

FIRST MERIDIAN HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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serve. love. grow.

FROM PASTOR BOB

Worship is central to the life of First Meridian Heights. Many people have said the music and the relationships in worship are what bring them to worship on Sunday morning. Art and I work faithfully to make the music and the scripture work together to proclaim God's message.



What is worship? Why do we worship? Worship is a foundational practice of healthy and vital churches. When we do not participate in worship, we are neglecting an important part of living our faith. Worship is central to our purpose and mission as disciples of Christ in the world.

One definition of worship is encountering, experiencing, and embracing the Holy. Another says worship is the time we gather deliberately seeking to encounter God. We gather to honor God. We gather to connect with God. Worship is not performance; it is devotion and celebration expressing our love of God.

In our worship many things can happen when we encounter, experience, and embrace the Holy. Lives can be transformed, wounded souls can be healed, hope can be renewed, discernment can be clarified, change can be encouraged, compassion can be inspired, and people can be bound together. All these things can happen, but the purpose is to honor and experience God.

We do not attend worship to squeeze God into our lives; we seek to integrate our lives with God's presence in the world. Worship is a time to think less about ourselves and more about our relationship with God. A time to think less about our personal agendas and more about God's will. We seek to

encounter God so God's Spirit can reshape our lives and form us into the body of Christ.

I want to share with you parts of a prayer written by Dennis Shepherd, a member of a previous congregation I served. This is a prayer we are invited to pray as we gather in God's presence. I invite you to pray this prayer before worship to prepare your hearts and minds to focus on God. Let's see how God changes our worship as we pray together.

Dear Lord:

We welcome the Holy Spirit to come into our presence each time we gather together as a congregation of the people of God. We seek your presence among us. We offer our sanctuary and our hearts to be the tabernacle of God's dwelling.

May we sing every song as praise and worship from deep within our spirits. May we participate in the liturgy with our thoughts directed to God. May all we do, say, and think be an acceptable sacrifice from our innermost being.

Please keep our congregation founded and bound to the Holy Scriptures; keep us from straying from Your voice. Keep our eyes upon Christ as the author and finisher of our faith. Complete the true purpose for this church as we keep yielding our wills to Your will.

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Where kids grow up and adults don't have to.

Join us for Messy Church

Second Wednesday every month

5:30 - 7 PM



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47th & Central Ave.

Connect/RSVP with us
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Have you experienced Messy Church yet? *If yes, join us again for our next Messy Church on **August 8** and invite a friend.* If not, come see what over 200 people have now experienced at First Meridian Heights!

As a reminder, Messy Church is the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. All Messy Church events include activities, food, fun, and Christ's love! This month's theme is The Great Banquet.

Here's what will be included in this month's event:

- Hear a brief story about the parable of the great banquet
- Participate in Messy Great Banquet-themed crafts:
 - Make Your Plate
 - Take a Seat Maze
 - Bread Making
 - Jesus' Invitation
- Enjoy our Great Banquet (freewill offering dinner)!

If you have questions, please contact Ginger Lippert at (317) 439-6868 or ginger6111@yahoo.com. We look forward to getting messy with you at FMHPC!

Thank you for serving!

Offering:

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Greeter:

signupgenius.com/go/20f0d48a4a628a4fe3-fmhgreeters

Communion:

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Check the Friday eblast for upcoming serving opportunities.

Northwood Food Pantry

Needs for July/August are chunk white chicken in water (5 oz cans) and diapers (newborn through size 6). For a list of all food pantry needs, visit fmhpc.org/serve.

Do you have a free Saturday morning? FMH serves the Northwood Food Pantry on the second, fourth, and fifth (if there is one) Saturday of each month. If you're able to volunteer, contact the church office at (317) 283-1305. THANK YOU!

Welcome back, Independence Academy (**August 9**) and Parkview Cooperative Preschool (**August 22**)!

Wishing students and staff an outstanding 2018-2019 school year.



GLOBAL FEST

The first annual CFI 70 Global Fest takes place on **September 15**. It will be a daylong celebration of culture and community through food, music, art, and play. Our neighbors at CFI 70 need many volunteer hands to help this day come together. We're hoping our church members will provide support for this event. Please copy and paste this URL into your browser

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4da5ad29a7f58-cfi70global> for volunteer needs and to help make this day a success for CFI 70.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

SAVE THE DATE
Global Fest Indy

Saturday
Sept. 15th
12 p.m. – 10 p.m.
46th & Central

FREE ADMISSION

THINK
GLOBAL
FEST
LOCAL



On September 15, our worlds come together for the first annual Global Fest!

Join us as we celebrate cultures and community through international foods, music, art, and play.

SPREAD THE WORD

Like us on Facebook and share the event!

Follow us on Instagram and Twitter!

@globalfestindy

Visit www.globalfestindy.org

All proceeds to benefit CFI 70.

Have questions or an idea to represent your family's culture or ancestry?

Please contact

Anne Luther-Sander (317-413-6481) or

Laura Greene (317-675-6666)

globalfestindy@gmail.com

Save the Date for Day of Caring



Our Day of Caring will be here before you know it! You might remember that each year our congregation sets aside a Sunday morning to do worshipful work in the community, as God calls us to do. This year, **our Day of Caring is a couple of hours on Sunday, September 30, starting at 10 a.m.** We are already scheduled to do a work project with Hearts and Hands of Indiana and have the opportunity and people-power to do at least a couple more. Please contact Katie Marlowe at marlowekbd@sbcglobal.net or (317) 919-7999 if you have a project suggestion and/or are willing to lead a work team. Many hands make light (and fun) work!

