

+ HIGH NOTES +

Everyone Is Welcome

September

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

September 3, 2023—Communion

September 4, 2023 —Labor Day

September 10, 2023 — Potluck Picnic @ 10am

September 10, 2023—Sanctuary Series @ 3pm

September 11, 2023 Church Conference @ 6pm



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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. Should 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.



WE LOVE OUR YOUTH



Second Annual Fall Potluck Picnic and Worship

Sunday, September 10th @ CJ Brown Reservoir



Your Family Life and Worship Teams are excited to invite you to our 2023 Fall Potluck Picnic and Worship Service @ CJ Brown Reservoir. We'll gather at 10:00 on September 10th at the lower shelter on the west side of the reservoir. Our worship service will be lead by Pastor Cynthia, Music Director Lia Ferrell and Worship Chair, Ryan Roosen. Family Life leaders, Edith Green and Ellen Stickney will make sure we have lots of fun activities for all ages, and our High Street Family will, as usual, bring us plenty of delicious food to share. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided and grilled on site. We hope that our entire church family will be able to attend. Guests, including extra family members and friends, are more than welcome!!

CHILDRENS CHOIR

Children's Choir Fall Start-up

Children's Choir will resume 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.

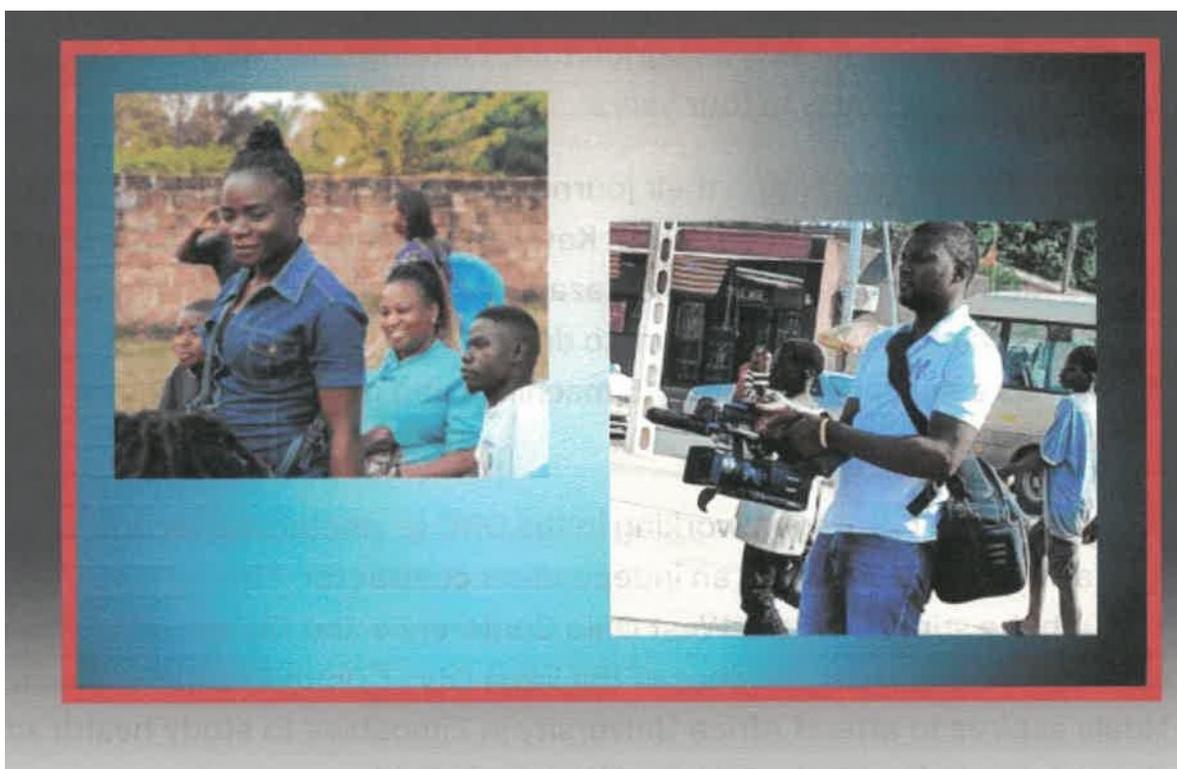
MISSIONS



West Ohio Congo Mission



Orphanage Helps Youth Become Successful Entrepreneurs



Poverty and war left many children orphans in Kamina, Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Kamina Children's Home was created to be a place of refuge and hope for those children left parentless. Unable to find work after graduating from secondary school, many youths remain residents of the home. The unemployment rate in Kamina is 90%. Instead of releasing the young residents, Bishop Mande Muyombo decided to work toward creating pathways of training for the residents to become entrepreneurs and vital members of their communities.

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Rev. Nkoko Lumbwe Emmanuel, Director of the Kamina Children's Home is working with Bishop Mande to address the immediate needs for the success of the new vision - separate dorms for the female residents and the creation of programs that will train in vocations such as agriculture, tailoring and carpentry. This new model is expected to take three to four years.

Some students have begun their journey to entrepreneurship through support from the partnership between the North Katanga and the West Ohio Conferences of The United Methodist Church. Bazille Kazadi dreams of owning a tailoring business with multiple seamstresses and tailors to design and create clothing to sell. Currently, Bazille has a space with roughly 5 machines and other tailors at a business center owned by the home.

Claudia Mboyo has begun working in the DRC as photographer and videographer for a local media outlet and as an independent contractor. This was made possible through the support of the West Ohio Conference and the donation of a video camera from a former member of the West Ohio Communications Team. Alpho Ndala aspires to attend Africa University in Zimbabwe to study health administration through a scholarship from United Women in Faith.

