

# ◆ HIGH NOTES ◆

Monthly Newsletter of High Street UMC where **Everyone is Welcome**



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## Seasons Greetings From Our Pastor

Dear High Street Family

By the time you receive this newsletter the countdown will have begun for the end of this year. Before you start planning and setting your goal and dreams for 2020 lets take advantage of all that we have before us in December 2019.

The officers and members have planned and worked hard to provide a number of activities and opportunities to become community. Wednesday nights will begin with bible study at 5 followed by Casseroles, Carols and Connections. There are activities planned for the entire family. The perfect time to get to know someone you see in passing on Sunday morning.

Beginning Sunday, December 1, we will celebrate Advent and Christmas Eve with the theme "Follow the Star". Each Sunday will re-tell parts of our favorite story (the birth of our Savior, Jesus) through music, speakers, costumed characters, on screen art.

Sunday afternoon the excitement continues with a concert on December 8 featuring the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus. December 15 the Sanctuary series continues with our very own Chris Moore presenting "Deck the Halls: A Stroll Through the History of Holiday Decorating"

Ministry to our community abounds with opportunities to serve at the Central Community Kitchen on Tuesday evenings. The Open Free Hands Store has special hours this month and are listed in the Community News section of our newsletter. MOPS will meet December 11 and can always use extra hands. If any of these ministry opportunities interest you, please call the office for contact information or details on how to get involved.

The journey to Bethlehem was not a quick one. Let us take time and enjoy each other and the love of Christ as we Follow the Star this Advent Season.

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah 9:6.*

God Bless,  
Pastor Cynthia



# Gay Men's Chorus

December 08, 2019 at 4:00 pm



Enjoy an afternoon of holiday spirit, choral excellence, and community partnership as the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus returns to Springfield! No tickets required, but a free will donation will help support the work of this great ensemble.



## Sanctuary Series

### Deck the Hall's / J. Chris Moore

December 15, 2019 at 3:00 pm

J. Chris Moore, Director Emeritus of the Springfield Arts Council, will offer his fourth in a series of holiday programs on Sunday, December 15, at 3:00 P.M. for the Sanctuary Series at High Street United Methodist Church, 230 E. High Street in downtown Springfield, Ohio.

This year's program explores the early traditions of holiday decorating and its symbolism through the multimillion dollar industry that it has become today. Filled with colorful images, holiday songs, video clips and interesting commentary, the program takes its title from the familiar carol "Deck the Halls," along with other holiday favorites like "The Holly and the Ivy," and "We Need a Little Christmas." If not already in the holiday spirit, "Deck the Halls" will bring back fond memories of Christmas past spent with family and friends.

Moore's previous programs include "Now Is the Caroling Season," "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," and "A Norman Rockwell Christmas."

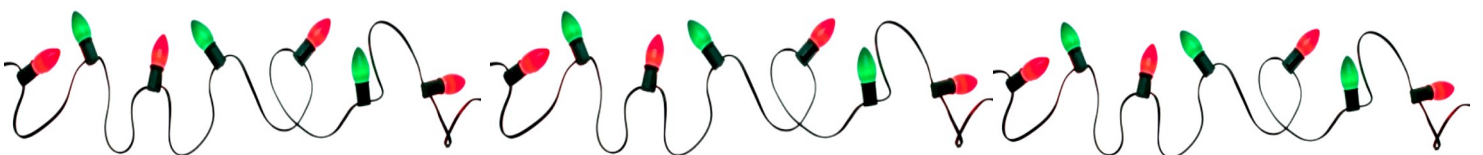


# Upcoming Events



## **Casseroles, Carols and Connections**

It's time for our annual Christmas season fellowship dinners! Join us December 4, 11, & 18 from 6-7 pm for a casual pot luck dinner, a fun activity, and some Christmas carol singing. There will be activities for kids too! Sign-up sheet will be in the Commons Hallway if you would like to bring a dish to share, but you are not obligated to bring anything to come have fun. All are welcome!



