

TOWER UPDATE

MID-JULY 2015

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COULTER MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service in memory of Evelyn Coulter will be held in the chapel on Thursday, July 23, at 1:15 p.m. Evelyn was loved by many in this church and had served for over twenty years as a volunteer in our Thursday Luncheon ministry.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC AT MORROW'S MEADOWS

Make sure to save the date of Sunday, September 13 for the all church picnic. It is a great time for fun and fellowship for everyone.

HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST MONTH



and giving High Street Church as their preference: Jackie Wisner, Lana Blair (*IUH Ball Memorial Hospital*).

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

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

MM = Mid Month Tower Topics Issue

July 21		July 29
August 4 MM		August 12
August 18		August 26
Sept. 1 MM		Sept. 9

New Sermon Series Begins

Beginning July 26 and continuing through August, our pastors will be sharing a series of sermons around the theme of "Heading for the Ocean." Some people go to the ocean to stay ashore, some test the water, some wade in the water, some venture out where their feet won't touch, some swim out beyond that, and some go to the ocean to dive. Which of these would best describe where you are in your faith journey? What is the challenge facing you if you are to move forward in your faith journey? Join us July 26 and each Sunday in August.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

School-age students are asked to bring their backpacks to church on Sunday, July 26. We will bless those backpacks and the students in the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

50 YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION

On Sunday, August 16, we will recognize and honor those people who have been members of this church for fifty years or more. We will celebrate these people and their faith in both the 8:30 and 9:45 worship services.

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

Dear Friends:

I have been receiving a lesson in attitude this week. It's not that I haven't preached about attitude before. When I think of one verse that speaks to attitude, Philippians 4:4 comes immediately to mind: "Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say, Rejoice." Paul, a man with very personal knowledge and experiences of all kinds of circumstances, some quite difficult, actually admonishes us Christians to rejoice always..

I will confess that rejoicing doesn't always typify my attitude. I can allow circumstances to shape my attitude. But I have been observing four college students from Estonia this week maintain an upbeat attitude when mine would have been anything but. Some of you may remember two young women coming to our church on Sunday, July 12, looking for housing for a couple of weeks. They are going door-to-door selling educational materials. Cathy and I are housing them for their first week. In addition, we are housing two young men, also from Estonia and selling the same materials.

They leave the house by 7:15 a.m. and do not return until between 10:00 and 10:30 p.m. They have been out in some torrential rain this week; some of them were actually riding bikes. Karolin came in Tuesday evening saying she didn't know how at one point in the afternoon she could have been any wetter. Mery talked and laughed about how funny she had to look trying to hold an umbrella, balancing her backpack of materials, and standing in a couple inches of rain on a porch. The lady at the house closed the door on her; Mery moved on and

still laughed at how she had to look. Rainer talked about a man telling him he didn't want to be in that neighborhood in New Castle; he might get shot. Rainer also contrasted one friendly grandmother who purchased books from him to another grandmother on the same street threatening to call the police on him for coming to her door. Madis drove in from Little Rock, Arkansas Tuesday and when he got to our area, worked for a couple of hours before coming to our house past 10:00. They have doors shut in their faces, of course. But they call the difficult circumstances they face "challenges."

They are expected to find their own housing. They maintain a long, grueling schedule. They have to deal with discouragement on a regular basis. They are in unfamiliar areas; one girl actually was lost on a bike in Muncie late Monday night. And yet, in the face of all of these "challenges," they leave in the morning with smiles on their faces. They return at night and are still upbeat, smiling, and so appreciative of having a place to stay overnight and some food ready for them.. And I marvel.

I had no idea on that Sunday morning that two young women from Estonia would come into our lives this week. I had no idea until Sunday evening that two young men from Estonia would come into our lives for the week. Hosting these four young people has lengthened the days for Cathy and me, and we are tired. But these young people are a delight. Besides, who are we to do anything but rejoice?

Rejoice!
Pastor Dale

High Street Travelers Trips



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LIFE IS A JOURNEY - COME ALONG FOR THE RIDE

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 – 13 CALIFORNIA RAIL DISCOVERY
6 NIGHTS/2 Rail Excursions/Rt Air 9 Meals/Fully
Escorted/Tours +++ **WAITING LIST ONLY!!!**

THUR OCT 22 FALL MYSTERY \$85 PER PERSON

WED NOV 18 LACOMEDIA DINNER THEATRE: A
CHRISTMAS STORY, THE MUSICAL
\$85 PER PERSON

DEC 2-4 CHRISTMAS IN NASHVILLE, TN
STARTING AT \$569 PER PERSON
WAITING LIST ONLY!!!

