

TOWER UPDATE

MID-APRIL 2015

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UMW

We invite you to join the High Street United Methodist Women on **Tuesday, April 21st, at 7:00 p.m.** for dessert and a program entitled: *The Roma of Europe: a journey of history, culture, and faith.* Meet the Roma people with their rich culture of music, faith, and persecution. **Shannon Priddy**, UMW Conference officer, will be our speaker. United Methodist Women practice faith, hope, and love in action by expanding our world to include all people. Please consider joining us for this informative program. Cost is \$1.00. **To make reservations, please contact Mary Swanger at 765-282-9197.**

Grief Group

Grief Group is a six week study on "Beyond the Broken Heart", with a DVD, book, and informal discussion. Grief Group starts Wednesday, April 15th at 1:30 p.m. in Garden Court. Books are available in the church office for \$9.00. If you are interested call the office today at 765-747-8500 to sign up.

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY and giving High Street Church as their preference: Julie Fallon, Ed Myers, Jim Lambert, John Wisner (*IUH Ball Memorial Hospital*).



TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

Deadline for Submission is

8:00 A.M. on Tuesdays

MM = Mid Month Tower Topics Issue

Submit By:

April 7 MM

April 21

May 5 MM

May 19

Issue Date:

April 15

April 29

May 13

May 26

Transitions Sermon Series

As we move into spring and anticipate the end of the school year and the graduation of some, we also as a church are approaching the time for reports from our Ministry Action Plan teams. Not only do we face changes in our personal and family lives, we will be looking at some changes in our life together as a church.

It matters how we deal with change. The key is managing the transitions successfully. The pastors are leading us in a sermon series on "Transitions" this spring. Pastor Dale kicked off the series on April 12 with "Decide What to Take."

Upcoming topics include:

April 19: "Follow God's Lead"

April 26: "Close the Door Behind You"

May 3: "Trust God to Provide"

May 10: "Develop Leaders"

May 17: "Don't Go Astray"

May 24: "Live into the New Life"

Thursday Luncheon Schedule

April 16th - Charlotte Shepherd, presentation on James Whitcomb Riley

April 23rd - Veronica Wells, Executive Director, Christian Ministries

April 30th - Jimmy Priest

May 4th Senior Supper at MCL 4:30

Discipline: Strong Knees Needed

“Endure trials for the sake of discipline” Hebrews 12:7

I needed a lot of discipline when I was a child. It always seemed like I was into something with my friends, and sometimes all by my self. Disciplining a child was sort of simple when I was young, for it came at the end of a small tree branch, or a paddle when I acted up at school. My parents and teachers had a peculiar saying that still sticks with me even today: “a hard head make a soft behind!” That saying might be too much information for some of you, but it was a warning that was often heeded. It simply meant that there was a price to be paid for wrong choices.

God’s discipline is different from what I just described. In my description punishment (wrath) was waiting for me if I made the wrong choices. If I got caught making a wrong choice by those who had authority over me, punishment would make me think twice about my choices next time around. God’s discipline is different because, unlike human authority, God already knows what our choices are going to be and the trial we may endure because of them.

Trial is another word for test. Human testing reveals something about the character of the one being tested. God’s testing reveals something about God. For example, let’s pretend that a Christian is a piece of iron, our trial is a fire, and God is a Blacksmith. Every time that piece of iron is heated in the fire, and exposed to the Blacksmith’s expertise it is made stronger. Eventually, that piece of iron is placed back into service. We too are made stronger by the Master’s expertise, and placed back into service.

“Endure trial for the sake of discipline.” A trial can be the result of many things. Trials can come as a result of our own choices, or things beyond our control such as something a loved one may be going through. No matter what brings about the trial God is still in the midst of what is going on, and we are not alone.

I often begin my sermons by asking God to move me out of the way, for I feel as if this is my time of trial. What am I most likely to do in my time of trial? Whatever would make the “human” side of me feel good and safe at that moment, and often that means that my natural inclination is to lean on my own understanding and reasoning. I, like most other “humans,” would like some measure of control over my immediate (and distant) future. My prayer puts God in control of what is going to happen next, and in the case of a sermon what God’s people need to hear from God at that time in spite of me.

Strong knees are needed because we need to be in prayer at all times—especially when we are going through something. That includes those trials that stem from our own decisions. I need to add that sometimes we make choices that please God, but not those around us. In other words we find ourselves in time of trial even though we are innocent. God is with us during those times as well. When we endure trials of any kind on our knees and in prayer it makes our faith stronger, and faith reminds us that God is in control.

Blessings, Pastor Daryl

Angels on High Preschool

Angels on High Preschool is welcoming Spring and looking forward to the warmer weather. It is such a blessing to hear the laughter and excitement of the children as they play outside again!

April is a fun and busy month for our students. We are learning about Spring and the wonders of Easter. Our next Preschool Sunday will be at the 11:00 HSUMC service on Sunday, April 19. We invite you to come and enjoy the preschool children's songs and presentations. The Angels on High Preschool Board will also host a lunch for the congregation of HSUMC and preschool families on this Sunday. This will be served in Parish Hall from 10:45-1:00. All proceeds will benefit the preschool scholarship account. Please make reservations by calling the church office at 747-8500. It is a free will offering. Come join us for a delicious lunch!

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent fundraiser with The Lotion Company. We were able to earn \$835 toward a new rug for our PDO area. Also, we would like to thank the Bethany Sunday School class for their monetary donation. We really appreciate all of your support!

