



Meridian Street
Weekly

February 2, 2018

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Worship Service Times

9:15 a.m. in the Chapel
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Our Need for Grace

It's been a long month of January at my house. My little boy has been ill, my wife has been sick, and you may have noticed from my absence the last few Sunday mornings that I have been under the weather as well. There's too much illness going around this time of year. Even our staff has been sick this week. We appreciate your prayers for full healing and strength.

If there's one thing that being sick and having a family that is ill reminds me of is our need for grace. We need God's gift of grace, but we also need others to show us grace as well. I am grateful for the many texts, emails, and phone calls that we have received from staff and members alike who have checked in on us and have offered your help. You have shown me great grace.

I look forward, God willing, to be back with everyone on Sunday and share a message about God's grace. It's an essential part of denominational heritage. The Wesley's taught grace upon grace. I look forward to praying, singing, and worshipping with everyone on Sunday, by God's grace.

If you are interested, my last sermon that I was supposed to share one of those Sundays I was sick, is now on my blog. It was on the Wesleyan understanding of holiness. While Pastor Steve did a great job with two hours' notice, if you would like to hear my take on this topic click the link below. I'm changing the name of that sermon from "A Longing for Holiness" to "The Sermon Never Preached." I hope to share one on grace this Sunday.

<https://thefranciscanmethodist.wordpress.com/2018/01/31/the-sermon-never-preached-a-longing-for-holiness/>

Grace and peace,
Pastor Matt

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Jazz Sunday February 11: "Come Marching In"

Celebrate Mardi Gras on Meridian Street! On Sunday, February 11, Meridian Street will be celebrating Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday in French) in style. We will celebrate with Dixieland Jazz in the Chapel at starting at 9 a.m. prior to the 9:15 a.m. service and in the Sanctuary starting at 10:15 prior to the 10:30 a.m. service. The sermon theme will be on lessons for our faith from jazz. The Mission Committee will treat us to a Mission Brunch with special treats and surprises. Don't miss it!



Gathering of Men: Growing Into Generosity

Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, February 10, from 8:15 to 10 a.m.

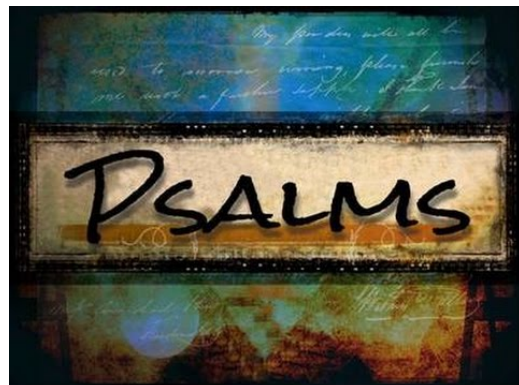
We will explore some recent lessons about generosity from a Ted-talk heard on NPR, how this can impact us, and how we model this to spread the 'generosity flu'! For more detailed information [click here](#).

Lenten Series: Apply the Psalms to Life

You are invited to join in a unique Lenten study experience. Instead of reading a book together, we will be learning how to use the psalms as a part of our spiritual practice.

For more information, [click here](#) to go to the church website.

Sessions will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 and on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. [Sign up online](#) today!



Indianapolis Pipe Organ Festival

Our wonderful organist, Raina Wood, will be one of the featured organists at the Indianapolis Pipe Organ Festival on Sunday, February 18 at 3 p.m. at St. Luke's UMC. The program, titled Music for America, includes additional local organists Timothy Denton, Patricia Rozeboom, Clarice Stegall, Robert Richter, and Wolf Von Roos. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For tickets, go to www.indyago.org.

Butler Tarkington Faith Community Presents: 2018 Meal and Speaker Series

During the first half of 2018, the congregations of Butler Tarkington will be hosting monthly meals and speakers.

For detailed information on the speakers, topics, dates, and locations, [click here](#).



Youth and Young Adult News

New Youth Game Room to Feature in Youth Lock-in

On January 14 the youth celebrated the grand opening of the new game room on the third floor. At 10:15 Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry took time to explain why the game room was such an important project for the youth, and offered a prayer of dedication.

The game room will be a highlight for all the youth who will be participating in the upcoming youth lock-in starting at 7pm on Saturday February 3. If your youth is interested in taking part in this fun-filled night, please contact Rick Belbutoski at 317.517.5968 or rbelbutoski@meridianstreet.org.

