

Mid-December 2016

Tower Topics

HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

December 17, 2016

7:30 p.m. Masterworks Choral

December 18, 2016

4:00 p.m. Planetarium Show
at Ball State for High Street

December 24, 2016

12:00 Noon Communion and
Candlelight Service
8:00 p. m. Family Candlelight
9:00 p. m. Reception
11:00 p. m. Traditional
Candlelight

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

WE WISH YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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What Kind of a Person Are You?

Looking back through the years, it occurs to me that I know some very different types of people when it comes to celebrating the end of the Christmas season.

Some are so tired of all the muss and fuss that they begin taking ornaments off the tree as soon as the last present is opened and the last bite of Christmas dinner is eaten. Others prefer the old "twelve days of Christmas" model – celebrating from December 25 through Epiphany on January 6. One that I new intentionally waited until Valentine's Day because she loved the season so much. And I have heard that there are some people who keep Christmas up all year round because of their passion for the holiday. (I'm curious in those households whether other decorations appear around the Christmas ones, or whether they're "all Christmas, all the time.")

Whatever your practice and custom is, the challenge, I think, is for all of us remember the heart of Christmas on a daily basis. Jesus came to this earth to be Immanuel – God with us. That means that God intimately knows what it's like to have the real feelings, real struggles, real hopes, real disappointments, and real triumphs that those of us with real flesh have. We remind ourselves each year that we can dare to be what we

were created to be because our Creator is here, with us, in all we do.

Of course, this is quite a challenge sometimes. There are so many mundane moments where the world around us no longer resembles a sparkling Christmas wonderland. But the quiet living of each day, the small decisions we are called upon to make, the words we choose, the patterns of thought we embody – all of this is significant, because all of this has been made holy through the abiding presence of God with us.

At the end of [A Christmas Carol](#), Charles Dickens describes a changed Ebenezer Scrooge – altered by his true encounters with the meaning of Christmas: "He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, town, or borough, in the good old world." Not a bad way to be, at all. May it be so for all of us!

Bless you,

Pastor Sherrie

WORSHIP

December's Mission Emphasis: Africa University

As one of the 413 new students inducted into the Africa University campus community last September, Isabel Damiao from Mozambique said: "I could feel that it's not just about me. It's about my people, my continent and changing Africa's future through learning."

In March, 2017, Africa University will celebrate its 25th anniversary. Located in Zimbabwe, this United Methodist university is in December seeking to raise an additional \$150,000 to continue impacting young lives and the various nations in Africa. These funds will go to support student emergency needs, scholarships, and new challenges. Did you know that \$715 covers a basic meal plan of 3 meals a day for a semester? Did you know that it costs \$5,565 to \$5,765 a year to enroll a student?

Our church's mission emphasis and bucket offering in December is Africa University.

Worship and Activities

Saturday, December 17

Masterworks Chorale Christmas Concert

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

[Tickets are \$12; \$10 for seniors; children and students are free.]

Sunday, December 18

Sermon: "Christmas Present into the Future"

8:30 Worship with **Orchestra**

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Planetarium Show - "The Christmas Star"

Ball State Planetarium

A showing especially for High Street Church
(Child care provided at the church)

Wednesday, December 21

Longest Night Service

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

(For people mourning loved ones during the
holiday season.)

Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

12:00 noon

Communion and Candlelight Service
(Chapel)

8:00 p.m.

Family Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 p.m.

Traditional Candlelight Service featuring a
cantata performed by the Sanctuary Choir
(Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

Sermon: "God Rolls Up His Sleeves"

Scriptures: *Psalm 98 and Isaiah 52:7-10*

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service

Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

Sermon: "What's God Up To?"

Scriptures: *Isaiah 60:1-3 and Matthew 2:1-12*

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service

Contributing to the Advent/Christmas Decorations

Each year we decorate the sanctuary and the chapel with red poinsettias during Advent and then with white poinsettias for Christmas Eve. In addition, we do what we can to replace worn decorations and add new decorations. All of this, requires some financing.

If you would like to help the church in providing these decorations for this season, you may do so in memory or in honor of someone special to you. Special offering envelopes are being made available. In addition, you may simply use your regular offering envelopes to designate a gift for our decorations. You may also fill out, cut out, and return the below form.

Advent Decorations 2016
Please make sure to print names clearly

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

This gift is given: In Appreciation/Honor

This gift is given: In Memory of

Coffee Bar

We will have a coffee bar from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. on New Year's Day. Come and join us for fellowship in the Parlor. We will resume our regular coffee hour the second Sunday in January.

