



MERIDIAN STREET

United Methodist Church

Meridian Street Weekly

July 26, 2018

Worship Times

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

Learning Compassion

Last Sunday I preached a sermon around the theme of listening and how listening can be an act of love. This coming Sunday, I'll be continuing this theme by sharing that compassion is an act of love. We'll consider what it means to be a compassionate person in a world that seems to ignore this value. As people of faith, we follow Jesus, one who had compassion everywhere he went. If Jesus had compassion for others, so should we.

I once read a story written by David Staal, the President of Kids Hope USA, a mentor program for at risk kids, that spoke about compassion:

"When a principal learned that a nearby congregation planned a vote on whether to start a mentoring program, he agreed to visit and share his thoughts. He knew that at-risk students in his elementary school had a common need outside his ability to provide: someone to make them feel noticed, valued, even loved by a grown-up. With constant budget cuts and staff reductions, fewer adults worked in his building every year. So the opportunity for an organized group of volunteers to meet with kids was, literally, a no-brainer to him.

However, the church had concerns about their ability to launch any new programs. They, too, had budget constraints to live within. They, too, had fewer adults - or that's how it looked on weekends. Significant risk existed about this program launching, so the principal decided to accept the pastor's invitation to show up at church on Sunday morning before the vote.

During the announcements portion of the service, the principal walked forward and stood behind the microphone and in front of the church body. He gave a brief description of the program to be voted on, but he sensed ambivalence. So he concluded his comments with a request meant to appeal to hearts instead of heads. "I understand you will now vote on this program," he said. "If the decision is 'no,' then I ask you to consider sending a couple people each week to stand along the playground fence and wave to a few of the kids who have no adults in their lives. They will at least feel noticed by someone." The church voted to start the program."

Compassion calls us to take notice of and care for others. It is my hope on Sunday that together will learn what it means to be even more compassionate people. Showing

compassion is an act of love.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Matt

Coming Events

Indianapolis Municipal Band Concert This Sunday

This Sunday, July 29, you'll have a chance to hear the Indianapolis Municipal Band, in a concert at Lions Park in Zionsville. There is a true Meridian Street connection with this concert! The band is under the direction of John Marshall, Mary Sue McAlister plays in the flute section, and as part of the musical theme of *Memories Are Made of This*, our Director of Music Ministries, Peggy Marshall, will sing *As Time Goes By*, accompanied by the band. The concert begins at 7 p.m. so bring your folding chairs and some snacks or a picnic and enjoy some great music!



Youth Kick-Off - Saturday, August 18

Parents and youth are invited to the Youth Fall Kickoff

10:30 am Brunch meeting

Parents and youth are encouraged to join us at Meridian Street for brunch and an information meeting about the 2018 Fall Youth Calendar. Brunch will be provided, and there will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

12 Noon - 4 pm

Youth will be doing a service project in the Meridian Kessler/Butler Tarkington neighborhood. In the event of inclement weather, we will be serving at the church.

4:30 pm - The youth will be kicking off the 2018 Fall Schedule with a lock in! Students 6th grade and up can expect fun, fellowship, food, and games. Please plan to bring pillows, blankets, inflatable mattress/mattress pad, toiletries, and clothes for church on Sunday morning.

Please email Rick Belbutoski at rbelbutoski@meridianstreet.org to let him know how many from you family will join us!

Serving our Community and the World



The bins in the welcome center are overflowing with your generosity - but there is still time to make them even more full! **Let's make Pastor Matt's job of sorting and delivering all of the gifts a tough one!** Our ministry partners appreciate all that you have given. As a reminder, here is our Christmas in July Shopping List:

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

Thank you for all that has been donated so far!



Family Promise®

Serve with Interfaith Hospitality Network in August/September

Our next opportunity to serve homeless families in the IHN program is scheduled for August. The week of August 19 is our scheduled week to host. The host church following our week in August is not able to host anymore, so IHN has asked Meridian Street to host two weeks in a row. This gives us an opportunity to go above and beyond what is asked of us to serve the families in the program. It gives us a chance to support the program and families and it gives all of us more opportunities to serve!

Please prayerfully consider how you can serve our IHN families from Sunday, August 19 to Sunday, September 2. We will need double the overnight hosts, dinner servers, morning and evening drivers, and quiet time hosts. We also need set up and cleanup crews as well.

Here is the sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044ba4ac2ea1fe3-family5>

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Matt, mlandry@meridianstreet.org

And in other news....

Church Directory Update Underway

Time to double check your information in the current church directory!

We're getting ready to update the church directory, so if there are changes, please be sure to let the office know. Take a look at your home copy or one of the copies that will be available for review in the Parlor and in the Welcome Center. Review your family's entry and either write down changes on the legal pads provided, or contact the church office with any needed changes. You may call the office at 317-253-3237 or send an email to the general email address: meridianstreet@meridianstreet.org.

