

# ♦ HIGH NOTES ♦

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



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# Sanctuary Series

## Gospel Music Workshop of America

### January 12, 2020 at 3:00 pm



Springfield will welcome back The Dayton Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA) on Sunday, January 12, 2020, at 3:00 P.M. at High St. United Methodist Church in downtown Springfield for the monthly Sanctuary Series. The event is presented without admission charge; however, a freewill offering will be collected to help support the series. A reception will follow the concert in The Commons at the church, located at 230 E. High Street. All are welcome!

The late Rev. James Cleveland founded the national GMWA organization fifty-two years ago as a symposium for amateur gospel music enthusiasts and professional gospel musicians to meet and hone their craft. Because Cleveland himself was a disciple of the *father of African-American gospel music*, the late Professor Thomas A. Dorsey, he saw the importance in equipping musicians with quality instruction in vocal technique, music theory, applied lessons and music business to strengthen ministries in churches nationwide. Today, these classes have expanded fifty-fold and many carry college-credit. Also, GMWA is represented by multiple chapters in all fifty states and delegations in Europe, Asia and Africa, making it the largest gospel music aggregation in the world.

GMWA-Dayton is forty-seven years old and has established itself as a model chapter in the national organization. The choir has shared the stage with gospel music royalty, including a recent concert with The Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Grammy-winner, Richard Smallwood. GMWA-Dayton has also performed for the Springfield Summer Arts Festival. Led by Elder Kevan B. Beamon and Kent R. Brooks, the choir will inspire with spirituals that set the early age of gospel music, anthems, congregational style singing from the *golden age of gospel*, traditional choir music and what is now considered the urban contemporary choir sound.

# 2020 Church Retreat

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Greetings and a Happy New Year to all,

I'm writing to you about our upcoming Church Retreat. For the past several years, our Leadership Council has had a January all-day Retreat to start off the new year. This year, we are opening it up to all in the church who would like to attend.

Our goals for this day together include worship and fellowship, learning more about the Global Village concept and developing steps we can take to live into that vision for our church.

The Bishop has, through the Global Village designation, challenged High Street UMC alongside Covenant UMC to be a team that will work together in Springfield to improve our community. Our ministry has long been focused in this direction, and we are ready to take it to this new level. We need to figure out exactly what the first steps are that we will take to fulfill this ministry. Reverend Peter Matthews, from Historic McKinley UMC in Dayton, has agreed to come for the morning session to guide us in this. He has been instrumental in developing this concept and implementing it in his church and we see him as a great resource for us.

We will break for a working lunch, continuing our discussion. We'll then have breakout sessions to focus on two areas: 1) How do we develop our resources including both people and finances and 2) How will we develop our ministry to families (think those of all ages), both inside and outside of our traditional congregation. Both these sessions will involve brainstorming, dreaming, and making some specific plans. In the end, our goal is to have some "events" to put on our 2020 calendar.

We hope that not only the official "leaders" of our church but also all of those who lead us regularly with your participation, ideas, and inspiration, will be a part of this 2020 Churchwide Retreat. We'll meet at the church on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 and finish up by 2:00. Please call (937-322-2527) or email ([office@highstreetunited.org](mailto:office@highstreetunited.org)) the church office to let us know you'll be there so we can plan for lunch.

Thanks to all,

Ellen Stickney, Chair  
Leadership Council

# *A Letter from Our Bishop*

## United Methodist Church Separation over LGBTQ+ Views

### **A letter from our Bishop:**

By now, many of you have heard or read the headlines regarding the future of The United Methodist Church and a proposed separation plan. Headlines are often deceiving which may increase the number of visitors to their social media channel but often confuse the reader. Depending on the news outlet you frequent, their interpretation of the proposal may affect your immediate response. For that reason, I urge you to refer to the following information.

The first link will be found on the [West Ohio Conference website](#). This information comes directly from the group who created the plan. I was a member of that team. After reading the document, please take time to read the links within the story, too. United Methodist News has provided this interpretation: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/diverse-leaders-group-offers-separation-plan>

As I stated earlier, I was a part of the group that developed and supports this plan. Our process was robust, prayerful, respectful and hopeful. The hope is to offer something to the delegates that will assist in managing well the change that is already afoot.

Some of you may be wondering how this may impact you. I offer this: keep loving and serving Jesus. Keep loving and serving your neighbor. Keep loving and serving your church and community. There is no immediate impact. This proposal is currently in a narrative format and legislation is being developed. Only the 2020 General Conference can take decisive action. The General Conference will take place on May 5 – 15 in Minneapolis. If this approach is adopted, it will provide a clear, level field for conferences and local churches to make decisions if they feel they need to make one. It is crucial to understand that no entity is required to vote to stay or go unless they want to do so.

There will be opportunities for you to learn more in the days and weeks to come. United Methodist News intends to write a series of articles. A livestream event will take place on Monday, January 13th to provide further clarity and explanations of the plan. Once we receive more details about the livestream event, we will make them available on the conference website and social media channels.

In hope and prayer that we will all be indefatigable in pursuit of the mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Your servant through Jesus,  
+Gregory V. Palmer

# 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 from the back of the Sanctuary and in the Commons Hallway. Even though the Christmas Season has past, we still have a lot to Celebrate!

We have a lot going on with our Leadership Retreat coming up it is a perfect time to invite someone you know to come visit your Church Family. If you know someone who hasn't been here in a while let us know, we will mail them a card, contact Susan, Lisa in the office at (937) 322-2527.

