Plan, each ministry of the church is to be audited for how it meets our mission and vision. These audits will be submitted to our Ministry Audit Team for review and suggestions.

Why are we engaging in a Ministry Audit? The analogy is that of a number of ships. Do we want these ships moving in a variety of different directions or do we want them moving together as a fleet? So the aim is to help us form our various ministries into a fleet and to have that fleet move forward in an effective, efficient manner.

New Member Class!

For all who are interested in becoming members of High Street United Methodist Church, there will be a new members class from 9-1 pm on **Saturday, February 28th** in the Church Parlor. This will be preceded by a Pastor's Coffee informational meeting on **Wednesday, February 25th** at 6:30 pm in the Church Parlor. Child care will be available for both events. Please contact Pastor Daryl if you are interested.

Dr. Scott Kisker will be here March 14-15

In cooperation with our East District and with funding through our High Street Foundation, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Scott Kisker, Professor of the History of Christianity



at United Theological Seminary, will lead a workshop at High Street on Saturday, March 14, and preach at all three worship services on Sunday, March 15.

Dr. Kisker's workshop theme for Saturday will be "Rediscovering Methodism: the Vision, the Beliefs, the Method." The workshop will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will include lunch. The cost is \$10.

Registration forms will soon be available. This workshop is designed both for pastors and lay people.

Foundation

The High Street United Methodist Church Foundation is blessed again this year to offer scholarships. You may go to the website munciehighstreet.com to obtain an application or you may stop in the church office to pick one up. The requirements are listed at the top of the application. It is strongly recommended to type your answers to the questions rather than to write them out. All applications, with the required documentation, must be turned into the church office by March 31st. No LATE applications will be accepted. If you have any questions please call me at the church office.

Thank you,
Cherish Hensley

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

February

<p>1 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 1:30 PM The Grove - Bowling with SAF</p>	<p>2 9:30 AM Update Bridge 12pm Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Senior Supper</p>	<p>3 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:00 PM TT Deadline 8:30 AM Staff 9:00 AM Mary Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>4 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 9:30 AM Mommy & Me 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choir 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:00 PM AA's</p>	<p>5 8:00 AM SHIP 11:00 AM Bld Pres Chk 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 1:30 PM Naomi Circle 4:00 PM Map Reps. 6:30 PM Job Description Workshop 7:30 PM Staff Parish Meeting</p>	<p>6 6:00 PM Young Family Chili Night</p>	<p>7 9:30 AM FCJ Youth Team</p>
<p>8 7:30 AM Ruth/Martha Mary Bake Sale 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>9 9:30 AM Update Bridge 12pm Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Preschool Board 7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>10 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:30 AM Ruth Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 3:30 PM Trustees</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM M&M Bible Study 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 1:00 PM Elder-Law 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choir 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:00 PM AA's</p>	<p>12 8:00 AM SHIP 11:00 AM Lunch Activity 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch</p>	<p>13 10:00 AM Westminster Fellowship - Ruth Circle</p>	<p>14 8:00 AM Walk-A-Mile Registration 9:00 AM Walk-A-Mile</p>
<p>15 Children's Choir 8:30 AM Trad. Worship 9:30 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday Sch 9:45 AM Children's Choir 10:30 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Contemp. Worship 5:00 PM Youth Council 5:30 PM Women's Group 6:00 PM The Grove</p>	<p>16 9:30 AM Update Bridge 12pm Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>17 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:00 AM TT Deadline 8:30 AM Staff 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 12:00 PM Assistance 1:00 PM UMW Meeting 1:30 PM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Martha Mary - IHOP 6:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner</p>	<p>18 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast prep 7:00 AM UMW Men's Breakfast 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 9:30 AM Mommy & Me 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choir 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 PM AA's 8:30 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>19 8:00 AM SHIP 11:00 AM Lunch Activity 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 4:00 PM New Orleans Trip Meeting 6:00 PM FCJ Small Group</p>	<p>20 1:00 PM UMW Executive Meeting 5:00 PM Winter Carnival seup up</p>	<p>21 10:00 AM Winter Carnival</p>
<p>22 Handbells 8:30 AM Trad. Worship 9:30 AM Coffee 9:30 AM FCJ Youth Team 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>23 9:30 AM Update Bridge 12pm Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Karios baking cookies</p>	<p>24 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's Ministries Meeting</p>	<p>25 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 11:45 AM Preschool Chapel 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choir 6:30 PM Pastor's Coffee 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:00 PM AA's</p>	<p>26 8:00 AM SHIP 11:00 AM Lunch Activity 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 4:30 PM Wesleyan Circle</p>	<p>27 11:45 AM Preschool Chapel 3:15 AM Preschool Chapel</p>	<p>28 9:00 AM New Membership Class 9:00 AM Deepening Your Effectiveness Workshop - Wakarusa</p>

