

November 17, 2017



Happy Thanksgiving!

As we head into Thanksgiving week, let us take time to give thanks for the many blessings our Lord has given to each of us. Many prayers for safe travels and wonderful time spent with family and friends!



Sermon Series

This week, our Youth Pastor, Nick Mastin will share the sermon "Surviving the Tough Stuff."

If you missed last week's sermon, link HERE to listen online!



I'm IN Stewardship Campaign Reminder

If you have not yet turned in your 2018 Commitment Form, please bring it on Sunday and drop it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office as soon as possible. All forms are due by Sunday, November 26. Link <u>HERE</u> if you need a new form or stop by the Welcome Center.



ALERT - Card Collection for Veterans Wraps Up on 11/19

New cards for the use of veterans and their families at the VA Facility in Cincinnati are needed by **THIS** Sunday, 11/19. Sorry for the rush, but it couldn't be avoided. New cards for Christmas, birthdays, illness, and any other "special" days are needed. Please place your card donations on the table by the Military Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. THANK YOU,

IRUMC! - Jane & Mike



Christmas Giving Tree Project Kicks Off THIS Sunday

This year's Christmas Giving Tree Project kicks off on Sunday, 11/19 when tags will first be available on the display boards located in Fellowship Hall. Each tag represents a gift request made by a person in our referral program. Help make someone's Christmas very happy by selecting a tag(s), purchasing the item(s), and returning the gift(s) back to the table. All

needed instructions and deadlines are on each tag. All items are due back to the table by 5pm on Friday, 12/8.

Also...save the date for the Soup & Serve event on Sunday, 12/10 at 12:15pm, when many hands will be needed to organize the donations for distribution.



Volunteers Needed for Hanging of the Greens on 11/26

All are invited to the annual 'Hanging of the Greens' Event on Sunday, November 26 immediately following the second service. Pizza and drinks will be provided for a quick lunch before we get into the holiday spirit and transform the church for the Advent Season. Many

hands make light work, so plan to join in the festivities. This is the perfect opportunity for everyone from youth to OWLS to have fun while they serve! Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center or by calling the church office at 614-889-7728.



Don't Miss the Pancake Breakfast for Haiti on 12/3

All are invited on Sunday, December 3, when the youth of Indian Run and our Haiti Mission Team will team up for a Pancake Breakfast between worship services at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall. The Haiti team needs to raise a total of \$13,000 for their mission to Les Cayes, Haiti in mid-January and is currently \$2,000 short of their goal. So come fill up on

some yummy pancakes and sausage and contribute a love offering to this awesome mission! Link <u>HERE</u> to invite your friends to attend via Facebook!



Annual OWLS Christmas Party Scheduled for 12/8

Don't miss the OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors) annual Christmas Party! Come enjoy good food, good friends, and good music on Friday, December 8 at 5pm at the home of Harry and Sylvia Miller (5975 Glenfinnan Court, Dublin). Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share. RSVP to Sue Weaver at 614-323-9045, contact the church office, or mark your Connection Card. Hope to see you there!



Child & Youth Speakers Needed for Christmas Eve

We are excited to celebrate the birth of our Savior and invite you to help! We need 26 child or youth speakers for our 5pm and 7pm Christmas Eve Services. These lines can be memorized or read from a script. This is not a play or performance where acting is involved. It will simply be reciting an easy line that will be given to them ahead of time, such

as "A is for Angels, appearing so bright, telling of Jesus that first Christmas night." If you have a child or a youth that is interested in helping us grow love by sharing the "ABC's of Christmas," please contact Amy Catanella at acatanella@indianrun.org or 614-889-7728, ext 105.



Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Parents' Night Out

We would like to give folks with children a little time on the evening of Friday, December 15 to finish up their Christmas shopping, have dinner out, or just have some time to themselves and need your help to provide this great opportunity.

If you would be interested in helping provide care for the children attending the event, please contact Amy Catanella, Director of Children's Ministry, at acatanella@indianrun.org or by calling 614-889-7728.



Thank You for Supporting the 2017 Harvest of Hope

Thank you to everyone who helped make our collection for the Dublin Food Pantry's Annual Harvest of Hope a big success! We are happy to report that due to the generosity of the Indian Run congregation, in partnership with other area congregations, our neighbors in need in the Dublin area will enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal. If you would still like to make a donation to the Dublin Food Pantry, please drop your check made payable to IRUMC with "Dublin Food Pantry" on the memo line in the offering plate or text "PANTRY" to 830-GRO-

LOVE. Any last minute food donations will be gladly accepted in the church office.