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year continues. We are pleased to

offer 9 preschool classes next year. Registration forms are available in the church office and on our website.

This summer our Parent's Day Out Program will be available daily, with special themes, field trips, and activities. We are busy planning a lot of fun for our children! The PDO will be open to children up to third grade. If you are interested or know someone interested in our Summer PDO, please feel free to share our information.

Angels on High Preschool is now on Facebook! Please stop by and "like" our page. We use this to keep more people updated and share information about our events/activities.

As we continue to grow and serve more in our community, so do the needs of our preschool. We ask that you consider donating these much needed supplies:

- Paper towels
- Lysol Spray
- Packaged Snacks
- Kleenex
- Chlorox Wipes
- Copy paper

We welcome you to visit Angels on High Preschool and PDO anytime. We are blessed to be a part of HSUMC!

Welcome Dan Moore Snyder to our Staff

On Sunday, March 29, Dr. Dave Wilson, chair of our Staff-Parish Relations Committee, announced the hiring of Dan Moore Snyder as our new Church Administrator. Dan brings some experience in keeping financial records and is a detailed-oriented person. Dan, of course, also has a commitment to Christ and a love for High Street Church, and he has a working knowledge of this congregation.

As you have the opportunity, please welcome Dan to our staff.

New Associate Pastor Appointed

Dr. David Wilson, chair of our Staff-Parish Relations Committee, announced on Sunday, April 12, that Bishop Mike Coyner has appointed Dr. Sherrie Drake as the associate pastor of High Street UMC, effective July 1, 2015.

Sherrie has been pastoring the Parker UMC for the past 14 years and has served extensively in the former Muncie and now East District. She has a long-standing knowledge of Muncie, a passion for seeing God at work in others and in the world around us, a wonderful gift of preaching and storytelling, a working knowledge of the Fruitful Congregation Journey, and an engaging set of relational skills with all ages.

Sherrie is married to Bill Drake, a retired elementary teacher. Bill has been active in their local church and in the District United Methodist Men. Bill and Sherrie met in and have been singing in the MasterWorks Chorale. They will be moving into our parsonage on University Avenue in a few months.

Expanding Volunteers Workshop: May 14

Could our church benefit from having more people involved in serving in and through the church? Well, identifying the need is only the first part of the solution. What if we could be better trained to expand our volunteer base?

Our Fruitful Congregation Journey coach, Dr. Doug Anderson, will lead a workshop on expanding volunteerism in the church. The workshop especially for staff, Church Council, and all leaders will be on Thursday, May 14, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Strawberry Jam and Aprons are Coming!

High Street's UMW will be selling their famous Strawberry Jam Sunday, May 3 (\$3.50 for a 4-oz jar)...in time for Mother's Day Breakfast and Brunch.



We will be selling regular as well as sugar-free jam. There will be no pre-orders, and no reserved jam. It will be a "first-come/first-YUM" selling. We suggest that if you want some jam and will not be at church May 3, ask a friend to pick up some for you. The jam will also be sold at our "May Market", Monday, May 11, at Update Learning along with aprons and cutlery. Everyone welcome!

We still need 4-oz jelly/jam jars! Bring them to the church office. If you would like to help in the jam-making, contact Susan Trout at 702-7613. We will make jam the morning of Tuesday, April 28.

Blood Drive

American Red Cross Blood Drive is April 26th. In the parlor we have a sign up sheet with time slots available for donation. Please think about signing up to donate. We may all know someone who has depended on blood products

- Cancer Patients
- Accident Victims
- Sickle Cell Anemia Patients
- Burn Victims
- Surgery Patients
- New Born Babies, and their Mother's
- Bone Marrow Transplant Patients
- And many many more....

Thank You!

A big thank you to Susan, Kristy, Jackie, Shirley, and Becky for a job well done on Maundy Thursday.

Sydney Wulff

Water Company Pays For Missed Sunday

You may recall that on September 21, 2014 we had to cancel all three Sunday services due to a lack of water to the church building. The source of water to the church was mistakenly turned off by a subcontractor for Indiana American Water.

We as a church were seeking reimbursement for the loss of revenue, the extra hours worked by our building superintendent, and the waste of bulletins. Having made no headway directly with the water company or its insurance company and not really wanting to go to court, Steve Swanger, chair of our Board of Trustees, and Pastor Mendenhall went to see Mayor Tyler about the situation. As a result, we are pleased to report that the water company has reimbursed the church for the amount of the claim - \$9,461.87.

New Signage



Do you know where these signs are located? They are a couple of the new directional signs around the outside of the church made possible by our Board of Trustees.



Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who responded to our son-in-law's death with cards, prayers, well wishes, and funeral attendance. Blake and we really appreciate each and every one of you. It's good to be a High Streeter!

Tom & Pat McDaniel

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.

Church Email

If you would like to be added to the Church Membership email list. Please send your name and e-mail address to info@munciehighstreet.com. Emails that are received are information about activities going on at High Street Church.

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- 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

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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5 Easter Sunday 8:30 AM Trad. Worship 9:30 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday Sch 9:45 AM Children's Rehearsal 10:30 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	6 7:30 AM Update Breakfast 8:30 AM Update Classes 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Senior Supper	7 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:00 AM Tower Topics 8:30 AM Staff 9:00 AM Mary Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 1:30 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Staff Parish	8 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 Choirs 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 2:00 PM FCJ Group 6:30 PM Mentoring Workshop	10 10:00 AM Westminister Fellowship - Mary Circle 7:30 PM Organ Consecration	11 9:00 AM Communion set-up
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