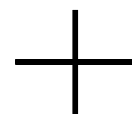


HIGH NOTES



Everyone Is Welcome



IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

- December 3rd— Communion/ First Sunday of Advent/ Birthday Party for Jesus
- December 10th— Second Sunday of Advent /Christmas Caroling
- December 17th— Third Sunday of Advent/ Sanctuary Series
- December 6st, 13th & 20th— Carols, Casseroles, and Conversations
- December 24th— Morning worship service/Fourth Sunday of Advent /Evening service @ 7pm
- December 31st— First Sunday after Christmas/ Klinking on New Year’s Eve



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WE LOVE OUR YOUTH



THE NURSERY IS OPEN

To keep our Nursery open we need:

- ◆ 2 people each Sunday to volunteer to be in the nursery
- ◆ These volunteers need to be current on their COVID vaccinations willing to arrive at church at least 15 minutes before the Worship Service begins to welcome parents and children as they arrive, if no one needs care by 10:15 the volunteers can go to the Sanctuary for the rest of the service.
- ◆ There is a television in the nursery for live feed of the worship service. Please contact Ellen (937-631-5727) or Edith (937-925-6631) if you are willing to help care for the youngest of our congregation. Sign-up sheets can be found in the back of the narthex.
- ◆ Please be in prayer for the families that will use the nursery and for the volunteers who will lovingly provide for their needs.



Children's Choir

CHILDRENS CHOIR



Klinking on New Year's Eve!

On December 31 the children will once again walk throughout the Sanctuary with their kettles collecting for Heifer International. The children are hoping to purchase a cow. With the money collected in our July and October Klinkinds, we are about half way to the amount needed. Come prepared with your coins. Bills are happily accepted, too. If you have any questions, please call Ellen Stickney @937-631-5727.

SAVE THE DATES



- ⇒ **Birthday party for Jesus December 3rd following service**
- ⇒ **Carols, Casseroles, and Conversations December 6,13, & 20**
- ⇒ **Lunch in The Commons December 10th Following Worship Service than Caroling at several Nursing Homes 12 pm to 2:30 pm**
- ⇒ **Morning Worship December 24th Christmas Eve Service**
- ⇒ **Klinking on New Year's Eve December 31st**



HSUMC NEWS

TABS (TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY):

The Tuesday afternoon bible study (formerly TAL) is now TABS (Tuesday afternoon Bible Study). We meet at 1:30 every Tuesday in the Commons. We would love to have you join us. If you are interested, please call the church office (937) 322-2527.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: Would you be interested in helping us reach out to members of our church family who are not able to attend church? There are several ways in which we can pass on our love: Pray for these members, send cards, make phone calls, visit our friends, and provide transportation for our members who cannot drive to our Sunday services. If you feel called to serve in any of these ways, please contact the church office (937) 322-2527 or Sharon Crews (937) 462-8499.

KNITTERS AND OTHERS: Knitters and Others will continue to meet in the library corner of the Commons. All are welcome to stitch and to fellowship with us! To accommodate busy summer schedules, meeting dates will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. No meetings are scheduled in August. We will resume our regular first and third Wednesday schedule of meetings in September.

HOW CAN I SERVE MY CHURCH? If you are wanting to be more involved at High Street UMC, we have several opportunities available. We are currently looking for individuals to fill leadership positions. The openings are for: Fellowship Chair, Assistant Choir Director, and Development Chair. We also need Bell Choir Members, and musicians. For more information on these positions, call the Church Office or contact Cathy Tuckerman via email at ctuckerman6@gmail.com. If you would like more information on group formations, committees, or how to serve, call the Church Office at (937) 322-2527.

HIGH NOTES ANNOUNCEMENT: Our newsletter, High Notes, is scheduled each month to be published, posted, and sent to our members by the first day of the month. In order to meet this deadline and keep everyone informed of what is going on at High Street UMC it is imperative that any information, articles, picture, etc. be submitted to the church office by the 15th of the current month. Anything received after the 15th will be saved and placed in the next edition of High Notes.

SUNDAY'S AFTER SERVICE: You are invited to the Commons after each Sunday worship service to enjoy conversation and yummy treats with your church family.



HSUMC NEWS



175th Anniversary of High Street UMC

The 175 Committee is moving along with plans for April 7 and the events leading up to our special anniversary. The social media campaign is underway. Plans for the service itself and food to follow are moving forward, and special mementos are being designed for the occasion. High Street UMC, An Illustrated History, 175th Anniversary Edition is nearing completion so that it can go to print in January.

