
November 2016

Tower Topics

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

November 19, 2016

9 am Discipleship Process
Team (all church event)

November 24, 2016

Thanksgiving Day
9 am Thanksgiving Service

November 27, 2016

1st Sunday of Advent

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>
November 15	November 22	December
December 6	December 14	Mid-December

December 6 is the last Tower Topics issue for the year.



An Old "Thank You" In a New Voice

At first glance, you would not assume that Louise was a naturally humorous person. Her square jaw was often set in an attitude of determination. The edges of her lips didn't appear to easily break into a smile. But as you got to know her, you began to discover that she had a dry wit and the ability to tell a story in a way that could leave her listeners gasping for air from laughing so hard.

It was that way in the church classroom the day I asked a group of United Methodist Women if anyone had any special Thanksgiving memories they would share. Louise launched into a description of the first Thanksgiving her German immigrant family spent in the United States.

She was a young girl, but her mother enlisted her aid the entire week before the holiday. Louise's strict father had decreed that this American feast day would be celebrated in a fully American way. Turkey with stuffing, pumpkin pie, all the side dishes – Louise's mother scoured women's magazines for pictures and recipes that could serve as guides for the brand-new food they would share together in their new home.

The day arrived, and Louise and her mom were weary by the time dinner rolled around, but they were so proud of their Thanksgiving spread. It looked beautiful. The family came together at the table, father said the prayer and they began to dive in.

At this point Louise's face contorted in the funniest grimace. She began to go down the list of the brand, new foods, mimicking the reactions of the group to the new flavors. Scowls, coughs, discreet swipes of the napkin to catch an unswallowed bite – to their taste buds it was awful! They looked nervously to the head of the table where father sat. He fixed each one with

his stare, pounded his large, farmer's hands palms down on the table, paused for a moment then pronounced: "Next year – I shoot pigeons!"

In the Disciple Fast-Track Bible Study class we've been walking through the Old Testament with God's people through the anticipation, trials, excitement, disappointments and confusion of becoming God's people in the world.

Sometimes that means being led to new places with new ideas and new faces and new sights and smells to get used to. Sometimes that means remembering the old ways and customs that gave them identity. But always it means looking at life through God's lenses. No matter what new situation, the constant grace and love of God and God's constant command to love others guides them. Like Louise's family, God's people learned to carry the best of the past into the future God was preparing for them.

The world in which we live can seem chaotic. Things we once held dear don't always resonate with newer ideas and experiences. Old points of reference are hard to find. But our Christian hope is that the living God moves with us today in the same way God always did through all the changes of the ages. Love, grace, justice and hope are re-born over and over again.

Louise's family sat around their second American Thanksgiving table. Oyster dressing kept company with a favorite sauerkraut and potato dish. Pumpkin pie was on the sideboard for dessert. And the platter of perfectly roasted main course that Louise's mom so proudly sat before her husband to carve was extra heavy with its load: turkey and squab, side by side, ready for the Thanksgiving prayer.

Bless you,

Pastor Sherrie

WORSHIP

Thanksgiving Service

Our annual Thanksgiving Service will be at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Thursday,



November 27. This service always has a wonderful family feel, as we give thanks to God and bring our offerings. Our offering supports our food pantry.

We are asked to bring pantry items as our offering that day. We will bring those offerings up to the altar that morning. In addition, you may write a letter of thanks to someone and leave that at the altar. The church will then mail that letter and envelope to the addressee.

Advent Theme

Many of us recall reading Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Most of us know what it means to call someone a "Scrooge." During the four Sundays of Advent, we are going to examine "The Redemption of Scrooge." We will begin on Sunday, November 27, with Pastor Dale preaching on "Bah! Humbug!" Pastor Sherrie will follow on December 2 with "Christmas Past." And then you guessed it. Pastor Dale will follow the next two Sundays with "Christmas Present" and then "Christmas Future."



Advent Decorating "Hanging of the Greens"

Sunday, November 27 begins Advent. That means we will want the church decorated. Much of the decorating will take place on Saturday, November 26. You are invited to come and lend a hand. We will begin decorating at 9:00 a.m. This is a good time of fellowship as we work together.

Kid's Holiday

When: November 26, 2016

Where: High Street - United Methodist Church nursery



Time: 9:00 a. m. - 12:00 p.m.

12:00 p. m. - 3:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p. m. (the whole time)

Rates for 3 hours: \$12 for 1 child; \$16 for 2 children; \$20 for 3 or more children

Rate for 6 hours: \$20 for 1 child; \$25 for 2 children; \$30 for 3 or more children

Children have the choice of staying 3-6 hour, if your child/children stay more than 3 hours then the rate will be the full 6 hours.

We will have crafts, game, and lots fun!!

A pizza lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. (\$2 per child) or you may bring your own meal.

Sign up by November 22 by calling the church office at 747-8500.

For questions or concerns call Arline Morrow at 765-744-0575.

