



## December 2022

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

\*Both services are broadcast online.\*

### Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

2:00 p.m.

### SERMON SERIES December 2022

12.04.2022

#### O Christmas Tree

Esther 9:18-23



12.11.2022

#### The Nutcracker

Micah 5:2-5



12.18.2022

#### Christmas Cantata (9:30 a.m.)

#### A Mistletoe Kinda Day (11:15 a.m.)

Isaiah 2:1-5



12.24.2022

#### You Call This a Silent Night?

Luke 2:1-7, 8-15, 16-20



#### 12.25.2022 (10 a.m. service only)

#### Well, That Happened!

Psalm 98

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

This Advent we are holding a number of special events on Wednesday evenings. We kicked things off on November 30 with our annual Hanging of the Greens, but there's more to look forward to...

#### Warm Heart Movie Night!

December 7, 6:30 p.m. in the FLC

Bring a blanket or lawn chair for a screening of *It's a Wonderful Life*.

We'll have pizza, popcorn, and activities for kids.

#### All-Church Potluck

December 14, 6:30 p.m. in the FLC

Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy a meal with our Warm Heart Family.

#### Blue Christmas

December 21, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

On the darkest night of the year, we acknowledge that the Advent season may bring grief and sadness.

This service gives sacred space to these feelings and offers healing and hope.

And of course, don't forget to join us on Christmas Eve for our annual candle lighting services at 5, 7, and 11 (fear not, you don't have to come to all three).

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS DAY

On December 25 and January 1, both Sundays, we will offer just one service at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School during these services, but children's bulletins and crayons will be available.

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## NOVEMBER

### NEW MEMBERS:

**DEATHS:** *Please pray for the families of...*

Fred Franz  
Bob Alexander

### BAPTISMS:

## SERMON BY PHONE



If you can't join us in-person or watch online, you can always listen to our service over the phone. To hear the previous Sunday's sermon, you can call **208-214-4723** starting Tuesday morning until it is updated the following Tuesday. Having issues or have questions? Contact Jacob Walker by phone at **734-330-0577** or by email at [production@meridianumc.com](mailto:production@meridianumc.com).

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**Prayer & Praise Requests - [prayer@meridianumc.com](mailto:prayer@meridianumc.com)**

# MINISTRIES & NEWS

## PASTOR MIKE'S MUSINGS

I once heard about a young writer who went to the park to contemplate a serious problem. He was broke, with an uncertain income. He'd been engaged for four years, but was afraid to marry, due to his circumstances. And while he sat, he looked up into the trees and saw a squirrel jump from one high tree to another. It appeared to be aiming for a limb so far out of reach that the leap looked like suicide. But the squirrel continued to jump from tree to tree. On one jump, it missed, but landed safe and unconcerned on a lower branch, then climbed back up to its goal.

As the writer sat there watching this squirrel, he chuckled to himself that the squirrel has to risk it all if it doesn't want to spend its life in one tree. Then he thought, "A squirrel takes a chance...have I less nerve than a squirrel?"

The writer and his fiancée were married two weeks later. They scraped up enough money for passage across the Atlantic for adventure in their new life together. And every time he had a chance to risk a new venture or hang back and wait, the writer would remind himself, "Once there was a squirrel..."



At Christmas,  
we ponder Christ coming into the world.

At Christmas,  
we ponder the newness of life.

At Christmas,  
we ponder generosity and living abundantly.

At Christmas,  
we celebrate that from here on out,  
we get more light each day.

At Christmas,  
God took the risk of giving his best.

And we take the risk of believing  
in this miracle wrapped inside a baby.

May we find the child this season, and live the risky life of faith, love, life, adventure, charity, and benevolence.

See you in worship this Sunday!

Pastor Mike  
[pastormike@meridianumc.com](mailto:pastormike@meridianumc.com)

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Many thanks to all of the musicians who help make our Advent services so magical! On Nov 27, Susan Russell blessed us with several beautiful pieces on the flute. On Dec 4, we will be joined by the Syringa String Quartet. The lovely Kimberly Dunford will grace us with her harp on Dec 11. And on Dec 18, the Riverside Brass will join us at both services.

Thank you also to all the members of our worship team (which could include you!), our organist Kristine Ciulla, and the countless other members of our congregation who continually donate their time and talents to our worship.

There's a lot happening this Advent, and if you can't make it in person, don't forget you may still be able to join us online! Visit our YouTube page ([youtube.com/@MeridianUMC](https://youtube.com/@MeridianUMC)) or our website for live streaming of our 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service, as well as our Christmas and New Year's Day services. If you miss them, check back for recordings posted ASAP. You can also find individual videos of special musical offerings from our many talented musicians and singers!

