

### September 1, 2017



### Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day

This weekend as we squeeze in the last dip in the pool and gather with family and friends to bid farewell to summer, let us pause to pay tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. God bless and have wonderful holiday weekend!

**Note:** The church office will be closed on Monday in observance of the holiday.



#### **Sermon Series**

This Sunday, Pastor Jeff will kick off a new sermon series "The Will of God" where we'll explore how God's will works in our lives and how to discern what God's will is. Join us for the first sermon of the 4-week series, "God's Intentional Will."

If you missed last week's sermon, link <u>HERE</u> to listen online!



## **Communion Offering Benefits Native American Ministries**

This Sunday is Native American Ministries Sunday, one of The United Methodist Church's six church-wide Special Sundays with offerings. 250 years ago, John and Charles Wesley came from England to work as missionaries with the Native Americans. When they returned to England, they

planted and nurtured a seed for Native American ministry that eventually turned into what we celebrate today.

On Native American Ministries Sunday, we recognize and support the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to the church and the community. Your generous gift today will help nurture ministries that serve more than 20,000 Native Americans and provide scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians. All contributions today make a big difference by helping congregations share the love and hope of Jesus Christ.

# UMCOR Help Support UMCOR's Response to Hurricane Harvey

By now, we have all seen the horrific images of Hurricane Harvey's destructive path through Houston, Southeast Texas, and Southwest Louisiana, as it produced record-shattering rains and flooding in some communities. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams to provide relief to the many people whose lives have been impacted by the storm. Special offering baskets will be available during today's communion offering to help support these efforts. Please make your check payable to IRUMC with "UMCOR" in the memo. UMCOR is also suggesting the following FIVE ways you can help:

- 1. Pray for those whose lives have been impacted by Harvey, for the early response teams, disaster coordinators, and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief.
- 2. Make relief kits. If you are interested in leading this effort at Indian Run (or would like to help), mark your Connection Card or contact the church office. Link to directions at umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies.
- 3. Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts. As stated above, you can donate today in the special offering or online at umcor.org/donate (U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670).
- 4. Donate only those items requested. To keep relief supplies in stock, give to Material Resources Advance #901440 at umcor.org/donate.
- 5. Wait for an invitation to volunteer.

# Sign Up Today for 2017-18 Connection Groups!

If you and your family are looking for ways to meet new people, strengthen your faith, find support and grow your relationship with Christ, connection groups at Indian Run are the perfect way to "get connected". A connection group is a group of people who meet together regularly in a convenient location to grow in their faith and commitment to God, build caring relationships and foster mutual ministry among the church family through authentic Christian fellowship. You may commonly refer to these as small groups, bible studies, study groups, support groups, etc. But, no matter what you call them, connection groups have the goal of CONNECTING people of all ages to grow love and follow the way of Jesus! Link www.indianrun.org/connect to explore the current group offerings and to sign up online. You can also stop by the tables in the Narthex to sign up or ask questions. There is truly something for everyone - men, women, students, mornings, evenings, and every day of the week! Be sure to extend an invitation to your friends as well. You don't need to be an Indian Run member to participate. New groups are forming all the time, and signups are ongoing, so check back often to see where you and your family might "plug in" and get connected! Not sure what group is best for you or your family? Contact Lisa Cotter, Director of Welcoming & Connecting Ministries, by e-mail at lcotter@indianrun.org, by phone at 614-889-7728 or mark your connection card on Sunday and she will be happy to assist you.

# **Seeking Confirmation Mentors - Training on 9/6**

We are expecting a large group of 7th & 8th grade students coming through confirmation this year and your help is needed! Are you an adult who is part of this church community and willing INFOR to share your journey and experience with students? Are you willing to listen to students as they explore their faith journey? Can you say, "I don't know the answer, but we can search for that

together"? This school year, can you volunteer for approximately twenty 30-minute brunch fellowship times, in between services, to share an experience that will impact the future of the Church forever. Contact Nick Mastin, Youth Pastor at <a href="mailto:nmastin@indianrun.org">nmastin@indianrun.org</a> or 209-620-3909 with questions and to sign up to become a confirmation mentor. NOTE: Confirmation Mentor Training is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6 at 6pm in Room 203.