OCC Collection Big Success

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Operation Christmas Child collection such a success this year. Because of your generosity, 161 children will get to experience the excitement of receiving a gift this Christmas. Many thanks to everyone who help prepare the

boxes for shipping and a special thank you to Laura Hilton for your leadership. This mission project is a perfect example of how Indian Run is 'growing love' around the world, so that more people will know and follow the way of Jesus. Truly amazing job everyone!!

Thank You



A BIG thank you to everyone who came out last weekend for the Fall Clean-Up! Thanks to everyone's hard work, the church grounds are officially ready for winter.

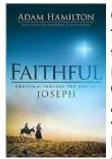


Haiti Mission Team Fundraising Continues

We are very excited to have a team of 16 in mission this year! Of those, 8 members of the team are first-time missionaries to Haiti! Please consider making a donation and praying for our team as they prepare for their trip in January, as we are still \$2000 from our fundraising goal! Stop by the fundraising board in the Narthex area featuring envelopes with dollar amounts and fun drawings for you to choose from. Please select one, two or more envelopes and contribute the amount listed. All contributions are tax deductible! Fill out the enclosed envelope, put in your donation and drop off in the offering plate or the church office. Checks

should be made payable to IRUMC with "Haiti" in the memo line. Donate online by linking to www.indianrun.org/give and select Haiti or simply text "HAITI" to 830-GRO-LOVE There is also a prayer card enclosed that tells you more about our team, our mission and how you can pray for the team and Haiti. This money not only helps the team get to Haiti and rebuild, but also helps to keep the Haitians employed. All of you make up the love, hands, and feet of Christ Jesus for this mission. Thanks for being a part of our team!

Indian Run's 2018 Haiti Mission Team will return to Les Cayes, Haiti on January 12-20, 2018! Members of the 16 member team are David Cockram, Sean Cotter, Alex Dean, John Dean, Amy Edwards, Claire Edwards, Will Fletcher, John Houpt, Greg Liening, Michelle Liening, Kelly Mohr, Joyce Oiler, Jeff Pettit, Molly Pettit, Josh Pittro, and Missy Pittro.



Group Studies for the Season of Advent Starting Soon

The following groups are kicking off Advent studies of the book "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph," by Adam Hamilton later this month. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity.

As you read this book, you will understand how Joseph's story is much like our own. In life, we encounter circumstances that we would never have chosen for ourselves. At times it can be tempting just to walk away. Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God

provides. Exchange your doubt for courage this Advent and Christmas season. Learn to accept and glorify God's will even when circumstances make it difficult to do so.

- Mosaic Mixed Adult Small Group Starting 11/19 at 9:30-10:30am on Sunday mornings
- Thursday Women's Bible Study Starting 11/23 at 10:00-11:30am on Thursday Mornings

Email Lisa Cotter at lectric licetter@indianrun.org, stop by the Welcome Desk or mark your Connection Card for questions.

Upcoming Youth Events in November

Attention Students...You won't want to miss these FUN events in the month of November!

11/19 - High School Murder Mystery Night - 6:00-8:00pm: Who did it? What did they do? Why did they do it? Join us for some humor, dinner, and mystery. Bring friends to share the laughs. The first table to solve the mystery wins a prize!!

Contact Nick for more information at 209-620-3909 or nmastin@indianrun.org.



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

November Theme: Recipe for Thanks...I can thank God for everything. - Link to video preview

Basic Truth: God made me.

Bottom Line: I can thank God for everything. **Key Question:** Who can you thank for everything? **Bottom Line:** I can thank God for everything.

Memory Verse: "I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1, ESV Bible Story Focus: I am thankful for people who help me. Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz * Ruth 1-2

ELEMENTARY & HIGHWAY 56

November Theme: reFocus...Know where to look! - Link to video preview

Key Question: What are creative ways to say thank you? Saying thank you doesn't have to feel like a chore. Kids will discover all sorts of fun ways they can show gratitude to the people in their life. We will take a look at a powerful story in Luke 17:11-19 about ten lepers who asked Jesus to be healed. But when their skin condition went away, they became so ecstatic about the miracle that they ran off and forgot to say, "thank you." All except for one who came back.

Bottom Line: Say thank you. We want kids to become the sort of people who take the time to go out of their way to show gratitude towards others.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Julie Johnson, Doyle Clear, Joely Johnson, and Kaitlyn Kessinger for giving their time to grow love in Grace Place last Sunday.

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



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 Wednesdays and Saturdays. Work begins at 8:30am. With three Habitat houses being built close together, street parking might be challenging on Saturday. There is a church for Humanity" parking lot 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 Ichutch@columbus.rr.com or 614-973-9460 with guestions or if you have an interest in helping with this project.

Upcoming Events

(Link to the Church Website for additional information)

11/17 - Advent Wreath Making Open House

11/19 - High School Murder Mystery Event

12/03 - Haiti Pancake Breakfast

12/10 - Soup & Serve Event