



Meridian United Methodist  
**Church of the  
Warm Heart**

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**January 4, 2026 - Traditional**

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**Prelude:** *Good Christian Men Rejoice* ..... Piano quartet

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Meet & Greet**

**Opening Hymns:** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (#218)

*In the Bleak Midwinter* (#221)

**Affirmation of Faith:** Affirmation from I Corinthians & Colossians #888

**Children's Time**

Sunday school for ages 4 & 5 downstairs in nursery; grades 1-5 upstairs in Ark

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** *We Three Kings* (#254)

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12, 16

**Message:** A Dangerous Game ..... Pastor Mike Benischek

**Holy Communion**

**Offertory:** *Pachelbel's Canon* ..... Kristine, Daniel, & Peter Cuilla

**Doxology & Prayer**

**Closing Hymn:** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (#251)

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** *The Birthday of a King* ..... Piano/Organ duet

*Have a blessed week!*

Special thanks to....

**Worship Leader:** Kim Thompson

**Sunday School teacher:** Nicole Walker

**A/V Volunteers:** Heather Calkins, Daniel Cuilla, Whitney Miller, Dennis & Claudia Moberly, Dave Murphy, Shane Ostermeier, Ian Perry, Ron & Margaret Pridmore, Dan Pruett, Bonnie Raper, Gerry Skiver

**Ushers:** Leo Puga, Gary Himes, Don & Diane Brister



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**January 4, 2026 - Contemporary**

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**Prelude:** *Peace*

**Welcome**

**Congregational Songs:** *We Three Kings (We're Not Lost)*

*Away in a Manger (Our Humble King)*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Meet & Greet**

**Children's Time**

Sunday School for grades K-5 downstairs in nursery

**Offertory**

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12, 16

**Message:** A Dangerous Game ..... Pastor Mike Benischek

**Holy Communion**

**Closing Song:** *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Have a blessed week!*

**Special thanks to....**

**Scripture Reader:** Joe Buckles

**Sunday School teacher:** Jessie Layton, in nursery downstairs

**Worship Team:** Stephanie Benischek, Cadence Etheridge, Amanda Evans, Joe Haacke, Charlie Jones, Bonnie Jow, Chris Kaetzel, Deb Kaetzel, Karin Kinkade, Bill Manning, Trina Moore, Gabe Sandvik, Misty Spears & Coy Wood

**A/V Volunteers:** Heather Calkins, Daniel Ciulla, Whitney Miller, Dennis & Claudia Moberly, Dave Murphy, Shane Ostermeier, Ron & Margaret Pridmore, Dan Pruett, Bonnie Raper, Gerry Skiver

**Greeters:** Morris & Caroline Huffman



# Days for Girls



**Saturday, January 10th, 10am**

Join us as we gather to sew hygiene kits for the Days For Girls project. Everyone can help; regardless of your sewing skills, there will be a job you can do! The newsletter has details about donations and materials needed; please call the church office to let us know if you'll be in attendance



## New Ladies Study

**Mondays at 6:30 on ZOOM**

On January 12th our online Ladies Study is starting a new book, "He Loves Me!" by Wayne Jacobsen. Sign up with Lisa Miller to get the ZOOM link.



## We're Back!

After a joyous holiday break, our regular programming starts back this week. Now is a great time to join!

- Tuesday Bible Study at 2:00
- Bible Builders, Wed at 6:00
- Youth Group, Sundays at 6:00
- Music rehearsals, Thursdays



## Parents Night Out

**Friday, Jan 9th, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Drop the kids off at the church for an evening of fun (dinner provided) and take some time for yourselves! RSVP with Nicole Walker.



## New Member Class

We will be holding a new members class on Sunday, February 1st at 12:30 p.m. A pizza lunch will be provided! RSVP with Lisa Miller at

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