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UM Men's Lenten Breakfast

Men are invited to attend the following Saturday breakfasts for inspiration, fellowship, and good food as we travel through Lent. The breakfasts begin at 7:30 a.m.



February 28: Daleville UMC, 8104 S Hickory Lane, Daleville

March 7: High Street UMC

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March 14: DeSoto UMC, 6309 N CR 500 E, Muncie

March 21: Fairview UMC, 11048 W SR 28, Redkey

March 28: The Garden at Gethsemane UMC, 1201 W McGalliard Road, Muncie

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

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

MM = Mid Month Tower Topics Issue

Submit By:	Issue Date:
March 3 MM will be mailed	March 11
March 17	March 25
April 7 MM	April 15
April 21	April 29

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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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A Servant's Heart

Theme: Connecting the need with the resource.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. Mark 1:29-31

When it comes to needs, we all have them. The basic needs; air, food, water and warmth, to the other end of the spectrum; those items that probably fall under the category of wants rather than needs. For both ends of the spectrum and everything in between there is one resource for all needs and wants, and that is the Lord. However, I would like to emphasize the excitement associated with the anticipation that can possibly exist between need and resource when one knows that one's need will be met.

Our text from the Gospel of Mark deals with one primary need, and that is healing. In most cases during biblical times healing not only restored one's body, but also allowed one to resume life as part of the community. The healing power of Christ was revealed in Mark 1:21ff where Jesus healed a man with an unclean spirit on the Sabbath. Following that encounter, the Gospel writer recorded that His fame spread *at once* throughout the region of Galilee (Verse 28).

By the time we reach Verse 31 in chapter 1 of Mark's Gospel, Jesus has entered the house of Simon and Andrew, and healed Simon's mother in law who was in bed with a fever. Jesus connected her with the healing power of the Holy Spirit. She was a suffering servant with a need, and He

connected her with the resource she needed in order to return to what she did best—serving.

Theologian Richard W. Swanson noted that she was probably a “go to” person in the community when there was a need. This quite possibly could be the reason everyone knew to go to her house to find Jesus—thus connecting the need (healing) to the resource (Jesus). He even noted that Simon and Andrew's house could probably be considered the first recorded “church,” since it would qualify as a structure where one might find Jesus. However, before any could go to this place, they would have to wait until sundown since it was the Sabbath. As mentioned earlier, verse 28 explained that following the healing of the man with an unclean spirit the news spread “at once,” which indicates that some may have waited from hours to minutes to go to this place following the hearing this “Good News” associated with Christ. Also note the excitement that probably existed in the hearts and minds of those who knew that their needs would be met at this place while they waited!

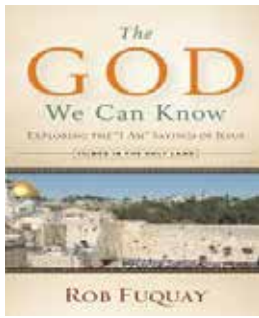
We don't really know whether or not she was the “go to” person for those in the community who had needs, but we do know that she probably had a servant's heart. Do we know of a place like Simon and Andrew's house where one with needs might be connected to the “resource” Christ? I realize you know the answer to that question. God calls each one of us to have a Servant's Heart, and to meet people wherever any might be found who have needs and connect them to the true resource: Christ our Lord.

Blessings, Pastor Daryl Gilbert

Lenten Study

“The God We Can Know”

This is a Worship and Study Series on the “I Am”



Sayings of Jesus. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives us the “I Am” sayings, meaningful metaphors such as “I am the bread of life” and “I am the light of the world,” to reveal his mission and purpose. One by one, the “I Am” sayings of Jesus not only grab our imagination about Jesus’ identity, they also

help us to experience God, who spoke the first “I AM” to Moses. **Books are still available in the church office. So pick one up today. They are \$7.00.** The following are the groups studying this lesson and, you are invited to join them: Bethany, Seekers and Servers, Faith Links, F.O.C.U.S., and Wednesday morning Women’s Group.

MARCH 1 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SERMON: “Looking for Guidance?”

SCRIPTURE: John 8:12-20

MARCH 8 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SERMON: “Who Cares?”

SCRIPTURE: John 10:1-21

“I am the Good Shepherd – Knowing God’s Care”

MARCH 15 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Dr. Scott Kisker preaching

MARCH 22 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SERMON: “Feeling Powerless?”

SCRIPTURE: John 15:1-11

“I am the True Vine – Knowing God’s Power”

MARCH 29 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

SERMON: “Lost Your Way?”

SCRIPTURE: John 14:1-14

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life – Knowing God’s Way”

APRIL 2 HOLY COMMUNION

SERMON: “Who’s in Charge?”

SCRIPTURE: John 18:28-38

APRIL 5 EASTER SUNDAY

SERMON: “What’s Possible?”

SCRIPTURE: John 11:17-27

“I am the Resurrection and the Life – Knowing God’s Possibilities”

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 are in your bulletins and also in the church office.. This workshop is designed both for pastors and lay people.

Make checks payable to High Street United Methodist Church.

Deadline: March 6, 2015

Easter Orchestra

Calling all instrumentalists! It’s time to put together our Easter

Orchestra. We will play on Easter Sunday, April 5th, at the 8:30 a.m. service this year. Rehearsal will be Saturday morning, April 4th, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Please contact

Andrew Crow, andrew.crow.dma@gmail.com or through the church office at 747-8500 if you have questions.