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

The GuideBook is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.



Financial Peace University

We're pleased to announce that we will be hosting Financial Peace University here at Meridian Street.

For more information about Financial Peace University go to <https://www.financialpeace.com/>

The classes will be led by Meridian Street member Jay Barclay. Jay Barclay is a Certified Financial Planner™ and a life-long resident of Indianapolis. He has been working with clients as a financial advisor for over 18 years. Jay has facilitated the Financial Peace University course for several organizations over the last few years.

A preview class will be held on Tuesday, September 4 and the 9 week series of classes begins on September 11. All classes begin at 6 p.m. and will be held in 2nd Floor Meeting Room. The cost of the program is \$109. Scholarships are available. Space is limited so register soon by going to: <http://www.fpu.com/1067034>

A Special Thank You

On behalf of the Myers-Templeton families, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the congregation and staff at Meridian Street for making the Memorial Visitation and Service such a special day for us as we celebrated the life of Bill Myers - husband, father, grandfather, brother-in-law, uncle, friend. There are many individuals who played a large part behind the scenes, so if we were not able to thank you personally, please know how grateful we are for your love and support. Although many members of the family now live in Arizona, Meridian Street UMC will always be home.

Many blessings,
Marilyn Myers Templeton

Coffee Anyone?

Pastor Matt will resume his coffee house office hours on Tuesday, August 7 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Illinois Street Food Emporium. Join him for a cup of coffee (or tea and pastries) and share what's going on in your life, about the church, or anything in general.



The office hours will continue on the first Tuesday of each month (Sept 4th, Oct 2, Nov 6th, Dec 4th). If you would like to schedule another time to meet with Pastor Matt, he is happy to meet with you. Feel free to email him at mlandry@meridianstreet.org to set up a time.

Circle 1 -Book Circle

The Book Circle meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, September through May, at 9:30 a.m. in the Welcome Center. The September meeting will be on the September 25th. The book to be discussed is THE GREAT ALONE by Kristin Hannah. If you have any questions or are interested in joining this great group of book lovers, contact Judy Zinn, Leader 317-753-6161.



Because We Care

Our Joys and Concerns

New Concerns:

- **Kristin Sims**, who will have gallbladder surgery on August 2
- **Carolyn Tucker**, on the death of her husband, John, on July 16

Joys

- We are celebrating the baptism this morning of **Grace Murrell Harry**, daughter of Kyle and Lauren Harry
- We celebrate the safe return of **Bethany Scott** and her daughter, **McKenzie**, from their successful two week trip to Thailand to visit and work with the people of Bethany's mission

This Week's Calendar

THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN STREET

Sunday, July 29, 2018

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

Monday, July 30, 2018

6:00 PM	C4 (Choral Group) Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Tuesday, July 31, 2018

10:00 AM	Worship Program Staff	Conf. Rm.
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, August 01, 2018

7:30 AM	Morning @ Meridian	Chapel
11:30 AM	Luncheon	Welcome Center
1:00 PM	Neighbor Link Manager Meeting	2nd Fl Mtng Rm

Thursday, August 2, 2018

No Events Scheduled

Friday, August 03, 2018

11:30 AM	Patrick Hanlin Memorial Service	Chapel
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Saturday, August 04, 2018

9:30 AM

Indy Winds Flute Choir

Fellowship Hall

12:00 PM

Eagle Scout Ceremony &
Reception

Chapel & Parlor

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

August 18

Youth Kickoff Day

August 19

Small Group Informational Meeting

August 19 - Sept. 2

Host Interfaith Hospitality Network

August 25

NeighborLink Indy Service Day

Daily Readings

Daily Scripture Readings

July 29

2 Chronicles 24:1-25:28

Romans 12:1-21

Psalms 22:19-31

Proverbs 20:8-10

July 30

2 Chronicles 26:1-28:27

Romans 13:1-14

Psalms 23:1-6

Proverbs 20:11

July 31

2 Chronicles 29:1-36

Romans 14:1-23

Psalms 24:1-10

Proverbs 20:12

August 1

2 Chronicles 30:1-31:21

Romans 15:1-22

Psalms 25:1-15

Proverbs 20:13-15

August 2

2 Chronicles 32:1-33:13

Romans 15:23-16:7

Psalms 25:16-22

Proverbs 20:16-18

August 3

2 Chronicles 33:14-34:33

Romans 16:8-27

Psalms 26:1-12

Proverbs 20:19

August 4

2 Chronicles 35:1-36:23

1 Corinthians 1:1-17

Psalms 27:1-6

Proverbs 20:20-21

August 5

Ezra 1:1-2:70

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

Psalm 27:7-14
Proverbs 20:22-23

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