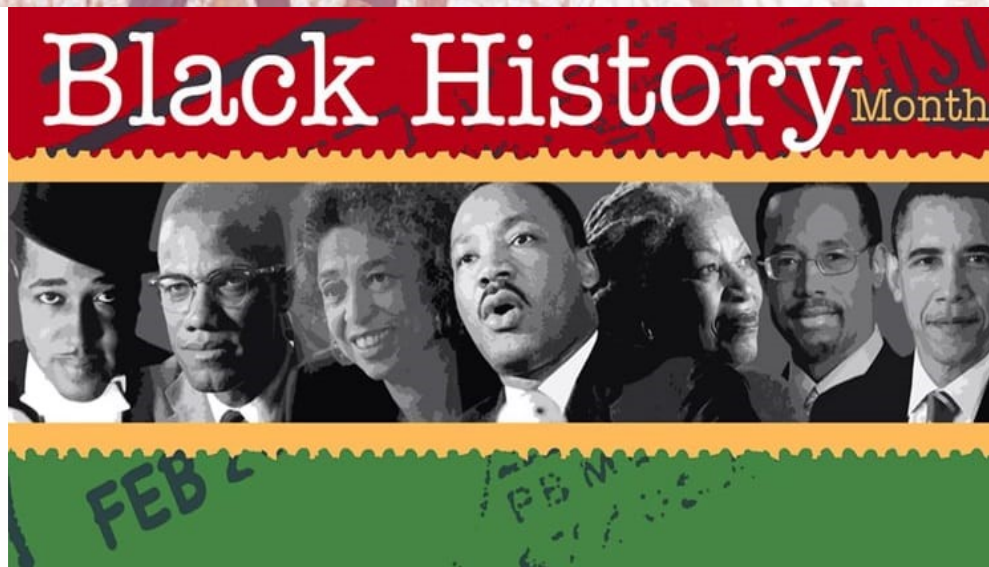


# ◆ HIGH NOTES ◆

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



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# Sanctuary Series

3:00 PM \* 230 East High Street,  
Springfield Ohio 45505

## MOTHER'S JAZZ COLLECTIVE

Come join us at High Street United Methodist Church for our twelfth season. The Sanctuary Series is admission-free, although a freewill offering is taken at most events. There is a meet-the-artist reception following the performance.



Mother's Jazz Collective is a 7-piece ensemble made up of some of the most accomplished Jazz musicians in the Miami Valley. What started as a casual performance has turned into standard First Friday fare at Mother Stewart's Brewery. For over two and a half years now the Collective has been providing an outstanding combination of straight-ahead jazz, contemporary fusion, and classic horn band arrangements featuring guest artists and a rotating roster. This unique septet performs songs from jazz greats like Sonny Rollins, Miles Davis and Chick Corea along with contemporary favorites of Spyro Gyra, Chick Corea and Al Jarreau.

### PERSONNEL

Mark Smarelli Vibraphone

Kent Brooks Piano

Chuck Young Guitar

Jaheem Washington Drums

John Wobbe Bass

Jay Helpin Trumpet

Brent Eresman Tenor Sax

# What's on the table at GC 2020?

## United Methodist Church Separation over LGBTQ+ Views

### Plans of separation:

The rancorous special 2019 General Conference, by a 438-384 vote, tightened the denomination's bans on same-sex weddings and "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy. However, those church rules have faced increasing resistance.

Confronted with what many see as irreconcilable differences, various groups of United Methodists have worked throughout 2019 on proposals to let the denomination split along theological lines. Participants at the Nashville gathering heard from developers of four such proposals. These included "New Denominations of Methodism," also known as the Indianapolis Plan; "New Expressions Worldwide" from UM -Forward; "Next Generation UMC" from UMCNext; and the "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation."

By far the plan that has grabbed the most attention is the protocol. The proposal is a mediated agreement among bishops and leaders of advocacy groups with differing perspectives on LGBTQ inclusion. The plan resulted from discussions initiated by Sierra Leone's Bishop John Yambasu.

