

♦ HIGH NOTES ♦

Everyone is Welcome

Monthly Newsletter of High Street



Important Dates in May

May 04, 2023—National Day of Prayer

May 28, 2023—Pentecost

May 14, 2023—Mother's Day

May 29, 2023—Memorial Day Office Closed



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WE LOVE OUR YOUTH

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ON PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday was a busy morning for High Street's children and their families. During our worship service the Children's Choir sang "I Have the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in my Heart". The group agreed that they would also each share a scripture that expresses the Joy that God gives us. Our hope was that the congregation would feel that joy as we read and sang.

After the service the children and their families gathered downstairs for a Pizza Lunch. We shared fellowship and then got to work on our Easter service project: assembling Easter baskets for the homebound in our church. This was another way that they hoped they could bring joy to others.



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NURSERY NEWS & NEEDS

Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me."

The Family Life Team has been working to insure a welcoming, safe, clean, and attractive environment for our youngest children and their parents. Special "Thanks" go out to Becky, Michelle, Catherine, & Sam Bonerigo, Susan Roosen, Larry Lytle, Ellen Stickney, and Edith Green for the "Spring Cleaning" assistance. The Nursery re-opened Easter morning. "Thank you" to our Nursery Volunteers, Sandra Steinberger and Larry Lytle. To keep the progress going we need: 2 people each Sunday who enjoy playing with and caring for infants and toddlers; who are up to date 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

There is a television in the nursery for live feed of the worship service. Should no children need care by 10:15 the volunteers would be free to go the Sanctuary for the rest of the service. Please contact Ellen (937-631-5727) or Edith (937-925-6631) if you are willing to help care for the youngest of our congregation.

Please be in prayer for the families that will use the nursery and for the volunteers who will lovingly provide for their needs.

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SCHOOL'S (ALMOST) OUT

The end of the school year is HUGE for children. It is a marker of their growing up. Clark County students will complete their school year by the end of May or early June. Children may have a variety of different feelings about finishing the school year. Some are bursting with pride at work well done. Some are profoundly relieved that what is an ordeal is over at least for a while. Kids are also looking toward summer with different levels of excitement. Some anticipate sports camps, family vacations and free time. Others are nervous about those same plans. Still others see only boredom and maybe unwelcome child care arrangements ahead. For the summer ahead remember to keep our students, parents, and school staff in your prayers.

Prayers for Students: As you go forth into your summer, remember that God will be with you at the pool, at camp, at home, even at summer school, and wherever you go. Have fun and be a good disciple.

Prayers for Teachers & School Staff: As you go forth into your summer, enjoy your change of pace. Learn something new for the future. And, remember that God is with you, watching over you and guiding you both in the classroom and out of it.

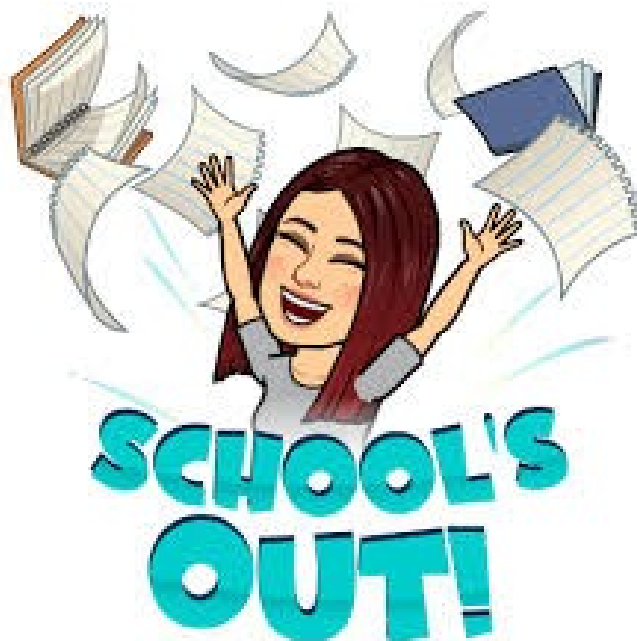
Prayers for Parents of children in school: As you go forth into a summer of new schedules and different activities for your children, there will be lots of juggling. As you juggle, remember to love and enjoy your children. And, know that God loves you and your children always. (Worshiping With Children by Carolyn Brown.)



Last Day

I'm a little bit excited.
 I'm a little bit sad.
 I'm a little bit nervous.
 I'm a little bit glad.
 I'm a little bit older.
 It's the end of the year.
 I'll miss this class.
 I'm glad I was here.

