



A note from Pastor John...



This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 17.

Because of the pandemic, we will not have our traditional Ash Wednesday service. **Instead we will have a drive-through imposition of ashes (with appropriate sanitizing) in the alley between the church and the Family Life Center.** You can “attend” between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., between noon and 1 p.m., or between 5 and 6 p.m. **Please enter the alley from 3rd Street.**

Drive-Thru Imposition of Ashes

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Online Edition!

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
is streamed at 2 p.m.**

The Bible Study will be available on
Facebook ,YouTube and our website.

Tuesday, February 26

Luke 18: 1-6;9-14;15-17;18-30;31-34

If you can't watch it then, it will be available to watch anytime
you want on our website, You Tube or Facebook.

2020 Giving Statements

Giving statements will be sent out electronically
beginning next week, **paper copies will be mailed after
January 15th**. (Paper copies **will not** be available at the
church.) If you have any questions, please contact
Diane Brister, Finance Secretary.

Thank you,

Diane Brister
208-995-1677
diane57@cableone.net





BE THE LIFELINE PATIENTS NEED.
Give blood.



Blood Drive **Meridian United Methodist Church**

FLC Hall
235 E Pine
Meridian, ID 83642

Monday, February 1
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Lisa Miller (208) 888-2245 to schedule an appointment.
Schedule online at www.redcrossblood.org
Sponsor code: MeridianUMC

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>



Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.



Scan to schedule an appointment.

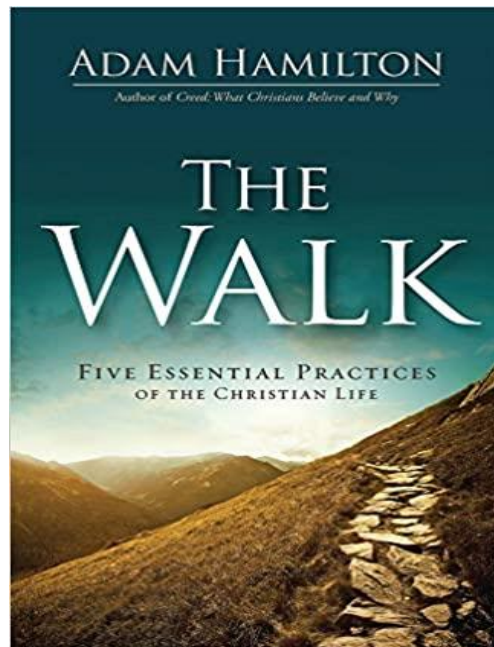
Lenten Study

The Walk by Adam Hamilton

Join us as Claudia Moberly leads
Wednesday Evenings 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

February 17, 2021 - March 24, 2021

Email Jen Hunkovic at adult.ministry@meridianumc.com if
you would like to register for the class



How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith.

Sunday, February 7 – Communion Sunday

Pastor John invites you to celebrate communion on-line this Sunday and asks that you ready your elements before you watch the service.

Your elements can be anything, bread, crackers, wafers, etc.. and your wine could be juice, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, what ever you prefer.



Photos Needed!



All Church Video

We're collecting pictures again of you and your "Valentine"! Could be your spouse, children, grandchildren, or best friend(s)!

Please send pictures to Debbie Jones at worshiparts@meridianumc.com.

She will be accepting pictures through Feb. 1. Grab your cameras or phones and snap a photo - use the landscape setting if you can! Video anthem will be included in the Feb. 14 worship service!



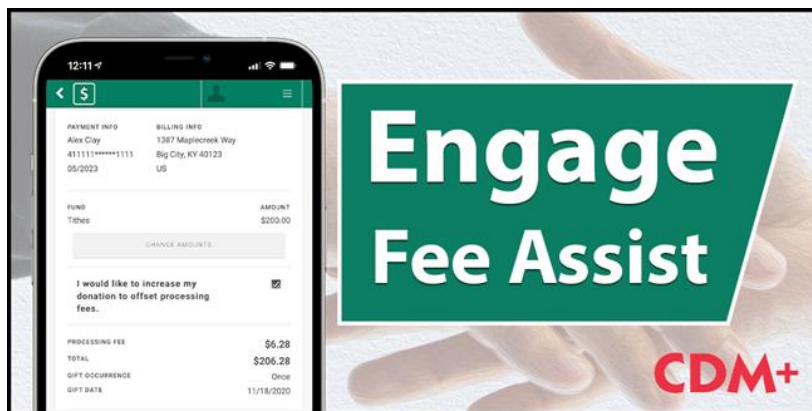


Third Grade BIBLES

Attention 3rd Graders!