Thursday Luncheon Schedule

March 5 - Dr. Woody Noblitt, "Walk Down Memory Lane with Old Magazines"

March 12 - Eastern Gate Quartet, St Patrick's Day Luncheon

March 19 - Deb Heeter, "Danube River Cruise"

March 26 - Carson Weingart, BSU Grad Student, Piano Solo

March 2 - Senior Supper at MCL 4:30

Scholarships

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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

A **HUGE** thank you to all of the workers, bakers and buyers who helped with the Bake Sale on February 8th. Because of your generosity, the Samaritan Fund received a donation of \$450.00!!

CONNECT

Take time to check out our website site at www.munciehighstreet.com, follow us on Twitter @HighStUMC, like us on Facebook, and watch us on YouTube. You can access all of these things from our website.

Thank you!!

Thank you, thank you to everyone who donated money on Shrove Tuesday. We had around 40 people braved the cold temperatures and snow to attend the Shrove Tuesday pancake meal. We had a great time of fellowship, enjoyed pancakes, sausage, and King's cake, and Dan Moore-Snyder shared with the group the origins of Shrove Tuesday. We know now why we eat pancakes on this day!! The donations for this meal will go to High Street's 3 year commitment to raise \$3,000 for Africa University in 3 years. We are currently in year 1 of our commitment. This event raised \$201. Our Africa fund is now at \$3,791.43. Our next formal opportunity to donate to this cause will be the bucket offering on May 24th. So, please prayerfully consider what you are being called to give when the bucket is passed.

Wisdom People for March

Shirley LaBerteaux • 92 on March 1
4604 W. 400 N.
Muncie, IN 47304

Mary Swanger • 90 on March 6
920 E. Parkway
Muncie, IN 47304

Lois Metzger • 97 March 13
1413 W. Glenn Ellyn
Muncie, IN 47304

Raymond Rothhaar • 90 on March 18
1250 W. Marion Ave. Apt. 123
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Helen Ross • 100 on March 27
2911 W. Applewood Ct.
Muncie, IN 47304

Jean Hayes • 93 on March 28
1535 Countryside Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 47304

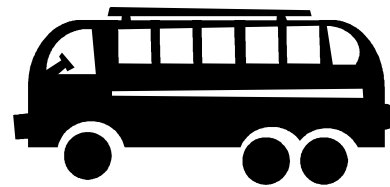


Come Celebrate Mary Swanger's Birthday

Please join Mary Swanger and her family in celebrating Mary's 90th birthday. Dessert will be served in the High Street Church Parlor from 2 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2015. All are welcome.



High Street Travelers



MAR 1 - 7 NEW ORLEANS, LA
WAITING LIST ONLY!!

MAR 11 NEW!! BEEF AND BOARDS:
WAITING LIST ONLY!!

APR 8
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

Projectionists Needed!



Persons are needed to help run the projection slides at the 8:30 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.

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.

2015 DIRECTORIES

The High Street 2015 Directories are done and out around the church. The are in the narthex, Chapel, room 101, and in the church office. Stop in and pick one up today.

Your Tower Topics

Don't forget, you can now receive your *Tower Topics* newsletter by way of e-mail! Just send your name and e-mail address to:

info@munciehighstreet.com

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
EMAIL: dheeter601@comcast.net

The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

- **Pudding**
- **Jelly**
- **Fruit**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Instant Mashed Potatoes**
- **Diced Tomatoes**
- **Pork and Beans**

Please leave donations in the wicker baskets at the North Door entrance and in the Narthex.

Food Pantry ♦ 2015

The High Street Food Pantry has served for 2015:

147 people



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

High Street Memorials

- † Auten Cole
- † Dorish Prosch
- † Helen Bullock
- † Bill and Juanita Waldo
- † June Johnson



HOSPITALIZED THE PAST MONTH and giving High Street Church as their preference: Jim Lambert, June Crawford, Evelyn Coulter.

HOW WE HELP!

The Samaritan Fund - Jan. 24 - Feb. 19

People Helped: 41

Rent:	\$200.00
Utilities:	\$935.81
Prescriptions:	\$317.89
Misc.:	\$176.00
Total:	\$1,629.70



This is how we have helped in the last month. As you can see we are doing a great outreach to helping in the community. Thank you!

Men's Lenten Breakfast

On March 7th we will have a Men's Lenten Breakfast. If you are interested in working at the breakfast sign up sheets will be available in the Parlor on Sunday, March 1st. Please stop by and join us for a great breakfast and fellowship time

HOW WE HELP!

The Samaritan Fund - 2015

People Helped: 68

Rent:	\$400.00
Utilities:	\$1,723.26
Prescriptions:	\$361.09
Misc.:	\$294.00
Total:	\$2,778.35



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.

NOTE: Some of the Staff emails have changed!



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MARCH

<p>1 Brown Bag 8:30 AM Trad. Worship 9:30 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday Sch 9:45 Children's Rehearsal 10:30 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 5:00 PM Youth Council 5:30 PM Women's Group 6:00 PM The Grove</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 AM TT Deadline 8:30 AM Staff 9:00 AM Mary Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 12:00 PM Assistance Appt. 1:30 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>4 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 9:30 AM Mommy & Me 6:00 PM Kids Choirs 6:30 PM Staff Parish 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:00 PM AA's</p>	<p>5 8:00 AM SHIP 10:30 AM Bld Pres Chk 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 1:30 PM Naomi Circle 6:30 PM Accountable Leadership Workshop</p>	<p>6 6pm 30 Hour Famine - Gethsemane</p>	<p>7 7:30 AM Men's Lenten Bk 6:30 PM 30 Hour Famine - Gethsemane</p>
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