



MERIDIAN STREET

United Methodist Church

Meridian Street Weekly

July 5, 2018

Worship Times

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

I write to you on July 4, 2018 as I take a break from some chores around the house and yard and look for a cool place to sit and think. We are still on baby watch, Jessica has a doctor appointment tomorrow; maybe it will bring news, but then again, maybe not. I am trying to be patient, and do well most of the day. As soon as we get the phone call that she is in labor we will be in our way to Chicago. Matt is prepared and ready to fill in on a moments notice for Sunday - if I was smart I would just let him preach.

My intention is to preach on dealing with mean and difficult people in our lives on Sunday, but while power washing my deck today, God seemed to be steering me in a new way. I will need to sleep on it and see where I am led.

I hope you remain cool in this terrible weather.

Read Romans 12:9-21

Prayer: Loving God, Guide my thoughts and actions, turn away my bitterness and anger for I know they only hurt me. Help me to bring your healing energy and peace to the difficult situations in my life. But at the same time Lord, help me to remain authentic and true to myself. May your peace surround me and those I struggle with. Amen.

Pastor Steve

Coming Events



Gathering of Men - Save the Date!

Greetings from Guatemala!

Please join us for our next breakfast on Saturday, July 14, starting at 8:15, to hear some stories from the men who were on the recent mission trip to Guatemala.



More details will come later.

Contact Bob Greising with any questions at rgreising@kdlegal.com. See you there!

Serving our Community and the World



Summer can be a challenging time for our service ministry partners in the city. They receive a number of donations in the fall and close to Christmas, but the summer always lags behind in donations. With that in mind, we will again celebrate Christmas in July throughout the month. Our "Christmas List is below. You can bring your donations to the gray bins in the Welcome Center. Any questions, please contact Pastor Matt.

Family Promise/ Interfaith Hospitality Network: Diapers and pull-ups (any size)

Fletcher Place CC Christmas Ministry: Jeans for Teens

Fletcher Place CC/Vida Nueva Food Pantries: Fresh/canned veggies and fruit, 1 lb. bags of white/brown rice, toilet paper, and pads/tampons. Also, instant oatmeal, Ramen noodles, cracker packs, granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, and cans of pop-top soup and tuna for homeless snack packs.

Habitat for Humanity: New Children's Books for the Families

Martin Luther King Community Center: "Career Clothes" Drive - if you have any dress clothes that you would like to donate, the MLKCC would love your donation!

Items needed but not limited to: Dress pants, Suits, Dress shirts, Polos, Sport Coats, Ties, Belts, New Dress Socks, Professional Dresses, Jewelry or Hosiery

Neighbor Link: Box cutters/razor knives and paint buckets with handles

Soup's On: Coffee (ground, no filter bags) and non-dairy creamer

Let's make it a Merry Christmas for our ministry partners this July!

Work Party at School 43 this Saturday

On Saturday, July 7, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., a work party will be held at School 43 to help the teachers with several different projects. These projects include but are not limited to:

Landscape clean-up, scanning library books and organizing them, separating all of the supplies out from the 550 backpacks full of supplies for the students and

teachers, cleaning, changing out the decorations in the front office, plus many other things.

They can use people for all or part of the time - any help is appreciated!

This is coordinated by Traders Point Christian Church with other partners. For more information, contact Bethany at bscott@meridianstreet.org.

Project Transformation Service Opportunity at North UMC:



July 16-19

We are excited to announce our new ministry partner: **Project Transformation Indiana!** Based on the national Project Transformation model, this program aims to engage young adults in purposeful leadership and ministry, support children in holistic development, and connect churches with communities.

Project Transformation's literacy-based summer program helps underserved children to maintain or improve their reading levels over the summer by reading one-on-one with volunteers every morning.

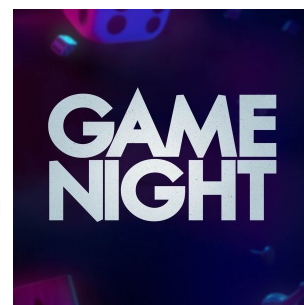
Help Meridian Street support this mission by signing up to be a reading volunteer during our church's designated week of July 16-19th! To sign up, follow this link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0E4AACA723A1F85-reading.

You can also visit their website for more information: <https://projecttransformation.org/indiana/about-us/>

Serving our Youth

Youth Game Night!

Join us at Meridian Street UMC for Youth Game Night on Friday from 6:00-8:30 pm July 13. Youth entering sixth grade and up are invited to join us for dinner and a night filled with games. Spend time with church friends and bring your other friends too! We had an awesome group and a ton of fun in June, and we want to continue the fun July 13th!



Because We Care

Our Joys and Concerns

New Concerns:

- **Buddy Hall**, who has been diagnosed with Shingles
- **Dessie Koch**, whose brother, John (Manny) Semon, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and had his left lung removed
- **Allen Norris**, Mary Sue McAlister's father, who is having back surgery Thursday, July 5

Joys:

- **Becky Bechtel**, who is in Florence, Italy at the International Breast Cancer Paddler's Commission quadrennial event - the only team for the United States invited to participate
- **Bethany Scott, her daughter McKenzie, and her mother, Phyllis Holt**, who leave for a two week trip to Thailand next week and will be in ministry with the people of her mission. Join us in prayer for safe travels and for their health during her time away.
- **We celebrate the discovery of the Thai Soccer Team**, and pray for their well-being and for those who are planning how best to rescue them

This Week's Calendar

THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN STREET

Saturday, July 07, 2018

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, July 08, 2018

9:00 AM	Coffee and Donuts	Parlor & Welc. Ctr.
9:00 AM	Truth Seekers Class	Conference Room
9:15 AM	Worship	Chapel
10:30 AM	Kindergarten - 1st Grade	Rm 107
10:30 AM	Middle School and High School Youth	Rm 308
10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary

Monday, July 9, 2018

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

10:00 AM	Worship Program Staff	Conference Room
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7:00 PM	Indianapolis Knitting Guild	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Meridian Street Foundation	Library (N)

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

7:30 AM	Morning @ Meridian	Chapel
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Thursday, July 12, 2018

No Events Scheduled

Friday, July 13, 2018

4:30 PM	Rinehart/Walstad Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Saturday, July 14, 2018

7:30 AM	Gathering of Men	Library
9:30 AM	Indy Winds Flute Choir - Rehearsal	Parlor
2:30 PM	Rinehart/Walstad Wedding	Sanctuary

Daily Readings

Daily Scripture Readings

July 8

1 Chronicles 5:18-6:81

Acts 26:1-32

Psalms 6:1-10

Proverbs 18:20-21

July 9

1 Chronicles 7:1-8:40

Acts 27:1-20

Psalms 7:1-17

Proverbs 18:22

July 10

1 Chronicles 9:1-10:14

Acts 27:21-44

Psalms 8:1-9

Proverbs 18:23-24

July 11

1 Chronicles 11:1-12:18

Acts 28:1-31

Psalms 9:1-12

Proverbs 19:1-3

July 12

1 Chronicles 12:19-14:17

Romans 1:1-17

Psalms 9:13-20

Proverbs 19:4-5

July 13

1 Chronicles 15:1-16:36

Romans 1:18-32

Psalms 10:1-15

Proverbs 19:6-7

July 14

1 Chronicles 16:37-18:17

Romans 2:1-24

Psalms 10:16-18

Proverbs 19:8-9

July 15

1 Chronicles 19:1-21:27

Romans 2:25-3:8

Psalms 11:1-7

Proverbs 19:10-12

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