December 15, 2017



Sermon Series

This week, we'll celebrate the third week of Advent, and Pastor Jeff will share the sermon "The Wonder of Joseph" from our current series, "The Wonder of Christmas."

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



Card Shower for Alice Gulker

As you may have heard, our dear sister, Alice Gulker fell last week fracturing her pelvis. Sadly, it is a very difficult time for her as she faces a long, painful recovery. We are holding a card shower for Alice to help cheer her up and let her know that we are all sending our love and prayers! Cards can be dropped off at the Welcome Center on Sundays or to the

church office (6305 Brand Road, Dublin, OH 43016) and the office staff will make sure she receives them. We know hearing from her church family will brighten her days and let her know we love her! Deliveries of your well wishes will be scheduled every few days with her family to make sure that we are giving her plenty of time to rest and recover. Contact the church office at office@indianrun.org with any questions.



Attention Students...EDGE Christmas Parties This Sunday, 12/17

The Christmas parties for EDGE are scheduled for THIS Sunday, December 17 (Middle School at 4pm, High School at 6pm). Then youth programs will take a break for the holidays so that you can spend time adventuring with your families! Programs resume on January 7th. May you have a Merry Christmas; full of reminders of God's presence with us!



Order Your Christmas Poinsettias By 12/18

Orders for Christmas poinsettias are now being accepted! This is a wonderful way to honor a special teacher or volunteer leader and remember friends and loved ones, while helping to beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve services. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center. Your payment made payable to IRUMC with "poinsettias" in the memo line

may be dropped in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Purchasers are invited to pick up their poinsettia any time **after** the 11pm Christmas Eve Service. The deadline for orders is Monday, December 18.



Volunteer Photographers Needed on Christmas Eve

Volunteer photographers are needed to help take pictures at a special photo booth before and after each service on Christmas Eve. Anyone interested in helping should contact Wendy Marino at wmarino@indianrun.org for more details.



STILL NEEDED: Christmas Eve Child & Youth Speakers

Many volunteers are still needed to do readings at the 5pm and 7pm Christmas Eve services. Young readers through high school students are welcome! 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.



Upcoming Holiday Schedule

Please mark your calendars as appropriate for the upcoming holiday schedule to allow staff and volunteers to spend the holidays with their families:

12/22 - Office Closes at Noon - No Friday Hangout

12/24 - No Confirmation or EDGE - See special service schedule below.

12/26 - Office Closed

12/29 - No Friday Hangout

12/31 - No Confirmation or EDGE

1/1/2018 - Church Office Closed



Celebrate the Season at Indian Run

As we prepare for the birth of our Savior, we invite you to celebrate the season at Indian Run and encourage you to share the gift of Christ with your friends and loved ones by inviting them to worship with you!

Sunday, December 24

- 10am One Combined Worship Service
 - o Children's Programming & Nursery Care Available / Confirmation & EDGE on break
- Christmas Eve
 - o 5pm Family Service ABC's of Christmas featuring the Contemporary Praise Band
 - o 7pm Family Service ABC's of Christmas featuring the Contemporary Praise Band
 - o 9pm Traditional Candlelight Service featuring the Celebration Ringers & Carols
 - o 11pm Candles & Communion Service featuring Traditional Carols
 - Nursery Care Only at 5pm, 7pm, & 9pm.

Sunday, December 31

• We'll celebrate the last day of 2017 with our regular worship schedule and programming. Click HERE to invite friends & family via Facebook!



New Time for HS Youth Group Starting in January!

Students and parents have voted and High School Edge will be switching times! Starting January 7, it will run on Sundays from 7pm-9pm. If you are not receiving updates/notifications from us, text @edgehs to 81010 to sign up for our "Remind" messages. Middle School Edge will remain at 4pm-5:30pm with snacks from 5:30pm-6pm. Text @edgemidd to 81010 for updates and reminders about Middle School Youth

programs. Contact Nick Mastin at nmastin@indianrun.org with any questions.



New Year...New Connection Group Studies Starting!

If your New Year's resolutions include getting connected in a study group or bible study at Indian Run, we have several new studies beginning after the first of the year! Link to www.indianrun.org/connect for meeting times and to sign up online or contact Lisa Cotter,

Director of Welcoming & Connecting Ministries at lcotter@indianrun.org.