If you are in 3rd grade and would like to receive a Bible, please notify Sharon Allison at children@meridianumc.com by Sunday, January 31st

ANNOUNCING FEE ASSIST



Engage Fee Assist Now Available

Engage Fee Assist is here to cover processing fees on your generous gifts, so the church receives 100% of the intended donation. How does Fee Assist work? You simply check a box when making a gift and Engage does the rest!

Don't have a Engage Account? Please contact:

Dan Pruett at 208-890-3384 or dan@meridianumc.com

Maria Akers at 208-949-1196 bookkeeper@meridianumc.com at any time.

Current Church Office Hours

The Church office is open on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 3 p.m.

If you come to the Family Life Center during business hours, a face mask is required to be worn in the building.

You may also reach us at **208-888-2245** or by email us at office@meridianumc.com

You can also contact Pastor John at home. His phone number is 208-895-9855.



Gift Card Scam

If you receive an email or text from Pastor John or any of the staff asking for gift cards, please do not respond to these, they are scams!

If you do get anything like this and are questioning it, please call the staff member or Pastor John to be sure it is actual. We don't want any of you to be taken advantage of.

Thank you!

You can Text A Gift At Anytime:

Text **General** to 208-214-7544 to make a gift
to the General Fund.

You may also give your Gifts online on the
website www.meridianumc.com

Or mail your gift to:

Church of the Warm Heart
235 E. Pine Ave.
Meridian, ID 83642

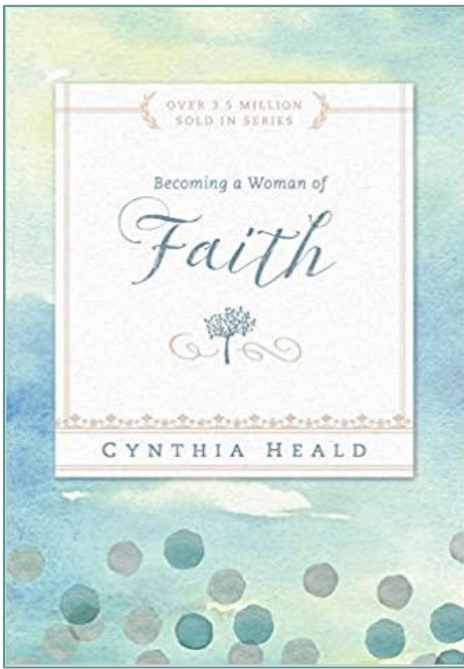


The January **Footprints Newsletter**, **January – February Upper Room &** **January Scripture Reading**

The January Newsletter and Upper Room and
January Scripture Readings are available for you to
pick up. They are located outside of the FLC at the
office entry on Pine Street.

They are on the table in the yellow box.

Printed copies of the **Imagining Life Together**
Guidelines are available in the yellow box too.



Becoming a Woman of Faith by Cynthia Heald.

Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
February 15, 2021 - April 26, 2021

Calling all Ladies-- Please Save the Date for our Upcoming 11 Week Study starting on February 15, 2021

Sharon Rohnert will lead us as we delve into *Becoming a Woman of Faith* by Cynthia Heald.

We will meet on Zoom on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting on February 15, 2021 - April 26, 2021.

Have you ever asked--What Does It Really Mean to Be a Woman of Faith?

Does it mean never doubting or questioning God? Having your act together at all times? Is it being a legendary “prayer warrior” or knowing the right Bible verse for any situation?

In this inspiring Bible study, bestselling Bible teacher Cynthia Heald offers a much more realistic perspective for today’s Christian woman. You’ll see yourself in Cynthia’s personal struggles to walk in faith and trust, and you will learn and grow from her special insights from God’s Word.

Contact Jen Hunkovic at adult.ministry@meridianumc.com if you are interested in joining the study and to receive Zoom information.

Joseph's Closet

Joseph's Closet is opening with strict Covid guidelines from the conference in order to keep our space as safe as possible for our volunteers and visitors alike.

We will, however, be focusing only on new/gently used and clean coats and gloves. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Dawn Bruck (208-888-1240) or Cindy Kubena (208-870-6115) for pick up arrangements. Monetary gifts are always appreciated as well to help when our resources and inventory are low. Thank you Church of the Warm Heart for being such a huge support of this vital ministry. You are such a blessing to us.

Joseph's Closet Open Hours:

Open every Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Joseph's Closet was blessed to have been recipients of coats from the Scentsy Coat Drive



Call 1-208-214-4723
to hear our latest sermon



sermonbyphone.com

Sermon by Phone Update!!!!