### New *GriefShare* Support Group Session Begins 9/6

GriefShare is a support group for those who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend. This group meets weekly to walk with you on the path through grief toward healing and hope for the future. *GriefShare* is a non-denominational, 13-week program featuring biblical concepts for healing and is led by friendly, caring people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process

alone. Indian Run's next session of *GriefShare* will begin on September 6 through December 6 from 7 - 8:30pm in the Resource Room each Wednesday evening (class will meet the evening before Thanksgiving on 11/22, but will not present new material). This group, led by Alice Gulker and Darlene Pape will be a source of encouragement, education, and support. Contact Alice at aqulker@indianrun.org or call the office at 614-889-7728 ext. 102 for questions and registration. For General information about *GriefShare*, go to www.griefshare.org.

# Celebration Ringers Begin Rehearsals on 9/7

Indian Run's handbell choir, the Celebration Ringers will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 7 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in joining this dynamic musical group that has a great time learning and being in fellowship together, please feel free to join us as we begin preparing for the fall church season. The more, the merrier! Contact Cathy Linch, Handbell

Director at calinch914@gmail.com or 740-815-2546.



Capella Choir Welcomes Singers...Rehearsals Begin 9/7
Would you like to share your musical talents in worship? The Cappella Choir welcomes all singers from high school students through adults to make a joyful noise during the 9:30am Traditional

Service. Weekly rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:30-8:45pm in the Sanctuary. Come enjoy fellowship together as we praise God through song! Contact Amy Chivington at achivington@otterbein.edu to learn more.



### Parents' Night Out Scheduled for 9/8

Wish you could enjoy a special evening out and not have to worry about finding a babysitter, go shopping without your kiddos begging to throw things in the cart, or maybe just enjoy a quiet evening at home? *WE CAN HELP!* Indian Run Children's Ministry is hosting a Parents' Night Out on Friday, September 8 from 6:00 to 8:30pm for children 6 weeks to 5th grade from our

congregation. Enjoy a little time to yourselves, while your kiddos have fun in a safe, supervised environment. Children will enjoy a kid-friendly dinner (chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, and fruit), games, and lots of fun playing with their teen babysitters with adult supervision. Drop off begins at 6:00pm with check-in at the Welcome Center. Pick up any time before 8:30pm in Fellowship Hall. A love offering will be accepted to help cover the costs of the evening, and additional proceeds will benefit future family events. Sign up online at goo.gl/71xrcV before 5pm on Wednesday, 8/6. Space is limited, so don't delay! Please contact Amy Catanella at acatanella@indianrun.org with questions or if you would like to volunteer to serve at this event.



#### Fall Kick-Off on 9/10...Exciting Programs for Our Kids!

Mark your calendars for our Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, September 10! This special day will mean exciting things for the children and youth of Indian Run with many of our friends "moving up" to the next class level as they begin a new school year. We are also excited to announce a new Sunday morning program for our "tweens." See below for more details:

**NURSERY CARE:** Ages 6 week to 3 years - Parents can relax and enjoy the worship service knowing that our trained and experienced nursery staff is caring for their infants and toddlers.

**GRACE PLACE:** Sunday morning programming resumes during both services for children ages 3 - 4th grade, where they will experience God's word through our exciting Orange curriculum. This year's classes will be divided by Ages 3 & 4 (must be potty-trained), Age 5 & Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades and 3rd & 4th Grades.

**HIGHWAY 56:** NEW for our 5th & 6th Graders - Our "tweens" will now have a special class just for them using a version of our Orange curriculum for pre-teens! Children's and Youth Ministries are excited to team up to offer this new class at our 9:30am service. At 11am, this group is encouraged to worship together in the sanctuary.

