

# DECEMBER 2017

## at Ingomar Church

A quick look at what's new and exciting this month for church friends and family

at a glance

### Are You Ready?

We spend weeks planning and preparing for Christmas: making lists, decorating, shopping, cleaning, visiting, celebrating. We do this at work, at home, at church. Sometimes it feels like a bit of a chore, to be honest.

But have you ever thought about this time of preparation as a gift? We GET to prepare. Because we know exactly what day Christmas is, we have the opportunity to get ready.

We ready our homes, our pantries, our wardrobes. Do we ready our hearts?

Advent is the season of preparation leading up to Christmas. And it's the perfect time for us to clean out our hearts and get them ready for Jesus.

Join us every Sunday morning as we look at ways we can prepare our own selves to receive the love and hope of Jesus this Christmas as never before. Then, join us for one of our four Christmas Eve services and learn how every heart can be a manger for the Lord!

*Because of Bethlehem  
Love is born—hope is here*

**Advent Message Series**

SUNDAY MORNINGS:  
December 3, 10, 17 (8:30 & 11)  
December 24 (9:30)

**Be an Angel  
this Christmas**

Details at  
[ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)

**Journey Through Grief  
Discussion Series**

Mondays - Dec. 11, Jan. 8,  
Feb. 12 and March 12

Contact Kelly Rupp, Wellness Coordinator  
412-364-3613

**Poinsettias**

**Order by December 13**  
Order forms at Information Centers  
& [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)

### December Worship Message Schedule

**December 3** (First Sunday of Advent)

8:30 and 11 Traditional	Pastor Dennis Henley	"God Has a Face"
11 Contemporary	Pastor David Streets	"God Has a Face"

**December 10** (Second Sunday of Advent)

8:30 and 11 Traditional	Pastor David Streets	"Worship Works Wonders"
11 Contemporary	Pastor Dennis Henley	"God Guides the Wise"

**December 17** (Third Sunday of Advent)

8:30 and 11 Traditional	Pastor Dennis Henley	"God Guides the Wise"
11 Contemporary	Pastor David Streets	"Worship Works Wonders"

**December 24** (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

ONE MORNING SERVICE (No Kids Place, Prime Time or Small Group/Class meetings this day)  
9:30am Reverend Susan Moudry "The Blessing of Belief"

**December 24 Christmas Eve Services**

4pm	Service for families with young children	"Every Heart a Manger"
7pm	Contemporary Service with Praise Band	
9pm	Traditional Service	
11pm	Traditional Service with Communion	

All services take place in the Sanctuary and include candlelight singing.

**Preschool Christmas Program  
December 19 & 20**

**CHRISTMAS EVE** DECEMBER 24TH

4pm—Family Service  
7pm—Contemporary Service with Praise Band  
9pm—Traditional Service  
11pm—Traditional Service with Communion

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# all-church MEETING

What Did I Miss?

On Wednesday, November 15, 120 people gathered to be reminded of our church's vision and direction and to hear ideas for adapting our buildings to meet our ministry needs. David McKnight of the McKnight Group presented a plan for expanding and renovating our worship center. The plan adds a new contemporary worship space connected to our current Sanctuary by a large open common gathering space. The plan includes renovating our lower level to create a larger and secure area for our kids ministry. New restrooms, nurseries and parking are also part of the plan. Our Community Life Center would retain its use as offices, youth space, gym and classrooms.

The proposed plan requires a zoning variance, which we are seeking from McCandless Township in January. Then additional discussions, meetings and revisions are anticipated, including a church member vote in early 2018 to proceed or not.

If you missed the meeting, you can get a meeting summary in the IConnect Files under My Church, at the Information Centers or at the church office.

## One-Time Giving

God gives us reason to be thankful every day through his constant love and care. As you are reminded to give thanks – whether it's "Thanksgiving Day," "Giving Tuesday," or "Christmas Day" – why not try making a one-time gift through our electronic giving options.