**Sunday Sermon
& Tuesday Bible Study**

Our "Sermon By Phone" is being upgraded to include Pastor John's Tuesday Bible Study message!

Call in to **208-214-4723** on

*Saturday through Tuesday to hear our
Sunday worship service

*Wednesday through Friday to catch highlights of our
Tuesday Bible Study.

Let friends and family know so they can hear the Word!

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Join us for the study of 1 Timothy
Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
January 6, 2021 - February 10, 2021

Please email Jen Hunkovic at
adult.ministry@meridianumc.com



New Comers Zoom!

New Comers to the Church of the Warm Heart can join Pastor John Mars and the ministry staff in a meet and greet Zoom meeting.

The Zoom meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

If you would like to be apart of this meeting, please email Lisa Miller at care@meridianumc.com and she will send you the Zoom link. If you can't be apart of the meeting at that time, let Lisa know and she will schedule another time for you.





United Methodist Women Calendar

Hello ladies: There are several (virtual) activities coming up that we can participate in to provide hope, faith, and love in action to women, children and youth.

Faith Talks: Monthly workshops with National level speakers. The next one is January 28, 12 p.m. MT, "Sustainability," with Emily Jones. You must register to receive the link [Faith Talks](#)

United Methodist Women Legislative Advocacy Event. You just register with Gayle Woods to receive the link: gaylewoods5964@msn.com

February 6, UMW monthly meeting will be a zoom call with Hillview UMW, featuring speaker Whitney Mestelle, 10 a.m. Interrupting the School of Prison Pipeline, Contact Dixie Jacky at dixiejacky@gmail.com for Zoom link.

Sunday, February 7th, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Topics will include Medicaid Funding legislation with Cristian Corza from Close the Gap; and Foster Care legislation (housing and other critical issues) with Christine Tiddens from Idaho Voices for Children.

Sunday, February 14, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Topics will include Tax Legislation (homeowners and circuit breakers) and Education Funding with Rod Gramer President/CEO of Idaho Business for Education.

Finding Peace In An Anxious World Study

Schedule for the remaining sessions:

Finding Peace, Chapter 4, Wisdom, Monday, February 1, 7 p.m. with Jen Hunkovic

If you wish to receive a link for any of these studies, please email dixiejacky@gmail.com or Jen at adult.ministry@meridianumc.com

Hope you can join in any or all of these upcoming events.

Blessings,

Dixie Jacky, UMW President



MIRROR IMAGE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The school year has started. Whether in a Zoom or in a room, the needs of area adolescents have not changed. For several years, the Church of the Warm Heart has partnered with Cathedral of the Rockies in a ministry called Mirror Image.

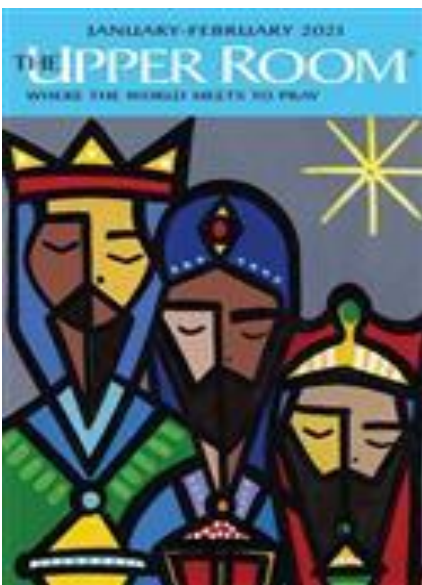
Mirror Image has been delivering 200-300 customized hygiene bags to students within the Boise and West Ada school districts for the past seven years. Last year the Church of the Warm Heart tackled the West Ada portion of the requests. I was apprehensive at first, but with an amazing team of volunteers, we did it. We are all aware that COVID has affected every area of our lives, and with our church facility not running as normal, it would be easy not to continue many of our outreach ministries. However, the Church of the Warm Heart is committed to Mirror Image. We know that although the schools might look different, the needs that our area youth have are still the same. Please help by donating to Mirror Image!

There are many ways you can help. When you are making your weekly grocery order, just add a few of these items to your list. **You can drop off items in the FLC on Tuesday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** or email Lisa at care@meridianumc.com and we can arrange for pick-up of the donated items. Or, if you do not wish to shop for products, you can make out a check to Meridian UMC and earmark Mirror Image in the memo line. We will use your donation to order products that are most needed.