# Upcoming Events



SENIOR PASTOR CYNTHIA ATWATER  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR HEATHER HUSTED

CHECK OUT OUR **NEW** WEBSITE!  
[WWW.HIGHSTREETUNITED.ORG](http://WWW.HIGHSTREETUNITED.ORG)

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE  
9:30 & 11:00  
CHILDREN & YOUTH WORSHIP  
AGES 3-11  
TEEN WORSHIP  
AGES 12-17

COME SEE  
WHAT'S NEW  
AT HIGH STREET!

## Invite a Friend

Is there someone you would like to invite to High Street? Pick up a post card to share with them. We have a lot going on this Christmas Season from "*Follow the Star*" celebration, **Casseroles, Carols and Connections** the Christmas fellowship dinners, *Cookie Walk*, and much more. If you know someone who hasn't been here in a while let us know, we will mail them a card, contact Susan, Carol or Lisa in the office at (937) 322-2527. The post cards will be located at the back of the Sanctuary for you to pick up anytime.

We've got a brand new website! Check it out at [www.highstreetunited.org](http://www.highstreetunited.org), and see what's new at High Street!

Yes, we are still High Street United Methodist Church, but our website name and FaceBook name have been updated. We are united - in love, in faith, in community.

# NEWS FROM THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY

High Street United Methodist Church has been graciously allowing the Springfield Area Emmaus Community to use your facilities to support our Walk to Emmaus Weekends, Gatherings and meetings.

What is the Walk to Emmaus?

It is a three day Spiritual journey based on Luke 24:13-53 where 2 disciples (pilgrims) journeying to Emmaus from Jerusalem meet the risen Jesus, who explains Scriptures to them supporting Christianity.

Monthly Gatherings (open to all) are held usually every 2nd Sunday of month - and is a time for fellowship, worship, meeting old friends and making new friends on our 4th days (every day after the 3 days of the Emmaus Weekend). Fellowship time from 6:30 to 7pm (light snacks) is held in the Commons Room with the Gathering starting at 7pm (includes music, speakers and Communion) in the Sanctuary.

The next Walk (Men's or Women's weekend depends on number of applications received) is tentatively planned for April 23-26 and then October/November, using all of the church's facilities.

Want to know more? Further information can be found at:

[Emmaus.upperroom.org](http://Emmaus.upperroom.org) (Emmaus Nashville HQ), and

[Spfldemmaus.com](http://Spfldemmaus.com) (Springfield Emmaus site).

The High Street Emmaus Board Rep is Larry Lytle, who acts as our liaison with the High Street United Methodist Church for any issues with the Church property and equipment.

Any questions about Springfield Emmaus? Feel free to contact our Community Lay Director, Vic Neves - 937-241-1025 or [farmmama@netzero.net](mailto:farmmama@netzero.net). Better yet, come to our next Gathering on Sunday evening, 8 December at 7pm for our Christmas Praise Gathering of music presented by Springfield Emmaus members!



## THERE IS HOPE!

I was offered a unique opportunity this fall. I was asked to be a lunch buddy for a second grader with a health issue at a local elementary school. Once a week I go to the school at lunch time and join a group of eight year old kids as they troupe into the cafeteria. The first few weeks I was stared at, a lot, after all I was the new “kid” at the table. Then they noticed my Star Wars cup and started talking to me. By the third week I was one of the gang and an insider to the inner workings of the eight year old mind.

What did I learn? Well I learned that eight-year-olds are a pretty happy bunch of humans. They are kind to each other. They share their joys and sorrows. They are honest. Today, Levi (not his real name), shared with me about his genetic issue and his IQ and his Make A Wish trip to Walt Disney World.

