

FOOTPRINTS

June 2020

LOVING ALL. CHANGING HEARTS. TRANSFORMING LIVES.

SUNDAY WORSHIP:
TRADITIONAL | 9:30 AM
CONTEMPORARY | 11:15 AM
WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

SUNDAY SERMON SERIES JUNE 2020

6.07.2020

How Majestic is Your Name!

Psalm 8



6.14.2020

God's Timing

Romans 5:1-8



6.21.2020

Don't Be Afraid of Them

Matthew 10:24-39



6.28.2020

Little Things Matter

Matthew 10:40-42

Reimagining Life Together - Guidelines for Reopening Buildings and Returning to In-Person Ministry from The Greater NW Area Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky

Linked below is a new document titled *Reimagining Life Together*. It aspires to provide guidance on the requirements and recommendations for local churches and ministry settings to reopen buildings and return to in-person ministry activities during the COVID-19 crisis.



Reimagining Life Together is a living document subject to change as new information is received about the virus and the best practices to mitigate its spread. We will periodically update this document with modest changes in the interest of perfecting this work. Pastoral leaders will be notified if and when significant changes are made. In both cases, the front page of the document will provide information noting the date of the latest revision. You should find new iterations at this same link.

Click on the link below or type web address into your browser.

[View Guidelines →](#)

<https://greaternw.org/reimagining-life-together/>



3 Venues for viewing Sunday Service

We invite you to worship with us online. Our services are livestreamed ([click here](#)) 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! *Open the hyperlink after clicking.

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May

NEW MEMBERS: *Welcome!*

DEATHS:
Please pray for the families of:
Betty Stephens

BAPTISMS:



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	Greeters	Ushers	Worship Leaders	Acolytes
	1st Service Ruth Hayes 208-297-2379	Walter Thornton 208-629-7348	Nicole Walker 734-316-9517	Sharon Allison 208-888-2245
June 7				
June 14				
June 21				
June 28				

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Lisa Miller, Sue Mattison

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Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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Prayer & Praise Requests - prayer@meridianumc.com



A Message from Mars

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

-- Philippians 3:12-14 (New International Version)

Many of us cannot remember a time in our lives that felt more uncertain than today. The coronavirus pandemic has required us to adjust in many ways to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe from an invisible enemy. Normally during disquieting times, we would go to church to find peace and solace, but even that routine has changed.

So what do we do? How do we strain toward what is ahead when “what is ahead” is unknowable? First, we acknowledge that we never really know “what is ahead,” that the pandemic has simply punctured our illusion that we know what’s coming next, and that we know Someone who does know the future.

Second, we go back to basics. We put into practice the quadrilateral described by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. He cited four principal factors we are to use in living our Christian faith: 1) Scripture, 2) tradition, 3) reason, and 4) experience. These things, he believed, stood at the core of our Christian life.

Wesley also strove to live his life by following three simple rules that can help us today:

Do no harm. What does that mean in today’s environment? We’re finding no simple answers, but we certainly must exhibit an abundance of caution. In her announcement that in-person worship services at United Methodist churches in our region are suspended through at least June 15, Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky shares her understanding. You can (and should) read more at <https://greaternw.org/bishops-covid-19-notice-6-may-13-2020/>.

Even folks who believe they are doing the right thing can make painful mistakes. At Living Spirit United Church in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, church leaders followed all the rules – but still ended up creating a painful and tragic situation. The pastor says, “I would do anything for a do-over.” I urge you to read the details at <https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/i-would-do-anything-for-a-do-over-calgary-church-hopes-others-learn-from-their-tragic-covid-19-experience-1.4933461>.

Do good. The people of the Church of the Warm Heart do a great deal of good in our community and beyond. That remains true during this pandemic. The nature of some of our work has changed, as have the tools necessary for completing it. Yet we continue to reach out in love to those in need.

Stay in love with God. We may not be meeting in person for worship services, but God hasn’t gone anywhere. He remains the foundation of our existence – as individuals and as a church. That has never been more true than during our times of trouble.

