



MERIDIAN STREET

United Methodist Church

Meridian Street Weekly

April 27, 2018



Serve Indy this
Sunday, April 29!

Worship Service
Times

9:15 a.m. in the SANCTUARY
10:30 a.m. in the CHAPEL

It's Spring! Let's Serve Indy!

The weather forecast for Indianapolis on Sunday, April 29 is calling for 59 degrees and plenty of sunshine. At least that's what the National Weather Service and Accuweather are saying. Yes, I have been checking, often. Let's pray that this forecast doesn't change between now and Sunday!

Spring is finally here and we will Serve Indy this Sunday. I'm excited to see what all of our teams will accomplish this weekend. I have heard from all of the organizations we are serving with and they are thrilled to have so many people who have a strong desire to serve the community! Don't forget to wear your work clothing to worship (we will worship at 9:15am in the sanctuary and go directly to serve after getting a doughnut and coffee).

Here are where our teams are serving:

Soup's On at Robert's Park United Methodist Church- This ministry serves a free lunch to around 250 guests every Sunday.



Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis' Day Center (Interfaith Hospitality Network)- This organization serves around 50 families each year who experience homelessness. Through the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) families are housed at places of worship throughout the city including Meridian Street. We host four weeks every year.

Ronald McDonald House at Riley Children's Hospital- The RMH at Riley provides a comfortable place for families who have patients at Riley to enjoy a meal together.

Neighbor Link Indy- NL helps seniors and disabled homeowners of low income in Marion County with home maintenance needs so they can stay safe and independent in their homes with dignity.

Exodus Refugee- This organization helps refugee families from around the world establish their lives in Indiana. Exodus began in 1981 and has a long history of welcoming refugees and asylees from many countries.

Fletcher Place Community Center- With roots in the United Methodist Church in 1872, Fletcher Place helps families going through difficult times from a free store, meal program, preschool, and a Christmas help program.

Wheeler Mission- Wheeler helps the homeless in Indiana and is a non-denominational, Christian, social services organization which provides critically needed goods and serves to the homeless, poor, and needy.

Martin Luther King Community Center- The MLKCC provides individual skill building and family resources for residents in the Mid-North neighborhoods of the city to learn, grow, and enhance their lives. Meridian Street was the 2017 Partner of the Year of the MLKCC.

Joy's House- Located in Broad Ripple, Joy's House provides care for adults living with physical and mental challenges while providing respite for caregivers.

Lucille Raines Residence- Owned and operated by United Methodist Women of Indiana, many of the men and women, who are residents, are actively engaged in rebuilding their lives from substance abuse. They all share in learning to function independently and as a whole people in life. Many are finding Christ to be the source of successful recovery.

Meridian Street UMC- writing cards and other outdoor projects

These are the organizations that we are serving with and supporting this week, but many of them have a stronger connection. Many of them are supported by Meridian Street's local Church & Community budget that ranges from \$1,000 to \$5,000 in support as well as several serving dates every year. Many others have received Hansman and Otto Legacy Grants from Meridian Street as well.

It is such a joy to see what a difference our congregation is making all across Central Indiana. Hungry people are being fed, children are learning, teens are

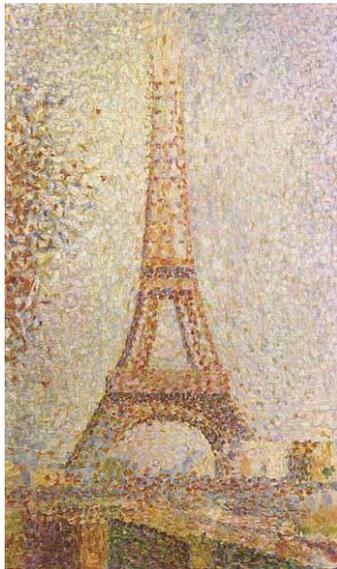
finding help, the addicted are receiving new life, the homeless are finding a roof over their head a new start, refugees are being resettled and welcomed, and senior adults are being helped. How amazing is this? This is not only praying for, but bringing God's Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven! This is why we serve!