Advent Orchestra

Please plan to join our Advent Orchestra to play hymns in worship on Sunday, December 18 at 8:30. Anyone who plays an instrument equivalent to at least a high school level can join this joyful, worship event: strings, woodwinds, brass, or percussion. Parts will be available for practicing by Thanksgiving weekend. We will rehearse in the sanctuary on Saturday afternoon, December 17, 1:30-3:00. Please contact Andrew Crow with your intent to participate so he can prepare a part for you: andrew.crow.dma@gmail.com.



Please Return Your Estimates of Giving

Thank you to all who have returned their Estimates of Giving for next year. The information you provide helps us plan our budget for 2017.

If you have yet to return your Estimate of Giving, please do so by this coming Sunday. Without your information, the church is left to guess as best we can what our financial resources will be in the coming year.



CONNECT

What to Expect When You're Expecting - Jesus Saturday, November 19 9:00 - Noon

Advent is a time of anticipation, contemplation and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Christ's birth. Join the Discipleship Process Team on Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 – Noon for a "sampler" of spiritual disciplines that may enhance your celebration of the season.

You'll be invited to select from a list of offerings which are designed to introduce you to such spiritual practices as prayer, meditation, accountability groups, scripture reading, and others.

The event is open to all ages. If you need child care, please contact the church office, 747-8500 by Monday, November 14. Other than for child care, pre-registration is not required.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Sherrie, 747-8500 (church); 760-3951 (cell).



We're Not Martha Stewart

Think of this group as the modern quilting bee. Fellowship coupled with ever changing items that you get to take home!

This group is for anyone that sees cute things for the home on Pinterest or in catalogs and thinks, "I might be able to make that!" But either doubts their skills, needs moral support, or can't find the time to go buy the needed supplies!

We're Not Martha Stewart Craft Group - All crafters please join us on Thursday, December 1st at 7pm to make a fun Christmas or winter door decoration! All are welcome - no special skills needed! Please sign up in the office by November 28 and indicate if you prefer to make a Santa or a snowman so that we can get the right amount of supplies. The cost should be \$10 or less, payable that night. Questions - see Kelly Wolfe (744-5451).



Angels on High



Preschool Sunday

We had more than 30 of our little preschoolers show up and sing for you all. We thank you for letting us be a part of the service.

Trunk-or-Treat

This event went well; we couldn't have asked for a better evening to spend with friends and our special preschool/church families. Thank You!

Cheese Balls Available

Angels on High Preschool is selling cheese balls on November 22 and taking orders. Plain, with nuts and the most famous, the dessert cheese ball. The cheese balls are made by the Preschool staff in the HSUMC kitchen. They are \$6.00 each. These delicious treats are great for upcoming holiday gatherings, as well as gifts! You can pick one up in the office or through email at angelsonhighpreschool@yahoo.com.

Giving Back

We are giving back to the community in different ways throughout the school year. During the month of October and November, we are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. We will be collecting these items till November 11. This is a world outreach program which provides Christmas Boxes for children in other parts of the world.

Donations Needed

The following donations are needed at Angels on High Preschool & PDO:

- Lysol Disinfecting Spray
- Packaged Snacks
- Disposable forks and spoons
- White copy paper

You can bring your donations to the preschool anytime during the week or leave them in the front office of the church. We appreciate your help more than you know!! Thank you for your continued support. From all of us at AOH.

Masterworks Chorale

Muncie's community chorus, Masterworks Chorale, will again perform at High Street Church on Saturday evening, December 17, 7:30pm. The concert will feature harp for Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, other holiday favorites, and an audience sing-along. Andrew Crow leads the Chorale. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors. Children and students are always free.



"The Christmas Star" (ACAT Event)

"The Christmas Star" at Ball State Planetarium - Over the years many people have tried to explain the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem, as described in the Bible. Can the star be explained as an exploding star, a comet or some other natural event in the sky? Come find out on Sunday, December 18 at 4-5pm at the All-Church Activities Team (ACAT)-sponsored private showing of "The Christmas Star" at the newly enhanced, state of the art Ball State Planetarium. This is a free program and all High Streeters and guests are invited. It is most appropriate for persons aged 10 and older. If you have young children and require nursery care at the church, please call the church office to register your children for child care. Meet at the planetarium. Parking is free in the lot immediately west of the planetarium.

High Street Travelers - Since 1974



2017 Travelers Trips!!

Feb 4 -11 Western Caribbean Cruise: \$1639

Mar 15 Mystery Trip - \$95 per person

April 19 Beef & Board: My Fair Lady - \$95 per person

April 29-May 5 Boston, MA 6 Nights/7 days 10 meals guided tour JFK Library \$849

May 17 Mystery Trip - \$95 per person

June 5-7 Historic French Lick Resort & Louisville: Tours, 8 meals, River Cruise

June 21 Take Me Out to the Ball Game - \$95 per person

July 19 Mystery Trip - \$95 per person

Aug. 15-23 Canadian Rockies by train, Montana & Glacier Nat'l Park - WAITING LIST ONLY!