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.

## 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



Our children, youth and teens saved their money from tithing, klinking, and gifts to support Keifer International for 2019. With the monies they saved they were able to purchase a mating pair of alpacas for a family overseas in a small village. These alpaca's will support the family for years to come by helping them maintain an income selling their fleece, making hats, socks, scarfs and many other items from their fleece. Plus when they are able to mate and have babies this too will help the economic outcome of this family.

On page 8 of our newsletter is a thank-you / holiday wish and picture from Heifer International. The family picture is that of the family that were chosen to receive the pair of alpaca's our kids paid for.

Congratulations to our kids for their efforts in this mission! Keep up the good work! Let's see what they can accomplish next.





*Happy Holidays*



*From all of us*

From all the families whose hearts you fill with joy and hope through your generosity, we wish you a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year. Thanks to your support, families and communities worldwide live free of hunger and poverty.

This holiday season, we wish you only the happiness you've brought to so many others.

Forever grateful,  
Heifer International



# *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 so much, and we hope to hear from some of you!!

# Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

During and after the three days, Emmaus leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small groups. The members of the small groups challenge and support one another in faithful living. Participants seek to Christianize their environments of family, job, and community through the ministry of their congregations. The three-day Emmaus experience and follow-up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world.

High Street UMC is the host Church for the Springfield Area Emmaus. The Springfield Area Emmaus Community use our facility for their Emmaus Walk, monthly board meetings, team meetings, and monthly Emmaus Gatherings.

The next Emmaus Walk will be April 20th and will be a women's walk. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending the Emmaus Women's walk, you can pick-up an application in the Church office. For more information on the Emmaus Walk you may contact Larry Lytle at High Street UMC or Vic Neves at [farmmama@netzero.net](mailto:farmmama@netzero.net).

For more information regarding the Springfield Area Emmaus go to <http://www.spfldemmaus.com/>. The Emmaus Community meet at High Street UMC every second Sunday of the month at 7:00 pm, everyone is welcome to come join us for fellowship, prayer, song, and communion.

Hope to see you there!

# 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 will re-open from the holiday shut-down on January 14, 2020

Due to the overwhelming generosity of donations this season the Open Hands-Free Store **will not** be taking any further donations until February 01, 2020. We do not have any room at this time, please watch your bulletin for details in case of changes. However we will 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!

## 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.

## 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



### Mission Team

Missions Team will meet Thursday, January 16th at 5:15 pm, due to the Leadership Retreat being on January 11th. This will give us the opportunity to put church goals to work within our team! Happy New Year!

### Knitting Group

The Knitting Group will resume on Thursday, January 16th at 10:00 am. 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, January 18 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. How are you being renewed for 2020? Share your experiences!

### Taize Service

The next Taize Service will be January 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm and be held at First Baptist located 638 S. Fountain, Springfield 45506.

# News & Notes

## Look At What Is Going On At High Street....

It is a miracle, the wall between High Street UMC and St Raphael's parking lot is finally being repaired. The workers have been very busy the last few days and had beautiful weather for this time of the year. Just look at that sky...WOW!!

We are very thankful! Keep up the good work guys.

What are you thankful for in your life? We would like to hear from you, let us know.

Call the office at (937) 322-2527. How is God working in your life?

Thank You!



# Congregation News & Notes



01/14 Jim & Joyce Tolle



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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01/01 Elaine Stevenson          | 01/16 Gary Slack            |
| 01/01 Sherry Therrell           | 01/17 Jocee Pritchard       |
| 01/02 Lemohang                  | 01/18 Arthur Poindexter     |
| Mokhalinyane                    | 01/19 Olivia Pritchard      |
| 01/02 Cathy Guljas              | 01/25 Bob Yingst            |
| 01/04 Evie Rogers               | <b>01/25 Henrietta Bean</b> |
| 01/04 Megan Hartwell            | 01/25 Marcella              |
| 01/05 Chris Moore               | Thompson                    |
| 01/06 Joyce Amlin               | 01/27 Suzanne Binz          |
| <b>01/10 Margaret Crosbie</b>   | 01/27 William Bonerigo      |
| <b>01/11 Robert Johnson</b>     | <b>01/28 Teresa Ames</b>    |
| <b>01/11 Stanley Everingham</b> | <b>01/29 Lois Wittke</b>    |
| <b>01/15 Shelba Mossbarger</b>  | 01/30 Joe Parsons           |
|                                 | <b>01/30 Carolyn Hobson</b> |
|                                 | 01/31 Sonny Ward            |

**Age 80 & Older**

## Monthly Meetings

- Monday, January 06 @ 6:30 pm-SPRC
- Saturday, January 11 @ 10:00 am-Church Retreat
- Monday, January 13 @ 7:00 pm-Trustees
- Tuesday, January 14 @ 7:00 pm-Finance
- Monday, January 20 @ 7:00 pm-Leadership

## Worship Attendance

		<u>9:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
December	01, 2019	63	47
December	08, 2019	71	40
December	15, 2019	70	34
December	22, 2019	86	39
December	24, 2019	7:00 pm-	196
December	29, 2019	10:00 am-	64

## 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	Anthony Byrd
			Kathleen Wilkins

# Happy New Year 2020

“As the New Year renews all the happiness and good tidings, hope the joyful spirit keeps glowing in your heart forever! Happy New Year!”

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