

TOWER UPDATE

MID-MARCH 2015

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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 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

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY and giving High
Street Church as their preference:
 Elwyn Wolfe (*IUH Ball Memorial
Hospital*). Juanita Wisner
(*University Hospital Indy*).

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

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

MM = Mid Month Tower Topics Issue

Submit By:	Issue Date:
March 17	March 25
April 7 MM	April 15
April 21	April 29
May 5 MM	May 13

Lenten Study

"The God We Can Know"

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")

Helen Ross's 100th Birthday

Helen E. Ross will
celebrate her 100th
birthday on Friday, March
27th, 2015. Family and
friends are invited to
rejoice with her (no gifts
please) on Sunday, March
29th from 2 - 4 p.m. in the
Parlor.



There's Hope at Hope Ranch....

Sometimes an article, a conversation, or moment of inspiration will spur you into thinking of ministry outside the box. This is what happened to me as I read an article about Hope Ranch in Wichita, Kansas. What is so inspiring about Hope Ranch is its beginnings; let me explain.

There's a lot of buzz within church circles today about human trafficking. It has come to the foreground in the media, and God's light is finally shining on this darkness in our society. Victims of sex trafficking is often beyond horrific. Women and children as young as eight are forced into situations no one should ever have to experience. And the hurt within that victim's soul runs deep even after rescued.

The beginning of Hope Ranch came as a vision to Cathy Turner, a pastor's wife when she least expected it. She had become an empty nester, and was looking forward to a little down time, but God had other plans. Starting a new project in the area of human trafficking was not on her radar. But during a quiet time in prayer, God gave her a dramatic vision.

"I saw women in rooms—dark rooms—crying out for help," Cathy recalls. "In the next moment, I saw those same girls taking refuge inside a home. I'd never been inside the home that I saw in the vision, but I did recognize it and I knew who the owners were." Surprised, and confused, Cathy shrugged it off, and convinced herself that she had dreamed it all up. But in the next three months, Cathy experienced a spiritual dryness, and finally in a time of prayer, God made it clear to her that she could not continue to progress in Christ until she did what God had called her to do.

So Cathy sent a message on Facebook to the owners. She figured the owners would think she was crazy, but they responded back

with a phone call, and told her they were fasting and praying about how God would use the property for his glory. Cathy's mission suddenly became real.

In faith, Cathy began to recruit volunteers to serve as mentors for women who had been rescued from the sex trade from Wichita State University Center for Combating Human Trafficking.

The home in the vision went into foreclosure, and all the pieces in this puzzle began to fit. The church where her husband is lead pastor bought the property, and Hope Ranch is now preparing the property to transitionally house sex-trafficking victims as they heal.

Cathy hopes that more and more people will understand the gravity of human trafficking, and realize it is happening in this country. "I wish more people knew that it's not just a poverty issue, but a relational poverty issue as well. When there's relational poverty in the home, even in middle-and upper-class families, there will be a tendency for abusers, exploiters, and traffickers to swoop in. Those who are living in relational poverty are drawn to those who falsely tell them how much they love them. I also believe the church needs to understand that if they were to really take care of the families, they could help to prevent trafficking, and lessen the demand."

Hope Ranch's vision and goal "is to empower women who have been exploited and abused to rise above their circumstances, and become whole in body, mind, and soul."

As you read this, please join me in prayer for Hope Ranch. Hope Ranch plans to open its transitional home in the fall of 2015. And as we pray, may these girls come to the reality that God truly cares and loves them. 'til we meet again, Deborah

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

Attention Adults

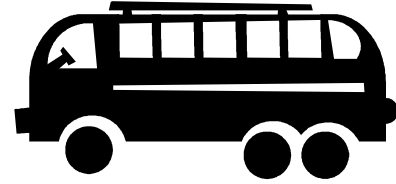
High Street Church offers a variety of Sunday school classes for your consideration. Sunday school provides a small group atmosphere where friendships blossom and personal spiritual growth flourishes.

Dr. Joseph Blair is one of our newest teachers. He says: "Please visit us soon in the Epworth Class at 9:45 a.m. in Room G6 (come early for coffee & refreshments)! Our class focus is on Bible Study. Join our class today!"

Africa Mission Team

Correction: The Africa Mission's Team 3 year commitment is to raise **\$10,000**. So far on their journey they have raised a total of \$3791.43. Please continue to help support them and meet their goal. Thank you!

