
Mid-August 2016

Tower Topics

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Upcoming Events

August 17, 2016

7pm Sanctuary Choir
resume practice

August 24, 2016

6pm Praise Kids & Call to
Christ resume practice

August 28, 2016

All Church "Wild West" Picnic
Grab your cowboy boots and hats and gallop on over to Morrow's Meadows on Sunday, August 28 at 5pm! Wear your western best, knee-slap with the "Cornfield Cloggers", and play horse-shoes. There will be LOTS of entertainment for the little cowboys too! Grub will be from Bird's Smokehouse BBQ - pulled pork, baked beans, corn casserole, mac & cheese and hotdogs for the kids. Sign-up and pay in advance on Sunday mornings or in the church office until August 23. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids 3-12, and free for kids 2 and under. Add \$1 for pay at the picnic. See you at the hoedown!

August 31, 2016

5:45pm Handbells resume
practice

Sept. 6 - Nov. 22

6pm Disciple Bible Study

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

| <u>Deadline</u> | <u>Sending date</u> | <u>Issue</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| August 23 | August 31 | September |
| September 6 | September 14 | Mid-September |
| September 20 | September 28 | October |

Impossible

Spoiler Alert: This article reveals the ending to a great book – The Phantom Tollbooth. You might want to read the book before the article!

One of my favorite books of all time is The Phantom Tollbooth, by Norton Juster. It's promoted as a children's book, but, like all great stories, appeals to many ages.

The basic story is about a boy named Milo who doesn't quite know what to do with himself. Magically a small car and a mysterious tollbooth appear before him, inviting him to go on an adventure to the land of Wisdom. Along the way, Milo meets a wide assortment of very interesting characters, and soon he and his new-found friends find themselves on a quest to return the lost Princesses Rhyme and Reason to the wounded kingdom. As they travel from place to place, they constantly meet folk who end up saying some variation of "There's one thing you should know about your quest, but we won't be able to tell you what that is until you get back."

We are living in times when it sometimes seems as if nothing makes sense: we have lost all rhyme and reason. Non-traditional political races both here and in other parts of the world; people incited to kill in the name of a God of peace; broken souls who lash out with

terrible violence against others, oftentimes with motives we can't begin to explain or fathom; all of these and more can leave us feeling as if nothing is dependable, stable or sensible. Milo goes through similar feelings in a world where up is down, words and numbers are at war with one another, and temptation lurks on all sides to turn away, curl up in a ball and just give up.

When Jesus came in human form to this world, things were pretty chaotic, too. The Jewish people, God's beloved, were under the control of the Roman government. They rubbed shoulders on a daily basis with all sorts of people who ate, drank, prayed, sang, danced and lived in new and confusing ways. Food booths in the marketplace and hospitals for healing were dedicated to a panoply of gods. Making what used to be simple daily decisions suddenly became a complex task. But Jesus came as miraculous, living news: ancient God is here, now, today and just as real as ever.

Milo and his friends face the most desperate and dangerous situations by taking one step at a time and learning to love and rely on one another. Their journey is long, difficult and perilous. At the very end they return triumphantly, escorting the Princesses Rhyme and

Reason back in victory. It is only at the end that the people reveal the secret of their task: it was impossible! Impossible to accomplish his mission, except for the fact that he did it.

The Angel Gabriel gives a message to Mary after revealing that she will bear the infant Jesus, God's son. In Luke 1:37 Gabriel says, "For nothing will be impossible with God," to which Mary responds, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

We may feel sometimes as if we, too, are journeying through a world out of control. But with radical newness an ancient God breaks into every moment with a now-and-forever promise: with me, nothing is impossible.

Bless you,

Pastor Sherrie

WORSHIP

Sermons Series

Fruit of the Spirit



Galatians 5:22-23

Join us each Sunday in August as we continue to explore in worship what our children are learning in Sunday School.

August 14 All-Church Choir at 8:30 and 9:45

Sermon: "Faithfulness"

Scripture: 2 Kings 22:1 – 23:23

August 21 The Sanctuary Choir returns

Sermon: "Gentleness"

Scripture: Psalm 23:1-6

August 28

Sermon: "Self-Control"

Scripture: Daniel 1:1-21

CONNECT

Thursday Luncheon Programs

August 18 Mark Murphy's music and testimony

August 25 Deb Heeter w/slides of Travelers' CA rail trip

September 1 Warren Lowe sings Southern Gospel

September 8 Robert Rouch entertains on piano

WATCH FOR....

...the early September issue of Tower Topics! It will include your brochure for the **Fall session of Update Learning** which will be on Mondays, Sept 26 - Oct 31. You'll notice several new classes offered. Bring your money and registration form to the office early for the best chance of getting your "first choice" classes!