Lucille Raines Annual Easter Meal

The Koinonia Class will make their annual trip to the Lucille Raines Residence on the Monday after Easter (April 6). The Raines Residence which is located in downtown Indianapolis is a facility owned and operated by United Methodist Women of Indiana. Many of the men and women, who are residents, are actively engaged in rebuilding their lives from substance abuse. The residents all share in learning to function independently and as whole people in life.

Each year, on the Monday after Easter the Koinonia Class prepares and services an Easter supper for the residents. If you would like to join us, see any member of the Koinonia class to coordinate a ride with us to Indianapolis. High Streeters generally leave Muncie between 4:30 and 5:00 and return to Muncie between 8:30 and 9:00.

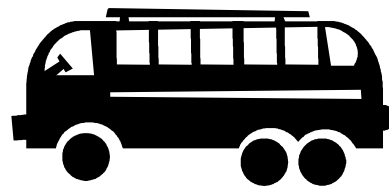
In addition to providing a meal, we like to take a small gift. This year we will be taking bathroom linens. Our goal is to provide each resident with a new bath towel, hand towel, 2 wash cloth, and bar of soap. We will need 50 sets to meet our goal. If you would like to contribute linens to this project, any Koinonia class member will be glad to take the items. White sales are coming!!

Thank you!

We really wanted to thank our church family and prayer warriors who have been praying for us over these last few months. I can't tell you how much it means to have all those prayers, pats on the back and to feel that support from everyone. We thank you and are eternally grateful.

Joanie and Jerall Ross

High Street Travelers



MAR 1 – 7 NEW ORLEANS, LA

Waiting List Only!

MAR 11 NEW!! BEEF AND BOARDS:

CRAZY FOR YOU \$85 PER PERSON

APR 8 NEW!! INDIANAPOLIS: A BLESSED EXPERIENCE \$85 PER PERSON

MAY 5 – 7 HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL
\$349.00 DBL OCC
2 NIGHT – 3 DAYS MOTOR COACH / 4
MEALS / PARADE / GARDENS / TULIPS!!!

JULY 6 – 17 ALASKAN CRUISE TOUR:
SOLD OUT!

OCT 7 – 14 CALIFORNIA RAIL DISCOVERY
\$2495.00 DBL OCC
6 NIGHTS – 7 DAYS / RT AIR / 2 RAIL
EXPERIENCES / 9 MEALS
NAPA WINE COUNTRY / LAKE TAHOE / SAN
FRANCISCO TOURS ++

After EVERY 3rd paid trip you receive a \$25 voucher toward 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-Deb Heeter
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Mary Swanger
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Treasurer Shirley LaBerteaux

Calling Committee for Executive Committee Meeting
Shirley Taylor, chair
Mary Barnell, Eleanor Stowe

UMW General Meeting and Dessert



Tuesday
February 17, 2015
1:00 p.m.
Church Parlor



Program:

***Westminster Village:
Past, Present, and Future***

Judi Harris, Director of Marketing

Devotions: Linda Swanger

Hosted by Ruth Circle

Reservations: Mary Swanger

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Church Winter Carnival



Join us again this year for our Winter Carnival on Saturday, February 21st at 10:00 a.m. in Parish Hall. There will be many games and fun activities for the kids to do. There is no charge so come and enjoy the fun and games. Don't forget to bring your friends!!