**Christmas Caroling!** All are welcome to join the Warm Heart family in caroling for the "SING OF HIM" Interfaith food drive on Sunday, December 11, from 3 - 3:30 p.m. Caroling books will be provided, as well as hot cocoa and cookies. We will be singing and accepting food donations for the Meridian Food Bank. This event is sponsored by the City of Meridian and will take place at the Vertical View Climbing Gym.

**The Celebration Choir** is excited to be offering the Christmas cantata "The Promise of Light" at the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 18. We hope you will come celebrate with us as we lift our voices in joyful praise!

**The Rolling Tones Chime Choir** - Come join in the fun! Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday evenings in January.

**Angels Alive Choir** - Children age four through 5th grade are welcome to join us at 7 p.m on Wednesday evenings, just after Pioneer Club. These children sing, ring bells, and act out skits. During Advent, regular Wednesday night programming is on hold because of the Wednesday Night Lights events, but Pioneer Club and Angels Alive Choir will resume in January.

**Join the Worship Team!** The Warm Heart Worship Team is looking for someone to play bass with them a few Sundays per month AND looking for a keyboardist. And of course, we are always on the hunt for more singers. If you or someone you know may be interested in one of these roles, please contact Debbie Jones for more details.

Blessings,

Debbie Jones  
[worshiparts@meridianumc.com](mailto:worshiparts@meridianumc.com)

# MINISTRIES & NEWS

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Greetings Warm Heart Families,

It's finally here...Christmas season! What a joy it is for me to celebrate the birth of Christ with you and your amazing kiddos! We have some really fun events going on this month and I hope you'll be able to make it to some, or even all, of them!

On Wednesday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. we will be watching *It's a Wonderful Life* with our church family in the FLC. There will be pizza and popcorn and I'll have a table set up in the back with some crafts and coloring pages to help keep the kids engaged throughout the movie. On Sunday, December 11, our kids will be featured on screen during both services in a retelling of the nativity story, so make sure to invite your family! Here's a sneak preview:



Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m., we will have a church wide potluck which will be a great time to celebrate and get to know your church family a little better. On Friday, December 16, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., your kids won't want to miss our Gingerbread Bash! We'll have dinner and the kids will have fun learning and singing about Jesus while making their own gingerbread nativity! (Please RSVP by Wednesday 12/14.) Finally, Sunday, December 18, our Christmas Cantata will be held during first service. There will be no Sunday school during first service so kids can attend this beautiful event. We will have children's bulletins and crayons available, and there will be Sunday school during the second service. I can't wait to celebrate this wonderful season with you, and I hope you and your family have a blessed holiday!

In His Service,

Cassie Collins  
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P.S. Children's programming will be paused for Christmas break through the New Year. There will be one service at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and there will be children's bulletins and crayons available.)

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

Merry Advent and Happy Christmas, everyone! I hope you all make time to enjoy each other's company this month as we remember the gift of Christ's birth and look forward to his coming again.

This year, all our normal Wednesday night programming is being put on hold during Advent in favor of some special all-church events. Middle School Youth Group will return in the new year! In the meantime, I hope you'll consider bringing the whole family to our Wednesday Night Lights events – we've even included dinner since we know the season is busy!

High School Youth Group wraps up our Alpha Youth class on December 4. Thank you to the high schoolers and helpers who came out each week and contributed to some fascinating discussions!

Two combined (all-youth) events this month to look forward to:

December 11 – Christmas Party! We'll have a baked mac and cheese party with a white elephant gift exchange. Meet in the FLC, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., and bring a \$7-10 wrapped gift.

December 28 – Winter Break Body Body Night! If you're in town, come out and play Body Body with your youth group friends. It's our favorite summer game, but difficult to play during the school year because of scheduling. Let's take advantage of the winter break schedule and have some fun!

With joy,

Nicole Walker  
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Alpha Youth Retreat!

# MINISTRIES & NEWS

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

I know all of the current viruses we are dealing with can be overwhelming and it's hard to know how to stay healthy. RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious, especially for older adults, infants, and small children. According to the CDC, the most important thing we can all do is stay home when we are sick (our online service is awesome and you can even chat with our hosts!).

But there are other steps you can take to help prevent the spread of RSV. If you have cold-like symptoms you should...

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your upper shirt sleeve, not your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid close contact with others, such as kissing, shaking hands, and sharing cups and eating utensils.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs and mobile devices.

Ideally, people with cold-like symptoms should not interact with children at high risk for severe RSV disease. If this is not possible, they should carefully follow the prevention steps mentioned above and wash their hands before interacting with such children. Let's all make sure we do our part to keep our friends, family, and neighbors safe!

