

Mid-March 2016



Tower Topics

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

March 19, 2016

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. "EGGCITING"
EASTER- CHILDREN'S EVENT

March 20, 2016

Palm and Passion Sunday

March 21 – March 23

Holy Week

March 24, 2016

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Service - Sanctuary

March 25, 2016

12:00 P.M. Good Friday
Service – Sanctuary

High Street United Methodist Christians:

- **Worship** God;
- **Connect** with other Christians to grow as disciples; and
- **Serve** Christ in the community.

Service Times:

8:30 – 9:30 AM
Traditional Worship

9:45 – 10:45 AM
Sunday school

9:45 – 10:30 AM
Chapel Worship

11:00 – Noon
Contemporary Worship

Traditional Worship is
Broadcast at 11 AM on
WXFN – 1340 AM and 102.9 FM

TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

Deadline for Submission is 8:00 A. M. on Tuesdays
MM = Mid-Month Tower Topics Issue

Deadline

March 1 MM
March 22 MM (not mailing this addition)
April 5 MM
April 19 Mail for May

Distribution date

March 9
March 30
April 13
April 27



Three Sides of the Same Coin

My great-uncle Dutch was a quiet, hard-working Illinois farmer. We all loved it, though, on the rare occasions when he would talk – because he could tell wonderful stories, and he always used the most interesting phrases. One of his favorites was, “Well, that’s just two sides of the same coin.”

It took me a while to try to figure this one out, because Uncle Dutch would use it in the context of describing two things which appeared to be exactly opposite, yet must, mysteriously, share a bond. If he had a really good year with the crops, he’d say, “You know, there’s good years and bad years, but that’s just two sides of the same coin.” When he was talking about the family down the street who had two boys, one very quiet, obedient and studious and the other wild, rambunctious and trouble-making, Uncle Dutch would pronounce: “They’re just two sides of the same coin.”

I recently had a day when I remembered Uncle Dutch’s phrase clearly. In the morning I came in to work in the church office, and it was full of anticipating new life. We were celebrating with Casey, who is very close to giving birth to their second child, a daughter. Rebecca came through to pick up shipments to be used in the rousing, roiling Angels on High Preschool. Kasey was sharing stories about children’s ministries and activities.

Then I left in the afternoon to preside over a funeral for a woman who had died too early after a brave battle with cancer.

New life and death – two sides of the same coin? Is there a connecting point that makes sense of one by examining the other?

The movement from Lent to Easter actually gives us a third option. Jesus Christ is life, death and life beyond death. God the Creator, God the Redeemer and God the Sustainer fills us with the possibility of understanding each moment in a new light. We begin on Ash Wednesday by acknowledging mortality. We end on Easter by celebrating eternity. Through life we seek to understand death. Through death we come to know the preciousness of life. And through life-beyond-death we glimpse the infinite possibilities of meaning, purpose and grace that fill us and change us in love.

Three sides of the same coin. What a gift from God!

Blessings –

Pastor Sherrie

WORSHIP

Explore Church Membership

Pastors Dale and Sherrie will be leading a series of six Sunday morning classes called A Disciple's Path, designed to help explore and examine the meaning of discipleship and membership at High Street UMC. Please know that by signing up, you are not automatically deciding for membership – that decision will be made by each person at the end of the class.

A Disciple's Path will be held from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m., beginning April 3 and running through May 8. New members will be welcomed on Pentecost Sunday, May 15.

We realize that some who attend the 9:45 worship service may also be interested. You may choose to attend a different service through the course of the study, or contact us with your interest so we can make an alternative plan.

Contact Pastor Dale, Pastor Sherrie or the church office to sign up. We look forward to learning together.

Lenten Worship Opportunities

3/16/16 – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell from Kirby Ave. Church of God

3/25/16 – Community Good Friday Service at High Street – NOON – 1:00 P.M.

Muncie Area United Methodist Men's Lenten Breakfasts

Saturday Mornings – 7:30 – 9:00 A.M.

3/12/16 – Daleville UMC, 8104 S. Hickory Lane, Daleville

3/19/16 – The Garden at Gethsemane, 1201 W. McGalliard, Muncie

CONNECT

Child/Youth Protection Training

Anyone who has an interest in working with the children and youth of our church should mark their calendars for Saturday, April 9. We will meet in the church Parlor from 9:30 – Noon that day to introduce you to the High Street policies, and give you a chance to sign a release for a background check.

Contact Pastor Sherrie, sdrake@munciehighstreet.com, (765) 760-3951 (cell), or at the church office, (765) 747-8500 if you will be able to attend.

Communion Choir

It's not too late to join the choir for the Communion Good Friday Service. The following dates are rehearsal times:

Tuesday, March 15 7pm-8:30pm
Saturday, March 19 1pm – 2:30pm
Wednesday, March 20 5:30pm – 7pm
Friday, March 25 10am – 12pm

Contact Pastor Sherrie, sdrake@munciehighstreet.com, (765) 760-3951 (cell) for more information.

High Street Travelers - Since 1974

~~Mar 19 (Sat.) American Passion Play \$100 per person—
CANCELLED!!~~

Apr 13 (Wed.) Cincinnati Flower Show \$ – Sold Out!!