Instead of focusing on his health issue Levi was happy to be with his pals at lunch. He accepted his limitations. He was happy to dream about going back to Walt Disney World to see the new attractions, especially the new Star Wars land. Levi had faced his fears with honesty. So what? His organs were different. It is just a fact but Levi’s joy in just being alive and gathered with his friends for a meal was all he needed today.

It made me think. What would happen to us if we were that honest as adults? What if we learned to let go of our fears in life? Cut lose those nagging little cobwebs that gather in the corners of our hearts and minds? Those fears that just won’t go away? Those thoughts that separate us from full fellowship with God?

Jeremiah was appointed by God at a young age to deliver a message to people who didn’t want to hear it. God told Jeremiah to go up and down the streets looking for one person who dealt honestly and sought the truth, and if Jeremiah found just one person who was honest and truth-seeking, then the city of Jerusalem would be forgiven (Jeremiah 5: 1 NIV).

How happy I was as I left my lunch buddy shift. The honest one in my city had spoken to me from the wisdom of the ages! By following the example from a child, I found I don’t need to worry or fear anything out there. How hopeful I am to live on this planet with the children of God!

Anonymous







## CYW / AGES 3-12 CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORSHIP

Our Children and Youth worship is an hour packed full of music, dance, word, praise and worship. This a great opportunity to teach and train our children and youth about worship, worshipful attitudes, and the purpose of worship using a variety of styles. Children and Youth are given the opportunity to learn new exciting ways to praise and worship GOD. God's Word is presented to the children and youth weekly in ways that they are able to comprehend. Our goal is to raise our next generation to be worshippers of God to teach them to experience the Glory of God through worship, and to leave a legacy of worshippers.



## AGES 13-17 / TEEN MINISTRY

High Street strives to build a Teen Ministry who loves the Lord with all their soul, mind and strength. Our goal is to lead unsaved Teens to a relationship with Jesus Christ and strengthen saved teens in their relationship with Jesus Christ. To bring unity among young people from different backgrounds. To provide Teens within High Street and the community with a safe place to learn and grow into who God has called them to be. Teens will have sessions on various issues about real life situations they face daily, bible scriptures media, relationships, habits, healthy choices, etc.....To build friendships that will last a lifetime.

All guidance will be given through the word of God. We want to let our teens know that we care, love, and support them. We also want them to live life to the fullest through Christ Jesus.

## Meet The Teachers



9:30 am-Elementary / Kristie Massie, Assistants, Arthur Poindexter and Linda Green

9:30 am-Pre-School / Edith Green, Assistants, Karen Cooley

10:30 am-Lead Teacher / Ellen Stickney, Assistants, Linda Green, Larry Lytle, Curt Hefner  
and Bill Bonar



Teens / Aaron Clark, Marcia Lyons, Linda Green, Larry Lytle, and Bill Bonar



# Community Outreach News



## CENTRAL COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Through the generosity of community volunteers and in collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank, CCK feeds upwards of 100 to 150 people every Tuesday at 5:30 pm throughout the year downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

## RECOVERY "X"

This program employs physical fitness to help individuals go beyond maintaining sobriety to achieving a holistic balance for their lives. They offer classes Monday through Friday afternoons in the Recovery "X" Training Room on the ground floor.

## ASPIRE PROGRAM

Clark State Community College's innovative program allows adults to earn their high school equivalency and learn English as a second language (ESL). High School Equivalency instruction is on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. ESL instruction is on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. All classes are in the computer lab on the ground floor.

## NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

NA has been a longstanding part of the Central Community Center's mission as it lends unmatched support to the recovery community. Meetings are Monday through Friday at noon and Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM in Room 102.

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER** also hosts weddings, receptions, conferences, workshops, meetings, worship services and concerts.

## Open Hands Free Store

People that would like to visit and work at free store can stop by on Tuesday's to help and you can stay as long as you would like.

We are now accepting season appropriate clothing, cereal, soup and ramen noodles.

During the Holiday Season Open Hands-Free Store will not be accepting donations during it's closedown, which includes these dates November 27-December 05 and December 22-January 09.