- 1/2/18 Parents with Young Children: Knowing the Bible Esther Study
- 1/3/18 Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Galatians
- 1/7/18 Wesley Class: Isaiah
- 1/10/18 Christian Book Club: A Time To Stand, By Robert Whitlow
- 1/17/18 Wednesday Afternoon Women's Study Group (Open Hearts): Between a Rock and a Grace Place Divine Surprises in the Tight Spots of Life, By Carol Kent
- 2/2/18 Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study: 2 Corinthians



Mitten Tree Collection for New Life Through 1/7/18

Help to "decorate" the special Mitten Tree next to the Welcome Center in the Narthex by bringing in gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves for adults and children who are guests at New Life Community Ministries. Your donations will help our neighbors in need to stay warm this winter. All donations are due by Sunday, January 7, 2018. Contact office@indianrun.org with any questions.



Many Praises for Your Support of the Giving Tree Project

What a blessing that we go to a church that strongly supports missions! This year's Christmas Giving Tree project was a great success with every gift provided by the generous donations of our church congregation. A special thank you to Kelly Aninao and Kathy Hull for your leadership on the projects and a shout out of praise to everyone who helped prep and

deliver the packages. Great job, Indian Run!



Serving Opportunities at Indian Run

Please prayerfully consider serving in the following areas.

- 1) Volunteer to help at TONIGHT'S Parents' Night Out (contact Amy asap at 614-889-7728 if you would like to help with childcare during tonight's event.)
- 2) Christmas Eve Volunteers:
 - Readers at 5pm 9 needed (early readers to high school age)
 - Readers at 7pm 6 needed (early readers to high school age)
 - Ushers at 7pm 2 needed
 - Usher at 11pm 1 needed
 - Greeters at 11pm 2 needed
 - Photography Helpers 8 needed
 - 3) Sunday, 12/31 Greeters at 11am 2 needed

Mark your Connection Card on Sunday or contact the church office at office@indianrun.org with your interest or to learn more.



Sign-Up Sheets for 2018 Altar Flowers Now Available

Altar flowers are the perfect way to honor loved ones or celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions! If you would like to donate an arrangement in honor, in celebration, or in memory, the sign-up sheets are available on the Community Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall, or you can contact Cindy at office@indianrun.org or 614-889-7728. The cost for the flowers is \$50, and you can take the flowers home any time after the 11am service.



Support Indian Run with Your Christmas Shopping

This Christmas Season, many of us will shop online to take the stress out of finding the perfect gifts for friends and loved ones. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient

shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. Simply link to https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1195560 before you start shopping and Indian Run will receive a portion of your purchase total! Please consider shopping on AmazonSmile this Christmas Season and throughout the year!!



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

December Theme: Special Delivery...God gave us Jesus. - Link to video preview

Basic Truth: God loves me. **Bottom Line:** God gave us Jesus.

Key Question: How do we know God loves us?

Memory Verse: "God has given a son to us." Isaiah 9:6, NCV

Bible Story Focus: The angels tell about Jesus. The Shepherds - Luke 2:8-20

ELEMENTARY & HIGHWAY 56

December Theme: The Big Give...Think outside the box. - Link to video preview

Key Question: What are some ways you can give this Christmas? By this time in the month, kids might know what gifts they are giving to others. This question isn't about the physical gifts kids can give, but the creative ways they can show generosity to others throughout the Christmas season.

We will take a look at important generosity principle Paul wrote to Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:18. Command the rich to do good. Tell them to be rich in doing good things. They must give freely. They must be willing to share, (NIrV). Paul knows that our wealth isn't based on how much we have but in what we do with it. **Bottom Line:** Look for creative ways to give. As we have gifts and giving on our minds, Christmas is a natural time to talk to kids about generosity. Often, they feel like they don't have anything to give. Thankfully, all of us can be rich in good deeds. We'll help kids discover how they can look around and discover all sorts of ways they can give to others with their time and talents.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the volunteers Kaitlyn Kessinger, Andrew Barker, Kristen Barker, and Julie Johnson for giving of their time to spend with the children 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-olds 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/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 or 614-973-9460 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)

12/15 - Parents' Night Out

12/22 - Church Office Closes at Noon

12/24 - 10am - Combined Sunday Morning Worship Service

5pm - Family Worship Service

7pm - Family Worship Service

9pm - Traditional Candlelight Service

11pm - Candlelight Communion Service

No Confirmation or EDGE

12/25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS! - Church Office Closed

12/31 - Regular Services - No Confirmation or EDGE

1/1/2018 - HAPPY NEW YEAR - Church Office Closed