And by the way, Paul wrote Philippians – along with Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon – while he was under house arrest in Rome. We can continue to do good work without being together.

Grace and Peace and Calm and Wisdom and Hope,

Pastor John

MINISTRIES & NEWS

CHILDREN MINISTRIES

Welcome Summer!

It has been a whirlwind of emotions and new normal for a few months now, so I am ready to start this new season. I pray that you and your families are safe and well. I am missing the Warm Heart Kids and all the activities we do each week. Life sure doesn't feel the same without seeing them on a regular basis. The WHK Ministry has not stopped though! We have been doing many online activities and Sunday School lessons via e-mail. The kids have participated in scavenger hunts, talent shows, acts of kindness challenges, and writing contests. There are weekly winners who receive dinner, ice cream sundaes, and special treats! Thank you to the families that have participated in these activities and shown that BEING the church is not about a building. We are the church and it has been a blessing to see these kids in action.

There is a lot going on behind the scenes regarding camps and Vacation Bible School. As more information and details unfold, I will keep you informed. As of now, regular Vacation Bible School has been cancelled. I am working on something for August, but it's unclear what that will look like.

To the Warm Heart Kids:

Hello, Kiddos! I miss you and I miss seeing you every week. You are such a vital part of my life and I want you each to know that I love you. I care for you. I can't wait to see you. I am sending you weekly lessons and am available anytime to talk or text. If you have access to FaceTime, please feel free to call me. Remember, God loves you so much and He is always with you. Don't forget to say your prayers and talk to Him. He is listening. You are so important and cared for. You are loved!

Blessings,

Sharon Allison
children@meridianaumc.com

YOUTH MINISTRIES

The youth group continues to stay connected, with Bible Study and games on Zoom, as well as miscellaneous challenges to complete at home. If you're not receiving the Zoom links or challenges, contact me to get on the list!

As always, please reach out with any questions, concerns, needs, or just to talk! I love you!

Nicole Walker
youth@meridianaumc.com
734-316-9517

Masterpiece Theater Challenge



Kids Weekly Challenges



Directors for Audio/Visual Team Needed!

The Audio/Visual team is in need of volunteers to help with the live service on Sunday mornings.

It's easier than you think, and we provide the training. It usually only requires a couple of sessions to have you up and running. Contact Dan Pruett if you are interested at dan@anywhereusa.org.



MINISTRIES & NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

FACE MASKS: WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) latest update April 3, 2020, new data about COVID-19 spread, along with evidence of community spread COVID-19 illnesses, the CDC recommends that we wear cloth face coverings to cover our nose and mouth in community settings. The reason for wearing a cloth mask is to protect other people around you if you are infected but do not have symptoms. We can show the love of Jesus by doing this simple act of kindness.

Face coverings are a way we can protect our community from the spread of the virus. But they must be worn properly.

- **Nose and Mouth must be covered** (these are the areas of the body that the virus can be spread from)
- Face covering should be placed from the bridge of the nose up to the eyes and should come just below your chin.
- Face covering must fit comfortably (so you are not adjusting or touching covering or face in any way).
- Face covering must be secured with ties or elastic that fits around the ears.
- Face coverings must be multiple layers of fabric and allow for breathing without restriction.
- Sanitize or wash your hands before removing the face covering.
- Remove the face covering from back to front (hold by elastic earpiece or ties).
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth when removing the covering.
- Wash and dry face covering often in washing machine.
- In between washings of the face covering, store in a sunny place.

In addition to the safety guidelines that we are all following about proper handwashing and sanitizing and keeping a good social distance from others, all people over the age of two must wear a mask when entering the Church of the Warm Heart.

References:

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

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<https://www.today.com/video/how-to-wear-face-masks-properly-and-how-to-clean-them-82331205710>

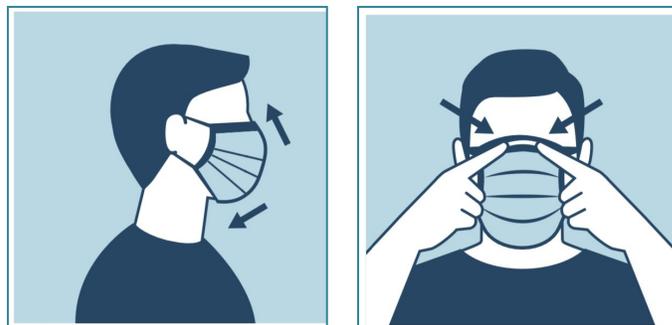
https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Alternative-Face-Covering-Guidelines_FINAL.pdf

Blessings & good health,

Lisa Miller, Congregational Care Minister
care@meridianumc.com



Correct Mask Fitting



Mask should be covering your mouth, chin and nose at all times.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

For General Operations:	June 2020	Year-to-Date
Given	\$ 51,938	\$ 223,734
Need	\$ 57,282	\$ 246,613
Outcome	\$ -5,344	\$ -22,879

For the second month in a row, I am beginning to write this newsletter article with the same thoughts. I am very thankful for the way we, as a church, have responded with our tithes and gifts even though we are not meeting. But I am not surprised. This church body has never failed to do what is necessary to serve the Lord regardless of the situation. We may not be meeting together, but we have found ways to continue to give our tithes and offerings either online or through snail mail. Currently we find ourselves in a negative position of \$22,879. Last year at this time we were in the red \$43,102. Even though we are not meeting in person our giving is up and our expenses are down. We are not quite at the break even point, but closer than could be expected.

When we can meet once again, you will notice that some improvements have been made. A new roof has been installed over the FLC. The \$55,000 cost has been covered by members of our congregation. What a blessing to not have to have a special campaign to pay for this capital outlay! The sanctuary is undergoing a massive renovation that will enhance our worship experience. Funds that have been earmarked previously will cover most of the cost of this project.

We know that it will be July at the earliest before we can meet together, and then there will be restrictions as to social distancing and the wearing of masks. But, we can adapt as we learn to live with this virus. I choose to look forward to worshipping together in a bright new sanctuary with the smiling faces of our church family. Until then, please continue to worship online with our staff, and dare I say, "Keep those tithes and offerings coming."

Things will return to the way it was, but until that is a reality please join me and my family as we continue to support the ministry of our church. To make a gift online, please visit meridianumc.com, click the banner for GIVING, and follow the prompts. You may also mail your check to the church office at 235 E. Pine Ave., Meridian, ID 83642. If you normally give cash, please consider dropping a check in the mail or even look at our online giving options.

If you have questions regarding our church finances, please contact Lori Jones, Finance Committee Co-Chair, at ljones1234@cableone.net, 208-484-6076, or Don Brister, Stewardship Chairman, at aggiedon@cableone.net, 208-871-5221.



MUSIC MINISTRY

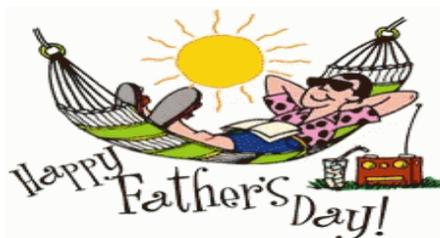
All Services are being Pre-recorded & Broadcast on Sunday: For now, our services are being pre-recorded and posted on our Website, YouTube and FaceBook page on Saturday evenings. PLUS they are broadcast on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Your audio/video team is working hard to make these accessible and user-friendly. If you have issues or concerns, contact Debbie Jones at worshiparts@meridianumc.com or Dan Pruett dan@anywhereuse.org.

The Celebration Choir is working to update the Choral Amen virtual choir offering that we have incorporated into our services. We love having them participate in our weekly services! Any choir members or individuals who would like to offer something in our worship services is encouraged to contact Debbie at worshiparts@meridianumc.com for more information.

The Koinonia Handbell Choir is working on a "virtual" bell choir offering for one of our June services. We are so blessed to have these individuals sharing their musical talents with us! If any individual(s) would like to offer a hand bell solo or duet for a service, please contact Debbie Jones.

Calling all Youth! If any youth would like to offer something on their own, an instrumental or vocal solo or duet, please contact Debbie so we can make arrangements to incorporate them and their musical offering into our services.

Blessings,
Debbie Jones
worshiparts@meridianumc.com
208-608-2520



Ladies Night Out

Ladies Park Meet Up Thursday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Please meet in the parking lot at Kleiner Park near the Senior Center and Pavilion B1. Bring your own lawn chair and picnic.

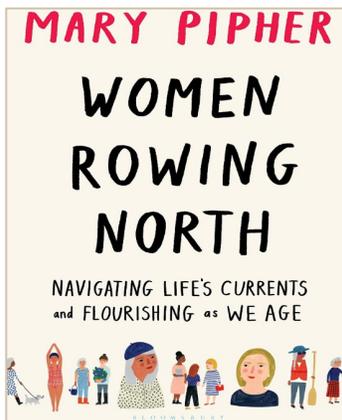
Please email Lisa Miller at care@meridianumc.com if you plan on coming.



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ADULT MINISTRIES

Our Monday night ladies group will begin our new study of the book "Women Rowing North; Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age", on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. This four week study is about the issues women face as they age. If you would like to join the group, please email Jen at adult.ministry@meridianumc.com.



Book Summary

The best-selling author of "Reviving Ophelia" presents a guide to wisdom, authenticity and bliss for women as they age, exploring how the myriad roles and challenges of women can help promote balance and a transcendent sense of well-being.

Adult Ministries Groups:

Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m., Coffee Fellowship

Monday evenings starting 6/8/20-6/29/20 at 6:30 p.m. Ladies study of: "Women Rowing North" by Mary Pipher

Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., Bible study of the book of Romans

If you are interested in any of the online group discussions, please email Jen at: adult.ministry@meridianumc.com and she will email you a link.

Our Group Page:

If you have not done so already, please join our Church of the Warm Heart Adult Ministries page on Facebook. It is a great place to receive updates about our church, enjoy daily devotions and get the links for our online studies being offered. Email Jen at adult.ministry@meridianumc.com if you have any questions about this.

Much Love, Grace and Peace,

Jen Hunkovic
adult.ministries@meridianumc.com



Cloth Face Masks Available

If you would like a cloth face mask, please email **your mailing address** to CommunityGrace@meridianumc.com.

The face masks will be mailed to you and are available on a first come, first serve basis. One mask per person please.

We thank the quilters for their hard work and for the masks they have donated to the church. They have made and donated over 350 masks.

Thank you, Quilters, for using your talents to be the hands of Christ. This is how we love our neighbors!

Bushby - Judd Scholarship Awardees

The Scholarship Committee met to decide on scholarships for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

This year's scholarship awardees are:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Zane Biason | Whitney Miller |
| Maya Birdsong | Niya Nyapamba |
| Danica Burback | Rachel Pletcher |
| Connor Burback | Kori Quick |
| Camryn Collins | Brooke Ray |
| Ivy Hommel | Kayla Rudd |
| Ben Maupin | Jetta Shaner |
| Jacob Maupin | |

It was a record year for applications — 17 in all! The generosity of families within our church to make these scholarships happen is such a gift of love.

Claudia Moberly

A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
 The majesty of a tree,
 The warmth of a summer sun,
 The calm of a quiet sea,
 The generous soul of nature,
 The comforting arm of night,
 The wisdom of the ages,
 The power of the eagle's flight,
 The joy of a morning in spring,
 The faith of a mustard seed,
 The patience of eternity,
 The depth of a family need,
 Then God combined these qualities,
 And there was nothing more to add.
 He knew His masterpiece was complete,
 And so, He called it - Dad.

Happy Father's Day



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JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR

June events are cancelled.

Please watch the E-Blast and Facebook
for studies being offered online.

Happy Father's Day!

**JULY
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:**

**Monday
June 22**

Submissions may be
e-mailed to Elaine Carlson:

cc@meridianumc.com

or brought by the
church office.

Thank you!