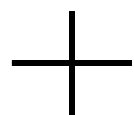


# HIGH NOTES



## Everyone Is Welcome



### IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY

January 1 New Year's Day  
January 14th Sanctuary Series @ 3 pm  
January 15 Martin Luther King Day



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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.



# MISSIONS

Missions Team at Christmas time is always busy. From the first Sunday in Advent, and continuing throughout the season, our trees decorate the hallway. Only a few weeks pass before the Sock and Hat tree is festooned with warm weather garb and the Giving Tree's labels have disappeared, only to be replaced with a mountain of presents. Thanks to all who were able to assist with either of these important outreach activities. Giving Tree gifts go to the children of Lagonda Elementary and the Socks and Hats go to the Free Pantry for distribution. As usual, your generosity is overwhelming.

AND Speaking of Generosity!! What a privilege it has been to load up my trunk with groceries that get delivered to the Free Pantry. I am both touched and amazed at the volume of nonperishable foods that show up on the table in the hallway and make their way to the Free Pantry distribution site at Central UMC. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Remember, though - the need does not disappear after the holidays. Hunger is ongoing. Please continue to give nonperishable foods to those less fortunate than we. Let's spread our blessings!



# 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 Jan. 7. 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



# 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:** If your New Year's resolutions include starting a new activity, look no farther than Knitters and Others! We meet the first and third Wednesday of every month from 10:00 - 11:00ish in the library corner of the Commons. Some of us knit, some of us quilt, all of us chat, and we are all enriched by the fellowship. First meeting of the New Year will be January 17, 2024, and will continue for the first and third Wednesdays through March. Entrance, for those not having an office door code, is through the east side handicapped door. Please join us!

**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.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS SUCCESS:** Thank you to all who participated in the Birthday Party for Jesus. Gifts of blankets, hygiene items, socks, canned goods, books, toys, and clothing were donated. Gifts will be donated to appropriate local agencies. Thank you for sharing Jesus' love.



# HSUMC NEWS



Dear High Street UMC Family,

I feel sad to resign my post as Music Director as of January 1. During the past two years of serving this wonderful congregation, I hope that my music has lifted your spirits and been a vehicle for you to connect with our God. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

It has been my honor and privilege to work with the church staff and leadership, direct the adult choir and carry the message of the love of God through the Sanctuary Series concerts. I have grown closer to God through serving and worshipping with you. I will always carry you in my heart, and I pray that the friendships we have forged will be enduring.

I believe the God who never abandons us will sustain High Street with everything it needs to keep right on following its mission of building a community that celebrates, nurtures, and serves in the love of Jesus Christ. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2, NRSV)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Sincerely,  
Lia Ferrell

thank you!



## Sanctuary Series Concerts

### Fifteen years of live music is something to celebrate!

The Sanctuary Series' goals are to provide an opportunity for any community member, regardless of income, to enjoy music and fellowship; provide local groups and individual musicians the opportunity to showcase their talents; and provide listeners with a spiritual experience in a welcoming, historic venue that can inspire them.

Sanctuary Series Concert January 14 at 3 pm  
Bring a friend to enjoy the Syrodesy Flute Trio on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 3 pm. Syrodesy is a Dayton-based trio of forward-thinking flutists who are intentional about fostering community, providing interactive, innovative performances, and embracing unconventional artistry. With a love for all compositional eras, Syrodesy's founding flutists Gretchen German, Jodi Boeddeker, and Sarah Robertson perform unique and compelling pieces that draw audiences to the edges of their seats and leave them wanting more! Beatboxing? Extended techniques? Performances that feature the entire flute family, from piccolo to contra-bass? Syrodesy does it all. There will be a meet-the-artists reception following the show.



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*"Building a Community that Celebrates, Nurtures, and Serves in the Love of Jesus Christ."*

## 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



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

### CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER

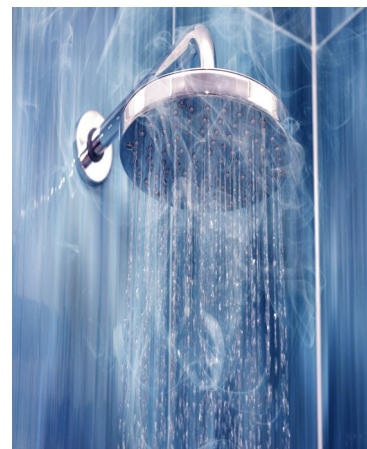
**Central Community Center is now renting space inside High Street UMC and since the relocation we have been busy.**

- ◆ **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 information.





# 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.



**THE 175 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** committee is up and running. We will celebrate on April 7, 2024. Anyone interested in serving on the committee or has ideas for the celebration please contact Dan Walter—Church Historian  
Email: [walter@woh.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:ebshamm@aol.com) or 937-238-9883.



# JANUARY TRIVIA

1. Can you name the 6 other months that have 31 days?
2. January always starts on the same day of the week as what other month in the same year?
3. How many days did January have when it was initially added to the calendar?
4. What city translates as 'River of January'?
5. What is the full moon's name that occurs in January?
6. Which calendar did not include January as a month?
7. What is the month that follows January?
8. What winter storm is defined by reduced visibility, strong winds, and a duration of at least 3 hours?

- ANSWER KEY
1. March, May, July, August, October, and December
  2. October
  3. 30
  4. Rio de Janeiro
  5. The Wolf Moon
  6. The Roman Calendar
  7. February
  8. A blizzard



# Congregation News & Notes

# Happy Birthday

Henrietta Bean	Carolyn Hobson
Suzanne Binz	Lemonhang Mokhalinyane
Williams Bonerigo	Marcella Thompson
Margaret Crosbie	Lois Wittke
Stanley Everingham	

# HAPPY Anniversary!

Jim & Joyce Tolle



## Our Home Worship Families

Peggy Shelton	Bob Chapman
Art Derr	Susie Brougher
Lois Wittke	Andy and Barb Kopajetich
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.

Stay Connected:

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 YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=hsumc](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=hsumc)

Thank you for your continued support!

You

Go check it out!

## Monthly Meetings

Monday 8th @7pm—Trustees  
 Monday 8th @ 12:30pm—SPRC  
 Monday 22nd @ 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!