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Missions

SUMMER READING BASKET:

Missions is collecting items to fill a gift basket with literacy items to donate to the Lagonda Elementary Carnival scheduled for May 12. All literacy donations are welcome - workbooks, card games, puzzles, elementary level books - anything that will catch a child's interest and keep him/her reading over the course of the summer. Items can be left in the bin labeled "Summer Reading" in the hallway or dropped off in the office. Last date for collection - May 7. As always, thank you in advance for your generosity!

MISSIONS LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY:

Never far from our Missions Team outreach discussion is the knowledge that the global need for relief grows greater every day. War, natural disasters, local conflict put communities in need of assistance. UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, targets those communities that have been visited by disaster and have "so much damage that communities are unable to recover on their own." This year Missions has donated \$500.00 to UMCOR for the area of greatest need. If you would like to donate to UMCOR, visit their website <https://umcmmission.org/umcor>. You may also give with a donation through the church office.



MANY THANKS TO MANY PEOPLE:

Our towel drive was a huge success! Thanks to your generosity, Missions is sending \$300 worth of towels to the children at the House of Hope Nuevo Progreso Orphanage. Thanks to all who supported this outreach program. Thanks also to the members and parent helper of Brownie Troop 3193, who provided the April meal, complete with Girl Scout cookies, to Safe Harbor House. Our work of outreach is made so much easier with willing



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 meet on May 3rd and 17th, at 10:00 AM in the library corner of the Commons. Join us for an hour or so of lots of conversation and a little bit of stitching. All are welcome.

SUNDAY'S AFTER SERVICE:

You are invited to the Commons after each Sunday worship service to enjoy conversation and yummy treats with your church family.



FELLOWSHIP:

Volunteers are needed to make/purchase muffins or cookies for Sunday morning fellowship. Also, we need volunteers to host on Sunday mornings for approx. 30 minutes directly after Church Service.

Duties include setting up snacks and make coffee. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact office (937) 322-2527.

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, pictures, 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.



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SANCTUARY SERIES MAY 21st @ 3P.M.:

Join us for the next Sanctuary Series concert with Karen Patterson on Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Patterson began her cello studies at the age of eight. She earned her undergraduate degree from Ohio University and her graduate degree from Antioch University. She specialized in Cello Performance at the Staatliche Hochschule fur Musik in Trossingen, Germany. She has performed in master classes of renowned artists such as Mstislav Rostropovich and Janos Starker and has studied jazz improvisation and performed with Keter Betts, bassist for Ella Fitzgerald. Her repertoire is varied and unique. She has performed at the Lagos jazz Series Festival in Lagos, Nigeria, the AACW Blues, Jazz & gospel Fest and the Global forum in Rio De Janiero, Brazil. She has performed with the Dayton Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, bringing jazz, a classical repertoire, and a commissioned 21st century classical cello concerto, "The Invisible Bridge," by the esteemed Egyptian composer Dr. Halim El-Dabh, conducted by Neal Gittleman. Karen Patterson's music celebrates cultural diversity, the dynamic beauty of artistic expression, and the strength of community.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend! A reception will follow. A free will offering will be taken to support future concerts. The 2023/2024 Sanctuary Series is underwritten, in part, by a generous gift in memory of Martha and Charles Stephens and their son Nathan, donated by the members of the Stephens family. If you would like to support the Sanctuary Series in this way, please contact us at music@highstreetunited.org.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES:

As our choir and bell choir take a break during the summer, please consider sharing your musical talent in worship. Contact music@highstreetunited.org if you are interested. "There are two means of refuge from the misery of life - music and cats." - Albert Schweitzer



Presenting our *14th season of*
Sunday Afternoon entertainment

Sanctuary Series

2022-2023
Sharing Faith through the Arts

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Sanctuary Series

2022-2023

The Chancel Choir and Music Ministry of High Street United Methodist Church invite you to the fourteenth season of our popular Sanctuary Series. Programs are admission-free and include a meet the artist reception following each performance!

A free-will offering is taken at most events.
A face mask may be required.