"The uniqueness of this conversation was that it was broad; it was diverse," said the Rev. Junius Dotson, a delegate from the Great Plains Conference and top executive of Discipleship Ministries. "It was initiated by central conference leaders; and of course, this conversation morphed into a conversation that was mediated by the world-renowned Ken Feinberg."

Developers of the Indianapolis and UMCNext plans both contributed to the protocol, and presenters for each plan announced their groups' backing of the newest proposal.

The protocol does not ask anyone to leave The United Methodist Church. However, it allows traditionalist congregations and conferences to separate and form a new denomination, while keeping their properties and getting \$25 million in United Methodist funds.

It also reserves \$2 million to help other new potential denominations and designates \$39 million over eight years to strengthen Asian, African American, Hispanic-Latino, Native American and Pacific Islander ministries, as well as Africa University.

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Still, the Rev. Jay Williams — a leader in UM-Forward and delegate from the New England Conference — voiced concerns about how the protocol came into being. He noted that UM-Forward and leaders of the denomination's ethnic caucuses were not at the table. He also said that the protocol developers were the only plan backers who had a UMCom "press conference."

UM-Forward developed the New Expressions Worldwide, or N.E.W., Plan that would dissolve The United Methodist Church and form four new global denominations instead.

"We believe dissolution is the faithful way forward," said the Rev. Alka Lyall, one of the plan's developers and a delegate from the Northern Illinois Conference.

Under the plan, the new denominations would align along traditionalist, moderate, progressive or liberation perspectives. UM-Forward, which seeks to center itself on people of color and LGBTQ individuals, sees itself in the last category.

The group's vision of liberation, Williams explained, is "a spiritual and social way of living, a posture toward the future that is grounded in past struggle and present resilience that proclaims: We are loved into freedom."

### **Need for prayer:**

With so many big decisions ahead, United Methodists will need prayer for God's guidance and peace.

The Upper Room will make a prayer guide in multiple languages available for the 40 days ahead of GC2020, said the Rev. Tom Albin, director of spiritual formation and congregational life. Prayer resources also will include a weekly video and podcasts. These resources will be at [umcprays.org](http://umcprays.org), a website that is still being built.

During General Conference, there will be space for people to meet with prayer volunteers and spiritual directors.

To show hospitality, the Dakotas-Minnesota host committee intends to greet every delegate, guest, bishop and spouse with a handmade purple prayer scarf.

The General Conference theme, "... and know that I am God" from Psalm 46, will help shape these times of devotion.

"When God is known, then we have a way and knowledge to find our way forward," Albin said.

Article taken from West Ohio Conference Net News. Read more at: <https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/news/>

# Upcoming Events



## PRAY FOR VBS

COMING THE LAST WEEK  
OF JULY

### Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's

**Armor** will invite children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God.

**WHAT TO DO NOW:** Please be in **prayer** for the children, families, and staff who will participate in VBS



# Upcoming Events

YOUTH UNITED PRESENTS  
**ICE SKATING  
PARTY**

**FREE**

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT  
FEBRUARY 15TH 6:00-8:00PM**

Chiller Ice Rink 301 W Main St, Springfield, OH  
45504

middle and high school students

More info and to reserve your youth ministry spot by  
February 10th contact Aaron Clark : 937 460-1114



**FOOD MUSIC FELLOWSHIP**

## 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 spirit. 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

11:00 am-Lead Teacher / Ellen Stickney, Assistants, Linda Green, Larry Lytle, Curt Heffner,  
and Bill Bonar

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



## *Family Life Ministries*

### **Are You Being Called in this New Year?**

The Family Ministries team is coming to you with a problem that we need your help with. It's something that we've all been praying for a long time – and that prayer is now being answered: that more young families become a part of our church family. You saw some of those children and youth during our Advent Candle Lighting ceremonies as the sheep, a shepherd, and Mary and Joseph, and in the new Children's Choir that sang in our last 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service. This is very exciting!