These are only a few of the former residents of the Kamina Children's Home who are continuing to work toward independence. Other residents of the home

For more information on how to support the Kamina Children's Home, visit <https://www.westohioumc.org/ministries/kamina-childrens-home>

Save Our Youth

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Written by Amy Graham, Communications Specialist

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



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

Presenting our *15th season* of Sunday Afternoon entertainment

Sanctuary Series

2023-2024
Sharing Faith through the Arts

High Street
United Methodist Church



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Celebrate - Nurture - Serve

coming soon

Sanctuary Series 15th Season Begins September 10

Please join us for the opening concert of our 15th Season of the Sanctuary Series! We will welcome back pianist and improviser John Mortensen on September 10 at 3 pm. Please invite friends and neighbors to join you. A reception will follow for fellowship and to meet this talented local musician.



High Street United Methodist Church Sanctuary Series 2023-2024

The Chancel Choir and Music Ministry of High Street United Methodist Church invite you to the fifteenth season of our popular **Sanctuary Series**. All concerts begin at 3 pm. Admission is free and includes a meet-the-artist reception following each performance!

A free-will offering is taken at most events.

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 of the Springfield Youth Symphony



May 19, 2024
The Collective Jazz Band

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES:

Choirs Starting Soon!

All God's children have a place in the choir! Please consider joining our Chancel Choir or Handbell Choir and share your musical talent in worship! The Chancel Choir will meet on Sundays from 8:30-9:30 AM in the choir room starting on September 24th. The Handbell Choir will meet at a time convenient to all ringers.

Contact music@highstreetunited.org if you would like to participate in either of these groups where you can get to know others well and feel a sense of support in your faith. "Choir singers report better relationships, a higher quality of life, and greater wellness than non-singers." -The Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research at Cornell University

News & Notes

Community Outreach News



CENTRAL
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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 information.



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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



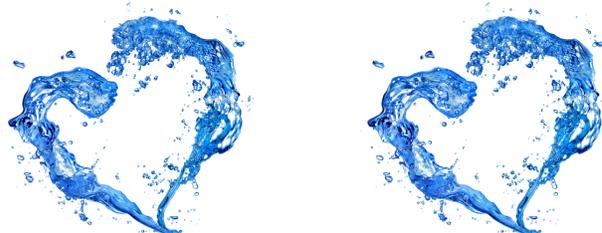
CELEBRATE WITH US!



What is "The Walk to Emmaus?"

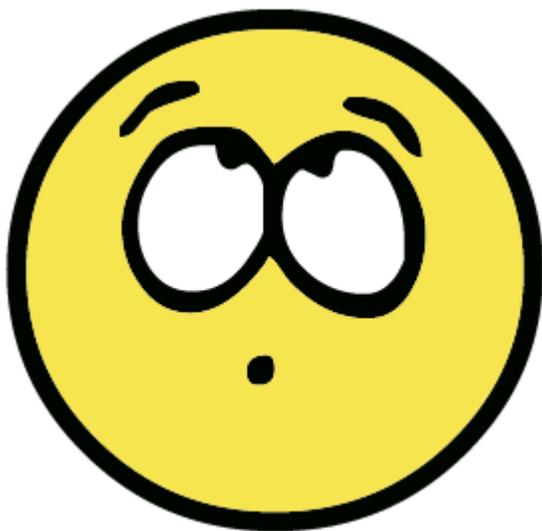
The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a 3-day short course in Christianity based on the scripture from Luke 24:13-35. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. 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.



SEPTEMBER TRIVIA

- 1) Where in the Bible can you find the Lord's Prayer? _____
- 2) Who taught the Lord's Prayer? _____
- 3) How many requests are in the Lord's Prayer? _____
- 4) What does Jesus says is the second commandment? _____
- 5) What is the 1st commandment? _____
- 6) What is the first book in the Bible? _____
- 7) What is the last book in the Bible? _____
- 8) Which human author wrote the most books? _____
- 9) Ture or False: The Bible was first written in the English language? _____
- 10) In what language was most of the Old Testament given? _____



- Answer Key
1. Mathew 6
 2. Jesus
 3. Seven
 4. Love your neighbor as yourself
 5. You shall not have no other gods before me.
 6. Genesis
 7. Revelation
 8. Paul
 9. False

Congregation News & Notes



- John Baker 09/03
- Irene Bryan 09/30
- Karen Cooley 09/23
- Arthur Derr 09/12
- Donna Frederick 09/19
- Kathie Harbaugh 09/19
- Patricia Hawkins 09/23
- Barb Hoppe 09/11
- Karl Hoppe 09/11
- Kathy Howard 09/17
- Maripearl Kitchen 09/21
- Marcia Lyons 09/14
- Kelsey McCready 09/13
- Steve McCready 09/23
- Cecily Morrow 09/26
- Frank Pimienta 09/05
- Diana Riggs 09/27
- Brandon Shuey 09/05
- Richard Umbaugh 09/11



Happy Birthday



Our Home Worship Families

Peggy Shelton	Lois Wittke
Barbara Hilton	MariPearl Kitchen
Doug Parsons	Harriet Carter
Peggy Hockman	Norma Jean Bossert
Art Derr	

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:

- 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 14th @7pm— Trustees
- Monday 14th @ 12:30pm— SPRC
- Sunday, 6th @11am/ Monday, 28th @6:30pm— Leadership
- *Finance meeting TBA* contact Bill Brouger

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	Open	Fellowship / Hospitality	Open
Family Life	Edith Green/ Ellen	Congregational Care	Sharon Crews
Membership	Sandra 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!