**CONFIRMATION:** 7th & 8th Graders are encouraged to take the next step in their faith journey by participating in Confirmation during the 9:30am service. (10:30 to 11am - Confirmation Mentor Meet-Ups)

**EDGE:** 6th - 12th Grades - Middle School and High School students won't want to miss the kick off an EXCITING new year of youth group, which takes place most Sunday evenings.

- 4:00 5:30pm Middle School EDGE (6th 8th Grades)
- 5:30 6:00pm The Blend (Combined Snacks & Fellowship)
- 6:00 8:00pm High School EDGE (9th 12th Grades)

Questions? Contact Amy Catanella, Director of Children's Ministry at <a href="mailto:acatanella@indianrun.org">acatanella@indianrun.org</a>, Nick Mastin, Youth Pastor at nmastin@indianrun.org or the church office at 614-889-7728.



### **Interested in Confirmation?**

If you have a 7th-8th grade student interested in participating in Confirmation and did not attend last Sunday's Information Meeting, please contact our Youth Pastor, Nick Mastin at <a href="mailto:nmastin@indianrun.org">nmastin@indianrun.org</a> or 209-620-3909 to get your student signed up.



# **Weekly Grace Place Update**

Don't miss the opportunity to talk with your child about what they are learning this week in Grace Place...

#### **PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**

**September Theme:** Super Kids...God Is Always With Me! - Link for a video preview

Basic Truth: God loves me.

**Bottom Line:** God is always with me. **Key Question:** Who is always with you?

**Memory Verse:** Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with

you. Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV

**Bible Story Focus:** When God is with me, I can be brave. - Elijah and the Fire \* 1 Kings 18:1-39

#### **ELEMENTARY**

**September Theme:** Lunch Room...Make Space at the Table - <u>Link for a video preview</u>

**Memory Verse:** A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes. Proverbs 17:17 NIRV **Key Question:** What makes someone a good friend? At this phase in their life, kids are starting to experience the ups and downs of friendship. That's why we start with a foundational question to help them wrestle with what God says about having strong friendships with others. If they can recognize the qualities God desires for friendship, they'll not only choose friends who exhibit those, but hopefully will put them into practice for themselves.

We start the month with something Jesus said in John 13:34, I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you, (NIrV). Along with that, we'll take a look at one of the most famous friendships in the entire Bible: David and Jonathan. These guys went through a lot together. From making a promise to help each other to escape the dangers of Jonathan's own father, King Saul, they showed us exactly what it meant for friends to love each other.

**Bottom Line:** Friends love one another. Loving our friends often means putting aside what we want to give our friends what they need. We pray that kids will learn how they can show love to their friends in everyday situations at home and school.

#### **REMEMBER**

Next week is Fall Kick-Off which means many of our friends will "move up" to the next class level based on their grade for the new school year. And we are really excited to offer a BRAND-NEW class during the first service for our 5th and 6th graders. See above for more details.

Contact Amy Catanella at 614-889-7728, ext. 105 or acatanella@indianrun.org with questions or to volunteer.



### 👺 Help Earn Free \$ for Indian Run!

Kroger Community Rewards is FREE MONEY for future family events at Indian Run and all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! It just takes a couple of minutes to link your card, so Indian Run benefits. Enroll or re-enroll today by following the easy instructions

below:

To re-enroll your card, simply go to <a href="www.krogercommunityrewards.com">www.krogercommunityrewards.com</a>. \* Click "sign-in" \* Put in your email address and password that was originally used to enroll your card. \* Put in the group number (#81342) or part of the name of the organization. \* Choose the correct organization. \* Click Enroll. If you are having an issue with your password and or email address, please call 1-800-KROGERS, press 5 for customer service, press 5 to speak to a customer service representative.

If it's the first time you are registering, you will need to set up your account first. \* To enroll your card, simply go to <a href="www.krogercommunityrewards.com">www.krogercommunityrewards.com</a>. \* Click "create an account" \* Put in your email address and password. Confirm your password \* Enter plus card OR alt ID number \* Go to Community Rewards (near bottom) \* Follow through the steps. (Name, address, etc.) \* Put in the group number (#81342) or part of the name of the organization. \* Choose the correct organization. \* Click Enroll.