Blessings and good health,

Lisa Miller  
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## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief is a wilderness; we need to reach out to discover comfort and support.



A grief support group will be starting on Monday, January 9th, at 2 p.m. in the Pastor's Parlor. It will be a small group to help one another through a very difficult time. If interested, please contact Faye Gabriel or Lisa Miller.



## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Consistent monitoring and early detection are important steps to maintaining a healthy heart!

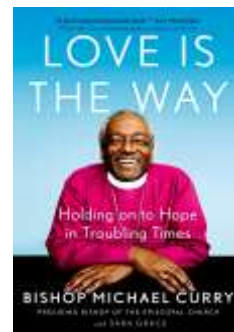
Starting December 18th, and every third Sunday of the month afterward, you can get your blood pressure checked between the services in Lisa's office.

## ADULT MINISTRIES

Greetings Church Family!

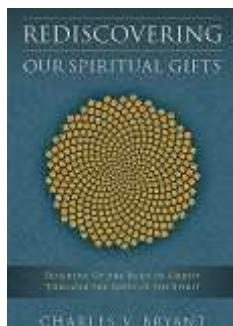
I pray that you are doing well. There's been much going on at church within the last month. We recently finished a Spiritual Formation study that included a walking labyrinth in the FLC. We had about 30 participants! It was a wonderful experience for all, and we hope to be able to provide this opportunity again in the future. As we begin the Advent Season, I pray that you will be surrounded by the warmth and joy of the season! I hope you will join us for the Advent Study and our upcoming Wednesday night activities.

Speaking of studies, I invite you to join us for a six-week study of the book *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry. Walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, and learn to put faith into action.



As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Much of the world met Bishop Curry when he delivered his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle. Here, he expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love Is the Way* shows us how America came this far and, more important, how to go a whole lot further.

The way of love is essential for addressing the challenges facing the world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, competing claims to speak for God. This book will lead readers to discover the gifts they need in order to live the way of love: deep reservoirs of hope and resilience, simple wisdom, the discipline of nonviolence, and unshakable regard for human dignity.



And finally, we have an upcoming Spiritual Gifts study in the new year. This six-week class is designed to introduce us to the spiritual gifts God handpicks for each of us. It is designed to help us learn who we are in God's eyes, understand ourselves better, and refine our interactions with others.

We will meet in the FLC at 10 a.m. on Monday mornings, Jan 9 - Feb 27.

Blessings,

Pastor Jen  
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# NEWS & MORE

## FINANCIAL NEWS

When I spoke to the congregation on November 20, I promised a detailed summary of where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going. Delivering on that promise, I start pre-pandemic.

### Where We Have Been

In early 2020, our finance team was feeling great. We had ended 2020 with a surplus of almost \$27,000. We had adopted the 2020 budget with a small increase of 3.28%. In addition to covering our operating expenses, our generous members had donated more than \$200,000 towards education scholarships, youth mission trips, camperships, our Good Samaritan fund, capital improvements, UMCOR, turkey baskets, the Crop Walk, and many other projects. Our attendance was averaging 425 each Sunday (255 at 9:30 a.m., 144 at 11:15 a.m., and 26 online). Our offerings for the previous year totaled \$790,000. Life was good.

Then COVID-19 hit. We all remember our shock and disbelief as the world – and our church! – shut down, and our weariness and heartache as important health safety measures stretched on over months and past a year. All of us, from infants to elders, felt our world change drastically. Of course, the Church of the Warm Heart changed as well.

First, some blessings. Before the pandemic, we had begun to expand our online capabilities, and the shutdown naturally pushed us to expand our capabilities. Members stepped up to cover new costs; Debbie and the rest of the ministry staff were totally innovative. We all looked forward to what surprises we would see on Sunday morning. We were also able to update our sanctuary with new carpet and pews, improve the safety and look of the sanctuary platform, and complete some major repairs to the roof and Family Life Center. All these renovations were done without interrupting weekly services.

Along with these blessings, though, there were some deep challenges. Our morale kept finding new lows to hit. Gifts to the church continued, MINISTRY continued, but the pace was different. We were thankfully able to keep our staff, in part because of a loan from the government that was eventually forgiven. But without the ability to interact and host in-person children and youth programming, we didn't know what would happen when things "returned to normal." Would our people come back? Some members went into assisted living facilities, some moved out of the area, and some, unfortunately, died. Through all our doubts and insecurities, we prayed, and God led us to today, where we can see the light at the end of the long pandemic tunnel.

