

---

---

November 2016

---

---

# Tower Topics

## HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

219 S. HIGH ST • MUNCIE, IN 47305

Church: 765-747-8500 • Fax: 765-741-5282

Email: [info@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:info@munciehighstreet.com)

Website: [www.munciehighstreet.com](http://www.munciehighstreet.com)



## Upcoming Events

### November 6, 2016

All Saints Sunday  
Daylight Saving Time  
Handbells  
3:30 pm Charge Conference

### November 19, 2016

9 am Discipleship Process  
Team (all church event)

### November 24, 2016

Thanksgiving Day  
9 am Thanksgiving Service

### 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>
October 4	October 12	Mid-October
October 18	October 25	November
November 1	November 9	Mid November
November 15	November 22	December
December 6	December 14	Mid-December

### **WORSHIP At High Street Church**

Pastor's letter..... Page 2  
Giving Sunday.....Page 3

### **CONNECT At High Street Church**

Thursday Luncheon.....Page 3  
Euchre Game..... Page 3  
Martha Stewart..... Page 3  
Children.....Page 4  
Wisdom People..... Page 4

### **SERVE At High Street Church**

Food Pantry.....Page 4  
Samaritan Fund.....Page 4

### **GENERAL Information**

Calendar.....Page 6,7,8  
Email addresses .....Page 8

Dear High Streeters:

I recall visiting Anne Hathaway's home in Stratford-upon-Avon when Cathy and I vacationed in England this past summer. One of the hostesses in the home of this woman who would wed Shakespeare spoke of the thatched roof on the house. She shared that a thatched roof plays host to some critters. Those critters would at times find their way from the underside of the thatched roof and down upon the people below.

Knowing of this possibility, it was not prudent for people to sleep on their backs and breathe through their mouths. Ideally one would sleep in a bed with a canopy just to provide that extra layer of protection from unwanted visitors in one's mouth. Thus, women would hope to marry a man who could afford to offer a canopy bed, and men would hope to earn enough to be able to afford such a bed, as it would broaden the field of prospective brides.

I couldn't help but think of Jesus saying: ". . . it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." (Mt. 15:11) Sleeping without a canopy under a thatched roof might cause a person at first hearing to question Jesus' words. But Jesus, of course, was teaching a greater lesson: that what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart and can be evil. And that is a far more serious matter than whether one has washed his or her hands prior to eating or even swallowed a bug overnight.

James in his epistle writes of the difficulty of taming the tongue. He adds: "With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we

curse those who are made in the likeness of God." (3:9)

Our words do have power. We are created by a God who spoke creation into existence. In his image, we can greatly impact people by what we say. Our one two-year-old granddaughter at a restaurant recently was in my lap, pivoted to place her arms around my neck, and said, "You're the best." That obviously sticks with me and touched my heart. Likewise, "I hate you" or the insults or falsehoods we may utter also impact people.

One time-honored way of dealing with what comes out of our mouths may go back to Socrates. This way employs three filters:

1. TRUTH: Are you absolutely sure the statement is true?
2. GOODNESS: Does the statement say something good about another person?
3. USEFULNESS: Is the statement useful in some way?

Now, for example, what may need to be said could be truthful and useful and not pass the goodness filter. But if what we feel like saying fails to pass all three filters, maybe we should leave it unsaid.

I am glad I don't live and sleep under a thatched roof. During this election season, I wish that the three filters would be more widely employed. I pray that what comes out of my mouth and off my tongue does more good than harm.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Dale*

# WORSHIP

## Estimate of Giving Sunday November 6, 2016

Look for your Estimate of Giving cards for 2017 to arrive the first week in November in time to bring them with you to church on November 6.

# CONNECT

## Calling all game players- especially euchre players!

Our next game date will be Saturday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 pm. Join us at the Dale's 4513 N. Gishler Drive. We'll have several games available, but if you have a favorite feel free to bring it along!

## Thursday Luncheon

*Come join us from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and program .....all for \$4!*

**Nov 3** "Beautiful Ireland" and information on 2017 trips presented by Deb Heeter, coordinator of High Street Travelers. Blood pressure checks offered 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Nov 10** A day to honor those who are 90 years old and to celebrate the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Thursday Luncheon! Ed Niles, pianist.

**Nov 17** TBA

**Nov 24** NO THURSDAY LUNCHEON...Thanksgiving Day

## 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).



## Children Ministry

On November 13th, our children will be helping with our three-worship services in various ways. We are looking forward to celebrating our children on this day!

### Altoids Tins

Do you like Altoids? Do you throw away your tin after you finish your mints? If this is you, don't throw them away. Bring them to the church office marked for Children's Ministry! There is a neat idea for a children's church bags that Kasey would like to put together for our kids.

## Youth Ministry

On December 4th from 4-7 PM in Parish Hall, our church will be hosting SAF, which mean Seek and Find. SAF meets the 1st Sunday of the month from August- May from 4pm-7pm. This is a community youth gathering and worship service with five churches including High Street UMC, Gethsemane UMC, Daleville UMC, Corinth UMC, and College Ave. UMC. Our youth will spend time playing games, making new friends, share a meal, and participate in a worship service. During the worship service youth hear a relevant message from a youth speaker or a local youth leader.

We invite you to join us at as we encourage our youth and celebrate the Advent season.