High Street Travelers



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

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

Coffee Bar

It takes quite a team to pull off the Coffee Bar's "radical hospitality" every Sunday and we want to thank everyone for the fellowship we witness and receive each time we serve. We want to extend an offer to join the team and experience our Church's love for one another. The experience is intergenerational and uplifting. It's like a "homecoming" each Sunday! We have brewing coffee, serving coffee, baking and hosting positions ready for you to join. If your Sunday school class or small group would like to serve together, even better. Please come and give us a try!

Cheryl Foote (catfoote@comcast.net)

Thank You!

A late 100 times super thank you for all the cards for my mom. Katy did get a 100 cards with the president being number 100! How awesome!

Janie Pegg

Meals on Wheels

They are in desperate need of new Volunteer Drivers for the Muncie area. If you are looking for a **very flexible rewarding experience** for one hour a week or one hour a month, Meals on Wheels may be just right for you! Please take a few minutes to call our office located at Ball Memorial Hospital and find out more information today. The only requirements for delivering a route are about an hour of time, a car, an optional partner or two and a big friendly smile for our senior clients of Muncie! Please do yourself a favor and call for more information today, we guarantee it will turn out to be one of the best hours spent during your week! **Please call 282-3820** anytime and if we are busy serving clients, please leave us a message and we will be glad to call you back!

Library Corner

Attention Sunday School Classes and Small Groups, you may find the following items available in the church library to be interesting for future study materials.



- Heaven is for Real:
based on the incredible true story
Book by Todd Burpo
Conversation Kit consisting of a five session guide and DVD
The above could also be used at home for family use.

Heaven is for Real entertainment DVD
by Columbia Pictures
99 minutes rated PG
Plus Special Features: Colton goes to Heaven and Deleted Scenes
- Jesus Fact or Fiction?: An interactive journey
DVD and guide
Deals with such topics or questions as:
I believe in God but I'm not sure about Jesus
Can anyone know whether the Bible is true?
I believe spiritual truth is relative and decided by each person.
I question whether or not God exists.
What happens when we die?
Also includes the Jesus Film.
- Grace DVD based study
Includes DVD, Participant's Guide and Leader's Guide
Based on the book Grace by Max Lucado

2014 Statistics

Cherish Hensley, our Church Administrator, has completed and filed the 2014 report to our Conference for our church. Here is some news from that report. We remember that these statistics are important because they aren't just figures; they are people.

The good news is that we received 19 new members last year; fourteen by Profession of Faith. The difficult news is that we lost 21 members to death, 16 by charge conference action, and two by transfer. Thus, our total membership declined from 613 at the start of the year to 593 by the end of the year.

Here's more good news. Our average worship attendance went from 352 in 2013 to 387 in 2014. The number of people who are not members but are part of our church (constituents) went from 88 in 2013 to 117 in 2014. Our Sunday School attendance rose somewhat: from 130 to 135.

UMW General Meeting

Tuesday
March 17, 2015
1:00 p.m.
in Parish Hall

Program:
Dale Mendenhall
"Lenten Message"

Hosted by Naomi Circle

Reservations: Mary Swanger

282-9197

UM Men's Breakfast

The next High Street United Methodist Men's Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, March 18th. Join us at 7:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast, devotions and great fellowship! Occasionally we will have a short program. All men of the church are welcome to attend!

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

CONNECTING

Come 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. Also, if you can't make it here on Sunday join us on the radio on 102.9 FM or 1340 AM at 11:00 A.M every Sunday.

MARCH

1 Brown Bag 8:00 AM Travelers leave 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 5:30 PM Women's Group	2 9:30 AM Update Bridge 12pm Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Senior Supper	3 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:00 AM TT Deadline 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:00 PM Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry	4 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 9:30 AM Mommy & Me 12:00 PM Assistance Appt. 6:00 PM Kids Choirs 6:30 PM Staff Parish 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:00 PM AA's	5 8:00 AM SHIP 10:30 AM Bld Pres Chk 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 1:30 PM Naomi Circle 4:15 PM Small Group Team w/Doug Anderson 5:15 PM Small Group Team 6:30 PM Accountable Leadership Workshop	6 7pm 30 Hour Famine - Gethsemane	7 7:30 AM Men's Lenten Bk 6:30 PM 30 Hour Famine - Gethsemane
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