May 11 (Wed.) Indiana History Day, Part 1 \$85 per person

May 16 – 20 **BRANSON WITH A TWIST!**
4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS \$860 PP DBL OCC 5 SHOWS / 4
TOURS / 11 MEALS / LAMBERT'S CAFÉ

Jun. 15 (Wed.) Indiana History Day, Part 2 \$85 per person

July 18 – 31 **SCENIC IRELAND INCLUDES: RT AIR /
13 DAYS / INSURANCE / TOURS**

July 20 (Wed.) Beef & Boards: Church Basement Ladies
\$85 per person

Aug 17 (Wed.) Indiana History Day, Part 3 tba

Sept 8 & 9 **OVERNIGHT MYSTERY TRIP:**
Transportation/ Lodging/ 4 Meals / 6 Tours \$398 per

Sept 11 – 17 **BEAUTIFUL MAINE** Waiting List

Sept. 21(Wed) Beef & Board: Menopause the Musical \$85

Oct. 19 (Wed.) Indiana History Day, Part 4 \$85 per person

Nov. 15 – 18 New!! Christmas at the Biltmore \$569

Dec. 7 (Wed.) Beef & Board: A B&B Christmas \$85

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 is a mission of High Street United Methodist Church, 219 So High St Muncie, IN 47305.

COORDINATOR-Deb Heeter

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We're Not Martha Stewart Craft Group!

Calling all crafters and even those not so crafty who enjoy fun and fellowship! WNMSCG will meet again Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm to make arm scarfs. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to make these fun, quick, beautiful scarfs. Katie from the "Yarn Stories" store will supply the yarn and lead us through completing a scarf in an evening, for the price of \$15 per person. Please register in advance (so that we have enough supplies available) by signing up in the church office by Tuesday, March 29th. For questions, please contact Cynthia Dale or Kelly Wolfe. Hope to see you there!!



Thursday Luncheon Programs

Mar 10:
Scott Lamperd entertains with gospel and guitar

Mar 17:
Jimmy Priest will sing some Irish songs!

Mar 24:
Pastor Charlotte w/a message for Holy Thursday

Mar 31
Deb Heeter takes us on a High Street Travelers Alaskan cruise!

April 7
Bill Drake & Rodney Gill entertain w/*Broadway and Big Band*.

Easter Dinner Trip to Lucille Raines

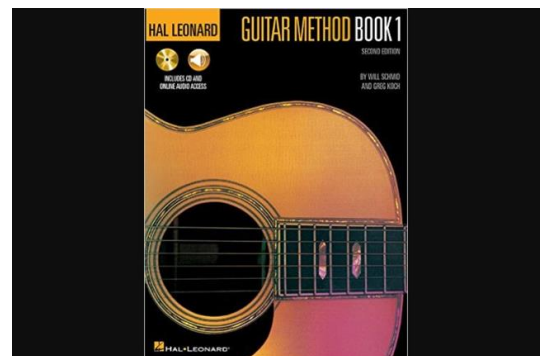
On Monday, March 28, members of the Koinonia Class will be leaving the church around 4:00 to carpool to Indianapolis for our annual Easter dinner. We serve an Easter meal to the residence of The Lucille Raines Residence which is a Methodist Women's supported three-quarters house for recovering addicts.

Generally, we arrive back to Muncie around 9:00 after we visit with the residents and cleanup from the meal. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in going with us to serve, see any member of the Koinonia Class or let the office staff know you would like to attend and they will make sure one of our class members contacts you.

Guitar Lessons Offered

Have you thought about learning to play the guitar? Would you like to try out the basics of guitar playing? Phil Everetts, the lead guitarist for our own Resounding Mercy, is going to "pay it forward." You see, some years back Phil responded to a similar invitation to begin taking guitar lessons right here in our church. The idea was to grow some guitarists who would one day be part of the music of this church.

Phil will be offering introductory guitar lessons for people who are church members or are actively involved in this church and are ages eight and up. Sessions will be held in our church parlor on Wednesdays, March 16 through May 4, from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. The cost for this introductory course is \$60. There is room for only 6-8 students. Students should supply their own guitars and have purchased the instructional book pictured here:



If you have questions about the schedule, the kind of guitar, etc., please contact Phil Everetts at phileveretts@gmail.com

SERVE

Easter Lilies

Those of us who are privileged to be in worship on Easter morning will have the joyful experience of seeing the mass of lilies, nearly 80 of them, as they fill the chancel areas of the sanctuary and chapel.

Our homebound members and those in long term care facilities miss out on this experience, but we do our best to share with them by delivering the lilies to their homes after the services.

Please help us share the joy by delivering Easter lilies following the services on Easter Sunday, or even on Monday.

On March 13 and March 20, Pastor Charlotte will be available for you to sign up for these deliveries.

The lilies in the Chapel can be taken after that service. The lilies in the sanctuary will be available at noon, after the conclusion of the 11:00 service.

We need people to take 1 or 2 lilies, as well as folks who can take more, and one willing person to take a dozen to Westminster Village.