### Where We Are Today

As I am writing this article, our financial situation is not good. At the end of October, we were in the red almost \$82,000. A year-end appeal letter will be arriving in your mailbox soon, if it hasn't already. Historically, we have finished each year very strong because of extra gifts. I can only hope and pray that is the case in 2022. In the last three years, our end-of-October deficits have been \$50,000, \$66,000 and now \$82,000. Once again, we must rely on extra gifts to make up the deficit.

Our tithes and offerings are down, which is to be expected due to many factors. Two that immediately come to mind are inflation and pandemic-inspired lifestyle changes. But the greatest reason by far is the loss of familiar faces. Currently, we are averaging 132 in attendance at the 9:30 a.m. service and 56 at 11:15 a.m. Our online services get roughly 200 views over the course of a week. The online viewing number is encouraging, but this group tends to not give very much. In 2019, we had 353 "giving units," or households, making contributions. While there was always some fluctuation, we could count on this core group of donors when it came to budgeting. This number has decreased steadily until now we can only count on 258 giving units. To lose almost 100 faithful givers is a tough obstacle to overcome.

I mentioned budget time, and it is upon us. We practice faith-based budgeting here at MUMC. Our ministers, departments, and committees tell us what they need to run their programs. These requests are reviewed and approved by the finance committee and forwarded to the Administrative Council for final approval. The easiest way to explain our budget is to break it down into the four categories to the right:

1. Personnel: 71%
2. Property/Maintenance: 11%
3. Shared Ministries: 9%
4. Local Ministries and Programs: 9%

Salaries and wages are a fixed number; property maintenance is a varying necessity. The Conference sets our required Shared Ministries amount based on our budget. Not much room to wiggle. To sum it up, we need to cut staff or programs, find a magical way to reduce our spending, or increase our tithes and offerings if we desire to operate as we have been.

### Where We Go From Here

The pandemic shutdown reminded us that we are largely a social congregation. We love to hug each other, we love to interact, we love our fellowship time, and we're happiest when we're together. Others of us found the opportunity of online worship fulfilling and relaxing. Both are okay! Life is full of changes and adaptations, and the Church of the Warm Heart will continue to adjust to new situations. Soon, we will lose parking spaces as downtown Meridian continues to grow. Currently, more than 300 housing units are being built within walking distance of our sanctuary: what an opportunity! We are a sincere and welcoming church community, and I long for and look forward to the days when our buildings are full again.

If you feel as I do, please do everything in your power to increase our financial and attendance numbers. Working together with common goals and God's help, we can do anything! Please continue to pray for our church, and may God continue to bless us in all our endeavors. If you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact me.

- Don Brister

# NEWS & MORE

## THE BOOK NOOK

By Claudia Moberly



District Superintendent Karen Hernandez met with the Administrative Council in November to discuss the United Methodist Church's ongoing efforts to become an anti-racist force in the world. "Anti-racism" is a proactive practice of actively identifying and opposing racism, seeking ways to change policies, beliefs, and behaviors.

Protests, court decisions, and acts of violence over the last few years demonstrate we haven't "arrived" as a nation yet, but are we making progress? Are we facing this daunting task with

with knowledge and understanding? Are we willing to have difficult conversations in order to become more Christ-like, loving all, changing hearts, and transforming lives?

"So You Want to Talk About Race", by Ijeoma Oluo, offers readers a guide for having honest conversations about race and racism, about privilege and affirmative action, and about how racism has infected our nation's soul. To get better as a country, as United Methodists, and as individuals, we must know and understand one another in ways we haven't in the past. Information is a good starting point, and Oluo offers tough, blunt truths, but also a vision of hope and a call to action. This book, from the United Women in Faith Reading Program list, is a great tool to expand your thinking, your understanding, and your ability to move ahead in the very necessary work of bringing about racial equality.

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

By Dixie Jacky, UWFaith President

Come join us on December 10th in the FLC for our annual Christmas luncheon. The program will begin at 11 a.m., and will feature a performance by the Boise Choristers. To help us decorate, please bring along your favorite nativity scenes to use as centerpieces at the tables. We also ask that you bring a donation of individually packaged hygiene products for Mirror Image. Call the church office to RSVP so we can be sure to prepare enough food.



Pastor Jen will be leading our next United Women in Faith book study on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m., beginning January 9 and running for 6 weeks. We will be studying "Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times", by Bishop Michael Curry. Check Pastor Jen's article for more info!

