

#### September 29, 2017



# I'm IN Stewardship Campaign Kick Off

Dear friends,

This Sunday, we will kick off the 2018 I'm IN Annual Stewardship Campaign at Indian Run! What an exciting time for our congregation, as we live into our mission to GROW LOVE in ourselves, our families, our community, and the world so that more people will come to

know and follow the way of Jesus. During last year's campaign, we began to look at stewardship as more than just our annual tithe amount, and we again set aside the month of October to answer God's call to strengthen our commitment to "faithfully participate in the ministries of Indian Run by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness." By now, you should have received your 2018 Annual Commitment Form by mail. If you did not receive this mailing, you may link to <u>www.indianrun.org/ImIN</u> for details or contact the church office at <u>office@indianrun.org</u>. Please take time to carefully read through the information enclosed with the form and prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the ministries of Indian Run in 2018. Plan to bring your Annual Commitment Form to church with you to Commitment Sunday on October 29. (If you cannot be present that day, simply send your completed form to the church office anytime before October 29.)

Thank you in advance for joining with me in saying "I'm IN!" Just imagine the impact our church can make on God's Kingdom when we all say together, "I'm INdian Run!!!"

Following the way of Jesus alongside you, Jeff Allen

Lead Pastor



## **Sermon Series**

This Sunday, we'll kick off our annual stewardship campaign with a special sermon series -"I'm IN...Growing Love at Indian Run. The first sermon of the series will be "I'm INtentional...Growing Love Through Our Prayers".

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



## **Communion Offering Benefits World Communion Sunday**

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men-especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On Sunday, as Christians around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday, our communion offering will support scholarships for national and

international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. Your choice to give empowers a diverse mix of international and ethnic students for global impact for Christ. Thank you for your generosity.



# Trash Bag Donations Due THIS Sunday, 10/1

Indian Run is partnering with other local churches from the Capital Area North District to provide 100 supply buckets for flood relief for UMCOR's response to Hurricane Harvey. We have been tasked with collecting 100 rolls/boxes of trash bags. The specific size needed is 24-count, heavy-duty, 33 to 45-gallon bags. The church office is hearing that many area stores are sold out in 24-count boxes, due to so many folks collecting the items for the relief buckets. We have checked with organizers at the district office and have gotten permission to purchase boxes of larger quantities and volunteers will hand-count out the amount needed for

each bucket, but it is still very important to be sure that the bags are 33 to 45-gallon, heavy-duty trash bags. The packing party to put the buckets together will take place at Linworth UMC (7070 Bent Tree Blvd, Columbus) on Monday, October 2 at noon. The Dublin Scioto lacrosse team is helping with the packing, but extra hands are welcome if you feel called to help. Contact Michelle Liening at <u>turtlechel@columbus.rr.com</u> or Elaine Dickerson at <u>elaine.dickerson1@gmail.com</u> with questions.

Monetary donations for flood relief efforts are still being collected. Just make your check payable to IRUMC with "UMCOR" in the memo and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

# Don't Miss the Barnyard Bash THIS Sunday 10/1!

The Indian Run Congregation and Preschool are invited to enjoy an afternoon of FUN at the upcoming Barnyard Bash. Join your friends at Indian Run United Methodist Church THIS Sunday, October 1 from 2 to 4pm. There will be lots of exciting

barnyard activities: petting farm, face painting, fellowship with old and new friends, Kona Ice (shaved ice for \$4 to \$6) and plenty of snacks and drinks provided! A love offering will be accepted to cover expenses. No RSVP is necessary. Questions? Contact Amy Catanella, Director of Children's Ministries at <u>acatanella@indianrun.org</u> or Julie Stroup, Indian Run Preschool Director at <u>juliestroup@indianrun.org</u>. Hope to see you at the barnyard!



# **Operation Christmas Child Collection Kick-Off on 10/8**

The Operation Christmas Child (OCC) kick-off is right around the corner on Sunday, October 8. It's time once again to make a difference in a child's life. There are children all over the world that will not experience the magic of Christmas without your help. Share your calling to serve by showing a child the true meaning of Christmas by supporting this worthy cause. Please consider helping in any of the following ways: donating a shoe box wrapped in

Christmas paper (lid and bottom wrapped separately for easy filling), donating \$7 shipping for mailing cost of a box, donating gifts (school supplies, hair supplies, washcloth, soap, small toys (matchbox cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, and small balls), fishing line/fishing hooks, and small books. No candy, please.), your prayers for the child who receives the box, or any small item you think a girl or boy ages 2 - 14 would love to have for Christmas. Items will be collected through Sunday, November 12 and can be dropped off at the OCC table in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to save the date of Monday, November 13, when we'll hold our OCC Packing Party at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please contact Laura Hilton at <u>Ihilton@columbus.rr.com</u> or 614-592-1425.



