

TOWER TOPICS

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Strawberry Jam and Aprons are Coming!

High Street's UMW will be selling their famous Strawberry Jam Sunday, May 3 (\$3.50 for a 8-oz jar)...in the north (glass) lobby. It will be a "first-come/first-YUM" selling.



We will be selling regular as well as sugar-free jam. We suggest that if you want some jam and will not be at church, 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.

Pick up your jam just in time for Mother's Day Breakfast and Brunch.

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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Text “Magnolia” when you need prayer

Last weekend I traveled to Brown County with my two daughters, Lara and Rachel. My oldest daughter flew in from Arizona for her birthday. It was a time to celebrate, reflect, and just have fun. And I have to tell you, I didn't get much sleep. My daughters stayed up most of the two nights, laughing, talking, giggling like two little school girls.

We started driving south without reservations for a room, kind of flying by the seat of our pants, so to speak, and I was getting nervous. I would have rather had a place already reserved, (I didn't want to sleep in the car) but I was along for the ride with my two young daughters who were not worried. As I sat in the back seat enjoying the conversation, and the beautiful day, I considered the possibility that maybe, just maybe, sometimes that's the way we need to be with God. Just begin driving, and end up at a destination where He wants you to be. As we traveled south not knowing where we would stay, I thought maybe I had lost some of my adventurous spirit. I seem to be always planning, scheduling, making lists to plan out my life. But here I was with two very spirited girls laughing, chatting, and I was beginning to wonder if the pillow I brought would be used in the backseat of the car that night.

When we arrived in Nashville, we discovered that places were booked, no vacancies. Then we found the Hotel Nashville, and decided to stop. Lara went into the hotel and soon was motioning us to come into the lobby. Rachel and I thought we had finally found a room. But no, that wasn't the case. We learned that the very nice lady behind the counter had a “secret number” of her friend who owned a bed and breakfast in the heart of Nashville. With one call to the secret number, we had a room.

The bed and breakfast was called the Old Magnolia Inn, a quaint old Victorian house with antique furniture, tall plump, overstuffed beds, creaky wood

plank floors, old porcelain tub, and fireplace. I was in heaven!

As we unloaded the car, lugging our suitcases up the stairs to the room, and opened the door, I smiled. The room, the porch, the whole house was “me”. Even my daughters remarked, “Mom, this house is you. It reminds us of your house.” And as they giggled, chatted, laughed way into the night, I was reminded of years ago when two little girls scampered up my oak stairs to the bedroom, and chuckled, conversed, teased each other way into the night.....when I was much younger.

As we ended our week-end, the three of us made a pact that whenever one of us needed prayer we would text the word, “magnolia”. It would signal the other two to earnestly pray for that one, and remember her all day.

Yes, God does give us a “secret number” to call when we need Him. Yes, there are words to text when we are in trouble, and yes, God gives us week-ends to laugh, remember, and make us young again.

As I thought of a secret number
I remembered a song,
Jesus on the mainline
That you can sing along.

Tell Him what you want,
Tell Him what you need.
And sure enough He'll answer
In prayer, He'll intercede.

And when the reply comes
You'll quickly be amazed,
That His solution is grander
And deserves your praise.

'til we meet again, Deborah

Angel on High Preschool

May Highlights

It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of the preschool year! It's been such a blessing to have these children with us, watch them grow and learn in so many ways.

Thank you

Thank you to Steve Swanger and Jud Motsenbocker for all their help maintaining the Willa Stevenson Center which houses Angels on High. We appreciate all of their time and support!

2015-2016 Preschool Year

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year continues. We are pleased to offer nine preschool classes next year. Registration forms are available in the church office and on our website.

Summer Fun!

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. We are excited to offer two summer preschool camps too. The first week, June 15-19, the children will be working on preschool skills while having fun camping! The second week, August 10-14, we will learn while having fun on the beach! These camps run 9:00-12:00 each morning and are taught by our preschool teachers. If you are interested or know someone interested in our Summer PDO or Summer Preschool Camps, 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.

Supplies Needed

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

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.

Thursday Luncheon

May 7th--TBA

May 14th--University Wives and
Women's Choral Group

May 21st--The String-a-Longs from
Frankfort

May 4th--Senior Supper, MCL at 4:30

Thank You - Thank You- Thank You!

To the ladies for Ruth Circle who set-up and served refreshments for the reception after our April 10th organ concert.

To all who contributed goodies for the reception - once again High Streeters - you surpassed our expectations.

To the Trustees and others who greeted our guests and handed our programs in true "High Street" form. A special "Thanks" to Dan Moore Snyder and Susan Trout who were blown away helping our guests find parking places.

To Mike Overmyer, Stan Sollars, and Jason Hart for the sound and video that made the concert a memorable experience. Thank you High Streeters, Raul Ramirez, and Thad Reynolds for a spectacular evening at High Street UMC.

Steve Swanger
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

UMW Meeting

How can people in Delaware County obtain safer housing?

Home Savers !