Open Hands Drop Off times are Tuesday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday 2:30 pm-5:30 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am-Noon. Thank you!

## Free Breakfast With Santa

Covenant United Methodist Church is having a fundraiser, Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14, 2019. Located at 529 W Jonny Lytle Avenue Springfield, OH. Breakfast starts at 10:00 am, Santa will be arriving at 10:15 am. There will be games, Christmas candy and fun!

Pictures with Santa will be \$5.00. Please no cell phone pictures allowed.

## UMW

Plans are also under way to join with Covenant UMW for their New Year's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, December 28th, at Covenant.



# News & Notes

## Community Outreach News

### Youth United

**Youth United** are now planning events for next year, High Street has about 5 youth that are within the age range to participate in the events. The first event will be Saturday, February 15th, 6pm at the Chiller Ice Rink. We will have the full rink for a two hour skate, to eat, fellowship and share the word of God.

The second dates will be Saturday April 25th and Sunday April 26th from 6-8 pm. That weekend will be our Youth United Revival. We are still planning the details for this event.

As we go forward it will be great to see some of the other leaders and members from High Street at the events to fellowship with the youth. I have learned over the years that our presence means a lot to our youth when we participate in events with them outside of Sunday morning.

Thank you,  
Aaron Clark

### Family Life

Family Life will now meet on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. This will allow Pastor Heather to be available to attend.

**PNO** was Friday, November 01. We had over 80 kids at the event. We showed movies to the different age groups (3-15), served walking tacos, hotdogs and pizza. Thank you to all the High Street and Springfield Promise volunteers.

## MEXICO MISSION OPPORTUNITY!!!

Our church is planning to be part of the May 13-17, 2020 mission trip to Rio Bravo, Mexico, led by Chad Stoltz. Multiple opportunities are available- you may use your medical skills, or help in that area by working as a registrant or runner, work at the school or the House of Hope, in construction or on a VBS.

The deadline for registering for this opportunity is the end of January. We ask that you turn in to the church office a \$150 non-refundable deposit to show your commitment. Financial assistance for flight and other expenses will be available from the International Mission fund, but that final amount has not yet been determined. Please seriously consider this opportunity to serve God below the border.

## THE ADVENT GIVING TREE

For our Advent Giving Tree outreach this, year, again we have the opportunity to share the celebration of Christ's birth with Lagonda Elementary School families. These families are experiencing real hardship at this time, and we will be providing Christmas presents for the children. Gifts include clothing, books, and games.

Requests are displayed on the Giving Tree located in the Commons Hallway. Please attach the request card to your gift so that it gets to the right child.

The wrapped gifts may be brought to the church by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> so that the school can get the gifts to the families before winter vacation.

Thank you for your generosity!

# News & Notes

## It's Not Your Mother's Cookie Walk!

This year United Methodist Women's cookie walk will be in the fellowship hall Sunday, December 15th, 10:00 am-12:00 noon for our High Street church family and friends.

Those wanting to donate Christmas cookies may sign up in the hallway beginning Sunday, November 17th. Your donations can be delivered to the church the week of December 9 and Saturday morning, December 14 from 9:30-12:00 noon.

The \$10 box size will be available for you to fill the day of the walk, and we will have a selection of bar cookies from which to select to top off your box. Proceeds from the walk will be given to outreach and mission programs of the High Street & Miami Valley United Methodist Women.

## Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is looking for volunteers to count funds on Sunday morning. Volunteers usually count at most once a month, and they have the choice of counting during the second service, or after the second service. Beginners will work with an experienced counter. If you're interested, contact Al Stickney at [astickney@wittenberg.edu](mailto:astickney@wittenberg.edu).

## The Ladies Brunch Bunch

This fun group will meet for brunch and fellowship on Saturday, December 21 at 10:00 am at Collier's Restaurant. There is a standing open invitation to any lady who wants to join in the fellowship. Just show up and enjoy a morning of conversation and laughs!