## Wisdom People for November

**Joan True** • 90 on November 19  
Westminster  
5801 W. Bethel  
Muncie, IN 47304



## High Street Memorials/Honors

- Jane Zimmerman
- Linda Falls
- Jim Lambert
- Stanley Schull

## SERVE

### High Street Food Pantry Served in 2016 1268 clients

*Thank you for your contributions, both food and monetary, to the High Street Food Pantry! Please leave donations in the wicker baskets at the North Door entrance and in the Narthex.*

### Food pantry needs:

- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna
- Mashed Potatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal

## Samaritan Fund 2016

People Helped YTD: 252

Utilities:	\$5,639.14
Rent:	\$1432.00
Prescriptions:	\$200.31
Misc:	<u>\$536.00</u>
Total:	\$7,807.45

## High Street Travelers - Since 1974



NOV 15-18 Christmas at the Biltmore - Waiting list only

WED DEC 7 Beef & Boards - Waiting list only

### 2017 Travelers Trips!!

Feb 4 -11 Western Caribbean Cruise: Honduras, Belize & Cozumel RT Air, Ins. Inside cabin starting @\$1639 PP

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

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

Aug 15-23 Canadian Rockies by train, Montana & Glacier Nat'l Park - Waiting list only

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. High Street Travelers is sponsored by and is a mission of High Street United Methodist Church, 219 S. High St Muncie, IN 47305. COORDINATOR-Deb Heeter

**EMAIL: [dheeter601@comcast.net](mailto:dheeter601@comcast.net)**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are asking for the names and addresses of the men and women in the military. We will be sending boxes to those who are overseas. Please leaving information in the church office or call Betty Huber at 288-0007. Thank you!

### Thank You!

My heart is overflowing with gratitude for the many, many blessings I have received from the High Street family. I have been and continue to be the recipient of countless prayers, many beautiful cards and good wishes as well as flowers and pastoral care and concern. Although a mere "thank you" seems woefully inadequate, my gratitude to all comes from the bottom of my heart.

With thankfulness,

Joene Henning.

### The First Bazaar at High Street

"The first bazaar was held on December 11 and 12, 1916. Items donated by the women included domestics, handkerchiefs, candy, aprons, and a 'grab basket.' The net profit from this first venture was \$435.78. Through the years the bazaar became one of the women's principal money making projects, helping with their mission pledges and other service programs. The bazaar eventually expanded beyond the bounds of Parish Hall, with booths set up in other parts of the church as well. By the mid 1980s, the bazaar sometimes netted over \$10,000." —from Margaret Shepard Jackson's, *A Tower on High*. 1986

# Calendar of Events

## Nov 1, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor  
8am Tower Topics Deadline  
8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library  
9:15am - 10:45am Mary Circle - Parlor  
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office  
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens  
6pm - 7:30pm Children's Work Team - Parlor  
6pm - 7:15pm Disciple Bible Study OT - Rm 204

## Wed Nov 2, 2016

9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Group - Room 205  
4pm - 5pm Trip Preview Event for 2017 trips - PH  
5pm - 6pm Biltmore Pre-trip Meeting - Parish Hall  
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

## Thu Nov 3, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office  
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon - PH  
1:30pm - 3pm Naomi Circle - Parlor  
6pm - 7:30pm Lilies Group - Room 303

## Fri Nov 4, 2016

4pm -6pm Preschool making cheese balls -Kitchen

## Sat Nov 5, 2016

## Sun Nov 6, 2016 All day All Saints/Daylight

### Saving Time/Handbells playing/Brown Bag

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 Family Life Group-205  
2:30pm - 3:30pm Combine choir rehearsal - Sanc.

3:30pm - 5:30pm Charge Conference  
5pm - 7pm The Grove

## Mon Nov 7, 2016

9am - 11am Cardinal Campus Board  
12pm - 2pm Update Learning Mah Jongg Class  
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens  
4:30pm - 5:30pm Senior Supper - MCL Cafeteria  
5:30pm - 7pm Connect Team - Library

## Tue Nov 8, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Spiritual Group - Parlor  
8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library  
9:30am - 11am Ruth Circle - Parlor  
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 9, 2016

9am - 11am Mommy and Me Bible - Room 205  
9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Study - Room G6  
1pm - 3pm Elder-Law Counseling - Library (2nd  
Wednesday/mo) 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

## Thu Nov 10, 2016

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

## Fri Nov 11, 2016

## 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

**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  
 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

**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.

### High Street Church Staff Email Addresses

Dale Mendenhall, Senior Pastor:

[dmendenhall@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:dmendenhall@munciehighstreet.com)

Sherrie Drake, Associate Pastor:

[sdrake@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:sdrake@munciehighstreet.com)

Charlotte Overmyer, Visitation Pastor:

[covermyer@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:covermyer@munciehighstreet.com)

Jack Hartman, Pastor Emeritus:

[jackwhartman@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:jackwhartman@munciehighstreet.com)

Casey Headland, Church & Public Relations:

[theadland@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:theadland@munciehighstreet.com)

Sherrell Bryant, Financial Administrator

[sbryant@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:sbryant@munciehighstreet.com)

Hannah Olson, Church Administrator

[holson@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:holson@munciehighstreet.com)

Denby Turner, Building Supervisor:

[dturner@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:dturner@munciehighstreet.com)

Arline Morrow, Nursery Supervisor:

[amorrows@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:amorrows@munciehighstreet.com)

Lindsay Dodd, Preschool Director:

[angelsonhighpreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:angelsonhighpreschool@yahoo.com)

Kasey Needham, Child and Youth Ministries:

[kneedham@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:kneedham@munciehighstreet.com)

Sandra Hardcastle, Older Adult Ministries:

[shardcastle@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:shardcastle@munciehighstreet.com)

Andrew Crow, Music Director:

[andrew.crow.dma@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.crow.dma@gmail.com)

Ann Hicks, Handbell Director:

[amhicks2@bsu.edu](mailto:amhicks2@bsu.edu)

Clay Arnett, Praise Band Director:

[hclayarnett@yahoo.com](mailto:hclayarnett@yahoo.com)



High Street United Methodist Church  
219 S High Street  
Muncie, IN 47305

*RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED*



Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Muncie, IN  
Permit No. 679