There will be banners and signs singing the phrase “175 years together.”. Becky Bonerigo is leading construction of a celebratory signature quilt. She is asking for signatures from past, present, and inactive members for squares that she is furnishing to be woven in to it using colors from our magnificent south window. In short, the spirit of 175 is alive!

What can you do to help promote the event? Help us find and contact former members and, invite potential new members. Please forward street and email addresses to the office. The committee next meets in the Commons after church Nov. 26. We are always open to suggestions.

So join in and catch the spirit as we plan this special celebration of High Street UMC!

Dan Walter,
Church Historian



Worship Highlights



- ⇒ **Dec. 3: Communion, First Sunday of Advent, Chancel Choir will sing "The Potter's Hand" arr. Larson and the Adult Handbell Choir will play "Thine Be the Glory" arr. Krug**
- ⇒ **Dec. 10: Second Sunday of Advent, Chancel Choir will sing "Kumbaya" arr. Sjoland**
- ⇒ **Dec. 17: Third Sunday of Advent, Chancel Choir will sing "Coventry Carol" by Currie and the Adult Handbell Choir will play "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Krug**
- ⇒ **Dec. 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Chancel and Children's Choirs will sing "Away In a Manger" by Helvey**
- ⇒ **Dec. 24: Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 pm, Chancel Choir will sing "Christ is Born This Holy Night" by Larson**
- ⇒ **Dec. 31: First Sunday after Christmas**



Sanctuary Series Concerts

The fifteenth year of the popular monthly concerts at High Street United Methodist Church continues with the acoustic duo, Joey & Jessica, on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 PM. Joey & Jessica will make your season bright with Christmas music and play a variety of music from country, to classic rock, to music from the greats like The Beatles, to music of today.

The universal language of music unifies diverse community members, enriches lives, increases inspiration to get involved, and builds connections between the individuals, churches, institutions, and businesses in Springfield and our neighboring communities. Please build those connections by inviting your friends to join you.

Joey & Jessica met in 2008 doing a Worthington Community Theatre production of Cinderella. Jessica was cast as Cinderella and Joey as Prince Charming! They have been performing around the Columbus area together ever since and were married in 2012. In July 2021, they were named Best Local Musician in CityScene Magazine's "Best of the Bus," and were nominated in 2022 and 2023 for best in-person arts performance. They were the opening act at Red, White and Boom the past two years and just this summer sang God Bless America for the Cincinnati Reds! Jessica is a 2010 graduate of Wittenberg University so the Springfield community, especially the arts community, has a very special place in their hearts.

A reception will follow where you can meet the performers and enjoy some delicious treats. Fifteen years of live music is quite an accomplishment - come celebrate!



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Sanctuary Series 2023-2024

JOIN US FOR THE 15th SEASON OF THE SANCTUARY SERIES!

Programs are admission-free (a free will offering will be received).

All performances begin at 3 PM and a meet-the-artists reception follows.

September 10, 2023 - John Mortensen (Pianist and Improviser)

October 15, 2023 - World House Choir

November 12, 2023 - Carlos Elias and Andrea Arese-Elias (Violin/Piano Duo)

December 17, 2023 - Joey & Jessica (Vocal/Guitar Duo)

January 14, 2024 - Eric Tyler Barga (Bassoon)

February 11, 2024 - Champion City Trio (Jazz Band)

March 10, 2024 - Springfield Arts Council

Youth Arts Ambassadors (Musical)

April 14, 2024 - LiveWire ensembles

of the Springfield Youth Symphony

May 19, 2024 - The Collective (Jazz Band)



News & Notes

Community Outreach News



Pastor Cynthia was awarded “Hope Opens Doors” recognition at the annual meeting of the Nehemiah Foundation on November 3. The award recognizes her work in initiating urban ministries at High Street.



Pictured L-R— Dan Walter, Becky Bonerigo, Pastor Cynthia, Tom Sherwood, and Cathy Tuckerman.

News & Notes

Community Outreach News



**CENTRAL
COMMUNITY CENTER**
Faith. Culture. Community.

CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER

Central Community Center is now renting space inside High Street UMC and since the relocation we have been busy.

- ◆ **Central Community Kitchen:** The Tuesday night meal is still being served at 5:30 pm. This meal is either sit down or to-go. Many individuals look forward to these meals due to food insecurities in Springfield. We have a volunteer base who are amazing and are working together to help feed the community and make this mission a success.