### Did you find a set of keys?

A set of keys were left on a clipboard in a cupboard in Room 106 earlier this week. If you found them, please return them to the church office as quickly as possible. Thank you!



#### Save the Date for VBS 2018

Grab your life vest and mark your calendar for VBS 2018 at Indian Run on June 11 - 15, 2018, where kids will experience the ride of a lifetime with God at ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE VBS. Hope to see you next summer!

#### **Spots Still Available for 2017-18 School Year**

Indian Run's Parents' Morning Out Program (PMO) and Indian Run Preschool both have openings for the upcoming school year. PMO is a faith-based program for children 24 to 36 months old on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning, Contact Jessica Aldin at ialdin@indianrun.org for

details. Indian Run Preschool is a fully-licensed, Christian play-based program for children age 3 to Kindergarten. Contact Julie Stroup at juliestroup@indianrun.org for details or to schedule a tour.



## **Roundabout Project Update...Phase 3 In Progress**

The Avery/Brand Road roundabout project is progressing! Here are the details for Phase 3:

- North of Brand Road: Avery Road is now closed in both directions for approximately 200 feet. Detour signs will direct traffic to use Glick Road to Muirfield Drive back to Brand Road or Avery Road.
- **South of Brand Road:** Northbound Avery Road will remain closed. Southbound Avery Road will open south of Brand Road. Drivers will be permitted to turn from Brand Road onto Avery Road to travel south. Only one lane will be open.

Phase 3 is expected to be in place for approximately six weeks, but the duration is dependent on weather and other factors. The schedule is subject to change.

Watch our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/IndianRun for real time updates as they become available. You can also link directly to https://goo.gl/Wz8fFN for updates from the City of Dublin.



### **Volunteers Needed for Habitat Project**

Through our partnership with Hilliard Adopt-A-House, our Habitat for Humanity project at 1641 Myrtle Avenue for the Byrant family is currently underway! Volunteer opportunities exist for Wednesday and Saturday. Work begins at 8:30am. With three Habitat houses being built close together, street parking might be challenging on Saturday. There is a church parking lot that is for Humanity" available across the street from our site. Volunteers will be limited to 18 and older. However, 16 and 17 year-old may accompany an adult but cannot operate power equipment. Please wear

good work shoes/boots on the site. Please let Larry know by Tuesday noon if you will be able to participate Wednesday and/or by Thursday noon for Saturday. If we need to cancel work activities due to weather, you can get an update at 614-422-4828 x7039. Water is provided. Please bring your Wednesday lunch. Lunch is provided on Saturdays. Link to goo.ql/cxRvLA to view photos of the construction progress. If construction is not your thing, contact Larry about helping to provide crew lunches. Contact Larry Hutchison at <u>lchutch@columbus.rr.com</u> or 614-973-9460 with questions or if you have an interest in helping with this project.

# **Urgent Needs for Our Friends at New Life**

We have received word from our friends at New Life that they are currently in **EXTREME** need of COMMUNITY OUTREACH Men's T-shirts and Golf Shirts in all sizes. Donations of towels, men's & women's deodorant and men's & women's socks are also requested. Please drop your donations in the bins in Fellowship Hall.

Reminder...You can also support the community outreach ministry at New Life by volunteering on Sunday mornings to prepare and serve breakfast, work in the clothing room, pack lunches, etc. The sign-up sheet is available on the Mission Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall or contact Alice Gulker at agulker@indianrun.org.

# **Upcoming Events**

(Link to the <u>Church Website</u> for additional information)

9/4 – Church Office Closed

9/6 - Confirmation Mentor Training GriefShare Session Begins

9/8 - Parents' Night Out

9/10 - Fall Kick-Off Sunday
Grace Place Promotion Sunday
EDGE Kick-Off Event

9/17 - 3rd Grade Bible Sunday