(formally Re-build Delaware County)

Home Savers rehabs homes, providing safer homes for persons living in our community. Come hear stories of their work told by Tina Bernacchi, executive director of Home Builders on

Tuesday, May 19

10:30 AM

~~sponsored by High Street UMW

The Roma - "Very Interesting"

People missed a very interesting program about the Roma of Europe on Tuesday evening (4/21). Did you know that the gypsies were persecuted and killed like the Jews during WWII, that the majority of Romas are not considered citizens of any country primarily because of home births and, consequently, lack of "papers," or that Roma children can just be taken from their parents and put into orphanages and/or schools for the mentally handicapped? Our library soon will have a study book and DVD to explain more about these "wanderers." You might want to check them out. Thanks to Shannon Priddy for sharing her knowledge of these people with UMW members and their guests. Carol Casazza, Martha Mary Circle Chairperson.

Vacation Bible School

Gear up for G-Force Adventure Park VBS on Sunday, June 21, through Thursday, June 25. VBS will be from 5:30 PM until 8:10 PM. We are looking for leaders who want to discover the Word of God with children. At G-Force Adventure Park, we will help children experience God's love in action through missions, dramas, crafts, games, science, music, and lots of fun. Please contact Bethany Davis (748-0104 or bmdavis78@gmail.com) or Denise Smith (744-9069 or greg4denise.smith@att.net) if you are interested in joining in the excitement!

Pantry Celebrates Thanksgiving in May

Many thanks to the church school classes and the UMW circles and the individuals who help to fill our needs with specific items as they continue to fulfill their commitment which they made many months ago. We never forget our Pantry Friends who generously give money to the Pantry Fund. Thank you so much. We give a special thank you for the food and cash from the Muncie Beta chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa. Their gifts have helped us to fill many shelves this month. Most especially we thank the volunteers who graciously give time and energy to filling the brown bags that you donate and to serving with warmth and kindness the recipients who come with needs most of us can't imagine. Thank you, God, for everyone who makes it possible for High Street to reach out to others who hunger for food and a smile.

Lilies Bring Much Joy!

The church has received numerous notes and phone calls, thanking the church for the Easter lilies which were delivered to our members who are homebound, in health care facilities, and those who are 90--100 years old.

I want to also thank the many folks who made those deliveries. Individuals, couples and families transported the lilies following the services on Easter Sunday. That is a day of family gatherings, and these people made the extra effort to take this symbol of Easter to members of our church family as well.

On Good Friday morning, Becky Karcher, Rachel Ford, and Sydney Wolfe worked to set up all 75 lilies, and their efforts were much appreciated by all those in worship on Sunday morning, Thanks, too, to Denby Turner for assisting with the stands, etc.

This wonderful tradition was started many years ago by The Flower Mission. Though this organization no longer exists, their mission continues.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!
Hallelujah!

Pastor Charlotte

Lucille Rains Project: the project that kept on giving!

The Kiononia class had a goal of delivering 50 towel sets with bars of soap to the residents of Lucille Rains and we made it! Thank you for the above and beyond support and help from High Streeter's, good bargain shopping, Kohl's manager, (the manager gave us 50 cents off per bath towel over the discounted price and increasing our 20% off coupon to 30% off), and 89 towel sets with soap as well as a stack of dish clothes and towels for the Lucille Raines' kitchen were delivered during our annual Easter meal that was held on Monday, April 6. Wow!

After all of our gracious gifts still God wasn't done blessing our giving! From the above shopping adventure we had \$65.00 in Kohl's cash and rewards left. We contacted the Lucille Raines manager and ask what the center could use that we could get from Kohl's. She said pillows and understood that we could not get enough for all, but any amount of pillows would be appreciated. We check the store inventory, their fairly good \$12.00 pillows were set to go on sale for \$6.99. The Koinonia class had another \$70.00 available so we would be able to get \$135.00 worth of pillows or about 18 pillows. The afternoon we were set to go buy them...you guessed it: a miracle there was an ad stating that the pillows were going to go on sale for \$2.99 that following Wednesday! The Koinonia class was able to deliver 50 towels to the center the following Sunday! Between the two projects the savings was \$1,200!

Thank you all for your generosity and praise God for multiplying our efforts!



High Street Travelers Trips



Since 1974

LIFE IS A JOURNEY - COME ALONG FOR THE RIDE

- MAY 5 – 7** HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL
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2 NIGHTS – 3 DAYS MOTOR COACH / 4 MEALS
- WED MAY 20** MYSTERY TRIP \$85 PER PERSON
- WED JUN 10** JEANNE ROBERTSON &
BLUE GATE THEATRE SHIPSHEWANA
\$90 PER PERSON
- THURS JUN 25** WAGON WHEEL
PLAYHOUSE: WEST SIDE STORY
\$85 PER PERSON
- JULY 6 – 17** ALASKAN CRUISE: **SOLD OUT!**
- WED AUG 12** FACTORY TOUR & TRAVEL
DAY - WARSAW, IN
\$85 PER PERSON
- WED SEPT 23** FALL FACTORY FUN DAY -
COLUMBUS, OH \$85 PER PERSON
- OCT 7 – 14** CALIFORNIA RAIL DISCOVERY
\$2495.00 DBL OCC
6 NIGHTS – 7 DAYS / RT AIR / 2 RAIL / 9 MEALS
- THUR OCT 22** FALL MYSTERY \$85 PER PERSON
- WED NOV 18** LACOMEDIA DINNER THEATRE: A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE MUSICAL
- DEC 2-4** CHRISTMAS IN NASHVILLE, TN
STARTING AT \$569 PER PERSON
- 2016 SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE**
JAN 24-FEB 5