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Bind our life as a congregation to the unifying power of the Holy Spirit. Teach us to be like-minded as we reach into our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Teach us how to minister to all who are around us. Teach us to be an example before others so they will be drawn into the Body of Christ.

*Bring honor and gratitude to the hearts of our congregation for all the things we have been blest with by you, O God.
AMEN*

This month we are not just thinking about it. We are focusing on praying and living it.

See You in Worship

Bob



FROM SESSION

✠ The session has approved **August 12** as the next congregational meeting. Please attend to vote on a final deacon nomination for the class of 2021.

✠ Christian education will be one focus of the upcoming officers retreat on **August 25**. Please share your thoughts, hopes, dreams and needs for Christian education and spiritual formation at First Meridian Heights with any deacon or elder in the coming weeks.

✠ Please stop by the nursery to say hello to Miranda, the new addition to our childcare and Christian education providers of Addie, Julie and Kat. You may also meet Miranda at Messy Church as she provides support and hospitality to children and families who join us on the second Wednesday of each month.

REPORT FROM YOUR PNC

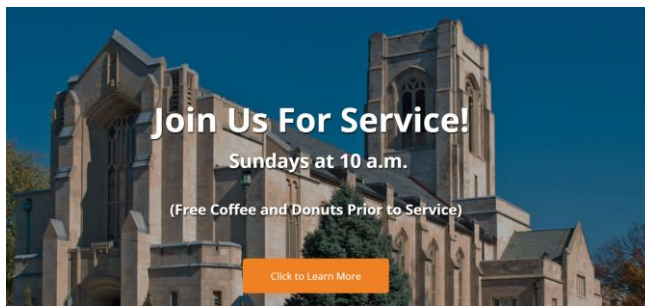
Your PNC wants to keep you updated on our progress in the search for our new pastor. We have been meeting almost weekly and have finally submitted our Ministry Information Form (MIF) to the Presbytery. We worked diligently to honestly represent our church and the pastor we seek using input from our future story. Our MIF was approved by session and the Committee on Ministry.

We just started receiving the Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) from prospective candidates who have been matched to us or have seen our MIF and have chosen to send their PIF to us. We now begin the process of discerning which candidates seem to be a good fit for us. We are all eager to start reading and discussing them. We pray constantly for the Holy Spirit's guidance, and we ask our church family to pray this for us, too.

Katie Marlowe, Bruce White, Emily Padgett, Emily Hancock, John Fox, Dave Hughey, Cynn timer Halsmer

Officers Retreat

Save the Date! Elders and Deacons will gather for a retreat on **Saturday, August 25**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Room. Join us for a day of new officer training, team building activities, planning for the future, prayerful discernment and more! Lunch will be provided. Please let Katie England (katieengland79@gmail.com) know by **August 15** if you will need childcare that day.



Our Website Has a New Look!

Our church website has a fresh look, thanks to Alexis Gonzales and her company, Clever Mouse Marketing. Our new website is interactive on all platforms – mobile, tablet, and desktop. If you haven't yet seen it, check it out at fmhpc.org. Thanks to the Communications Team for spearheading this project!

- Missed a service? Catch up with many of the previous sermons.
- Want to know what's going on in the life of the church? Access the links to our monthly newsletters.
- Feeling the spirit to serve? Sign up to help collect offering, serve communion, or to assist with one of our many committees.
- Remember to like and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#).

New Giving Options

In addition to the option of a Sunday plate offering, you can now give online and by text—and it's simple to do!

To get started, visit the ["Worship"](#) page on our website, and click on "Give." For online giving, click on the link under "Online." To set up phone/text giving, text the donation amount to the number provided, and follow the prompts.

Please call the church with any questions or if you need additional help.

GIVE



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 •Women of Grace, 7 to 8:30pm, Parlor	2	3 Memorial Service for Paul Newton, 1pm, Community Room & Sanctuary	4
5 •Coffee & Conversation on Scripture, 9am, Community Room •Communion Worship Service, 10am •Youth Group Mtg., 11 to 11:45am, Youth Room	6 •Buildings & Grounds Mtg., 4pm, Parlor •Mission Outreach Team Mtg., 6:30pm, Parlor	7	8 •Messy Church, 5:30 to 7pm, Community Room	9 •IA First Day of School	10	11 •Food Pantry, 8:45am
12 •Coffee & Conversation on Scripture, 9am, Community Room •Worship Service, 10am •Congregational Mtg. after Church •Deacons Mtg., 11:15am, Parlor •Youth Group Mtg., 11 to 11:45am, Youth Room	13 •Communications/Marketing Team Mtg., 5:30pm, Parlor •Finance Mtg., 7pm, Parlor	14	15 •Women of Grace, 7 to 8:30pm, Parlor	16	17	18
19 •Coffee & Conversation on Scripture, 9am, Community Room •Worship Service, 10am; •Youth Group Mtg., 11 to 11:45am, Youth Room	20 •Session Mtg., 7 to 9pm, Library	21 Indianapolis Council of Women, 10am to noon, Parlor	22 •Content Due for September Newsletter •Parkview First Day of School •Puppy Pillows, 9 to 11:30am, Community Room	23	24	25 •Food Pantry, 8:45am •Officers Retreat 9-3, Community Room •Boy Scouts Troop Start-of-Year Picnic & Recruiting Event, 10am to noon, Offsite
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Our Mission Statement:
To serve, love and grow in the ever-widening circle of Christ's grace.

Submission deadline for September newsletter is Wednesday, August 22. Please submit content to the church office at fmhpc@live.com.



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