Disciple Bible Study: Old Testament

INTODUCTORY SESSION

Tuesday, August 30, 2016
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Room 204

GROUP STUDY SESSIONS

Tuesdays, September 6- November 22, 2016
6:00 – 7:15 p.m. - Room 205

FACILITATOR

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

COST

\$15 for the Study Manual
Make checks payable to High Street UMC

Here's an opportunity to explore the major themes of the Old Testament in twelve sessions of 75 minutes each. Each week participants will prepare by reading and reflecting upon Scripture and other readings each day. We will be using a new version of Disciple Bible Study designed to "fast track" the study.

REGISTRATION

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY: OLD TESTAMENT

NAME(S) _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ENCLOSED IS \$ _____ (\$15 per person)
for the Study Manual(s).

(Make checks payable to High Street United
Methodist Church)

Registration Deadline: August 16, 2016

____ I/We will need babysitting provided for
____ children, age(s) _____.

Children's Ministry Servant Leader Training

Mark your calendars for the Children's Ministry Servant Leader Training, Wednesday, August 17 from 6-7 p.m. We will explore what our kids will be studying September-November and tips and tricks to teaching these materials. We will also continue to look into why we do ministry with children.

Please contact Kasey Needham at kneedham@munciehighstreet.com to let her know if you will need child care.

SERVE

Drive for American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society needs volunteer drivers for our area. Drivers will be asked to help cancer patients get from their home to the Cancer Center at IU Ball Memorial Hospital for their appointments and back to their home. Appointments for a patient at the Cancer Center can take from one hour to four hours.

To be a driver, one must have a good driving record, a valid driver's license, a reliable vehicle, proof of insurance coverage, completion of the ACS training course and be available Monday through Saturday during the day.

To learn more, call Road to Recover at 1.800.227.2345 or call Ben Howells at 765-759-6026.

GENERAL INFORMATION

August Calendar

Thu Aug 11, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon

Fri Aug 12, 2016

5pm - 11pm Girls Night at Pattison's (Youth)

Sat Aug 13, 2016

1pm - 2pm Visitation for Ed Myers - Parlor
2pm - 3pm Ed Myers Funeral - Chapel

Sun Aug 14, 2016

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
10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee Time
11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship Service
11am - 12pm Young Families LifeGroup
5pm - 6:30pm Hebrews Bible Study - Room 204
5pm - 7pm The Grove - Youth Lounge

Mon Aug 15, 2016

12pm - 2pm Mah Jongg Class - Room G6
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
5:30pm - 6:30pm Mission meeting - Room G6
6pm - 8pm Grief Group - Room 205

Tue Aug 16, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
12pm - 2pm Samaritan Lunch - Parlor
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
5:30pm - 6:30pm Martha Mary - Gaither's Cafe

Wed Aug 17, 2016

8am Travelers Indiana History Day, Part 3
9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Study - Room G6
6pm - 7pm Children's Ministry Training - 204

7pm - 8pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Aug 18, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon
4pm Travelers Maine pre-trip meeting - PH

Fri Aug 19, 2016

7:15am - 8:45am Kingdom Advisor's Group
2pm - 3:30pm Family Ministry staff meeting
5pm - 6pm Acolyte training

Sat Aug 20, 2016

9am - 4pm Family Cohort - Cumberland UMC
3:30pm Eagle Court of Honor set up
4pm - 5pm Eagle Court of Honor

Sun Aug 21, 2016

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
10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee Time
11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship Service
11am - 12pm Young Families LifeGroup
4pm - 5pm Youth Council
5pm - 6:30pm Hebrews Bible Study - Room 204
5pm - 7pm The Grove - Youth

Mon Aug 22, 2016

12pm - 2pm Mah Jongg Class - Room G6
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
6pm - 8pm Grief Group - Room 205

Tue Aug 23, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
8am Tower Topics Deadline
8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens

Wed Aug 24, 2016

9:00am - 11am Mommy & Me - Room 205
9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Study - Room G6

4pm Foundation Meeting - Room 204
6pm - 7pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids resumes
7pm - 8pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Aug 25, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon

Fri Aug 26, 2016

1pm - 2:30pm UMW Executive Meeting - Rm G6

Sat Aug 27, 2016

Sun Aug 28, 2016

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
10:30am - 11am *Fellowship and Coffee
11am - 12pm *Contemporary Worship
11am - 12pm Young Families LifeGroup
1:30 - 4pm Masterworks Chorale auditions
3:30 pm ACAT Team set up
5pm - 9pm Church Picnic - Morrows Meadows

Mon Aug 29, 2016

12pm - 2pm Mah Jongg Class - Room G6
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
6pm - 8pm Grief Group - Room 205

Tue Aug 30, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
12pm - 2pm Samaritan Lunch - Parlor
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
6pm - 7pm Disciple Bible Study Introduction

Wed Aug 31, 2016

9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Study - Room G6
5:45pm - 7pm Handbells resumes - Room 303
6pm - 7pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids
7pm - 8pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

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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