List of items needed:

Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Shampoo/Conditioner or 2-in-1
Deodorant Male/Female
Comb
Body Wash
Acne Wash

Razors Male/Female
Lotion
Lip Balm
Hair Brush
Fem. Hygiene



The Upper Room

Copies of the January – February
The Upper Room are now available

Pick yours up outside in the yellow
box outside the office entrance or in
the FLC on Tuesday's
from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Community Grace

We started Community Grace in response to the pandemic and have been able to support many individuals and families through this ministry. Thank you so much for your generosity-- it has been a blessing for many individuals! Upon review of the last several months, we've discovered that most of the requests were for very specific needs and we were able to serve our neighbors because of your financial support. At this time, we are not in need of any goods-- that said, if you feel called to support this ministry, please continue to make your financial contributions online through our website or you may mail a check directly to the church. Please note that your offering is for "Community Grace". Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

If you or someone you know could benefit from Community Grace, please continue to send requests for support to CommunityGrace@meridianumc.com

Grace and Peace,
The Ministry Team



*Be good to people
for no reason.*



Coffee Fellowship

Join us this Sunday, January 31st at 10:30 a.m. for Coffee Fellowship on Zoom. This is a great way to connect with fellow church members. Just click on the link below and open hyperlink to go to Zoom. Hope to see you!

Jennifer Hunkovic is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Coffee Fellowship

Time: Jan 31, 2021 10:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83485209061?pwd=MkVtRUFJTDRMSEJzUTRlRVZkdnpNZz09>

Meeting ID: 834 8520 9061

Passcode: 143438

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+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83485209061?pwd=MkVtRUFJTDRMSEJzUTRlRVZkdnpNZz09>

3 venues for viewing Sunday Service

We invite you to worship with us online. Our services are livestreamed) at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. They are also posted on [our website](#), [our Facebook page](#), and [YouTube](#) to allow you to worship at your convenience. While our building is closed to keep people safe, the Church of the Warm Heart is alive and well!

Face Masks Available



If you would like a cloth face mask, please email **your mailing address** to CommunityGrace@meridianumc.com. The face mask will be mailed to you and are available on a first come, first serve basis. One mask per person please.

We now have face masks with clear panels in them available. These are for educators, teachers or those with a hearing impairment. If you are in these categories and would like one please contact Lisa at care@meridianumc.com.

“Thank you” Warm Heart quilters for using your talents to be the hands of Christ. This is how we love our neighbors!

We are currently in **Phase 2** of the NW Conference Plan

A Safe Reopening at a Glance

PHASE	1	2	3	4
HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS	Stay Home, Save Lives	Stay Home, Save Lives	Stay Home, Save Lives	Discretionary
PHYSICAL DISTANCING	Strict	Strict	Moderate	Limited
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE	5	10	50	No size limit
LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess church or ministry capacity Develop plan re-imagining ministry together Create communication strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess church or ministry capacity Review & update plan reimagining ministry together Communicate progress or updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess church or ministry capacity Review & update plan reimagining ministry together Communicate progress or updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess church or ministry capacity Review & update plan reimagining ministry together Communicate progress or updates
SAFETY ACTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face masks & physical distancing required Hand washing or sanitizer used consistently Sanitize after each use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face masks & physical distancing required Hand washing or sanitizer used consistently Sanitize after each use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face masks & physical distancing required Alternatives to typical worship practices Provide hygiene supplies Sanitize after each use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternatives to typical worship practices Provide hygiene supplies Sanitize regularly
STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and volunteers work from home Limited access for essential functions allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and designated volunteers may work in building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and designated volunteers may work in building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and designated volunteers resume work in building
WORSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual only Group of 5 or less may gather in building for worship recording, no singing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual only Group of 10 less may gather in building for worship recording, no singing Drive-in type gatherings permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual plus in-person worship up to 50 people, weddings and funerals No communion, live singing, or food service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual plus in-person worship, weddings and funerals No live singing Limited coffee hour
MINISTRY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS	Virtual only	Virtual plus limited in-person designated meetings & services	Virtual plus limited in-person designated meetings & services	Virtual and in-person
BUILDING USE	Closed	Limited to staff, volunteers & designated services	Limited to staff, volunteers & designated services	Open
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AND OUTREACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Limited essential crisis services offered outdoors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Limited essential crisis services offered outdoors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Limited services in building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Services in building
ESSENTIAL SERVICES	Following strict state & local guidelines	Following strict state & local guidelines	Following strict state & local guidelines	Following strict state & local guidelines
OTHER MINISTRY SETTINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed Consistent with guidelines above & contextualized for unique ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited Consistent with guidelines above & contextualized for unique ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited Consistent with guidelines above & contextualized for unique ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Consistent with guidelines above & contextualized for unique ministry

Printed copies of the Guidelines are available in the
yellow box outside of the FLC, and on line at

<https://greaternw.org/>