If you have not yet signed up to serve, but would like to on Sunday, we still have a few openings left painting at Wheeler Mission, painting at the Family Promise Day Center, or making cards in the Fellowship Hall at Meridian Street. Please email if you have questions.

Let's Serve Indy together! It's going to be a beautiful day in our city!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Matt

Coming Events



Organ Recital presented by Raina Wood

Next Sunday afternoon May 6 at 3 p.m., Raina Wood will present a program of 19th and 20th century organ music from France.

This particular time period, the French Romantic era, has long been a particular passion of Raina's. In fact, the first piece on the program was a defining moment in her love for the organ when she heard it played as a child.

A reception will follow in the Parlor.

Calling All Graduating Seniors!

On Sunday, May 13 we will be honoring our soon to be High School Graduates!

We also want to recognize those who may be graduating from college or graduate school this spring. If you have a

family member graduating this spring, please send their name, school, and the degree they will be receiving to Mary Sue McAlister at mmcalister@meridianstreet.org.



High School seniors should have received a note from Rick Belbutoski with some additional information needs. If you did not, please contact Mary Sue.

Serving our Community and the World

St. Louis Mission and Justice Trip

This summer from Sunday, June 24 to Sunday, July 1 an intergenerational group will be taking a mission trip to St Louis, MO. Building on existing conversations we've had around the *Waking Up White* book study and the Butler Tarkington Speaker Series on race, we hope this trip will be another opportunity to address racial tensions by learning more about how people in the St. Louis addressed this topic and serve the community. We will have conversations with and learn from The Center for Social Empowerment in Ferguson for part of the day and serve those in need during the other part of the time.

This is an intergenerational trip for youth and adults. Youth going into the sixth grade and above are invited to share in what's sure to be an amazing experience.

We'll be staying at the St. Louis Urban Mission (<http://stlurbanmissions.org>) and learning from and serving with The Center for Social Empowerment (<https://www.thecenterforse.org/>).

If you have questions or would like to learn more, please follow up with Pastor Matt mlandry@meridianstreet.org or Rick Belbutoski rbelbutoski@meridianstreet.org

Are you walking for Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis?

Lace up your sneakers and get ready to walk, stroll or roll along the canal for the 'Walking for Dreams' fundraiser! This fun family & pet walk around the downtown Indianapolis canal is scheduled for **Sun, May 20, 2018** with step-off beginning at 2 p.m. Last year the Meridian Street UMC team had a whopping **19 walkers** (*2nd largest Family Promise team!*) and raised **\$1,660.00**.



Not a walker or unable to attend in person? That's ok - donations are also welcome! <https://www.walkingfordreams.org/>

Help us surpass our fundraising and achieve our goal! The team with the highest fundraisers 'wins' the help of the Family Promise staff as overnight hosts on our next rotation.

Youth News

Confirmation Call Out Meeting on May 6

This fall a new confirmation class will begin! The class is geared toward students 6th grade and up, and will provide an important foundation the developing faith of our students. Parents, students, and those interested in mentoring a confirmation student are invited to join us in the second floor meeting room on May 6 at noon for lunch and to learn more about the upcoming class.

Those who attend will learn:

- What's the time commitment expected for a confirmation student
- Why parents are so important in the confirmation process
- Why every confirmation student should have a committed mentor
- And much more!

We at Meridian Street are excited for a fresh start to our confirmation program in the fall, and invite all who are interested to come and learn more. Please email Rick Belbutoski at rbelbutoski@meridianstreet.org with questions and to let us know you'll be there!

Because We Care

Our Joys and Concerns

In addition to their pastoral care, the pastors ask for your prayers for:

New Concerns:

- **Diane Carlson**, who will be undergoing a 2nd total knee replacement surgery on April 30
- **Erinn McCluney**, on the April 25 death of her friend Denise
- We pray for God's blessing on **Serve Indy**, the participants, team leaders and organizations: **Exodus Refugee, Fletcher Place Community Center, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Joy's House, Lucille Raines Residence, Martin Luther King Community Center, NeighborLink Indy, Soup's On at Roberts Park, Wheeler Mission, cards for seniors and shut-ins and playground clean-up around Meridian Street**

Joys:

- We celebrate **six members of the Chancel Bells** who are attending a bell conference on Mackinaw Island, MI this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels. Those attending are: **Anna Barnett, Mitzi Boilanger, Cyrena Gilman, Anna Hastings Debbie Underwood, and Miriam Wells-Metelko.**

News You Can Use

Butler Tarkington Faith Community Presents: 2018 Meal and Speaker Series

There have been two conversations so far with Dr. Frank Thomas and Rev. Charles Harrison that were hosted at Meridian Street in February and at North UMC in March. We are looking forward to another conversation with Dr. Leah Gunning Francis from Christian Theological Seminary presenting.