Christmas Eve Open House

All are invited to High Street's annual Christmas Eve Open House in Parish Hall between services on Christmas Eve! As always, contributions of cookies, candy, cheeseballs, and crackers would be greatly appreciated and should be brought to church by 10am December 24th. Help is also needed that day: 10am-noon - setup; 8-9pm - final preparations; 9-11pm - serving; and 10:00-11:00ish pm - cleanup. If you can help at any of these times, please contact Kelly Wolfe at 744-5451. Thank you!

CONNECT

Upcoming Thursday Luncheon

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

- Dec 22 Bill Drake and Rodney Gill entertain us.
- Dec 29 NO Thursday LUNCHEON; put your feet up by the fire and relax!
- Jan 5 Hymn Sing and Blood Pressure checks offered 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Jan 12 Eastern Gate Quartet sings gospel music.
- Jan 19 Pianist Ed Niles plays oldies but goodies

Mary Circle

Mary Circle will meet on January 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at IHOP for breakfast.

Grief Recovery Group

SESSIONS for LISTENING, SHARING,
SUPPORTING, and STUDYING

Each Monday
February 6 – March 13, 2017

1 p.m. – 3 p.m
Room 205

Facilitator

Sandra Hardcastle
Director of Older Adult Ministries

Cost

\$16 for the Study Manual, *Understanding Your Grief*, by Alan Wolfelt
Make checks payable to High Street United Methodist Church

REGISTRATION FOR GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ENCLOSED IS \$_____ (\$16) for the Study Manual (Make checks payable to High Street United Methodist Church.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
JANUARY 22, 2017

High Street Travelers - Since 1974



2017 Schedule

- Feb 4 -11 Western Caribbean Cruise - **CLOSED!!**
 - Mar 15 Mystery Trip #1 - \$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 #2 - \$95 per person
 - June 5-7 Historic French Lick Resort & Louisville: Tours, 8 meals, River Cruise - **WAITING LIST!!**
 - June 21 Take Me Out to the Ball Game - \$95 per person
 - July 19 Mystery Trip #3- \$95 per person
 - Aug. 15-23 Canadian Rockies by train, Montana & Glacier Nat'l Park - **CLOSED!!**
 - Aug. 23 Beef & Board: West Side Story - \$95 per person
 - Sept. 14 LaComedia Dinner Theatre: Surprise on Broadway Show - \$95 per person
 - Oct. 18 Mystery Trip #4 - \$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.
- COORDINATOR-Deb Heeter
EMAIL: dheeter601@comcast.net

Disciple Bible Study: NT

INTRODUCTORY SESSION

Tuesday, January 10, 2017
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. • Room 204

GROUP STUDY SESSIONS

Tuesdays,
January 17 – February 7
February 21 – March 14
March 28 – April 18
6:00 – 7:15 p.m. • Room 205

FACILITATOR

Pastor Dale Mendenhall

COST

\$15 for the Study Manual

(Make checks payable to High Street United Methodist Church)

Here's an opportunity to explore the major themes of the New 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: NEW TESTAMENT

NAME(S) _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ENCLOSED IS \$_____ (\$15 per person) for the Study Manual(s). *(Make checks payable to High Street United Methodist Church)*

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

Registration Deadline:

December 22, 2016

SERVE

High Street Food Pantry Served in 2016

1452 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:	\$6,869.74
Rent:	\$1832.00
Prescriptions:	\$140.80
Misc:	<u>\$669.00</u>
Total:	\$9,511.54

GENERAL INFORMATION

High Street Memorials/Honors

- Jim Lambert
- Robert Lucas
- Deanna Flynn
- Janet Cullers
- Stanley Schull
- Jeanette Taylor
- Mavis Chico

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. In order for giving to be posted to your 2016 statement, contributions must be received by the church on or before 12/31/16, or be postmarked on or before 12/31/16.

Thank You

I would like to thank all who helped with the flowers for the Christmas decorations and a BIG THANK YOU to Hazel Crow for all your help.

Sydney Wulff

Boiler Update

No, this has nothing to do with Purdue. It does have something to do with the two boilers in the church. We have two boilers in case one goes down; then we have a back-up. We all became aware that a problem existed when we had to cancel worship services on November 27; both boilers were down.

As of this writing, we have one boiler up and running. The other boiler requires major, costly repairs if we are to bring it back into service. The Board of Trustees is securing estimates and determining the best course of action to propose.