So what's the new prayer? We now have at least 10 children who come to the 11:00 service regularly. The number is not the problem. The age range of 4 – 11 years in one class is what is difficult. The older kids have been patient, but some are losing interest, and there isn't the opportunity to go deeper with them in their study of the Bible and in figuring out the meaning Jesus can have in their lives.

This class is being led by one teacher with the help of four 4 others who rotate Sundays to help. The children are great and leaders report that their own faith is strengthened by time with them. Our prayer is that each of you will be open to the possibility that God is calling you to teach, or to be one of the helpers, with either the 4-8 year old's or the 9-12 year old's during the 11:00 Service. We are particularly asking those who worship regularly at 9:30, so that others' worship is not interrupted. We will provide the training that will enable you to do this job confidently.

Children face so many challenges in our world, and helping to give them a solid foundation of Faith and Connection (to mentors and to God) is, we believe, one of the most important missions we have.

If you feel called, or if you have questions, please talk to Aaron Clark, Ellen Stickney, Kristi Massie, Edith Green or Pastor Cynthia or Pastor Heather.

Thank you to all of you that we have already heard from but we still have work to do and still need your help, hope to hear from you soon.



# Emmaus

The Women's Emmaus Walk is happening April 23-26!

The mission and purpose of the Walk to Emmaus weekends is: "Renewing Christian Disciples, Strengthening Local Churches". It is the vision of the Upper Room that those who attend the Walk to Emmaus return to their churches renewed and energized for taking on leadership roles and/or new or additional responsibilities in the churches' ministries. And we all know they will be personally blessed by the experience as well. Please prayerfully consider those you know in your churches who may be a good candidate for an Emmaus weekend.

We are still accepting applications for the walk. If you have someone agreeing to participate in a weekend, please get their application in As Soon As Possible. If you have any Sponsorship questions, feel free to contact Janine Sheaffer (937) 869-0908.

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Thanks a bunch!

Vic Neves (CLD)  
(937) 241-1025



# 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.

## Upcoming Events at our Central Community Center :

### *NA Speaker Jam:*

February 29, 2020-10:00 am– 11:00 pm

March 14, 2020-2:00pm– 9:00 pm

### *Liturgical Dance Concert:*

March 21, 2020-4:30 pm

### *Yoga:*

Thursday's at noon-Room 205 (Second Floor) - Julie Fasick-Valley

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## 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. If you have an event coming up and need space, contact Kent Brooks.

# News & Notes

## Community Outreach News

### CENTRAL COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Central Community Kitchen needs you! February is High Street's month to serve at Central Community Kitchen's Tuesday meal. Set-up shift runs from 3:30 - 5:00 pm, and serving shift is 5:15 - 7:00 pm (more help is needed this shift). CCK needs willing volunteers for each time slot on Tuesday, February 18, and 25. Can you help? Sign-up sheets are in the Commons hallway - please sign up for as many shifts as you have time to spare. If you forget to sign up, call Lisa in the office and she will add your name to the list. Many thanks and blessings from Kellie Kaffenbarger (and crew!) and the Mission Team.

A huge **THANK YOU**, to everyone who has helped out in the kitchen. The status reports are in for 2019 and Central Community Kitchen has done something to be proud of in our small town of Springfield, OH.

*In 2019 the Central Community Kitchen prepared **4,973 meals**, for an average of **414 meals per month**. We feed **3,165 people**, that's an average of **264 people every month**.*