Easter Memorial Contribution

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Amount \$: _____

This Contribution is Given in Memory/Honor of: _____

Fill this form out and return to the church office by March 18, 2016.

GENERAL INFORMATION

2016 Directory Correction

Make a change in your 2016 telephone listings: Pastor Sherrie and Bill's home phone is incorrect. The correct number is (765) 741-9101.

Hanging Signs

Please when hanging signs on the wall use putty not tape it peels the paint. The other option is to have a sign stand. Thanks!

Thank You!

Thank you to my High Street Church family for remembering me during my recent illness. Your calls, cards, visits and prayers were deeply appreciated and pastor Dale's smile brightened my day!

Barbara Palmer

Contact Information

Our Visitation Pastor, Charlotte Overmyer, is available in the church office on Tuesday mornings, 8:30--10:00 a.m. This is a good time to talk with her about opportunities to visit our homebound members, concerns you may have about your own family members, or an insight or question you would like to share with her.

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Calendar of Events – March

Sun Mar 13, 2016- Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship Service
9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee Time
9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship Service
9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes
9:45am - 10:45am College Group - Room 305
10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee Time
11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship Service
11am - 12pm Young Families LifeGroup - 205
3:30pm - 5pm Confirmation - Parish Hall
5pm - 6:30pm A Disciple's Heart Study - 204
5pm - 7pm The Grove – YL/PH/Kitchen

Mon Mar 14, 2016

12pm - 2pm Mah Jongg Class - Room G6
1pm - 3pm Grief Recovery Group - Room 205
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
4:30pm - 5:30pm Preschool Board - Room 204

Tue Mar 15, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Spiritual Group - Parlor
8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
12pm - 2pm Assistance Appointments Lunch
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
1:30pm - 3pm UMW General Meeting - PH
5:30pm - 6:30pm Martha Mary Circle
6:15pm - 7:45pm Lilies - Youth Lounge
6:30pm - 7:30pm Followers Become Leaders
7pm - 8:30pm Good Friday Choir Rehearsal

Wed Mar 16, 2016

6am - 7am Men's Breakfast prep - Parish Hall
7am - 8am UM Men's Breakfast - Parish Hall
9:15am - 10:45am Women's Bible Study - G6
5pm - 8pm Youth Game Night - Garden Court
5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303
6pm - 7pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids
7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Mar 17, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon
4pm - 5pm Edible Muncie – Room 204

Fri Mar 18, 2016

7:15am - 8:15am Kingdom Advisor's - Room G6

Sat Mar 19, 2016

9am - 1pm Easter Children's Event

1pm - 2:30pm Good Friday Choir Rehearsal

Sun Mar 20, 2016- Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship Service

9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee Time

9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship Service

9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes

9:45am - 10:45am College Group - Room 305

10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee Time

11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship Service

11am - 12pm Young Families LifeGroup - 205

3:30pm - 5pm Confirmation - Parish Hall

5pm - 6:30pm A Disciple's Heart Study - 204

5pm - 7pm The Grove - YL/PH/Kitchen

Mon Mar 21, 2016 -Holy Week Begins

12pm - 2pm Mah Jongg Class - Room G6

1pm - 3pm Grief Recovery Group Week 6 - 205

1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens

Tue Mar 22, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Spiritual Group - Parlor

8am - 8am Tower Topics Deadline

8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library

10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office

1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens

6:30pm - 7:30pm Followers Become Leaders

Wed Mar 23, 2016

9:15am - 10:45am Women's Bible Study - G6

5pm - 8pm Youth Game Night - Garden Court

5:30pm - 7pm Good Friday Choir Rehearsal

5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303

6pm - 7pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids

7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Mar 24, 2016- Maundy Thursday

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office

11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon

4:30pm - 6pm Wesleyan Circle - Parlor

7pm - 8pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Fri Mar 25, 2016- Good Friday Open 8am-12

10am - 12pm Good Friday Choir- Sanctuary

12pm - 1pm Community Good Friday Service

Sat Mar 26, 2016

9:30am - 11am Easter Orchestra Rehearsal

Sun Mar 27, 2016- Easter

8:30am - 9:30am *Traditional Worship Service

9:30am - 9:45am *Fellowship and Coffee Time

9:45am - 10:30am *Informal Worship Service

9:45am - 10:45am *Sunday school Classes

9:45am - 10:45am College Group - Room 305

10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee Time

11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship Service

11am - 12pm Young Families LifeGroup

5pm - 7pm The Grove - YL/PH/Kitchen

Mon Mar 28, 2016

12pm - 2pm Update Learning Mah Jongg Class

1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens

Tue Mar 29, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Spiritual Group - Parlor

8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library

10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office

11:30am - 11:30am Preschool Chapel - Chapel

12pm - 2pm Assistance Appointments Lunch

1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens

7pm - 8pm ACAT Meeting - Room 204

Wed Mar 30, 2016

9:15am - 10:45am Women's Bible Study - G6

11:30am - 11:30am Preschool Chapel - Chapel

5pm - 8pm Youth Game Night - Garden Court

5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303

6pm - 7pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids

6pm - 7pm Staff Parish Relations - Room G6

7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Mar 31, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office

11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon