

Dates To Remember

- Nov. 27 **Wednesday Weekly Worship – Cancelled**
- Nov. 28 Church Office Closed – **Happy Thanksgiving**
- Nov. 29 Church Office Closed – **Happy Thanksgiving**
- Dec. 1 **Communion Sunday** – HS & MS Youth in Worship Service
- Dec. 1 **Birthday Sunday** – 10:30 a.m. – FLC
- Dec. 1 **“Sing of Him” Community Concert** – 7 p.m. – Mountain View HS
- Dec. 8 Card Makers – 2 p.m. – Upper Room
- Dec. 8 Parents’ Afternoon Out – 1 p.m. - Kids in Worship Center
- Dec. 9 **Red Cross Blood Drive** – 12 – 5 p.m. – FLC
- Dec. 12 Ladies’ Night Out Christmas Celebration – 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Christmas VBS – 10 a.m. – Sanctuary
- Dec. 14 UMW Christmas Brunch – 10:30 a.m. – FLC
- Dec. 15 **Free Blood Pressure Checks** – after both services – FLC #1
- Dec. 15 **Caroling & Cocoa** – Grace Memory Care, Meridian – 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Merry Methodists – 5 p.m. - FLC

Wishing everyone a
Blessed Thanksgiving!





The Church Office will be **closed** on
Thursday, November 28 &
Friday, November 29
For the Thanksgiving Holiday.
We will reopen on
Monday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m.



Christmas Cantata



**Want to SING with the Celebration Choir in our
Christmas cantata? We'd LOVE to have you join us!**

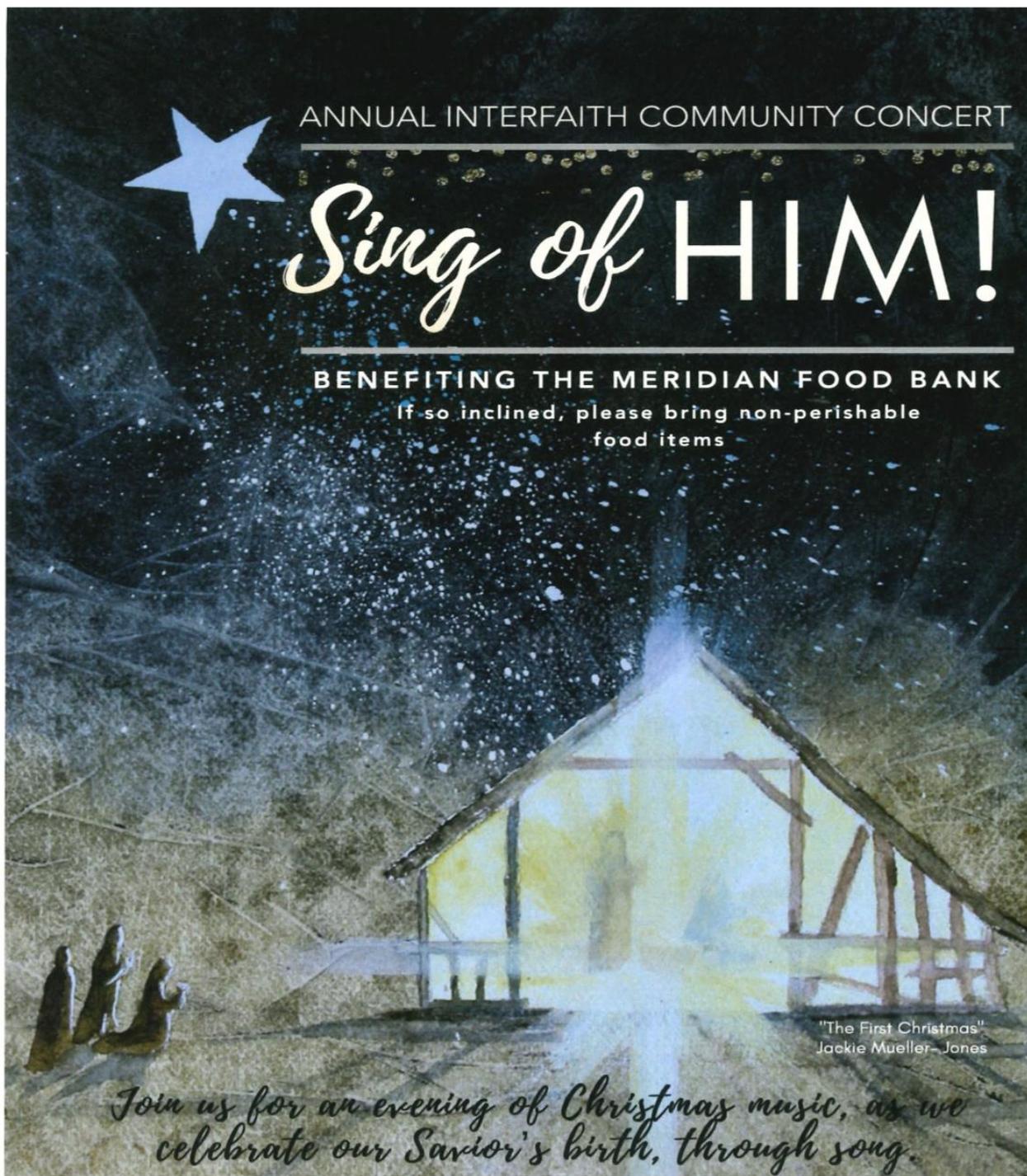
Rehearsal Schedule: Thurs., Dec. 5 (7:40 - 8:15 p.m.),
Thurs., Dec. 12 (7:40 - 8:15 p.m.), Sat. Dec. 14 (2:30 - 4
p.m.), and Thurs. Dec. 19 (7 - 8 p.m.).

All rehearsals take place in the choir room except
Saturday, Dec. 14. See Debbie Jones or email her at
worshiparts@meridianumc.com for more information or
to get music and a rehearsal track!

The Cantata will be performed on Sunday, December 22 at
the 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services.



Come listen to our Celebration Choir
at the Interfaith Community Concert!



ANNUAL INTERFAITH COMMUNITY CONCERT

Sing of HIM!

BENEFITING THE MERIDIAN FOOD BANK

If so inclined, please bring non-perishable
food items

"The First Christmas"
Jackie Mueller-Jones

Join us for an evening of Christmas music, as we
celebrate our Savior's birth, through song.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 @ 7:00PM

**MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
2000 S MILLENNIUM WAY, MERIDIAN, ID 83642
FAMILY-FRIENDLY | MUSIC PERFORMED BY COMMUNITY-WIDE
CHURCHES & ORGANIZATIONS | CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS**

Communion Sunday

Sunday, December 1



There will be no Sunday School for Senior High or Junior High on Sunday, December 1. All youth will be in both services for communion.

CELEBRATE!

ALL DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS....



Sunday, December 1 will be our monthly birthday bash between services in the FLC. If you attend worship at 11:15, come early, if you attend at 9:30, stay after. This will be a fun time of fellowship. You might discover someone who shares your birth date, hobby, or common interest. For more information contact Cindy Kubena at 208-870-6115.

Card Makers

**Sunday, December 8 – Upper Room
2:00 p.m.**



This is an awesome group to join! No experience needed and all supplies provided. Contact Barbara Bidondo if you have questions - 208-870-8972.



Parents' Afternoon Out

December 8

1 - 4 p.m.



Enjoy an afternoon out to get started on your holiday shopping!

Kids will be in the Worship Center .

Questions, contact Sharon Allison at children@meridianumc.com.



Ladies' Night Out Christmas Celebration

It's Christmas Time!

Ladies', let's spend an evening in friendship and laughter. On **Thursday, December 12**, we will celebrate at Joan Lindsay's home at 5:30 p.m.

Bring a dessert or appetizer to share and an ornament to exchange and get ready for some holiday fun!

Please R.S.V.P. to Lisa Miller at 912-604-8536 or email care@meridianumc.com.

Memorial & Honorarium Forms

Due to the office by December 11th

Plant orders are not longer available



MEMORIAL ORDER FORM

Many of our church members like to remember loved ones during the Christmas season.

You may make a donation in memory of,
or in honor of a loved one.

These names will be published in our bulletins on the Sunday before Christmas.

The minimum suggested donation is \$5 for each memorial or honorarium.
(Donations will go to our church general fund.)

All forms must be submitted by **Wednesday, December 11** and paid for at the time of order.

Your Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Memorials/Honorariums: _____ x \$5 = \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Please list names for memorials/honorariums on the back of this form.)

You may place this order form, with check payment, in the offering plate.
If paying cash, please return to the church office.

Thank you.

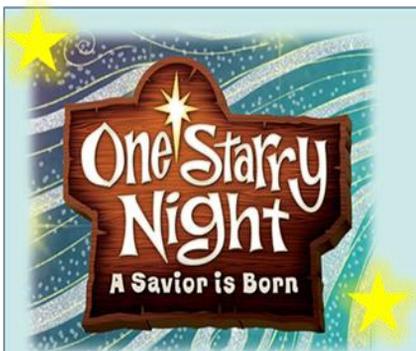


Names for Memorials and Honorariums:

In Memory of:



In Honor of:



Christmas Vacation Bible School

Saturday, December 14

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

At One Starry Night, kids will experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem the night that Jesus was born!

Registration forms are available in the FLC, you may register online or contact Sharon Allison for more information at children@meridianumc.com.

Caroling & Cocoa

Sunday, December 15

3:30 p.m.

Grace Memory Care

Do you enjoy caroling, sweet treats and fellowship?? If so, please join us on December 15, 2019, for a fun evening of caroling at Grace Memory Care, 1946 N Lakes Pl, Meridian, ID 83646.

Please bring socks or toiletries to fill a Christmas gift for the residents. We will visit, sing and then go to Smokey Mountain Pizza for some treats!

If you would like to go, please R.S.V.P. to Jen Hunkovic at adult.ministry@meridianumc.com.

Directory Photos

If you missed having your photo taken in September, you have another chance to have it taken on Sunday, December 15 after both services!

MUMC DIRECTORY PHOTOS
DECEMBER 15, 2019
BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND SERVICE
AND
AFTER SECOND SERVICE
IN FLC #3

Gathered Together 
with  Thankful Hearts

Blood Pressure Checks

December 15 - FLC #1

After both services



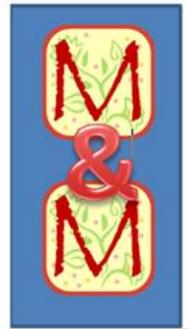
The **Health and Wellness Team** will be offering Blood Pressure checks after both services.

Merry Methodists

December 15 - FLC

5:00 PM

The M&Ms will meet **Sunday, December 15** at 5:00 p.m. for a potluck. Please bring a dish to share and tableware. M&Ms welcome all adults, single or married.



Christmas in Meridian

Friday, December 6

Winter Lights Parade & Tree Lighting
Main Street @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11

Twilight Christmas Market
City Hall
Noon – 7 p.m.

Veterans Footlocker

The youth group will be collecting items to take to the Veterans Home for the holidays. The footlocker and a list of items will be available in the FLC outside of Room #4.

Items due by Dec. 8th.

Requested Donations to the Veteran's Foot Locker Drive

New or like-new items only! Unopened and unexpired.

Our vets deserve the best!

- Shampoo
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Denture cream and adhesive
- Slippers
- **Amazon** gift cards (for online shopping)
- **I-tunes** gift cards for the ISVH Music & Memory Program
- **Please see the other side for more needed items – and thank you!**
- Clothing items for female veterans
- Stocking caps (beanies)
- **Electric razors** (*NOTE: small Bic style razors provided by ISVH; no straight edge razors*)
- Cards and stamps vets can use to write to loved ones on birthdays or other holidays
- Comforters, throws, wraps, quilts, or blankets
- Socks (including Diabetic Socks)

Requested Donations to the Veteran's Foot Locker Drive

New or like-new items only! Unopened and unexpired.