For information on electronic giving, contact Joyce or Chub at 412-364-3613 or visit [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org).

## Legacy Giving

Consider adding these words to your will. "After my bills are paid, I want 10 percent of my estate (a tithe) to go to Ingomar United Methodist Church." Your legal advisor can assist you.

## Making Life Better for Kids and Youth



### Attention Ingomar KIDS!

- The Kids on the Rock kids participated in their first mission in October and packed 26 boxes for Operation Christmas Child!
- No Prime Time or Kids Place on December 24. Nursery only during 9:30am, 4pm & 7pm Christmas Eve services.
- Family Christmas Eve Service will be at 4pm on Christmas Eve. If you would like your child to participate in the service, sign up on the Ingomar KIDS website.
- No Kids on the Rock on December 27



**Middle School Christmas Party** 5-7pm  
December 17: Youth Room, Dinner and festivities

**High School Christmas Party** 6:30-8:30pm  
December 17: Location TBA, Dinner and fun

**Retreat Registration is open until December 15.**

### Believe Middle School Retreat

February 16 – February 18  
The conference is at BB&T Arena.

### Planet Wisdom High School Retreat

Limit of 28 student spots  
March 2 – March 4  
The conference is at Hyton Memorial Chapel.

**More retreat info at [ingomarchurch.org/youth](http://ingomarchurch.org/youth)**

**No Youth Group December 24 / 31  
Youth Group resumes January 7, 2018**

## Some Seasonal Care by our Wellness Ministry!

### Christmas Stockings for Seniors

We're honoring our beloved long-time members by delivering Christmas Stockings in December! To participate, contact Kelly Rupp.

### Journey Through Grief Discussion Series

First of 4-part series begins  
Monday, December 11, 6:30 – 8:00pm  
"Handling the Holidays"

The weight of grief can feel particularly heavy around the holidays. Join us as we discuss common concerns, offer suggestions for

handling the holidays and share special ways of remembering loved ones at this time of year.

Classes are the 2nd Monday of the month from 6:30-8:00pm: December 11, January 8, February 12, and March 12. Advance reservation is recommended but not required. The event is free and open to the public.

### For more information about the Wellness program, contact:

Kelly Rupp, Wellness Coordinator  
412-364-3613 x 206 or  
[krupp@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:krupp@ingomarchurch.org)

## Don't miss Wonders of Christmas!

On Saturday, December 9, Ingomar Church comes alive with the **Wonders of Christmas** – welcoming young families to experience a Christmas wonderland and the true wonder of Jesus. You can still register and volunteer to help at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org).

Mark your calendar for the annual **Preschool Christmas Program** in the sanctuary on Dec. 19 at 9:30am and Dec. 20 at 9:30am and 1pm.

### Community Open House Sunday, January 14, 2pm to 4pm

Tour the facilities, meet other parents and administrative staff. Learn about our outstanding curriculum, security, and more. For more info: 412-364-5244 or [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)

Ingomar Child Enrichment Center provides an environment where children learn through play and experience God's amazing love! We provide both childcare and preschool. Come and visit!

## North Hills Community Outreach

Poverty does not follow a calendar. Although the holidays are extremely busy at North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO), the work doesn't end after the toys and coats are distributed. Here are ways you can support NHCO all year and help neighbors who need jobs, transportation, food, heat and shelter.

**Order fruit!** NHCO's annual Citrus Sale is underway through February 5.



North Hills Community Outreach pantry stocks items like pediasure and cleaning products

**Walk, run or eat!** Participate in NHCO's spring fundraisers: Highmark Walk, Pittsburgh Marathon and The Block Party at the Chadwick.

**Open Your Heart to a Senior!** Volunteer to make friendly home visits, transport seniors to appointments or shopping, shovel snow or drive or dispatch our senior shuttles. (No special license needed!).

**Organize a fundraiser!** Can you create beautiful pictures, bake delicious pastries, coordinate a ping-pong tournament or host an amazing party? Use your talent to raise funds that keep our services FREE for those in need.

