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



Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her. Luke 1:45



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Sanctuary Series

March 15th @ 3:00 pm

Dayton Area Celtic Harp Ensemble

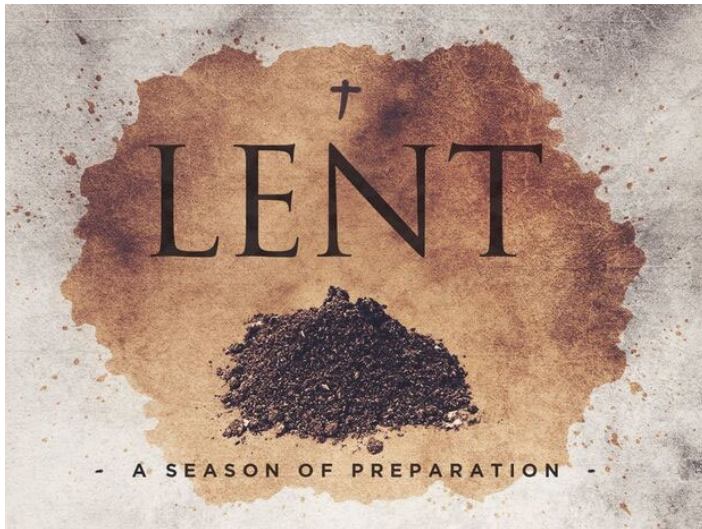
Come join us at High Street United Methodist Church for our twelfth season. The Sanctuary Series is admission-free, although a freewill offering is taken at most events. There is a meet-the-artist reception following the performance.



Dayton Area Harp Ensemble (Celtic) has been playing for 40 years throughout the Greater Miami Valley. Their concert will feature a variety of traditional tunes on Celtic harps, flute, violin, cello and percussion. Examples include “Danny Boy,” “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling,” and “Cockles and Mussels” and others for which the audience will be invited to sing along. According to Bobbie Strobhar, coordinator for the group, the hour-long program is designed to appeal to all ages.

While its earliest origins are lost, the Irish (Celtic or Gaelic) harp has a certain history dating back at least 1000 years. Brian Boru, the last High King of Ireland (d 1014), is said to have been an accomplished player, but while he is attributed with all manner of skills for which there is no evidence, surviving 12-century annals refer to the Celtic harp being the only music played during the Crusades.

Lent & Easter Events

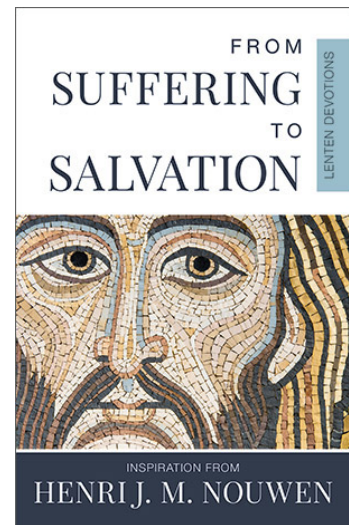


Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday evenings, March 4—April 8

6-7 pm

Pastor Cynthia is holding a 6 week Bible Study based on the book "From Suffering to Salvation" by Henri J. M. Nouwen. All are welcome to attend. We meet in the Commons.



Lenten Scripture Readings

Daily scripture readings for the Lenten season are being given out each Sunday. If you've missed any of these, you can find them on our website here: <https://www.highstreetunited.org/current-happenings>, or you can find hard copies at the back of the sanctuary. We hope these readings are leading you into a closer relationship with Jesus!



Holy Week Schedule

Sunday April 5 - Palm Sunday: 9:30 & 11 am Worship

Wednesday April 8 - Bible Study: 6 pm

Thursday April 9 - Maundy Thursday: Joint Service at Covenant UMC, 7 pm

Friday April 10 - Good Friday: No Service at High Street or Covenant UMC, we are invited to join Christ Episcopal for their service at 7 pm

Sunday April 12 - Easter Sunday: 9:30 & 11 am Worship & Children's Easter Egg Hunt between services, 10:40 am

Upcoming High Street Events



Come check out our new Spring Fling Family Worship & Potluck! We will gather at 6 pm on Wednesday, March 18, with a potluck dinner, followed by Family Worship entitled "Lent: Getting Ready for The Mystery of Easter."