From the Archives Corner

How We Spent Our First Christmas

As you know, High Street UMC's history began with the formation of a Methodist "society" in Munceytown 180 years ago. Thanks to the circuit-riding minister, Dr. Greenberry Beeks, we know how our spiritual ancestors spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in 1836. Those earnest Methodists faced two tough challenges—the "very inclement weather" and the overcrowded house of worship (probably the old log courthouse). Here's Rev. Beeks' quaint and charming report of the meetings, as printed in the Methodist newspaper of the day:

Muncytown Circuit, Indiana Conference.

Dear Brethren:— I embrace this opportunity of relating to you the spiritual condition of this circuit. I have just closed my third round. The great Head of the church has been with us fulfilling his immutable promises. We have taken twenty-one into society— several conversions, some of them promise great usefulness in our church. Some of the people of God have embraced sanctification; many more are groaning after the same blessing; and no doubt if we continue earnestly engaged with that God, whose power is unlimited, the borders of Zion will be greatly strengthened, and enlarged in this part of the vineyard.

Our first quarterly meeting was holden on the 24th and 25th days of December. Brother Stiver, our presiding elder, was with us; and, notwithstanding the very inclement state of the weather, we had the Lord with us, and our meeting was one of an interesting character throughout. The prospects of a great spiritual work here are flattering; our congregations are crowded in most parts of the circuit; and in this place where the blessed Savior has hitherto had no place at our prayer meetings, it is frequently the case that some have to leave,

not being able to get into the house in consequence of the crowd. All the glory be ascribed to God, who has promised that where two or three are gathered together in his name, that he will be in the midst of them. G. C. Beeks. January 9, 1837.

eBay

Who knows anything about eBay? Buying/Selling? We have items here at the church that someone recommended we sell on eBay. Would you be willing to help us out or do it for us? Contact Casey Headland in the church office at 747-8500 or email me at cheadland@munciehighstreet.com. Thank you!

Lost and Found

Below are the items we have collected in the our lost in found box drawer in the church. Are you missing anything?

- Bag Strap
- Reading glasses chain
- Gray glasses case w/sewing kit
- 2 pairs of Sunglasses - one is white, one is black
- 2 pairs of reading glasses - one is pink, one is black
- Flowered glasses case
- Camera battery charger
- Insulin case
- 3 water bottles - 1 red, 1 bright green, 1 blue
- Lace sweater
- Child's navy blue sweatshirt, pink accents,
- 4 insulated coffee thermos - 1 maroon, 1 blue, 1 white/brown, 1 Starbucks
- Watch with silver & gold accents



Fri Dec 16, 2016

11am - 11:30am Preschool Chapel - Chapel
12:30pm - 1pm Preschool snack - Parlor
2:30pm Preschool Chapel - Chapel
2:30pm - 3pm Preschool snack - Parlor
3:30pm - 5pm Advent Orchestra Rehearsal
5:30pm - 10pm Masterworks Choral Rehearsal

Sat Dec 17, 2016

7:30pm - 8:30pm Masterworks Choral Concert
8:30pm - 10pm Masterworks Reception - PH

Sun Dec 18, 2016 Advent Orchestra Sunday Preschool selling cheese balls

8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Service
9:30am - 9:45am Fellowship and Coffee
9:45am - 10:30am Informal Worship Service
9:45am - 10:45am Sunday school Classes
10:30am - 11am Fellowship and Coffee
11am - 12pm Contemporary Worship
4pm - 5pm Christmas Star Planetarium - Ball State
5pm - 7pm The Grove
5:30pm - 6:45 Scrooge Study - Room 204

Mon Dec 19, 2016

12pm - 2pm UL Mah Jongg Class - Room G6
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens

Tue Dec 20, 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

Wed Dec 21, 2016

8:30am - 1pm Preschool 3 & 4 Polar Express -307

5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303
7pm - 8pm Longest Night Service - Sanctuary
8pm Longest Night Reception - Parlor
8pm - 9:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Dec 22, 2016

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
8:30am - 1pm Preschool 3 & 4 Polar Express -307
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon - PH

Fri Dec 23, 2016

8:30am - 3:30pm Preschool 4 & 5 Polar Express
12pm Family Ministry Staff - Library
1pm - 2:30pm UMW Executive Meeting - Rm G6

Sat Dec 24, 2016 Christmas Eve

12pm - 1pm Communion and Candle lighting
8pm - 9pm Family Candlelight Service -Sanctuary
8pm - 9pm Handbells playing for 8pm service
9pm - 10:45pm Reception - Parish Hall
11pm - 12am Traditional Candlelight Service

Sun Dec 25, 2016 Christmas Day

10 am One Service

Mon Dec 26, 2016 Office Closed

Tue Dec 27, 2016

6:45am - 8am Renovare Spiritual Group - Parlor
8am - 12pm Church Office Open

Wed Dec 28, 2016

8am - 12pm Church Office Open
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Dec 29, 2016

8am - 12pm Church Office Open
8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office

Fri Dec 30, 2016

8am - 12pm Church Office Open

Contact Information

Charlotte Overmyer - Visitation Pastor

Tuesday mornings, 8:30--10:00 a.m.