**Keep up the good work! You are making a difference!**

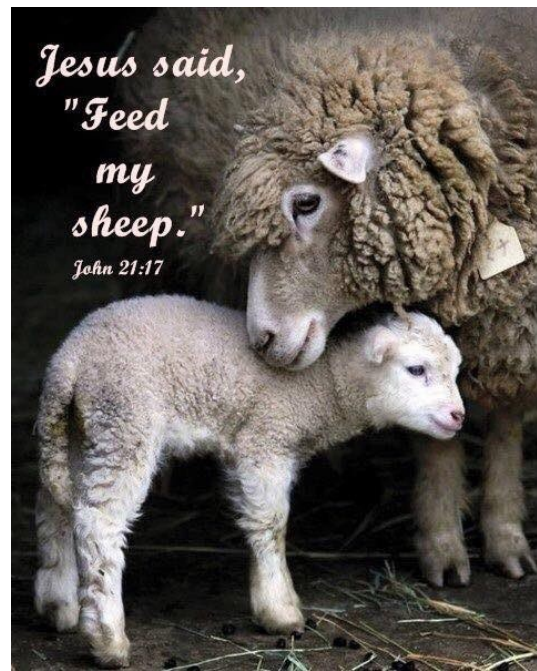


### Open Hands Free Store

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 continue to accept *Greenbacks for Groceries* and the following food items: *Ramen Noodles, Soup and Cereal.*

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!



### Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in the "Follow the Star" Advent program. Thirteen Narrators, thirteen adult costumed actors, nine children as sheep, plus Pastor Cynthia, Kent, Paden, Lisa, Marcia, Larry, and the Choir contributed special touches. Thank you to all 60 plus who helped make this Advent and Christmas Eve Services meaningful for our church.

In Christ, Carol Todd.

# 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 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

### Taize Service

The next Taize Worship Service will be held on February 23, 2020, 5:00 pm at St. Raphael's Catholic Church located 225 E High Street, Springfield.

Springfield Taize takes its origin in the efforts of Highlands United Church of Christ. When members of that congregation looked to other faith communities to continue the tradition, a group of downtown churches came together in the hopes of giving expression to the ecumenical spirit that gave rise to the first prayer services in Taize, France, during World War II.

Christ Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, High St. United Methodist Church, St. Joseph/St. Raphael Catholic Church and other faith communities share the hosting of this form of worship consisting of short scripture readings, prayer, periods of silence, and simple music. A light meal follows the service to encourage fellowship and to build friendships.

### Did You Know??

There is a new Italian restaurant downtown Springfield? Located in old Ruby Tuesday's, Fratelli's Famiglia Ristorante, which is Italian for Brother's Family Restaurant . Fratelli's plans to open gradually, Peter Catanzaro said, with a soft opening and limited menu on Thursday from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Hours for the rest of the opening weekend are: Friday from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m., Saturday from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 7 p.m.

There are three more restaurants reported to open in COHatch The Market by mid March, they are Fresh Abilities, Iron Works Waffle Café, and Crust & Company.

We also have Buddy's Chicken and Waffles, a former food truck now located in the Bushnell Building.

I hear Mother Stewart's has set up a small Farmer's Market. WOW, there are a lot of good things happening in our little town of Springfield!

There are some not so good things too, the Kroger on South Limestone is slated to close soon. This closure will put stress on the community leaving them with no grocery store on that side of Springfield.





# News & Notes

## Upcoming Church Audit

Our church is required to audit our finances periodically, and we are now planning to undertake an audit of our records for the 2019 calendar year. If you or anyone you know in our congregation has accounting experience and would be willing to volunteer to serve as the head of an audit committee, please contact Al Stickney ([astickney@wittenberg.edu](mailto:astickney@wittenberg.edu)). The committee will most likely consist of just 2 or 3 members, and most of the work can usually be accomplished in less than a day. You should also contact Al if you would like to serve as a member of the committee. We are hoping to save money by using volunteers from our church family.

## Printing / Color Share

Now that it's a new year, we have new agenda's, new items on the calendar, new exciting things coming up, and new budgets which also means we have to be mindful of where we spend our money. That also goes for us in the administration of the church.

We are charged per sheet for color printing not by how much color is used, every three months (every quarter) there is an overage charged to the office for these color prints no matter who or where they are printed. So, now my friends it is time to share the price of the color. You will be helping me save my budget and I will be ever so grateful.

When you use color on your printing, there will be a form hanging on the bulletin board directly behind you, all you need to do is write down your name, how many copies (in color), and what area you are making the copies for (ex: Office, VBS, Family Life, etc.) Every quarter we will evaluate the list and see who gets to share.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Lisa Fultz

## Mission Team

Missions Team will meet Thursday, February 13 and March 12, 2020 at 5:15 pm. We will discuss the opportunities to put church goals to work within our team!