Because We Care

Our Joys and Concerns

In addition to their pastoral care for these persons, the pastors ask for your prayers and personal support for:

NEW CONCERNS

- **Aric and Keisha Boger**, on the death of Aric's father, Gene, on January 30
- Family and friends of **Rev. Dean Fager** of Knox UMC who died on January 31
- **Charlotte Gray**, daughter of Cara and Joel Gray, who is recovering from a broken arm
- **Dessie Koch**, who is recovering from a second knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, January 30
- **All those who are ill** and battling flu and other seasonal illnesses

JOYS

- We celebrate that last Sunday **20 volunteers from Meridian Street served over 300 people** at Soup's On at Roberts Park. We also celebrate

that over \$600 was donated to the loose change offering in January and will be donated to Soup's On.

- The youth enjoyed their first lock-in of the year Saturday night into this morning

News You Can Use

Lost and Found

Be sure to go by the Lost and Found tables in the hallway outside of the Parlor. There are lots of Lost items just waiting to be Found! We'll leave the table up for a few weeks, and then donate what remains.



The Pastor is In - Pastor Matt's Coffee House Office Hours

Stop by the Illinois Street Food Emporium on the first Tuesday morning of each month. Say hello, share a prayer request, or just talk with Pastor Matt. Contact Matt at mlandry@meridianstreet.org for more information.



Upcoming Schedule:

Tuesday, February 6 - from 8 - 9:30 a.m.

This Week at Meridian Street

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:45 AM	Celebration Bells	Rm 301
9:00 AM	Coffee and Donuts	Parlor & Welc. Ctr.
9:00 AM	Nursery (Birth - age 3)	Rm 103
9:00 AM	Truth Seekers Class	Conf. Rm.
9:15 AM	Worship	Chapel
9:30 AM	Gospel Ringers	Rm 301
10:30 AM	2nd and 3rd grades	Rm 111
10:30 AM	4th and 5th Grade	Rm 302
10:30 AM	High School Youth - Upper Room	Rm 308
10:30 AM	Kindergarten - 1st Grade	Rm 107
10:30 AM	Middle School Youth - 4 Twelve	Rm 304
10:30 AM	Preschool	Rm 108
10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 AM	Chancel Bells	Rm 301

Monday, February 5, 2018

10:00 AM	Bible Study	Welc. Ctr.
11:30 AM	Yoga	Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

9:00 AM	CDI In Session	Lower Level
10:00 AM	Worship Program Staff	Conf. Rm.
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM	Finance Committee	Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM	Indianapolis Arts Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

7:30 AM	Morning @ Meridian	Chapel
9:00 AM	CDI In Session	Lower Level
9:30 AM	CDI Parent Council	Welcome Center
6:00 PM	Book Study	Parlor
6:30 PM	Disciple Bible Study	2nd Fl Mtng Rm
7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 8, 2018

8:30 AM	Impact 100	2nd Fl Mtng Rm
9:00 AM	CDI In Session	Lower Level
6:00 PM	Indianapolis Arts Chorale Board Mtg.	2nd Fl Mtng Rm

Friday, February 9, 2018

9:00 AM	CDI In Session	Lower Level
9:30 AM	Circle 6	2nd Fl Mtng Rm

Saturday, February 10, 2018

7:30 AM	Gathering of Men	Library
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 11	Jazz Mardi Gras Service and Mission Brunch
February 14	Ash Wednesday - Services at 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
February-March	Lenten study on the Psalms
March 18-25	Host families through Interfaith Hospitality Network
April 7-15	Mission Guatemala

Daily Scripture Readings

February 4

Exodus 19:16-21:21
 Matthew 23:13-39
 Psalm 28:1-9
 Proverbs 7:1-5

February 5

Exodus 21:22-23:13
 Matthew 24:1-28
 Psalm 29:1-11
 Proverbs 7:6-23

February 6

Exodus 23:14-25:40
 Matthew 24:29-51
 Psalm 30:1-12
 Proverbs 7:24-27

February 7

Exodus 26:1-27:21
 Matthew 25:1-30
 Psalm 31:1-8
 Proverbs 8:1-11

February 8

Exodus 28:1-43
 Matthew 25:31-26:13
 Psalm 31:9-18
 Proverbs 8:12-13

February 9

Exodus 29:1-30:10

Matthew 26:14-46

Psalms 31:19-24

Proverbs 8:14-26

February 10

Exodus 30:11-31:18

Matthew 26:47-68

Psalms 32:1-11

Proverbs 8:27-31

February 11

Exodus 32:1-33:23

Matthew 26:69-27:14

Psalms 33:1-11

Proverbs 8:32-36

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