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- Denture cream and adhesive
- Body wash
- Toothpaste and/or toothbrushes
- Body and hand lotions
- Large-print word search books and pens for word search
- Recently released books – large print appreciated
- 20# printer paper
- **Please see the other side for more needed items – and thank you!**
- **Walmart** gift cards for purchasing basic wants/supplies (residents go shopping 2x/month) - cards may be given to Nicole Walker or left at the Church Office c/o Veteran's Foot Locker Drive
- Women's items (all types)
- Sweats (tops and bottoms) in various sizes (*no hoods*)
- Polo shirts, both long sleeve and short sleeve
- Cardigan style sweat jackets – *please, no hoodies/sweaters (they are hard for residents to put on and wear)*

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Church of the Warm Heart

Monday, December 9, 2019

12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

FLC - 235 E. Pine

Contact Lisa Miller (208)888-2245 to schedule
an appointment.

You can also schedule online at www.redcrossblood.org

Sponsor Code: MeridianUMC

At our last blood drive we had 27 registered donors, collected 24 pints of whole blood and 6 total units of power red donations. Grand total of 30 pints of life saving blood coming in 2 over goal! Meridian United Methodist church has brought in 89 pints of blood so far for 2019. That is a significant impact to our community!

**Let's make our December Blood Drive a huge SUCCESS!
You can call or register online to give!**

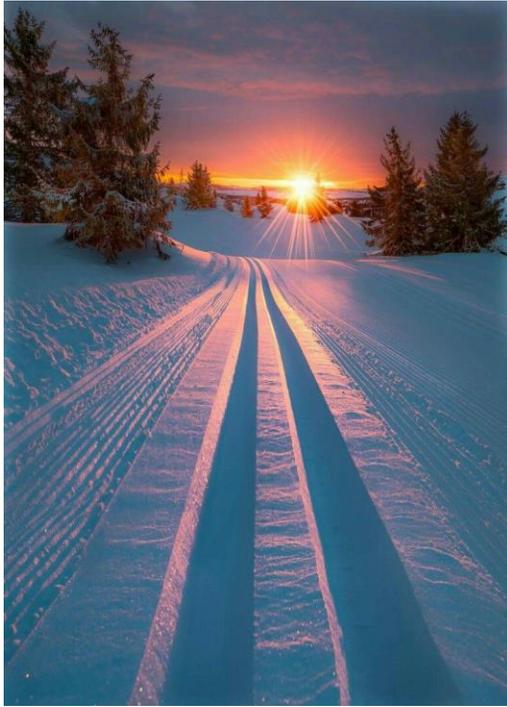
Thank you!



**American
Red Cross**



Together, we can save a life



“ Kindness has a beautiful way of reaching down into a weary heart and making it shine like the rising sun. ”

- Unknown

UMCOR 2020 MISSION TRIP

Mission trips aren't just for youth! In fact, if you are an adult and have always wanted to go on a mission trip, this is your lucky year! You will have two opportunities to go this year. Start off the year being the hands and feet of Jesus. From January 26 - 31, 2020, the Church of the Warm Heart will be going on an adult mission trip to UMCOR Depot West in Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration is now open! We have several spots available, so don't miss out. **The deposit date had been extended!** The \$50.00 deposit is due by **December 1** and registration is available online or pick up a packet in person. Please contact Lisa Miller at 912-604-8536 or email care@meridianumc.com reserve your spot.



Coffee Volunteers Needed

2nd Service coffee is
looking for volunteers to
help serve coffee on
Sundays at 12:15 p.m.



This is a great volunteer opportunity for families, groups or individuals! Please contact Kristine Hoffman at mikylamommy@yahoo.com if you can serve. If you can't serve, packaged cookie donations are greatly appreciated!



Church of the Warm Heart 3 Electronic Giving Options

1. Text the Fund and amount to 208-214-7544
exp. General Fund 50.00
2. Go online to meridianumc.com
go to online giving at the top of the page
3. Scan the church QR code to the right
And click on the green box that says "Create A Gift"
Follow the instructions from there



Checks and Cash are always welcome

Thank You!

Did You Know?

How to Free Up Space in Gmail

Google offers 15 GB of free storage with every account, but many users are hitting the limit. Use these tips to clear some room, and tidy your inbox while you're at it.



ILLUSTRATION: ELENA LACEY; GETTY IMAGES

How many unread emails do you have right now? Sixty? Six thousand? Well, all of those messages and attachments take up space, whether they're unread, old, or archived. And if you're on Gmail and aren't one of those weird inbox zero people who's constantly pruning and deleting messages, you might be running out of space.

