

March 9, 2018



Remember to Spring Forward Tomorrow Before Bed!

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead by one hour before going to bed Saturday night, so you won't be late for church. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00am on Sunday, March 11.



Sermon Series

This Sunday, we'll continue our Lenten sermon series, "Hearing and Answering God's Call" when Pastor Jeff shares the sermon "Faith, Not Fear."

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



Special AmazonSmile Promo Starts 3/12

We are excited to tell you about a new AmazonSmile promotion that will launch this Monday. Amazon is tripling the donation amount to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible <u>smile.amazon.com</u> purchase starting Monday, March 12 through Saturday, March 31. This is a great opportunity to increase Indian Run's AmazonSmile donations by THREE TIMES when you do your regular online shopping at <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1195560</u>!



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 Nurture and Care Committee asks that you please confirm your college student's address with the church office. Even if you have provided this information in the past, we would appreciate

receiving it again. Send your information to <u>office@indianrun.org</u> or mark your Connection Card. The deadline for submitting address information is Sunday, April 8. Monetary donations to cover the cost of a small gift card for each package and the cost of postage can be dropped in the offering plate or to the church office. Please make checks payable to IRUMC with "College Care Packages" in the memo. All donations must be received by Sunday, April 8. Packages will be sent out to college students the following week. Contact Sue Weaver with questions at 614-323-9045.



Don't Wait...Order Easter Flowers Today

It's time to place your order for spring flowers to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Flowers can be purchased to simply help add beauty to the church, as we welcome guests to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ OR you can honor someone special and/or memorialize departed friends and family members. Those who choose will have their information listed in the Easter bulletin. Orders can be placed online at <u>goo.gl/ooEutJ</u> or you can pick up an order envelope at the Welcome Center. Please place your payment (made payable to IRUMC with "Easter Flowers" in the memo) inside the order envelope and place it

in the offering plate, drop it off at the church office, or you may pay online at <u>indianrun.org/give</u> or by texting "FLOWERS" to 830-GRO-LOVE. All orders must be received no later than Sunday, March 25. On Easter Sunday (at the conclusion of the 11am service), those that purchased flowers may choose from the variety of potted flowers available to take home with them. Please contact the church office at <u>office@indianrun.org</u> or 614-889-7728 with questions.



^{ek} Make Plans to Celebrate Holy Week at Indian Run

Invite your friends and family and plan to worship together at the following special services to celebrate Holy Week at Indian Run:

PALM SUNDAY - March 25: Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

9:30am - Traditional Worship 11:00am - Contemporary Worship (Regular Children's Programming / Children's Palm Processional)

MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 29: The Last Supper of Jesus and His disciples

7:00pm - Worship Service & Communion (Professional Nursery Care Available)

GOOD FRIDAY - March 30: The Crucifixion

7:00pm - Worship Service (Professional Nursery Care Available.)

EASTER SUNDAY - April 1: Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

9:30am - Traditional Worship

11:00am - Contemporary Worship

(Regular Children's Programming)

Link <u>HERE</u> to invite your Facebook friends and family to Holy Week Services. Link <u>HERE</u> to invite your Facebook friends and family to celebrate Easter Sunday at Indian Run!



EDGE "Bring a Friend" Laser Tag Event BIG Success!

Last Sunday, twenty-three of our students and their friends (6 of which have never previously attended an IRUMC youth event!) gathered to play laser tag and have a great time together at our "bring a friend" event. We thought you might like to have a sample of the conversation

that we had with students at the start of the event:

Considering the recent school shootings, who thinks it is strange that we are gathering together to play laser tag? At first, to me, it seemed a little odd. After all, we should not celebrate violence or do anything to encourage violent and destructive behavior. That is not who we are. But, the more I thought about it, the more my mind wandered to the role of the Church. We are called to be hope and light in the dark places. In fact, believers are called to take things that are ugly and work with the Maker to make them beautiful. Here, a group of us are gathered together, not to celebrate violence, but to use something that is designed to be a tool for enjoyment toward its intended purpose. In fact, if we do not use this tool, and all others at our disposal, to draw ourselves and people outside our youth groups closer together in fellowship and closer to God; then we are missing our calling. A call to find light and bring it into the darkness. Link to our Facebook page at goo.gl/KVyE1S to view a few photos from this FUN event!

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Spots Still Available in PMO & Preschool Programs

Spots are still available for the 2018-19 school year for the Parents' Morning Out (PMO) and the Indian Run Preschool. Parents' Morning Out is a faith-based program operated by Indian Run United Methodist Church for children 24 to 36 months old on Tuesday through Thursday mornings. Contact Jessica Aldin at jaldin@indianrun.org or visit www.indianrun.org/pmo for

more information. Indian Run Preschool is proud to offer a Christian and play-based program providing an exceptional learning experience for all children. Contact Julie Stroup at <u>juliestroup@indianrun.org</u> or visit <u>www.indianrunpreschool.org</u> for more information or to schedule a tour.



2017 Endowment Fund Annual Report Available

The Indian Run Endowment Fund affords members and friends the opportunity to make contributions that provide a permanent source of income that will ensure the physical and spiritual presence of the Church in our community. The Endowment is sometimes called a "living memorial" as donations are often made in memory of loved ones who have preceded

us, as well as to honor living persons whose actions glorify the Savior. Link to <u>goo.gl/Zm5dFW</u> to read the 2017 annual report of the Endowment Fund. Link to <u>goo.gl/aQa3HM</u> for the Endowment Response Card. Questions? Contact Tom Welch at <u>twelch1@columbus.rr.com</u>.



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

March Theme: Gone Fishin'...I Can Follow Jesus - <u>Link to video preview</u>
Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.
Bottom Line: I can follow Jesus
Key Question: Who can you follow?
Memory Verse: "Come and follow me,' Jesus said." - Matthew 4:19, NIV
Bible Story Focus: Jesus says, "Follow Me." - Andrew and Peter; John and James * Matthew 4:18-22

ELEMENTARY & HIGHWAY 56

March Theme: Jump Ball...Finding Peace in the Madness - Link to video preview

Key Question: How do you walk away from a fight? If you walk into a fifth-grade classroom, you'll start to discover that even if fists aren't flying, kids fight with each other. Walking away from a fight can be one of the hardest things a kid does because they feel like their entire reputation is at stake. We pray kids leave with a game plan for how they can make the wise choice and walk away from a fight.

Throughout Genesis 26, we find Abraham's son, Isaac, settles in his father's land and reopens some wells. When his new neighbors argue with him, he simply moves to a new place and digs new wells. Isaac had every right to fight for those wells, but he chose peace instead.

Bottom Line: Prove you care more about others by walking away from a fight. Sometimes creating peace with someone means walking away even if we're not wrong. Often it takes a stronger person to have the self-control to walk away.

THANK YOU

Sunday mornings wouldn't be as smooth as they are without the help of many faithful volunteers. We thank Michelle McKinney for committing her time in the nursery every other Sunday. Kaitlyn Kessinger is here every Sunday at the welcome desk and to help anywhere needed. We are so grateful for you both!

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

Upcoming Events

(Link to the <u>Church Website</u> a full calendar of events)

- 3/25 Palm Sunday Services at 9:30 & 11am
- 3/29 Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm
- 3/30 Good Friday Service at 7pm
- 4/1 Easter Sunday Services at 9:30 & 11am