The worship will center around a story presented through Godly Play. The children will be set as the center for the story telling, but adults will listen in and learn as much as the kids. Bring a dish to share and join us for this fun new event!

New Member Class

March 29

If you are interested in becoming a member of High Street United Methodist, or just want more information about the Methodist denomination or our church, you are invited to our new member class. We will start immediately following the fellowship lunch on the 5th Sunday. After participating in this class, you will have an opportunity to join the church on a Sunday morning. We welcome all!

Please contact the church office at office@highstreetunited.org or 937-322-2527 to let us know you will be there.

5th Sunday of the Month in March!

Get ready for our next Combined Worship on March 29th at 10 am. We will hear from our Family Life Team about the Family Ties Program. Our children and youth will participate in the service, and the Children's Choir will sing.

Plan to stay after for our fellowship lunch immediately following the service!



March 29th Fellowship Lunch

Menu:

White Bean & Ham Soup
Chunky Vegetarian Vegetable Soup

Bread & crackers

Coffee & lemonade

Light dessert

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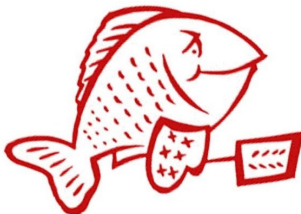


SAVE THE DATE:

Our 4th annual Fish Fry fundraiser
will be

May 2, 2020, 4:30-7 pm

We will need lots of help to make
this event successful. Mark your
calendars and look for more
information to come soon!



Ongoing High Street Events

Knitting Group

Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month
at 10 am in the Commons Library.

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

Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10
am at Collier's Family Restaurant.

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

CCC (Comfort, Care & Concern)

Meets once a month for dinner at various
restaurants.

CCC is a widow's group. We will meet
March 18 at 5 pm at Mackenzie River at
2739 Fairfield Commons Blvd. in
Beavercreek. Please contact Donna Myers
to RSVP at 937-206-6506.

Vacation Bible School 2020

Knights of the North Castle VBS will be held July 26-30,
from 6-8:15 pm. All children age 3 through 5th grade are
invited!

What to do now: Please be in prayer for VBS! If
you would like to volunteer to be a part of this
great program, please contact the church office.

Upcoming Events

Tunes for Tiny Tots

Tunes for Tiny Tots will start the 5 week Spring session on Monday, April 6 and continue on Mondays, April 13, 20. 27, and May 4 for children ages 2 thru pre-school with an adult helper. The class will be held from 1:00 - 1:30 at High Street UMC. Students should come 10 minutes early to create the craft of the day. Carol Todd with assistant Becky Bishop are planning lots of fun music and activities. The fee for all 5 sessions is \$25. To register, contact Carol Todd @ 937-244-4295 or ltodd5@woh.rr.com

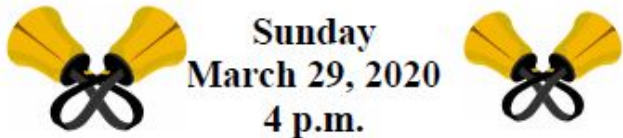


The Women's Emmaus Walk is happening April 23-26!

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.

Thanks a bunch!
Vic Neves (CLD) / (937) 241-1025

2020 Spring Ring Concert



Sunday
March 29, 2020
4 p.m.

featuring
Handbell Choirs
from Clark & surrounding counties

Maiden Lane Church of God
1201 Maiden Lane
Springfield, Ohio

Mass Handbell Ring & Praises in Bronze Conductor
David Turton



Free Will Offering

Upcoming Events at



NA Speaker Jam:

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

Taize Service

The next Taize Worship Service will be held on March 22, 2020, 5:00 pm at First Lutheran Church located at 30 S. Wittenberg Ave.