Google gives users 15 GB of digital storage for free. That includes everything in Gmail, Google Drive, and any uncompressed images stored in Google Photos. It's a lot of free space, but when you fully invest in the Google ecosystem, it fills up quickly. Once you hit the data cap, you won't be able to add anything to Google Drive or even send and

receive emails. The restrictions can come with little to no warning and leave users scrambling to free up some space. Here's how to avoid finding yourself in that position.

Reply None

The simplest way to free up Gmail space is to batch-delete just about every darn thing in your inbox. Go to your Promotions tab, or maybe Social, check the box in the top left corner to select all messages, then press delete. (It's the button that looks like a trash can, of course.)

The obvious problem with this method is that there are probably messages in there that you want to keep. If you do much of your shopping online, for instance, it's good to keep your receipts. Luckily, there are a couple of easy ways to sift through the mess and just keep what you need.

One method, is to curate your bulk deletions by email address. Even if they come from the same company, spam messages are often sent from a different email address than they actually use; info like receipts or order information. For example, PayPal sends receipts from `service@paypal.com`, while its marketing blasts ("Sign up for PayPal credit NOW!") come from `paypal@mail.paypal.com`. Shipping info from Amazon comes via `shipment-tracking@amazon.com`. Spam comes from the likes of `vfe-campaign-response@amazon.com` and `no-reply@business.amazon.com`. As soon as you figure out which email addresses can be safely relegated, you can delete every email from each of them without purging the stuff you want to keep. Just copy and paste the offending email address into the search bar and batch-delete everything that pops up.

Another method is to sort your emails by file size. In the Gmail search bar, type `size:10mb` (or whatever size you want) to bring up emails with attachments that exceed the search size. You'll still have to go through and select what you want to delete, but at least it brings all the big emails together in one place. Your best bet would be to start big and work your way down.

Garbage Day

After deleting the thousands of emails you've filtered out, you may notice that your storage hasn't budged. Though you may have thrown everything into the trash, you still have to empty the bin itself. Unlike your garbage IRL, if you just leave emails sitting in

Gmail's trash, they will be automatically deleted after 30 days. But if your goal is to free up space, it's best to take out the trash right now. (Also, you have a chance to double-check that important got erased by accident.)

On the left sidebar in Gmail, click on "More" to expand the menu if it isn't already showing all of your mail folders. You're looking for our old friend, Trash. Once you're viewing the trash, go to the top of the list and click "Empty trash now." Everything will vanish into the digital underworld. Finally, you can revel in all your newfound space.

Drive Angry

Still don't have enough room? Well, Gmail isn't the only storage hog in the Google Suite. Google Drive and Google Photos can fill up quickly if you upload images or other files in their full quality. If you use Photos, go into your settings and make sure that your upload quality is set to High Quality rather than Original. It's counterintuitive, but High Quality means the images will be compressed into Google's high-resolution image format, while Original means they'll stay in the (usually better) quality you shot them in. You can store unlimited High Quality images in Google Photos, but saving Originals will eat into your allotted space.

As for Google Drive, you can monitor your storage. Click "Storage used" on the right side to filter by file size. It might also help to take a look at your "Shared with me" folder. You never know when someone might have shared 4 GB of very important photos.

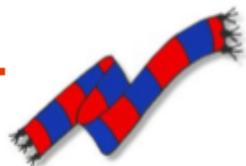
If you're unable or unwilling to sacrifice on image quality, or if you just have too much dang stuff that you can't do without, you might have to pay for more storage—as painful as that sounds, it's the best option. Google charges \$2 per month (\$20 a year if you pay in advance) for 100 GB of storage. Of course, if you want to keep your emails, photos, docs, and uploads indefinitely, you have to continue to pay rent on the storage space.

Now You Know!

Dan Pruet
Systems Administrator
Meridian United Methodist Church



“Did You Know” articles are available in print form in the Family Life Center and Church Office.



