



Meridian Street
Weekly

March 2, 2018

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Worship Service Times

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

Filled With Wonder

Sometimes it feels to me that we are losing the capacity to wonder. We want proof of everything. I was listening to a TED talk about space a few weeks ago and while listening to the speakers, I was struck at how hard it is for me to imagine this vast universe that they were discussing. I prefer things tight and neat and easy to understand. And instead of giving in to the mystery of it; if I can't comprehend it, I tend to shut it out.

But the Psalms are constantly inviting us to be filled with wonder. Wonder over creation, wonder over God, wonder over life itself. Psalm 8 calls me to pause and look at the stars. (I encourage you to do that tonight.)

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Psalm 19 calls to mind the wonderful Canticle of St Francis; better known to more of us as Hymn 62 "All Creatures of Our God and King." The 139th Psalm, which I will use as my primary text for Sunday, is one of my favorites. It is the reminder that all that I see, and all that I am is because of God; and it is beyond my capacity to understand – so the author encourages us to just be in awe and wonder.

What is it that gives you pause?
What takes your breath away?
Do you like mystery, or do you want to understand everything?

Take some time and look for the mystery of God and be filled with wonder.

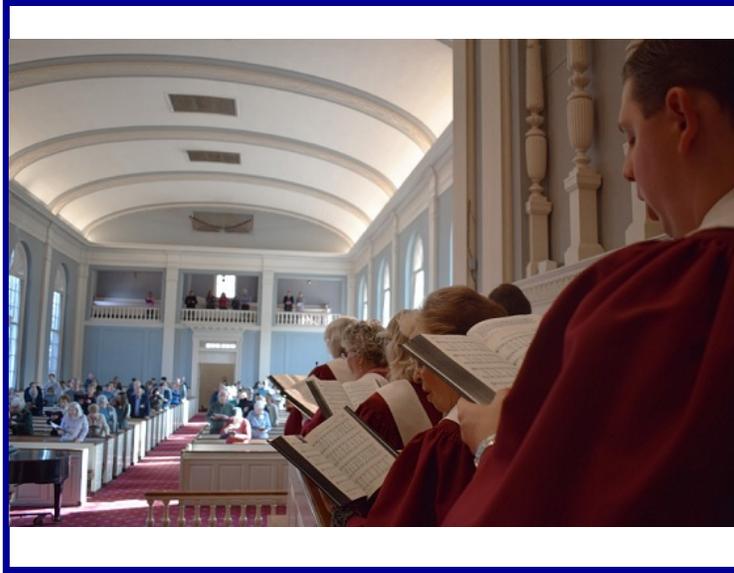
Read: Psalm 139

Listen to "God of Wonders" by Third Day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CBNE25rttE>

Prayer:

God of wonders, you are more wonderful than I can imagine. Help me to slow down and witness your majesty. Teach me to share your love for creation, to be a good steward of all

that you have given us. Draw me closer to you. Amen.



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IHN - Interfaith Hospitality Network - March Rotation

Please consider where you can volunteer. No experience necessary!

[Sign-Up to serve for IHN in March](#)

Please contact Keisha Boger at keishaboger@gmail.com with any questions or hesitations about signing up.

Thanks for all you do to support the outreach ministries here at Meridian Street!

Coming Events!

Gathering of Men: Power of One; Power of You

The ability to change the world seems daunting, even overwhelming, well beyond our power to do something, anything. But we know of many great organizations that have launched and grown to worldwide scope that started with a simple question or two: Why isn't someone doing something about that need? Why not me?

Habitat for Humanity started from a community farm



outside of Americus, GA. Interfaith Hospitality Network blossomed from a shared sandwich on the streets of New York.

And in our own community, Rock Steady Boxing has gone globally 'viral' from its start just over 10 years ago in Indianapolis by Scott Newman. This organization helps those living with Parkinson's Disease to improve their quality of life using a one-on-one boxing training program.

Joyce Johnson, the executive director of RSB, will join us to talk about RSB, its history and mission, its program and how RSB is helping literally thousands around the world. And those thousands include some of our own members. Maybe this will stoke your 'power of one' initiative!!

Join us for this conversation on Saturday, March 10, from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m. We will meet in the library. Breakfast will be available at a charge of \$5 per person.

Please RSVP for headcount purposes to Bob Greising at rgreising@kdlegal.com or Marvin Miller at marv1127@aol.com. All men are welcome! Consider yourself invited! See you there!

Butler Tarkington Faith Community Meal and Speaker Series

The next program is Sunday, March 25 at North UMC. Rev. Charles Harrison will be speaking on Ten Point Coalition. The meal is at 5 p.m. and the program begins at 5:45 p.m. The evening is free and all are welcome.



Serving our Community and the World



Neighbor to Neighbor - Next Work Day is March 24

NeighborLink Indianapolis, a private nonprofit organization that provides free home repairs and related services to low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities within Marion county, Indiana. They have one mission—to allow seniors in need to stay in their own homes safely and with dignity.

The next NeighborLink Work Day is Saturday, March 24. This project will be scraping and if enough time and volunteers, painting a 1 car garage and 1 story house need the MLK Community Center. The homeowner is a disable woman who grew up in the neighborhood and has lived in this house for 15 years. The board of Health cited her for the house painting. Service time will be 1 - 4 p.m. Note that this is a change from the usual morning work time.

All supplies and water drinks provided. Volunteers should wear closed toe shoes, long pants, and long sleeved shirts. More information and specific location will be shared closer to the service date. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Jeffries with questions: j11jefferis@gmail.com. [Sign up to serve today!](#)

Easter Hams for Soup's On at Roberts Park

Please prayerfully consider donating an Easter Ham for the Soup's On at Roberts Park Easter lunch. Hams need to be delivered to Meridian Street no later than 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 31. We will transport the hams to Roberts Park where they will be served to guests on Sunday, April 1.