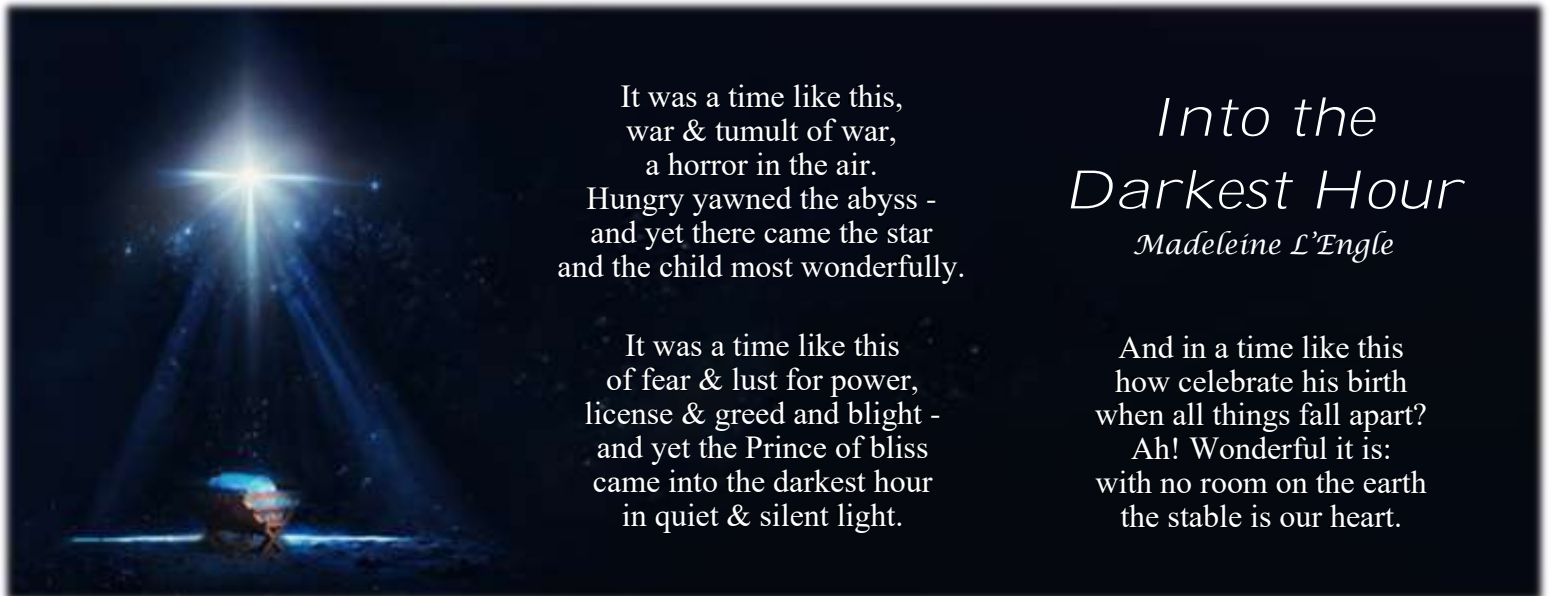


Save the date! On January 21 we will hold a Days for Girls Sewing project in the FLC, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Days for Girls is an organization that helps provide access to menstrual care and education around the world. More than

500 million people worldwide do not have the education and supplies necessary to manage their periods, leading to stigmatization, long-term health issues, and extended absenteeism from school and work. Our work will help provide much-needed hygiene kits to those in need around the world. Sewers and non-sewers alike can participate! Please call the church to let us know if you will be attending.

Blessings,

Dixie Jacky



It was a time like this,  
war & tumult of war,  
a horror in the air.  
Hungry yawned the abyss -  
and yet there came the star  
and the child most wonderfully.

It was a time like this  
of fear & lust for power,  
license & greed and blight -  
and yet the Prince of bliss  
came into the darkest hour  
in quiet & silent light.

*Into the  
Darkest Hour*

*Madeline L'Engle*

And in a time like this  
how celebrate his birth  
when all things fall apart?  
Ah! Wonderful it is:  
with no room on the earth  
the stable is our heart.



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## December Events to Celebrate!

**Please watch the E-Blast and Facebook for additional church events.**

- December 7 – *Movie Night (6:30 p.m. FLC)***
- December 10 – *UW Faith Luncheon (11 a.m. FLC)***
- December 14 – *All-Church Potluck (6:30 p.m. FLC)***
- December 18 – *Choir Christmas Cantata (9:30 a.m. service)***
- December 21 – *Blue Christmas Service (6:30 p.m.)***
- December 24 – *Christmas Eve Services (5, 7, & 11 p.m.)***
- December 25 – *Merry Christmas! (10 a.m. service only)***

January

NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE:

**Thursday,**

**December 22nd**

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at [cc@meridianumc.com](mailto:cc@meridianumc.com)  
or brought by the  
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