NHCO pantries gladly accept and NEED cleaning supplies, toiletries of any kind, and Pediasure and Ensure for children and seniors with certain medical conditions.

For more information, visit [nhco.org](http://nhco.org) or call 412-487-6316. Thank you!

Donate by using the yellow envelopes at church, or by texting an amount to 412-504-7798 using the word "nhco" – for example, \$100 nhco

### 2017 Mission Focus Giving – Thank You!

January	Wycliffe Bible Translators (Boyd's)	\$1,677.50
February	Kathy Frantz Scholarship	\$1,372.00
March	H.E.A.R.T.H	\$1,272.00
April	Rainbow Christian Missions	\$3,228.00
May	Indian Music Ministry (Sara & Jose)	\$1,038.50
June	Heart and Hand	\$1,422.00
July	Early Response Team	\$1,439.00
August	Honduras Medical Mission	\$3,326.50
September	Bethany House	\$3,950.75
October	Hair Peace Charities	\$1,387.57
TOTAL to date		\$20,113.82

## Give the Gift of Your Time and Service

- **Have a caring heart?** Worship the first Sunday of each month at **Arden Court** at 11 am. Contact Norma Crooks at 412-364-4397.
- **Good at organizing?** Help at World Vision sorting supplies and clothing for those in need **Thursday, Dec. 7**. For info, contact Lois Rippin: 412-364-9636
- **Good at sorting things?** Help sort medical supplies at **Global Links** on **Dec. 12**. Contact Earl Marsh at 412-366-1021 or [ermarsh7@msn.com](mailto:ermarsh7@msn.com).
- **Have remodeling skills?** Help at Habitat for Humanity – Next work day is **Dec. 16**. Contact Ginny Sunday: 412-366-7111 or [fasunday@aol.com](mailto:fasunday@aol.com).
- **Available at lunch time?** Help on an as-needed basis with funeral luncheons. Contact Carol Aeberli at [caeb5065@gmail.com](mailto:caeb5065@gmail.com).
- **Have a good cookie recipe?** Help at Northside Soup Kitchen – **Dec. 26**. If you can bake cookies, contact Paula Dahm at [pmdahm@gmail.com](mailto:pmdahm@gmail.com) or 412-635-9449.
- **Got Milk ... Jugs?** Please save 1-gallon plastic milk jugs. Cub Scout Pack #171 makes the luminaries for our four Christmas Eve services. Please rinse and remove labels. (Hint: fill jug with cold water, run hot water over the outside and the label should peel off easily.) Bring to the Auxiliary Narthex no later than **Wednesday December 20**.



## Celebrating Your Giving

Donations of items and time to the **Fall Rummage Sale** helped us raise \$8750 for the agencies we support. Over 100 volunteers provided radical hospitality to more than 600 shoppers. Special thanks to the fabulous cleanup crew! It was a wonderful week of fellowship and Community Outreach. Thank you again for your support!

Thanks to all who provided groceries and gift cards for **Thanksgiving on Every Table** – we collected 223 bags and \$2000 in Giant Eagle gift cards.

We are also grateful to all who participated in **Operation Christmas Child** – we contributed 440 gift boxes this year for kids all over the world!



Our Employee Spotlight is on Howard Moser, who has served as Worship and Music Leader at Ingomar Church for the past year and a half.

Howard and his wife Carol are members of Ingomar Church and participate in Jim and Jan Mountain's small group.

Howard has three married children and two beautiful granddaughters. He enjoys travel, cars, and spending time with his family.

People might be surprised to know that he has taught at Duquesne University, at IUP, and had 50 student teachers in his 32 years of teaching at North Allegheny.