Sherrell Bryant - Church Financial Administrator

.Tues., Thurs. morning - please call ahead

Kasey Needham, Child and Youth Ministries

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. between 9 - 11 or 2-4:30

Hannah Olsen, Church Administrator

Wed., Thurs. 12 - 4

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LOOKING AHEAD



Sun Jan 1, 2017 Brown Bag Sunday

8:45am - 9:45am Fellowship and Coffee - Parlor
10am Combined Worship Service

Mon Jan 2, 2017 Office Closed

Tue Jan 3, 2017

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library
9:15am - 10:45am Mary Circle - Parlor
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
12pm - 2pm Samaritan Lunch - Parlor
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
6pm - 7:30pm Children's Area Work Team - Parlor

Wed Jan 4, 2017

5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303
7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Jan 5, 2017

8am - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office
11:30am - 1:30pm Thursday Luncheon - Parish Hall
6pm - 7:30pm Lilies Women's Group - Parlor

Fri Jan 6, 2017

Sat. Jan. 7, 2017

Sun Jan 8, 2017

8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Service
9:30am - 9:45am Fellowship and Coffee
9:45am - 10:30am Informal Worship Service
9:45am - 10:45am Sunday school Classes
10:30am - 11am Fellowship and Coffee
11am - 12pm Contemporary Worship Service
5pm - 7pm The Grove

Mon Jan 9, 2017

12pm - 2pm UL Mah Jongg Class - Room G6
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
9pm - 12am Update Learning Committee Meeting

Tue Jan 10, 2017

6:45am - 8am Renovare Group - Parlor
8:30am - 10am Church Staff - Library
10am - 11am Pastoral Staff - Office
1:30pm - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Opens
3:30pm - 4:30pm Board of Trustees - Room G6
4:30pm - 5:30pm Angels on High Board
6pm - 7:15pm Disciple Bible Study - Room 204

Wed Jan 11, 2017

9:15am - 11am Women's Bible Study - Room 204
1pm - 3pm Elder-Law Counseling - Library
5:45pm - 7pm Handbells - Room 303
7pm - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8pm - 9pm AA's - Room 204

Thu Jan 12, 2017

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

Fri Jan 13, 2017

Sat Jan 14, 2017

Sun Jan 15, 2017

8:30am - 9:30am Traditional Worship Service
9:30am - 9:45am Fellowship and Coffee
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 - Youth Lounge/Parish

Wisdom People for January

Berneida Nixon • 98 on January 3
Morrison Woods 4100 N. Morrison Rd.
Muncie, IN 47304

Julia Lewellen • 96 on January 9
Westminster Village
5801 W. Bethel Ave.
Muncie, IN 47304

Ann Miller • 90 on January 11
3712 N. Wyngate Ct.
Muncie, IN 47304

Beatrice Wolfe • 98 on January 17
524 W. Jackson St.
Muncie, IN 47305

Betty Fetz • 95 on January 19
Westminster Village
5801 W. Bethel Ave.
Muncie, IN 47304

Tower Topics

New This Year

Starting January 17, we will be having one Tower Topics issues a month with the deadline being on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This issue will be mailed and/or emailed at the end of the month for the following month. Example: January 17th is the deadline and it will be mailed/emailed January 25 (February issues).

Automatic Giving

Automatic giving is an easy and convenient way to make your contributions to High Street. You tell the church office how much you'd like to contribute and how often, and your contribution is automatically withdrawn from your bank account. With automatic giving, you can . . .

- free yourself from writing checks to the church
- stop worrying about checks being lost or delayed
- have a record of your contributions on your personal bank statement
- save postage and the cost of checks
- make your contributions even when you're on vacation, ill or out-of-town

Just put your giving on *automatic* and leave the rest to us!

To enroll in High Street's automatic giving program, contact Dan at the church office or at sbryant@munciehighstreet.com.



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