- ◆ **RSVP:** Another working partnership with United Senior Services, RSVP is a volunteer program for seniors. Central Community Center will provide volunteer opportunities to our community which can be filled by the volunteers from USS.

- ◆ **Living Waters Ministry (LWM):** Living Waters Ministry, LWM, launched October 13th! LWM takes place every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30-3:30pm. Participants sign up for 30 minute time slots during the soup kitchen on Tuesday evenings. We have been blessed to offer this opportunity to those in need living within our community. LWM provides individuals with a bath pack that includes hygiene items, towel, wash cloth, clean underwear, socks, and a t-shirt.

LWM is currently accepting donations, the needs are: hygiene items, razors, small towels, washcloths, and socks. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Cynthia. Free wash and dry of one load per person is also offered on Wednesday during shower time .

- ◆ **Central Community Center** is looking for a weekly volunteer and or volunteers who is able to spend 4-6 hours on Wednesdays to assist with shower time as well as laundry for the individuals in need. Please reach out to Pastor Cynthia for further infor-



News & Notes

Community Outreach News

OPEN HANDS PANTRY:

The Open Hands Pantry is located at Covenant United Methodist Church and is open Tuesday 10-12 and Thursday 2-4. Families can receive a food box each day the pantry is open and a hygiene bag and a five-dollar voucher for Goodwill once a week.

If you would like to volunteer, call the church office for information @ 937-322-2527.



175 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: The committee is actively planning our 175 birthday celebration, anyone with information and or questions please contact Dan Walter—Church Historian Email: walter@woh.rr.com Cell: 937-408-8400



CELEBRATE WITH US!



What is "The Walk to Emmaus?"

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a 3-day short course in Christianity based on the scripture from Luke 24:13-35. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete and submit an application. The person is then contacted and invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle. The Walk to Emmaus is held in Springfield in the High Street United Methodist Church. The first walk was held in this church in 1990.

If you would like more information and an application please contact Libby Hammond at ebshamm@aol.com or 937-238-9883.



DECEMBER TRIVIA

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Congregation News & Notes

Happy Birthday

William Bonar

Janet Brougher

Richard Brougher

Pamela Hilton

Sally Miller

HAPPY Anniversary!

William & Ann Bonar

David & Lynn Hobson



Our Home Worship Families

Peggy Shelton	Bob Chapman
Art Derr	Susie Brougher
Lois Wittke	Andy and Barb Kopajetch
Barbara Hilton	Harriet Carter
Peggy Hockman	Lynda Cabbage
Roger Baker	Norma Knowlton
Doug Parsons	Mari Pearl Kitchen
Stanley Everingham	

Calendar of Events

To access the Calendar of Events please visit our website at <https://www.highstreetunited.org/calendar-of-events.html> for up to date information on events and changes to our schedule.

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Thank you for your continued support!

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Go check it out!

Monthly Meetings

Monday 11th @7pm—Trustees

Monday 11th @ 12:30pm— SPRC

Monday 25th @ 6:30pm—Leadership

Finance meeting TBA contact Bill Brougher

Please check with your Chairperson or email for updates and changes in this schedule.

2023 Ministry Leaders

High Street Ministry Team Leaders :

Pastor	Cynthia Atwater		
Worship	Ryan Roosen	Church Treasurer	Tom Sherwood
Leadership Chair	Suzanne Binz	Finance Chair	Bill Brougher
Lay Leadership	Dan Walter, Suzanne Binz, Ryan Roosen, Ellen Stickney, Lisa Fultz	UWF President	Cathy Tuckerman
Trustee Chair	Harold Crews	Lay Member AC	Bob Chapman
SPRC Chair		Missions	Becky Bonerigo
Communications Chair	Open	Fellowship / Hospitality	Open
Family Life	Edith Green/ Ellen Stickney	Congregational Care	Sharon Crews
Membership	Saundra Steinberger	Church Historian	Dan Walter

High Street Staff:

Senior Pastor	Cynthia Atwater	Assistant Choir Director	Open
Administrative Assistant	Mary Cox	Church Bookkeeper	Brimming Bookkeeping
Custodian	Larry Lytle	Nursery Caregiver	
Music Director	Lia Ferrell	Production Assistant	George West
Sound Technician	Paden Frank		



For a full list of teams or team members, please contact the office at (937) 322-2527. Thank you!