Aug. 23 Beef & Board: West Side Story - \$95 per person

Thurs. Sept. 14 LaComedia Dinner Theatre: Surprise on Broadway Show - \$95 per person

Oct. 18 Mystery Trip - \$95 per person

Nov. 15 LaComedia Dinner Theatre: Christmas Memories - \$95 per person

Dec. 5-7 Blues Christmas at Graceland: Lodging, shows, 4 meals Oh baby! \$599 PP

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.

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SERVE

Socks for Cold Feet

Nobody likes *cold* feet, so let's give some **Socks to Warm Feet!** United Methodist Women is sponsoring a collection of socks - all sizes, infant to adult.



Our goal is 500 pair of socks. The socks will be distributed to Christian Ministries, the Clothing Bank and Muncie Mission. The drive started November 1 and is until December 11. Drop off the socks in the crates in the Narthex and/or outside the church office. Let's warm some feet!!



Angel Tree

The Angel Tree names will be available for selection starting next Sunday, November 13 in the Garden Court and each Sunday after until all the names have been assigned. If you would like to learn more about Angel Tree, please stop by the table in Garden Court and talk with Mary Ruble.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bazaar Food Booth Thank You!

To all who donated food items, and purchased goodies. All who worked on Friday and Saturday. Thanks to Ruth Circle, and to Carolyn and Larry Besser in the kitchen.

Bonnie Booher & Rinda Vogelgesang

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped with the candy booth at our bazaar! We appreciated those of you who made the candy, boxed the candy, and purchased the candy. Also, thanks to the many helpers who assisted in the booth on Saturday.

Sincerely,
Darlene

Thank You, Thank You!!

It Was the 100th, and Now It's Over !!

Our 100th Annual High Street U.M.W. Bazaar is all over ! A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make it another success. Countless hours were used to sew, make, bake, and cook for all the items that were available to sell for our U.M.W. mission giving. Thanks to all the 'booth' chairpersons who made lots of phone calls and then worked hard at doing all the things it takes to make a successful bazaar happen! We're so fortunate to have so many talented craft persons (both men and women) who shared their efforts with us. We're grateful to everyone who came and bought the items we had so carefully prepared. Thanks again!!

A special thank you goes to Denby, Joel, and all the men who helped us getting tables, chairs and screens set-up and then helped again when it was all over to put everything back in place and then also helped in the kitchen. We certainly appreciate your servants' hearts.

You have all helped us help others whether they're here in Muncie, or on the other side of the globe!

Gratefully,
Donna McNary, U.M.W. President

P.S. We loved having Dorothy Webb come shopping. Just think, she was barely walking (and we're sure she was smiling) when our High Street women worked hard for the 1st Bazaar !!



1:30pm Thursday Luncheon - Parish Hall 6pm
7:30pm Lilies - Room 303

Fri Nov 18, 2016

2pm - 3:30pm Family Ministry Staff - Library

Sat Nov 19, 2016

8am - 9am Disciple set up

9am - 9:30am Discipleship gather/coffee time

9am - 1pm Discipleship Process Team (What to Expect When You Are Expecting Jesus)

Sun Nov 20, 2016 Christ the King Sunday

9:30am *Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

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 Family Life Group-205

1pm-3pm Preschool making cheese balls - Kitchen

5pm - 7pm The Grove

Mon Nov 21, 2016

12pm - 2pm Update Learning Mah Jongg Class -

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

Tue Nov 22, 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 - 7:15pm Disciple Bible Study: OT Rm - 204

Wed Nov 23, 2016

9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Study - Room G6

5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303

6pm - 6:50pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids

7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Sat Nov 12, 2016

Sun Nov 13, 2016

Children's Sabbath/Children and Youth sing

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

5pm - 7pm The Grove

Mon Nov 14, 2016

12pm - 2pm Update Learning Mah Jongg Class

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

Tue Nov 15, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Spiritual 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

4:30pm - 5:30pm Preschool Board

6pm - 7:15pm Disciple Bible Study: OT Rm 204

Wed Nov 16, 2016

6am - 7am Men's Breakfast prep - Parish Hall

7am - 8am UM Men's Breakfast - Parish Hall

9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Study - Room G6

5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303

6pm - 6:50pm Call to Christ/Praise

7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Nov 17, 2016

7:15am - 8am Kingdom Advisor's - Rm 204

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office 11:30am

Thu Nov 24, 2016 Office Closed/Thanksgiving

9am - 10am Thanksgiving Service - Sanctuary

Fri Nov 25, 2016 Office Closed

Sat Nov 26, 2016

Kid's Holiday

9am - 11am Hanging of the Greens

Sun Nov 27, 2016 First Sunday of Advent

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

8:30am - 1:30pm Blood Drive - Parish Hall

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

5pm - 7pm The Grove

Mon Nov 28, 2016

12pm - 2pm Update Learning Mah Jongg Class

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

Tue Nov 29, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor

8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library

10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office

11:30am - 11:45am Preschool Chapel - Chapel

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

Wed Nov 30, 2016

9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Study - Room G6

11:30am - 11:45am Preschool Chapel - Chapel

5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303

6pm - 6:50pm Call to Christ/Praise Kids

7pm - 8:30pm 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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