Matt and Bethany have been part of planning these events, and we invite and encourage you all to participate. The vision of Meridian Street is "Communities thriving and growing in the fruit of the spirit." Participating in this series of events is a way for us to pursue this vision to thrive and grow together, and to be active in our community. Our program will begin with a meal at 5 p.m. with our speaker

**2018 Butler Tarkington Neighborhood
Faith Community Meal and Speaker Series**



presentation and discussion beginning around 5:45 p.m.

To inquire further or register for the series, please contact Matt, mlandry@meridianstreet.org.

Sunday, April 29 - Fairview Presbyterian Church, [4609 N. Capitol Avenue](#);

Dr. Leah Gunning Francis, Christian Theological Seminary,

Author of *Faith and Ferguson* (books will be available for purchase)

Sunday, May 20 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church, [6050 N.](#)

Meridian Street:

Speaker TBA

Sunday, June 17 - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, [4625 N. Kenwood Avenue](#);

Panel Discussion

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, May 1 8-9:30 a.m.

THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN STREET

Sunday, April 29, 2018

	Serve Indy	
9:00 AM	Coffee and Donuts	Parlor & Welc Ctr
9:00 AM	Nursery (Birth - age 3)	Rm 103
9:15 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
10:30 AM	2nd and 3rd grades	Rm 111
10:30 AM	Kindergarten - 1st Grade	Rm 107
10:30 AM	Preschool	Rm 108
10:30 AM	Worship	Chapel

Monday, April 30, 2018

10:00 AM	Bible Study	Welcome Center
11:30 AM	Yoga	Library

Tuesday, May 01, 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	Fellowship Hal
Wednesday, May 02, 2018		
7:30 AM	Morning @ Meridian	Chapel
9:00 AM	CDI In Session	Lower Level
9:30 AM	CDI Parent Council	Welcome Center
1:00 PM	Neighbor Link Manager Meeting	2nd Fl Mtng Rm
6:30 PM	Disciple Bible Study	2nd Fl Mtng Rm
7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, May 03, 2018		
9:00 AM	CDI In Session	Lower Level
Friday, May 04, 2018		
9:00 AM	CDI In Session	Lower Level
10:30 AM	Bread of the World group meeting	2nd Fl Mtng Rm
Saturday, May 05		
2:00 PM	Faye Shumway Visitation	Parlor
3:00 PM	Faye Shumway Funeral	Chapel

Important Upcoming Events

May 6	Raina Wood Organ Recital
May 11	Youth Game Night
May 13	Senior Sunday
May 20	Promotion Sunday
May 27 - June 3	IHN Hosting
June 3	Junefest
June 24 - July 1	Intergenerational Mission Trip to St. Louis, MO

Daily Scripture Readings

April 29

Judges 9:22-10:18
 Luke 24:13-53
 Psalm 100:1-5
 Proverbs 14:11-12

April 30

Judges 11:1-12:15
 John 1:1-28
 Psalm 101:1-8
 Proverbs 14:13-14

May 1

Judges 13:1-14:20
 John 1:29-51
 Psalm 102:1-28
 Proverbs 14:15-16

May 2

Judges 15:1-16:31
 John 2:1-25
 Psalm 103:1-22
 Proverbs 14:17-19

May 3

Judges 17:1-18:31
John 3:1-21
Psalm 104:1-23
Proverbs 14:20-21

May 4

Judges 19:1-20:48
John 3:22-4:3
Psalm 104:24-35
Proverbs 14:22-24

May 5

Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22
John 4:4-42
Psalm 105:1-15
Proverbs 14:25

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