CYW

Children & Youth Worship Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30—10:30 Pre-school/Early
Elementary (Green Room) &
Teen Ministry (Purple Room)

10:30—10:50 Children's Choir Practice
(Blue Room)

11:00 All youth start in sanctuary

11:10—12:00 Pre-school/Early
Elementary (Blue Room) &
Pre-Teen Groove (Purple Room)

Children's Choir

Our Children's Choir has been hard at work practicing every Sunday morning from 10:30—10:50. They have new choir robes and are getting ready to sing again soon for the congregation on March 29th at the Combined 10 am service. All children are invited to practice and sing with us!



Pre-Teen Groove



New Pre-Teen Ministry Class

We now have a new class for youth ages 9-12 on Sunday mornings at the 11:00 Service. Lisa Fultz & Marcia Lyons will lead the group with a new curriculum called Groove. Know someone who would like to join us? Invite them!

Financial Report

First, we want to assure you that our church is still on solid ground financially. We continue to be good stewards of our resources, and we are having no problem paying our bills. However, our October Stewardship Campaign last fall ended about \$35,000 short of our \$265,000 goal. This was due to a reduction in the number of pledges from 2019 to 2020. In fact, it's encouraging to note that, on average, those who pledged in both 2019 and 2020 were able to increase their pledge.

Our various teams have made some painful across the board spending cuts as we enter 2020, and as a result, we have reduced our projected spending for this year by \$25,000. This still leaves us with an expected deficit of \$10,000. Fortunately, we have some small "reserves" that we can use to cover this deficit.

Cutting our budget even more would significantly affect our missions and programs, hampering our efforts to reach out to the community and to grow as a congregation. Rather than trying to cut another \$10,000 from our already strained budget, and rather than having a "Second Mile" giving campaign next month, we have decided to plan for a \$10,000 deficit for the current year. While we are not going to have a formal second pledge campaign this spring, we would encourage those of you who can to prayerfully consider increasing your 2020 pledge so we can reduce our dependence on our limited reserves.

We want to thank our entire church family for your ongoing generosity and support of our missions and programs. Our church has many blessings, and we will continue to share those blessings with our congregation and with our community. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Al Stickney, Finance Chair (937-631-7540 or astickney@wittenberg.edu).

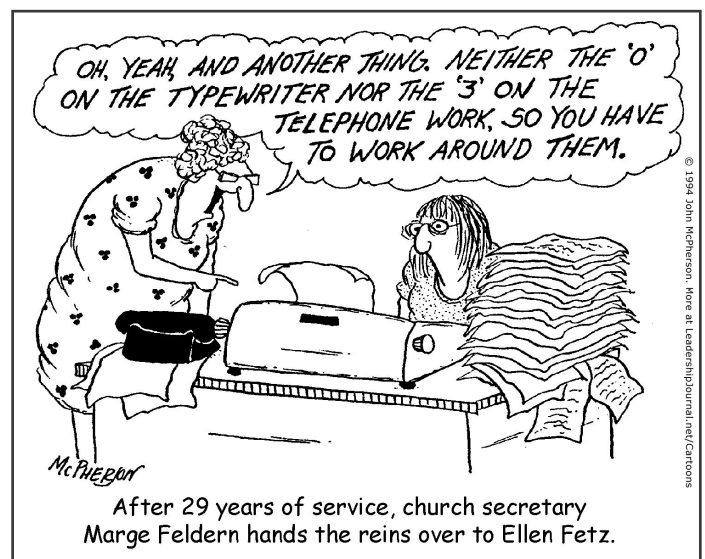
~Your Finance Team

Office Staff Changes

After nearly 10 years of service to HSUMC, Marcia Lyons has announced her retirement from her position of Financial Secretary at the end of March. Over the next several weeks, Marcia will be working with and training Lisa, our office manager, and Susan, our communications coordinator, to assume all of her duties by April 1st.

April 1st through June 30th will be a trial transition period as Lisa and Susan work to share and assume new and different duties. Lisa will then be our Office Manager/Financial Secretary, and Susan will then be considered our Assistant Office Manager/Communications Coordinator. They both will be assuming a few more hours of time to make up for their additional duties.