## Communications Updates!

**NEW WEBSITE!!**

**CHECK IT OUT @**

[www.highstreetunited.org](http://www.highstreetunited.org)! We are now **LIVE!**

**Also CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS @**

<https://www.highstreetunited.org/calendar-of-events.html>

If you have any questions or comments contact Susan Roosen at [sroosen@highstreetunited.org](mailto:sroosen@highstreetunited.org).

## We Have New Email!

Please make note of the new email printed on the front of Sunday's bulletins. All staff members have new emails and will be updating you as soon as possible. The new office email is now [office@highstreetunited.org](mailto:office@highstreetunited.org). **Pastor Atwater** will now be using her High Street email, [pastorcatwater@highstreetunited.org](mailto:pastorcatwater@highstreetunited.org) and **Pastor Husted** will be using her High Street email, [pastorhusted@highstreetunited.org](mailto:pastorhusted@highstreetunited.org). Our new website is moving along and it should not be too much longer before we are able to do a soft launch. If you have questions, contact Susan Roosen at [sroosen@highstreetunited.org](mailto:sroosen@highstreetunited.org). Thank you for your support!

## Knitting Group

Just a reminder there will be no meetings in the month of December for the knitting group. Have a Happy Holiday's.



# Congregation News & Notes



- 12/13 Dave & Lona Shuey
- 12/18 Karl & Barb Hoppe
- 12/18 Bill & Ann Bonar
- 12/20 David & Lynn Hobson



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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 12/01 Lisa Fultz            | <b>12/13 Sue Gundlach</b>     |
| <b>12/03 Eleanor Wiegel</b> | 12/13 Sally Moore             |
| 12/03 Douglas Parsons       | 12/13 Brynn Taylor            |
| 12/04 Alyssa Bowshier       | 12/14 Nan Figge               |
| 12/04 Larry Taylor          | 12/16 Ric Thomas              |
| 12/05 Abigail Baucant       | 12/17 Michael Morris          |
| 12/05 Ian Baucant           | 12/18 Kathleen Wilkins        |
| 12/05 Sally Asper           | 12/19 Pam Hilton              |
| 12/07 Paul Frederick        | 12/22 Sally Miller            |
| 12/09 Janet James           | <b>12/23 Sandi Wickline</b>   |
| 12/09 Brenda Tovar          | 12/27 Noah Cooper             |
| <b>12/12 Janet Brougher</b> | <b>12/27 Judy Hennigan</b>    |
|                             | 12/30 Anthony Shy             |
|                             | <b>12/31 Richard Brougher</b> |

**Age 80 & Older**



## Worship Attendance

		<u>9:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
November	03, 2019	62	53
November	10, 2019	59	49
November	17, 2019	63	41
November	24, 2019	62	42

## Financial Snapshot

YTD INCOME	\$227,302.00
YTD EXPENSES	\$241,057.00

## Our Home Worship Families

Art Derr	Sharon & Paul Bates
Peggy Shelton	Andy & Barb Kopajetich
Beverly Bush	Dick & Darlene Umbaugh
Lin Shuey	Marion & Shelba Mossbarger
Peggy Hockman	Roy & Becky Mulkey
Norma Jean Bossert	Marga Smith
Bill & Harriet Carter	Doug Parsons
Rosell Townsend	Lynda Cabbage
John Payton	

## Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events has moved, 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. You will still be able to access a printed schedule on the website and in the weekly bulletins.

Thank you for your continued support!

Our new website address is <https://www.highstreetunited.org/>. Go check it out!

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SPR Chair	Gary Slack	Missions	Becky Bonerigo
Communications	Susan Roosen	Fellowship / Hospitality	Marcia Lyons
MOPS	Susan Roosen	Congregational Care	Sharon Crews
Discipleship	Larry Taylor	Membership	Larry Taylor
		Family Life	Kristie Massie

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