

January 2018

Tower Topics



HIGH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Our Mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We live our mission through **Worshipping** God, **Connecting** with God and others, and **Serving** God by serving others.

Sunday Worship:

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

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TOWER TOPICS DEADLINES

Deadline for Submission is 12:00 P. M. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Sending date</u>	<u>Tower Topics issue</u>
January 16	January 23	February



. . . the rest of the story

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2018! I don't know about you, but at the start of a new year, I get a little pensive and ponder my hopes, dreams and goals for the new year. I don't make resolutions, per se, but I do think about the year ahead in a proactive way. I think about myself and my family and our health and wellness. I think about my church and its health and wellness. I think about my community and its hurts and pains. Then, I think about the ways I am being led to facilitate health and wellness in these three spheres of my life. I don't often have a clear picture or a prioritized list, but I do have an inkling - a word or a phrase.

My guiding word for leading High Street UMC is "health" – spiritual health, structural health, and financial health. By focusing on deepening our relationship with Christ both individually and collectively (spiritual health), we will make all our decisions through a Jesus lens and therefore be healthy servants of the Lord in this place and time. By organizing our committees, programs, and worship for kingdom effectiveness and lay empowerment (structural health), the church will fulfill its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world more effectively. By becoming a culture of generosity and financial sustainability,

the church will become faithful stewards of God's resources.

Please understand, I am not saying that in all these areas High Street UMC is unhealthy and needs medical intervention! I find pockets of wellness and generosity all over this church and this community. My contention is that, like we do for our own bodies, this body, High Street UMC, needs to intentionally focus on its health and well-being for long-term sustainability and kingdom effectiveness.

I can't wait to journey with you! I feel so honored and blessed to be one of your pastors!

The writer of Proverbs says, "Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones" (15:30). As we enter 2018, I pray you commit to shining the light of Christ on the dark places of sickness, pain and poor health in your life and in the lives of others.

Cheers!

Rev. Stacey

WORSHIP

January Worship Schedule

January 14 (Baptism of the Lord)

Mission Moment & Bucket Offering

Scripture: Mark 1:4-11

Theme: "The Light in the Water"

Preacher: Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring



January 21 (3rd Sunday after Epiphany)

Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

Theme: "The Light Leads"

Preacher: Rev. Sherrie Drake

January 28 (4th Sunday after Epiphany)

Scripture: Mark 1:21-28

Theme: "The Light Silences"

Preacher: Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring



CONNECT

December Glory Story

"Amazing Grace" tickets - The All Church Activities Team has 3 group discounted tickets to sell for the January 23rd performance at Emens of "Amazing Grace". Two of the seats

are together and all 3 of them are within the High Street block of seats in the balcony. They are \$21 each and first come, first served. Please call Kelly Wolfe at 744-5451 if you are interested.



Thursday Luncheon Schedule

January programs for a new year!

\$5, for your entrée, dessert & drink. No tax added; no tipping allowed!
If possible, call to sign up by Tues noon!

Jan 11th Thursday Luncheon Business Meeting

Jan 18th Jim and Linda Moore sing gospel.

Jan 25th Wesley Rediger, pianist, entertains with a wide variety of music.



Wisdom People for January

Berneida Nixon • 99 on January 3
Morrison Woods
4100 N. Morrison Rd.
Muncie, IN 47304



Julia Lewellen • 97 on January 9
Westminster Village
5801 W. Bethel Ave.
Muncie, IN 47304

Ann Miller • 92 on January 11
3712 N. Wyngate Ct.
Muncie, IN 47304

Beatrice Wolfe • 100 on January 17
524 W. Jackson St.
Muncie, IN 47305

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2018 OVERNIGHT TRIPS

MAR 18 – MAR 24 SAVANNAH, JEKYLL ISLAND &
CHARLESTON, SC 6 NIGHTS LODGING / 10 MEALS /
GUIDED TOURS / LUGGAGE HANDLING WAIT LISTED!

