



HIGH NOTES



Everyone Is Welcome



IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

October 1, 2023—Communion
October 15, 2023—Sanctuary Series @ 3pm



High Street
United Methodist Church

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Grace Upon Grace – Fall Tour

Thank you to all of High Street UMC staff and volunteers for making this service a huge success.



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

Children's Choir has resumed on Sunday September 17th at 11:00am in the downstairs Blue Room. All children from 4 years through 5th grade are welcome to join us. The children will be learning new songs to sing as well as bell songs to ring. They are also learning that they too can serve the Lord in our church services. Ellen Stickney leads this group, so if you have any questions or comments please call her at 937-631-5727.

Second Annual Fall Potluck Picnic and Worship

Take a look back!!



MISSIONS



ON THE MOVE



Missions Team met Sunday, September 17, to explore old and new ways to reach out to our community. Central Community Kitchen, Open Hands Free Pantry, and Lagonda Elementary students and staff are all topics of our discussion. Did you know that our soup kitchen has experienced a sharp increase in attendance over the last few months? Missions is pleased to be able to donate to the very worth outreach of providing a delicious hot meal to those in need. Our donations are only possible through the generosity of you, the members and supporters of High Street.



Our next meeting will be October 15, 2023, following the church service. At that meeting we will welcome Karen Cooley as the newest member of our committee. Please continue to pray with us that our outreach will bless those in need and our decisions will reflect the love of Christ working in the world.

Are You A Part of the History of High Street?
As part of the April 7, 2024, celebration of High Street's 175th anniversary, the Knitters and Others group is making a signature quilt. We want to cover this quilt with the names of present and past members of High Street United Methodist Church. During the months of November and December, fabric squares will be available, either after church or in the church office, to be signed with permanent ink. These squares will be used to construct a commemorative quilt that will recognize many of the people who have given generously of their support and attendance over those 175 years. Although we won't begin collecting signatures until November, now is the time for all of us to think of those members, present and past, whose signatures need to be a part of the history of High Street United Methodist Church. Stay tuned: more information will follow!



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

On Sunday April 7, 2024, High Street will celebrate our DemiSemiSeptCentennial, in other words our 175th year as a continuous congregation. So mark the date!

As members share ideas as to how to best mark this event, it is clear that excitement is building. One idea that is picking up steam is to recreate some aspects of a worship service in the way it was celebrated in 1850. This will involve considerable planning, not only for the service itself but for the food and fellowship to follow. A committee is forming and will hold an exploratory meeting in the Fall. That said, we need help as well as ideas, and all are welcome to participate.

As we proceed I am in the process of rewriting the 2016 history. The Second or 175th Anniversary Edition will be printed in a smaller, more user-friendly format - shelf size. Photos are being edited and more appropriately arranged - and new ones have been discovered. Once the rewrite is completed, probably by September, I'll need help documenting events, missions, special occasions, etc. to complete the years 2016 - present. For now please consider specific items pertinent to the pastorate of Rev. Steven Fewell, June, 2016 - July 2019.

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

Dan Walter,
Church Historian



HSUMC NEWS

Sanctuary Series Concerts

Please join us for the second concert of our 15th Season of the Sanctuary Series on October 15 at 3 pm. The World House Choir will return to perform music that motivates and inspires our community toward justice, diversity, inclusion and equality as we strive for peace. Please invite friends and neighbors to join you. A reception will follow where you can meet the choir members and enjoy some great food.

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.



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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.

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

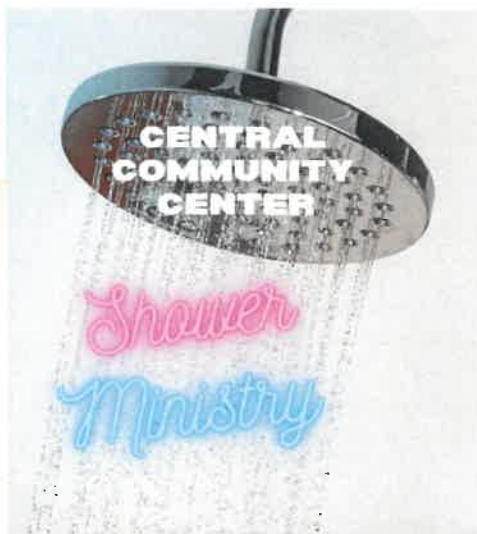
- ◆ **Central Community Kitchen:** The Tuesday night meal is still being served at 5:30 pm. This meal is either sit down or to- go. Many individuals look forward to these meals due to food insecurities in Springfield. We have a volunteer base who are amazing and are working together to help feed the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



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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: We are forming a committee to plan our 175 birthday celebration, which will be celebrated 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 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.



OCTOBER TRIVIA

1. What is the name of the friendly ghost in the “Casper” cartoons and movies?
2. What is the name of the Disney Channel Original Movie series about a vampire family?
3. Which cartoon character is known for his love of Halloween and extravagant decorations?
4. What is the name of the famous haunted house attraction located in Disney’s Magic Kingdom?
5. What is a traditional Halloween game where participants try to catch apples with their teeth?
6. What popular Halloween character wears a green-faced mask and is known for scaring people?
7. What phrase do children typically say when they visit houses while trick-or-treating?
8. What is a common Halloween decoration made from a hollowed-out pumpkin with a face carved into it?
9. What type of supernatural creatures are said to rise from the dead and roam the earth on Halloween night?



1. Casper
2. “Hallowentown”
3. SpongeBob SquarePants
4. The Haunted Mansion
5. Apple bobbing
6. The Wicked Witch of the West
7. “Trick or treat!”
8. Jack-o’-lanterns
9. Zombies

Answer Key

Congregation News & Notes

Happy Birthday



Luke Fessler 10-01
Andrew Bowshier 10-22
David Hobson 10-17
Robert Klausmeier Jr 10-06
Larry Lytle 10-24

Susan Taylor 10-10
Buck Weaver 10-24

Susan Brougher 10-08
Bob Chapman 10-20
Lynda Cabbage 10-03
Diana Duncan 10-31



HAPPY Anniversary!

Frank & Becky Bonerigo
Sam & Michelle Bonerigo

Joe & Jessica Parsons
Frank & Deana Pimienta



Our Home Worship Families

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

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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Website: <https://www.highstreetunited.org/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/highstreetunited

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=hsumc

Thank you for your continued support!

Monthly Meetings

Monday 9th @7pm— Trustees
 Monday 16th @ 12:30pm— SPRC
 Sunday 8th @ 11 am— Leadership
 Finance meeting TBA contact Bill Brougher

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!