2016 SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE
JAN 24-FEB 5 **SOLD OUT!!!**

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



We are still looking for volunteers to help us set up and get organized on July 15 & 16 from 8:00 a. m. - 4:00 p. m. Call Nancy Pilkington 288-3386, Celesta Dudley 284-1034, or Grace Miller 216-1212. Come join us on July 17 & 18 for some good rummaging fun, fellowship, and food! The sale on July 17 is from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the 18th is from 8:00 a. m. to 12:00 p. m.

Thursday Luncheon Schedule

July 16 - Thursday Luncheon cancelled due to rummage sale

July 23 - Celia Burns, special speaker,
presentation on "Jerusalem"

July 30 - "Cornfield Cloggers"

Christian Ministries

Dear High Street United Methodist Church:

Over the past month Christian Ministries has been blessed with a new bathroom and shower/bathtub combo for our family shelter clients. We would like to thank the following individuals for giving their time, money, and hard work to help make our families' more comfortable: Jim Cartwright, Larry Crabtree, Craig Johnson, Jerry McNary, Mike Overmyer, Gene Tapy, and Dale Waid.

Thank you again for your generosity and for caring for others in our community.

Sincerely,
Veronica A. Wells
Executive Director

Habitat for Humanity

Seeking Applicants for AmeriCorps Position
2015/2016

Here's your chance to make a difference in your community with AmeriCorps and Muncie Habitat for Humanity! We are seeking an individual to assist our construction team (focusing on rehabs of existing homes, some new construction and home repair projects).

This is a full time service opportunity beginning September 2015 through August 31, 2016. The program includes an annual living stipend of approximately \$13,000 and an education award of approximately \$5,500 after successfully completing the term of service. Health insurance and child care benefits are available, if eligible. Ideal candidates must be at least 18 years of age, possess a HS diploma/GED. Saturday work will be required. Some college and/or volunteer experience preferred. For immediate consideration, please email resume and cover letter to: info@munciehabitat.org, fax to 765-289-0592 or mail to PO Box 1119, Muncie, IN 47308.

Resumes accepted through July 31, 2015.

For more information, please call Muncie Habitat at 765-286-5739 or visit www.habitatindiana.org or www.americorps.gov for more information.

HabiCorps, Habitat for Humanity, and AmeriCorps, do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, gender, national origin, color, political affiliation, religion, age or disability. Reasonable accommodations may be provided upon request.

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 in the church office. Stop in and pick one up today. If you have an address change please make sure to let the office know. Thanks!

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.

Report from the Archives

No longer jam-packed into a dark, small closet, the treasures of High Street's storied past are enjoying an airy, spacious room on the third floor.

For several months now, the Archives Committee has been gradually working through a mountain of materials which were newly arrived in the Archives. Many of these are from the records kept by Lori Gibson when she capably served as our Network Systems Administrator.

Now we are discovering other "treasures" which somehow ended up squirreled away around our huge building. Several people, including Casey Headland, Susan Trout, Joel Dale, and Denby Turner, have been pointing us toward these sites, and no doubt there are other places to look. If you are aware of hidden stashes, please let us (or the office) know.

Sadly, every document of our church's history is destined to disappear! It's only a matter of time before it goes missing, or falls victim to bugs, water, light, chemicals, or other enemies of paper. That being said, the people of High Street have been able to preserve one of our most important record books for 164 years, and it's still in excellent shape! Pretty impressive.

So, we hope to protect all our major records that well. The new facility should make it possible to do so. (Actually, we're aiming at 300 years, but not many of us will be around to check on it). However, at that time--2315 A.D.-- generations far in the future should still be able to learn about the humble beginnings of High Street and even about what you were doing in 2015.

Preserving the records is only part of the job of the Archives. The more important work is making the High Street story known to you so that you can go out and tell it to others who need to hear it. Why? Of course-- to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

--Your Archives Committee



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY


WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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5 Senior High Camp 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	6 Senior High Camp 4:30 AM Travelers Cruise 7:00 AM PDO 12:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:30 PM Food Pantry 4:30 PM Senior Supper 4:30 PM Preschool	7 Senior High Camp 6:45 AM Renovaré 7:00 AM PDO 8:30 AM Staff 10:00 AM Pastoral Staff 12:00 PM Assistance Appt. 1:30 PM Food Pantry Travelers on Cruise	8 Senior High Camp 7:00 AM PDO 1:00 PM Elder-Law 8:00 PM AA's Travelers on Cruise	9 Senior High Camp 7:00 AM PDO 8:00 AM SHIP 10:00 AM Evelyn Shoe-maker friends meeting 10:30 AM Lunch Activity 11:30 AM Thurs. Lunch	10 Senior High Camp 7:00 AM PDO 10:00 AM Westminster Fellowship Travelers on Cruise	11 Travelers on Cruise
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