NEW! APRIL 6 – 8 OUTLAWS &
ANGLES(HIGHWAYMEN/HONKY TONK) & WHEELING
JAMBOREE 3 SHOWS/ 4 MEALS/ 2 NIGHTS LODGING/
RT TRANSPORTATION ++ \$\$ PRICE tba

~~APR 26 – MAY 6~~ HAWAII GETAWAY – SAILING ON
HOLLAND AMERICA'S MS-NOORDAM Cancelled!

JUNE 2 – JUNE 10 GARDEN OF THE GODS:
ROYAL GORGE & COLORADO SPRINGS MOTOR
COACH TRANSPORTATION/8 NIGHTS/14
MEALS/TOURS/USAFM \$ 899 PP

AUGUST 3 - 10 VIKING RIVER CRUISE: PARIS &
THE HEART OF NORMANDY RT AIR / 8 DAY CRUISE /
GUIDED TOURS / 19 MEALS / INSURANCE \$4643 pp

OCT 2 - 4 A FALL ADVENTURE IN MICHIGAN –
FRANKENMUTH, GRAND RAPIDS & SAUGATUCK
TRANSPORTATION/ 6 MEALS /2 NIGHTS LODGING /
TOURS & ADMISSIONS WAIT LISTED!

NOV 24 – 28 NEW YORK CITY FOR CHRISTMAS
TRANSPORTATION / 3 NIGHTS CITY LODGING / 8
MEALS /RADIO CITY ROCKETTES ++++ SOLD OUT

2018 DAY TRIPS

WED MAR 7 MYSTERIES OF MUNCIE \$95

WED APR 18 MYSTERIES of INDIANAPOLIS \$95

WED MAY 9 CARS OF NORTHERN INDIANA \$95

WED JUNE 20 FACTORY TOUR DAY: FOODIES \$95

MON JULY 16 ARC ENCOUNTER OF KENTUCKY \$ 125
Adult \$ 75 Youth

WED AUG 22 BEEF & BOARDS: MILLION DOLLAR
QUARTET \$95

WED SEPT 19 FALL MYSTERY TRIP \$95

WED OCT 17 PARKE COUNTY COVERED BRIDGES \$95

WED NOV 14 B & B MAN OF LAMANCHA \$95

WED DEC 12 LACOMEDIA: WHITE CHRISTMAS \$95

CONTINUING: After EVERY 3rd paid trip in the calendar
year you receive a \$25 voucher towards a future trip.

Reservation Policy:

- 1) Contact High Street UM Church at 765/747-8500 for Trip
itinerary / Details
- 2) Payment or deposit MUST BE RECEIVED WITH 7
DAYS of making reservation. Prices are quoted double
occupancy. Single supplement OR cruise category
selected will add cost to the trip.
- 3) Cancellations per refund policy & travel insurance.
- 4) WAIT LIST means names & deposits are still being
accepted. SOLD OUT means no more reservations
accepted.

Tours are open to the Public, clubs & groups. All trips are
deluxe motor coach unless noted. High Street Travelers is
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Methodist Church 219 So High St Muncie, IN 47305

COORDINATOR-Deb Heeter

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SESSIONS FOR LISTENING, SHARING, SUPPORTING, STUDYING

Each Tuesday, February 13 – March 20, 2018

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Room 302

High Street United Methodist Church

219 S High Street, Muncie, IN 47305

765.747.8500

Class is limited to 12

FACILITATOR

Sandra Hardcastle, Director of Older Adult Ministries

COST

\$18 for the Study Manual, *Understanding Your Grief*, by Alan Wolfelt

***** Turn in the lower portion *****

REGISTRATION for GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

_____ *ENCLOSED IS \$18 for the Study Manual plus s & h.
Make checks payable to High Street United Methodist Church.*

**The deadline to register is Sunday, January 28, 2018 and
payment must accompany registration form.** *Bring or mail to*

*High Street United Methodist Church
219 South High Street, Muncie, IN 47305*

High Street Memorials/Honors

- Jack Munson
- Dorothy Webb
- Andy Munson
- Ben Howells

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This January the Children's Ministry team is launching a new and unique project to support our Muncie Community Schools and teachers. Over the past few months, the Children's Ministry team has been in conversation, prayer, and reaching out to our Muncie Community Schools to find the best way to support them. Teachers responded by asking for help to provide snacks for children. Often, teachers are using their own money to buy snacks for their kids. We have seen the statistics that children do better work when they are not hungry. By having simple snacks in the classroom, children can power their learning and know it is a safe place where food is available to them when it may not be elsewhere.