# Annual Church Conference Scheduled for 10/8

Indian Run's annual Church Conference will be held shortly after our 11am worship service on Sunday, October 8. All members have voice and vote. 2018 officers will be elected, and other annual business will be conducted. Please mark your calendar!



# **Connection Point Membership Class Offered on 10/15**

If you're new to Indian Run and/or are interested in becoming a member, we'd like to invite you to participate in the upcoming Connection Point class on Sunday, October 15, from 12:15-2:30pm. A light lunch will be served. Connection Point is a great opportunity to learn more about our church and our denomination. Those who have completed the class are invited to join the membership of the church. Of course, whether you choose to join or not, you are

welcome to continue to worship and fellowship with us - membership is not a requirement to be a part of our community of faith! Those who choose to join the church will be received into membership on Sunday, October 29. To register for this class, contact Lisa Cotter at <u>lcotter@indianrun.org</u> or 614-889-7728. Childcare is available upon request.



## It's College Care Package Time!

It's time to send care packages to our church family away at college. To ensure that your son or daughter in college (and living away from home) receives a "care package" the Care Ministry Team ask that you please confirm your college student's address with the church office at <u>office@indianrun.org</u> or mark your Connection Card on Sunday. Even if you have

provided this information in the past, we would appreciate receiving it again. Deadline for submitting the information is **Friday, October 13**. Everyone is welcome to make donations to be included in the college care packages or a financial donation to help with the cost of mailing the packages. Donations could include; candy, gum, hot chocolate mix, snack bars, pens, pencils, post-its, knick-knacks, etc. For your planning, we will probably send out 35 packages. You can leave those donations in the church office, marked "College Care" by **Friday, October 20**. Thank you for your help!



## **Current Serving Opportunities at Indian Run**

Please prayerfully consider serving in the following areas. Mark your Connection Card on Sunday or contact the church office at <u>office@indianrun.org</u> with your interest.

- 1) Brunch Fellowship Team substitute or rotating schedule
- 2) Coffee Bar Team substitute or rotating schedule



## 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**

October Theme: Zig Zag Zone...God Can Help With Me! - <u>Link for a video preview</u> Basic Truth: God loves me. Bottom Line: God can help me. Key Question: Who can help you? Memory Verse: "We have the Lord our God to help us." 2 Chronicles 32:8, NLT Bible Story Focus: God can help me anywhere. David Protects the Sheep \* 1 Samuel 17:34-37

#### **ELEMENTARY & HIGHWAY 56**

October Theme: Use It or Lose It...Don't Waste What You've Got - Link for a video preview

**Memory Verse:** "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." Luke 16:10a, NIV **Key Question:** How can you treat everything like it belongs to God? It's hard for anyone to refocus how they think about their stuff. This is especially true for kids. We hope to guide kids through the process of realizing that what they have is a gift on loan to us from God. Because of that, how we take care of what we have matters. We want kids to walk away with a plan for how they will treat what they have like it belongs to God-because it does!

That's why we start the month with something David wrote in Psalm 24:1, The earth belongs to the Lord. And so does everything in it. The world belongs to him. And so do all those who live in it, (NIrV). What David wrote at the start of this Psalm is an important reminder. As we head into a month talking about stewardship,

we want kids to focus on the Creator and how everything big and small, seen and unseen, belongs to God. Bottom Line: Remember, everything belongs to the Lord. Kids have an easy time claiming what's theirs. One of the first words a child learns is "mine!" We want kids to understand that what they have is actually on loan to us. Remembering that everything belongs to God is the first step in choosing to use what we have wisely, because what we have belongs to God.

#### THANK YOU

Thanks to Doyle and Barb Clear for teaching Highway 56 and to Carrie Buss for shepherding our 3rd and 4th grades.

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

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

We have received word from our friends at New Life that they are currently in need of New Life COMMUNITY OUTREACH the following items for the homeless and working poor they serve:

- women's crew socks
- men's crew socks •
- deodorant •
- laundry detergent (both travel-size & full-size) •
- toothpaste & toothbrushes •
- toilet paper •
- bath towels & washcloths

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.



# Roundabout Project Update...Phase 3 In Progress

The Avery/Brand Road roundabout project continues with Phase 3! Southbound: Avery Road is 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. 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 for Humanity" that is 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.gl/cxRyLA 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 lchutch@columbus.rr.com with questions or if you have an interest in helping with this project.

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

10/1 - Barnyard Bash 10/8 - Annual Church Charge Conference 10/15 - Connection Point Membership Class