<p>September 11, 2022 - 3:00 pm Oakwood Brass</p> <p>November 13, 2022 - 3:00 pm Lia Ferrell <small>Organ</small></p> <p>March 12, 2023 - 3:00 pm Dayton Area Harp Ensemble <small>Celtic</small></p> <p>April 16, 2023 - 3:00 pm LiveWire of the Springfield Youth Symphony</p>	<p>October 9, 2022 - 3:00 pm J. Chris Moore <small>Exploring Our Celtic Musical Heritage</small></p> <p>December 18, 2022 - 3:00 pm Champion City Trio</p> <p>January 22, 2023 - 3:00 pm Carlos Elias and Andrea Arese-Elias <small>Violin/Piano Duo</small></p> <p>February 26, 2023 - 3:00 pm The Collective <small>Jazz Band</small></p> <p>May 21, 2023 - 3:00 pm Karen Patterson <small>Cello</small></p>
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News & Notes

Community Outreach News



**CENTRAL
COMMUNITY CENTER**
Faith. Culture. Community.

CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER

Central Community Center is now renting space inside High Street UMC and since the relocation we have been busy.

2022 Review of Events:

◆ **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 1:30-3:30 pm. 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.



Central Community Center Contact Info: (937) 323-7598 or (937) 323-7597

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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.



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.



Mother's Day Trivia



Mother's Day TRIVIA *Best MOM ever*

TEST YOUR MOTHER'S DAY KNOWLEDGE. CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWERS BELOW. THE ONE WITH THE MOST CORRECT IS THE WINNER!

- WHAT YEAR WAS MOTHER'S DAY MADE AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY IN THE US?
a)1908 b)1914 c)1946
- WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL FLOWER OF MOTHER'S DAY?
a)Carnations b)Roses c)Tulips
- MOTHER'S DAY IS THE BIGGEST HOLIDAY IN THE US FOR?
a)Greeting card sales b)Long-distance calls c)Flower sales
- WHAT IS THE HIGHEST DOCUMENTED NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO ONE MOTHER?
a)39 b)52 c)69
- IN THE BIBLE, WHO IS CREDITED WITH BEING "MOTHER OF ALL THE LIVING"?
a)Virgin Mary b)Eve c)Mary Magdalene
- AS OF 2020, WHAT AGE IS THE OLDEST MOTHER IN HISTORY?
a)51 b)62 c)74
- WHAT IS THE MOST SETS OF TWINS BORN TO ONE MOTHER?
a)16 b)18 c)22
- WHAT IS THE MOST POPULAR MONTH IN WHICH TO HAVE A BABY?
a)August b)January c)May
- WHAT IS THE MOST POPULAR DAY OF THE WEEK IN WHICH TO HAVE A BABY?
a)Saturday b)Thursday c)Tuesday
- WHO IS CREDITED WITH FOUNDING MOTHER'S DAY?
a)Susan B. Anthony b)Anna Jarvis c)Florence Nightingale
- IN WHAT US STATE WAS THE FIRST MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE HELD?
a)Tennessee b)West Virginia c)Kentucky

Answer B, A, A, C, B, B, A, A, C, B, B

Congregation News & Notes



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| 05/01 Frank Bonerigo | 05/09 Andy Kopajetich |
| 05/01 Steve Harbaugh | 05/11 Bess Bonerigo |
| 05/02 Kristy McCreedy | 05/12 Barb Kopajetich |
| 05/03 Charlene Harkins | 05/13 Shirley Wall |
| 05/06 Nancy Blackwood | 05/19 Sandi Lawrence |
| 05/06 Betty Neer | 05/22 Roger Hilton |
| 05/08 Pearleen Boblitt | 05/24 Avery Drain |
| | 05/31 Bill Brougher |

Age 80 & Older



05/31 Linda & Kenneth Green—54 yrs

Monthly Meetings

- Monday, May 08 @ 7:00 pm - Trustees
- Tuesday, May 08 @ 6:30 pm - Finance Com.
- Monday, May 08 @ 12:30 pm - SPRC
- Sunday, April 30 @ 11:00 am - Leadership

Please check with your Chairperson or email for updates and changes in this schedule.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers you can call the church office at (937) 322-2527, email us at office@highstreetunited.org or to use sign up genius, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4faca62ca31-virtual>.

The cost is \$50.00.

Our Home Worship Families

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



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!

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 Brouger
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	Kathie Harbaugh	Missions	Becky Bonerigo
Communications Chair	Open	Fellowship / Hospitality	Open
Family Life	Edith Green/ Ellen Stickney	Congregational Care	Sharon Crews
Membership	Sandra Steinberger	Church Historian	Dan Walter

High Street Staff:

Senior Pastor	Cynthia Atwater	Assistant Choir Director	Open
Administrative Assistant	Shana Stubler	Church Bookkeeper	Brimming Bookkeeping
Custodian	Larry Lytle	Family Life Ministries	Pastor Cynthia Atwater
Music Director	Lia Ferrell	Nursery Caregiver	
Sound Technician	Paden Frank	Production Assistant	George West



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