## Knitting Group

The Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, February 20 at 10:00 am. In March we will meet on the 5th and 19th. Anyone who enjoys hand-working, crafting, knitting or crocheting are welcome to join in for fellowship and good conversation! Hope to see you there.



## The Ladies Brunch Bunch

This fun group will meet for brunch and fellowship on Saturday, February 15 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!

## HOW IS GOD

### MOVING IN YOUR LIFE?

We would like to know the answer, call the office, talk to Pastor Cynthia. Let us know what kind of miracles are happening around you. Miracles are everywhere around you and are happening everyday, can you name one thing you have seen or felt? How are you being renewed for 2020? Let's keep this going people! Share your experiences!

# Congregation News & Notes



- 02/01 Steve & Kristy McCreedy
- 02/03 Steve & Kathie Harbaugh
- 02/14 David & Sally Asper
- 02/14 David & Sandi Lawrence
- 02/22 Roy & Becky Mulkey



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| 02/03 Deana Pimienta        | 02/19 Grace Doyle      |
| <b>02/08 Barbara Hilton</b> | 02/19 Cheryl Walter    |
| 02/14 Deb Alexander         | 02/20 Ann Bonar        |
| 02/17 Sam Bonerigo          | 02/23 Karl Cox         |
| 02/18 Tom Sherwood          | 02/25 Alice Mannon     |
| 02/18 Marilyn Fessler       | 02/26 Marsha Stapleton |

**Age 80 & Older**

## Monthly Meetings

- Monday, February 03 @ 6:30 pm-SPRC
- Monday, February 10 @ 7:00 pm-Trustees
- Tuesday, February 11 @ 6:30 pm-Finance
- Thursday, February 13 @ 5:30 pm-Worship
- Monday, February 17 @ 10:00 am-Communications
- Monday, February 17 @ 7:00 pm-Leadership

## Worship Attendance

		<u>9:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
January	05, 2019	73	27
January	12, 2019	71	40
January	19, 2019	70	34
January	26, 2019	86	39

## Our Home Worship Families

- |                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Art Derr              | Sharon & Paul Bates        |
| Peggy Shelton         | Andy & Barb Kopajetich     |
| Beverly Bush          | Dick Umbaugh               |
| Lin Shuey             | Marion & Shelba Mossbarger |
| Peggy Hockman         | Lynda Cubbage              |
| Norma Jean Bossert    | Doug Parsons               |
| Bill & Harriet Carter | John Payton                |
| Rosell Townsend       |                            |

## 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!

# 2020 Ministry Leaders

## High Street Ministry Team Leaders :

Pastor	Cynthia Atwater	Financial Secretary	Marcia Lyons
Worship	Kent Brooks	Church Treasurer	Roger Baker
Leadership Council Chair	Ellen Stickney	Finance Chair	Al Stickney
Lay Leader	Ryan Roosen	UMW President	Cathy Tuckerman
Trustee Chair	Bill Brougher	Lay Member of AC	Bob Chapman
SPR Chair	Bill Bonar	Missions	Becky Bonerigo
Communications	Susan Roosen	Fellowship / Hospitality	Marcia Lyons
MOPS	Susan Roosen	Congregational Care	Sharon Crews
Membership	Carol Todd	Church Historian	Dan Walter
Family Life	Aaron Clark		

## High Street Staff:

Senior Pastor	Cynthia Atwater	Financial Secretary	Marcia Lyons
Associate Pastor	Heather Husted	Family Life Ministries	Aaron Clark
Office Manager	Lisa Fultz	Communications Coordinator	Susan Roosen
Custodian	Larry Lytle	Nursery Caregiver	Laura Hoffman
Music Dir. Traditional and Contemporary Worship	Kent Brooks	Nursery Caregiver	Kandice Clark
Sound Technician	Paden Frank	Assistant Choir Director	Kathleen Wilkins



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