Joseph's Closet

During the holidays we tend to think of those less fortunate more than at other times of the year. Ways to share our gifts and blessings are endless. If you happen to choose Joseph's Closet, please know you will be keeping someone warm and toasty as the temperatures turn frigidly cold. So please remember us as you go through your winter wear or as you are purchasing used or new. **(please save your larger shopping bags for us)**

NEEDED ITEMS: (gently used items must be clean and in good condition - all items must be machine washable)



coats

socks

hats

blankets

gloves/mittens

sleeping bags

scarves



Bless you for your continued support through your donations and prayers.

For more info or questions notify [Dawn Bruck](#) at [208-888-1240](tel:208-888-1240) or [Cindy Kubena](#) at [208-870-6115](tel:208-870-6115).

December Sermon Series

Dec. 1 – It's About Time!

Matthew 24:36-51

Dec. 8 – Good News That Sounds Like Bad News

Matthew 3:1-12

Dec. 15 – See For Yourself

Matthew 11:2-11

Dec. 24 - I Am Bringing You Good News

Luke 2:1-20 & Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 29 – Get Up! Now!

Matthew 2:13-23

Sundays 9:30 a.m. Live-Stream

<http://meridianumc.com>

Select "Sermons"

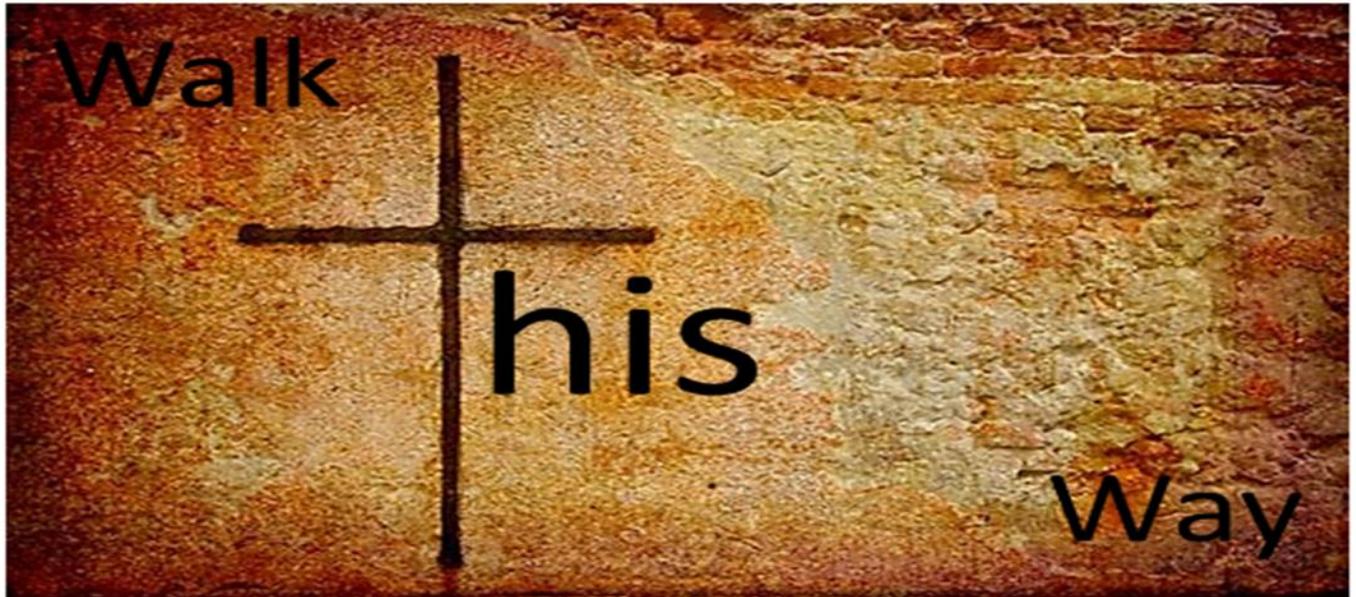


If you have an internet connection, watch us via live stream. To watch the service at a different time you can watch it anytime after Monday morning following the service, as it takes time to upload. For more information call Dan at 890-3384.

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NO PARKING !!

Please remember there is **NO PARKING** allowed North of the alley any day of the week and also weekends! Cars will be towed away at the owners expense.



Ephesians 5:2 ... and walk in the way of love ...

**Come walk with us every
Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.
(meet in the FLC)**

Contact Lisa Miller - 888-2245 – care@meridianumc.com