~SPR Team



Community Outreach News

CENTRAL COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Central Community Kitchen continues to feed meals every Tuesday evening to many people in Springfield. You are always welcome to help out from 3:30—5 pm for setup, or 5:15—7 pm for serving any Tuesday. Thank you for your continued support!

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!



We need your help!

Those who have some singing experience and have an interest in joining the 9:30 Chancel Choir or the 11:00 Praise Team can contact Kent Brooks by using the church's email address.

Those who have an interest in being a greeter or an usher can also contact Kent Brooks by using the church's email address (office@highstreetunited.org)

Scholarship Opportunity

The United Methodist Women, through their Graham-Krueger Scholarship Fund, are pleased to offer members of High Street United Methodist Church the opportunity to apply for a cash award to be used toward your post high school educational plans. These plans include attendance at a university, college, nursing school or technical institution.

For a full list of criteria and required documents, please contact the church office. Applications must be received by 4:00 pm on Friday, April 17, 2020. A selection committee will review the applications and recipients will be notified on or before May 1. Formal presentation of the scholarship awards will be on Sunday, May 31, 2020. Good luck students!

~Committee for the Graham-Krueger Scholarship Fund

Love Offering

Marcia Lyons, our financial secretary and former office manager, is retiring at the end of March. Her service to High Street spans nearly 10 years. Marcia has been an office fixture during the ministries of three pastors. If you would like to contribute to a "love offering" for Marcia, please feel free to forward any contributions to the office, or place those love offerings in the Sunday offering plate and designate the gift on the envelope. Cards and /or letters of appreciation are also encouraged. The SPR committee would like to have any cards and contributions submitted by Sunday, March 22. Thanks to all for your consideration in recognizing Marcia. Don't worry, she's not leaving, she will still be a part of our church in many other ways!

We wouldn't be here without you!

Congregation News & Notes



03/16 Nan & Preston Figge
 03/20 Gary & Ginny Slack
 03/26 Larry & Susan Taylor



03/04 Nancy Lyons	03/19 Norma Knowlton
03/04 Alta Miller	03/20 Fred James
03/10 Molly Krauss	03/20 Geneva Falkner
03/11 Bryce Hornberger	03/26 John Anderson
03/13 Susan Roosen	03/28 Karen Anderson
03/14 Peggy Shelton	03/29 Linda Green
03/15 Nancy Dietrich	03/30 Harriet Carter
03/17 Becky Bonerigo	03/31 Marjorie Rice
03/17 Darrell Kitchen	

***Age 80 & Older**

Monthly Meetings

Monday, March 02 @ 6:30 pm-SPRC
 Monday, March 09 @ 7:00 pm-Trustees
 Tuesday, March 10 @ 6:30 pm-Finance
 Thursday, March 12 @ 5:15 pm-Missions
 Monday, March 16 @ 7:00 pm-Leadership
 Thursday, March 19 @ 6:30 pm-Family Life
 Thursday, March 19 @ 7:00 pm-Worship

Worship Attendance

	<u>9:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
February 2, 2020	59	43
February 9, 2020	53	41
February 16, 2020	50	59
February 23, 2020	64	41

Our Home Worship Families

Art Derr	Doug Parsons
Sharon & Paul Bates	Bill & Harriet Carter
Peggy Shelton	John Payton
Andy & Barb Kopajetich	Rosell Townsend
Beverly Bush	Rodney & Joan Engelbrect
Marion & Shelba Moss-barger	Bill Meloy
Peggy Hockman	Bob & Norma Johnson
Lynda Cabbage	Jeff Owens
Norma Jean Bossert	Bill Fessler
	Martha Stephens

Please be in prayer for these families.

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	Nursery Caregiver	Samantha Kennedy
		Assistant Choir Director	Kathleen Wilkins

Saint Patrick



Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland.

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death.

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

~From St. Patrick's "Breastplate" poem.



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