At our Roberts Park volunteer days we now serve close to 300 meals. The hams can be bone-in or boneless. Our goal is to provide approximately 150 lbs. of ham. Please [sign-up today online](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Whitney Scolnik at wscolnik@gmail.com.



Loose Change Offering

In February, \$574 was raised for Mission Guatemala. This money will be used toward the upcoming mission trip.

The March loose change will go to Interfaith Hospitality Network. It will be donated to the laundry fund used by families as they are at the Day Center. Thank you for your generosity!

Youth and Young Adult News

Youth Game Night

Join us tonight from 6-8 p.m. at Meridian Street UMC for Youth Game Night! Youth sixth grade and up are invited to join us for dinner and a devotional, and night filled with games. Spend time with church friends and bring your friends from school to hang out in our awesome game room and have a chance to win an awesome gift card! We had an awesome group and a ton of fun at our February lock-in, and we want to continue the fun March 2!



Click the link below to RSVP:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f44aba72eabf49-youth>

Future game nights

April 13

May 4

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

- **Sheila Akinleye**, as she seeks an administrative position within a school system
- **Rick and Erin Belbutoski**, on the death of Rick's grandfather, Don
- **Jason Daniel**, a friend of Bethany Scott's, who has entered hospice care
- **Jim and Linda Matthews**, whose daughter, Maggie, is undergoing treatment for a non-malignant brain tumor
- **Every student and every person** who works in a school

JOYS

- We celebrate the birth of **Avianna Rose Cummings**, daughter of Ryan and Cassie Cummings, who was born on February 22
- We celebrate that last Sunday we hosted over **60 people at the first program in the Butler Tarkington Neighborhood Faith Community Meal and Speaker Series**. Thank you to all who donated to the meal and to those who helped host and serve.
- Friday the youth enjoyed the first of several **Game Nights** in the new Game Room. The room is being put to great use!

News You Can Use

Pacers Faith and Family Night

Friday, March 23. Tickets \$18 - includes hotdog, chips, drink and a pacer hat. And, the chance to go on the court after the game, shoot a free throw and meet a Pacers Player.

If interested, contact Mary Sue in the church office. Deadline to order tickets is Friday, March 9.



Meridian Street UMC Night!

Indiana Pacers vs. L.A. Clippers
Friday, March 23rd, 2018 | Tipoff 7:00pm | Doors Open 6:00pm*
* Subject to Change



ORDER DEADLINE:

Friday, March 9th

You are invited to participate in a Lucas Oil Faith and Family Night with the Indiana Pacers. Join us after the game in courtside seats, to hear a Pacers player talk about his faith and how it has helped him in his life and in basketball!

Tickets purchased through this offer also include:

- ✓ Free Pacers hat
- ✓ Hot dog
- ✓ Chips
- ✓ Small Pepsi product

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:

Matt is on vacation this week so the next Coffee House Office Hours will be:

Tuesday, April 3 8-9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 1 8-9:30 a.m.



This Week at Meridian Street

Sunday, March 04, 2018

8:45 AM	Celebration Bells	Rm 301
9:00 AM	Coffee and Donuts - Parlor and Welcome Center	Parlor
9:00 AM	Nursery (Birth - age 3)	Rm 103
9:15 AM	Lenten Study Series	Library (N)
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, March 05, 2018

10:00 AM	Bible Study	Welcome Center
11:30 AM	Yoga	Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, March 06, 2018

9:00 AM	CDI In Session	Lower Level
9:30 AM	St. Margaret's Hospital Guild meeting	Chapel
10:00 AM	Worship Program Staff	Conf. Rm.
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conf. Rm.
2:30 PM	CDI Meeting	2nd Fl Mtng Rm
6:30 PM	Finance Committee	Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM	Indianapolis Arts Chorale Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall (W)

Wednesday, March 07, 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	Lenten Study Series	Library
7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 08, 2018

9:00 AM	CDI In Session	Lower Level
6:00 PM	Indianapolis Arts Chorale Board Meeting	2nd Fl Mtng Rm

Friday, March 09, 2018

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

Saturday, March 10, 2018

8:15 AM	Gathering of Men	Library
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March 11	Bible Sunday
March 18-25	Host families through Interfaith Hospitality Network
March 24	Neighbor to Neighbor
March 25 - April 1	Holy Week
March 31	Breakfast with the Bunny
April 7 - 15	Mission Guatemala
April 24	Emmet Cahill Concert
April 29	Serve Indy

Daily Scripture Readings

March 4

Numbers 2:1-3:51

Mark 11:27-12:17

Psalms 47:1-9

Proverbs 10:24-25

March 5

Numbers 4:1-5:31

Mark 12:18-37

Psalms 48:1-14

Proverbs 10:26

March 6

Numbers 6:1-7:89

Mark 12:38-13:13

Psalms 49:1-20

Proverbs 10:27-28

March 7

Numbers 8:1-9:23

Mark 13:14-37

Psalms 50:1-23

Proverbs 10:29-30

March 8

Numbers 10:1-11:23

Mark 14:1-21

Psalms 51:1-19

Proverbs 10:31-32

March 9

Numbers 11:24-13:33

Mark 14:22-52

Psalms 52:1-9

Proverbs 11:1-3

March 10

Numbers 14:1-15:16

Mark 14:53-72

Psalms 53:1-6

Proverbs 11:4

March 11

Numbers 15:17-16:40

Mark 15:1-47

Psalms 54:1-7

Proverbs 11:5-6

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