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

The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

- Pasta
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Spaghetti
- Canned Meats
- Fruit
- Pork and Beans
- Spaghetti Sauce

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:

377 people

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

High Street Memorials/Honors

- † In Honor of Helen Ross
- † Helen Bullock
- † June Johnson
- † Bill and Juanita Waldo
- † In Honor of Gretchen Schneider
- † Dorish Prosh
- † Auten Cole



HOSPITALIZED THE PAST MONTH and



giving High Street Church as their preference: Matthew Smith, Paula Smith, Everett Colsten, Doris Mentis, Bill Weist, Julie Harris, Ray Lanum.

HOW WE HELP!

The Samaritan Fund - 2015

People Helped:	108
Rent:	\$1379.80
Utilities:	\$2173.26
Prescriptions:	\$483.32
Misc.:	\$421.50
Total:	\$4,457.88



Wisdom People for May

Mary Barnell • 91 on May 14
5105 N. Everett Rd.
Muncie, IN 47304

Margaret Quire • 92 on May 14
P.O. Box 2394
Muncie, IN 47307

Naomi Oxley • 94 May 15
145 Dogwood Dr.
Warren, IN 46792



Jeanne Wellnitz • 96 on May 28
Westminster Village
5801 W. Bethel Ave.
Muncie, IN 47304

James Webb • 92 on May 29
2104 S. Woodbridge Dr.
Yorktown, IN 47396

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Thank you again for all the donating and support with the Samaritan Fund.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



<p>31 8:30 AM Trad. Worship 9:00 AM Blood Drive 9:30 AM Coffee 9:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday Sch 10:30 AM Coffee 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 6:00 PM The Grove</p>					<p>1 9:00 AM Relational Outreach Team 11:45 AM Preschool Chapel 3:15 PM Preschool Chapel</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3 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 4:00 PM SAF 5:30 PM Women's Group</p>	<p>4 7:30 AM Update Breakfast 8:30 AM Update Classes 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Finance Meeting 4:30 PM Senior Supper 6:00 PM Small Team</p>	<p>5 Travelers gone 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</p>	<p>6 Travelers gone 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 9:30 AM M&M Bible Study 1:30 PM Grief Group 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choirs 6:30 PM Staff Parish 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:00 PM AA's</p>	<p>7 Travelers gone 8:00 AM SHIP 11:00 AM Bld Pres Chk 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 1:30 PM Naomi Circle</p>	<p>8 11:00 AM Preschool Tea 2:00 PM Preschool Tea</p>	<p>9 8:00 AM PEO Group</p>
<p>10 Mother's Day 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 6:00 PM The Grove</p>	<p>11 7:30 AM Update Breakfast 8:30 AM Update Classes 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Preschool Board</p>	<p>12 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:30 AM Staff 9:30 AM Ruth Circle 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 12:00 PM Assistance Appt. 1:30 PM Food Pantry 3:30 PM Trustees</p>	<p>13 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 9:30 AM Mommy & Me 1:00 PM Elder-Law 1:30 PM Grief Group 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choirs 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 7:00 PM Children's Team 8:00 PM AA's</p>	<p>14 8:00 AM SHIP 10:30 AM Lunch Activity 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch 4:00 PM FCJ Team Meeting 6:30 PM Expanding Volunteerism Workshop</p>	<p>15 7:15 AM Kingdom Adviser's Group</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Grad. Sunday 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 5:00 PM Youth Council 5:30 PM Women's Group 6:00 PM The Grove</p>	<p>18 9:30 AM Update Bridge 12:00 AM 1:30 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>19 6:45 AM Renovaré 8:00 AM TT Deadline 8:30 AM Staff 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 10:30 AM UMW General Meeting 1:30 PM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Martha Mary - Olive Garden</p>	<p>20 6:00 AM Men's Brkfst prep 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Travelers Trip 9:15 AM Wm. Bible Study 10:45 AM Preschool Class 1:30 PM Grief Group 5:45 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Kids Choirs 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 8:00 PM AA's</p>	<p>21 8:00 AM SHIP 11:00 AM Lunch Activity 10:45 AM Preschool Class 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch</p>	<p>22 1:00 PM UMW Executive 5:00 PM Preschool Graduation</p>	<p>23</p>
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Exodus 16:1-30 and 17:1-7

“Trust God to Provide”

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

MAY 17, 2015

Scripture:

Exodus 32:1-35 and Acts 1:1-11

“Don’t Go Astray”

Pastor Daryl Gilbert

MAY 10, 2015

Scripture:

Exodus 18:13-27 and John 15:9-17

“Develop Leaders”

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

MAY 24, 2015

Scripture:

Exodus 20:1-21 and Acts 2:1-21

“Live into the New Life”

Pastor Daryl Gilbert