We will be serving our KIDS HOPE USA school at East Washington Academy. The MCS administration has asked us to bring *prepackaged snacks*, such as granola bars, crackers, etc. Donations will be collected in a basket located in the church office. The Children's Ministry Team will be taking donations for EWA. **\*\*All donations must be prepackaged items.**

During this project, our Children's Sunday Schools will be learning about ways we serve and give through our gifts and by helping our community. We hope the congregation will be able to be a part of our project and join the

conversation to lend aid to our Muncie Community Schools.

Our hopes and prayers are to be a resource for MCS teachers and administration and to provide snacks for children to learn, grow, and be healthy!

In Christ,

Kasey Needham  
Director of Children and Youth Ministries

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Preschool Monthly Need

- ♥ Yarn (any color)
- ♥ 5oz Dixie cups
- ♥ Quart Ziploc Bags
- ♥ Copy Paper
- ♥ Animal Crackers

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## SERVE

### Samaritan Fund in 2017 288 clients

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Utilities:     | \$8,797.02        |
| Rent:          | \$3,425.00        |
| Prescriptions: | \$810.70          |
| Misc.:         | <u>\$1,342.78</u> |
| Total:         | \$14,375.50       |



## High Street Food Pantry Served in 2017

# 1,429 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.

## Served in 2018

# 16 clients

### Food pantry needs:

- Pork & Beans
- Soap
- Soup
- Beans - red, white, kidney
- Apple Sauce
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter



## Angel Tree - Thank you!

Due to your generosity **71 children** received Angel Tree Christmas gifts on behalf of their incarcerated parent. Thank you and God Bless!!



## WOW ! WOW ! WOW !

What a wonderful surprise! When we counted all the socks you contributed to our U.M.W. Winter Sock Drive, there were 605 pairs! Doesn't that just warm your heart? 605 X 10 means there are 6050 wiggly toes that are warmer than they would've been without you (and many of them belonged to



children)! Over 100 pairs went to the Muncie Mission. 60 pair of baby socks were delivered to First Choice for Women (they were thrilled !!). A whole bag of fuzzy slippers were shared with the women at our YWCA to warm their cold tootsies! All the rest were delivered to our Christian Ministries office. What fun to have socks of ALL kinds and ALL colors going all around Muncie that we provided! Thanks to all the High Streeters who now have **warm hearts** for sharing and making sure there are lots more **warm toes** than there would have been without your helping!

### THANKS AGAIN!

**P.S. Should you find more socks you want us to share, please leave them at the church office and we'll get them delivered to one of the agencies that can use them, after all, it's still VERY COLD!**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Thank you!

Thanks to all who showed concern through prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers and visits during my surgery and recovery. Your thoughts and prayers have been so appreciated.

Beth Siler



## 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

### High Street Church Staff Email Addresses

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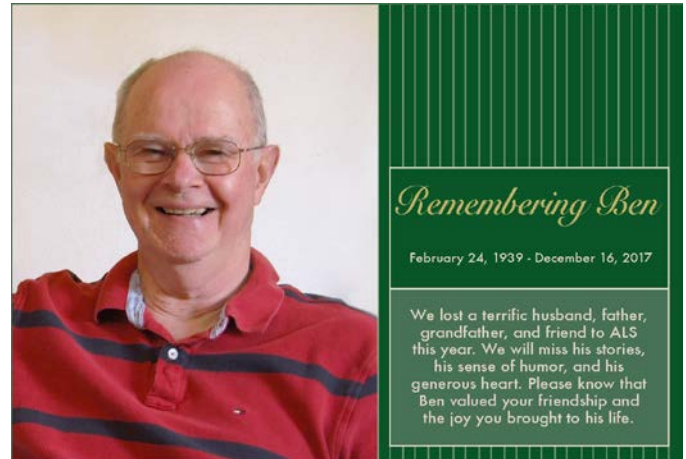
Ann Hicks, Handbell Director:

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A "Celebration of Life" Service for Ben Howells

**Will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at
1:30 pm at High Street United Methodist
Church
219 S High Street
Muncie, IN 47305**

**We understand that many friends will not be able to gather with us on this day. Please feel free to honor Ben by doing a Random Act of Kindness such as: Plant a tree, feed the birds, visit a friend, work at a food pantry, give a cancer patient a ride to his/her appointment, mentor a student, contact your government representative about your concerns/approvals, support your favorite charity, work for justice, peace and inclusion, adopt an animal or person in need of care. Peace and joy to all,*

Ben's Family

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## Thank you!

As I was looking back at the past year, I was struck by the generosity, love and support that High Street UMC poured out for me; I really appreciate it. I wish you the best in this New Year. Jared Post



## Directory Information

Please make sure to get all information, address, and phone number changed into the office or to Casey Headland at [cheadland@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:cheadland@munciehighstreet.com) for the new 2018 Directory.



## Tower Topics

Please make sure that if you are going on vacation, temporarily away, have moved, are moving, or have changed your phone number that you let the church know. When you don't let the church know then your mail comes back and cost the church money. You can email Casey Headland at [cheadland@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:cheadland@munciehighstreet.com). Thank you!



## Thank you

Thank you to all the volunteers in the church that helped with setting up Christmas, helping with the services, and taking down Christmas. Also, thank you to everyone who volunteered their time in 2017. High Street Church is blessed to have so many wonderful people!

## Hospital Reminder

Just a reminder that, because of privacy laws, hospitals no longer phone churches to let us know that you are a patient, even if you've told them the name of your church when you were admitted. Please give us a call in the office (747-8500) or phone one of the pastors if you are admitted so that we can keep you in prayers.



## 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 Sherrell at the church office or at [sbryant@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:sbryant@munciehighstreet.com) or [mcox@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:mcox@munciehighstreet.com).

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# JANUARY 2018

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Monday                                                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Thursday                                                                                                       | Friday                                                                                            | Saturday |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1<br><br>Office Closed                                                                                              | 2<br><br>Office Closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3<br>9:15 - 11am Women's Bible Study - 301<br>5:45 - 7pm Handbells - 303<br>8 - 9pm AA's - 301                                                                                                                                                                   | 4<br>8 - 11am SHIP Counseling<br>11:30 - 1:30 Thursday Luncheon                                                | 5<br>10am Dorothy Webb's calling hours - Parlor<br>1pm Dorothy Webb's Funeral Service - Sanctuary | 6        |
| <b>7 Brown Bag/Handbell Sunday</b><br>8:30 - 9:30am Traditional Worship<br>9:30 - 9:45am Fellowship & Coffee<br>9:45 - 10:30am Informal Worship<br>9:45 - 10:45am Sunday School<br>10:30 - 11am Fellowship & Coffee<br>11am - 12pm Contemporary Worship<br>5 - 7pm The Grove       | 8<br>12 - 2pm Mah Jongg Class - Room 301<br>1:30 - 2:30pm High Street Pantry Open<br>7pm Mission Committee - Parlor | 9<br>6:45 - 8am Renovare - Parlor<br>8:30 - 10am Church Staff - Lib.<br>9:00 - 11am Ruth Circle - Parlor<br>10 am - 12pm Pastoral Staff - Office<br>12pm Samaritan Lunch - Parlor<br>1:30pm - 2:30pm Food Pantry Opens<br>4pm Clothing Center Meeting - Library<br>7pm Trustee Committee meeting - 301 | 10<br>8:30am Children's Music Mgt. - The Cup<br>9:15 - 11am Women's Bible Study - 301<br>1 - 3pm Elder-Law Counseling - Lib.<br>5:45 - 7pm Handbells - 303<br>7 - 8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal<br>8 - 9pm AA's - 301                                         | 11<br>8 - 11am SHIP Counseling - Office<br>11:30 - 1:30 Thursday Luncheon<br>7pm Foundation Meeting - Room 302 | 12                                                                                                | 13       |
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