Staff Parish Relations Committee salutes Howard! Please tip your hat, or give a smile to Howard who deserves a million thanks for his service to Ingomar Church.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat			
	<p><b>* Sunday Morning at Ingomar:</b>                      8:30am Traditional worship, Sanctuary                      9:45am Sunday Adult &amp; Youth Small Groups; Kids' Prime Time                      11am Traditional worship, Sanctuary                      11am Contemporary worship, Fellowship Hall</p>		<p><b>Ingomar KIDS and Ingomar YOUTH:</b>                      Kids on the Rock – age 5 to grade 5 (Wed.)                      BLAZE – 4th-5th grade (1st &amp; 3rd Mon.)                      ROOT – grades 6-8, (Sun.)                      FISH – grades 9-12, (Sun.)</p>			1	2 Men's Breakfast 8am in Fellowship Hall Praise Team Practice – 10am		
3 <b>Sunday Morning at Ingomar*</b> Nursery care all services  ROOT – 5pm FISH – 6:30pm	4  BLAZE – 6pm Voices in Bronze Handbells–6:15pm Orchestra–7:15pm Trustees–7pm	5  Celebration Singers – 7pm	6  KIDS ON THE ROCK – 6pm Praise Team – 6:30pm	7  World Vision – 9am  MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 9:15am – 11:15am  Wesleyan Choir – 7pm	8	9 <b>Wonders of Christmas</b> Family Fun Event / Performance 9am – 11:45am 12:30pm – 3:45pm			
10 <b>Sunday Morning at Ingomar*</b> Nursery care all services  Blood Pressure Screening  ROOT – 5pm FISH – 6:30pm	11  Voices in Bronze Handbells–6:15pm Orchestra–7:15pm	12  Global Links Work Day  Celebration Singers – 7pm Mission Outreach – 7pm	13  Deadline for Poinsettia Orders  KIDS ON THE ROCK – 6pm Praise Team – 6:30pm	14  Deadline for January 2018 News Brief submissions  Wesleyan Choir – 7pm	15	16  Habitat for Humanity 7:45am Praise Team Practice – 10am			
17 <b>Sunday Morning at Ingomar*</b> Nursery care all services  ROOT Christmas Party – 5pm FISH Christmas Party – 6:30pm	18  BLAZE – 6pm Voices in Bronze Handbells–6:15pm Orchestra–7:15pm	19  Celebration Singers – 7pm	20  KIDS ON THE ROCK – 6pm Praise Team – 6:30pm	21  Wesleyan Choir – 7pm	22	23  Praise Team Practice – 10am			
24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> One Morning Service at 9:30am 4pm – Family Service 7pm – Contemporary Service 9pm – Traditional Service 11pm – Traditional with Communion  NO ROOT or FISH	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	26  Northside Soup Kitchen Prep at 8:30am Leave church at 10:30am Serve at 11:30am	27 <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>				28	29	30
31 <b>Sunday Morning at Ingomar*</b> Nursery care all services  NO ROOT or FISH	1 <b>New Year's Day</b>  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	 <p><b>Sanctuary Flowers</b>  <i>Given to the glory of God</i>  <b>December 3</b>                      Marilyn Helm                      In memory of Jack Helm  <b>December 17</b>                      Bob Taylor                      In honor of his daughter Heidi, Grandchildren (Tyler &amp; Jenna) and son-in-law, Rob                      Poinsettias for Christmas – Order soon, deadline is December 13. The cost is \$9 each. Order forms available at the Information Centers or at <a href="http://ingomarchurch.org">ingomarchurch.org</a>.</p>							

## Look for the Angel Tree during December

Sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Committee, collected items are given to local agencies such as Northside Common Ministries, HEARTH, Bethany House, North Hills Community Outreach and clients at the Soup Kitchen Feeding Ministry. We welcome mittens, hats, scarves for all ages, men's t-shirts, men's socks, toiletries and school supplies. There will also be an opportunity to donate towards heating and energy bills for people in the North Hills struggling to pay for heat and power. More at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)

## Attention Christmas Shoppers!

Giant Eagle gift cards are available on Sunday mornings in the Auxiliary Narthex.

Remember, 5% of the gift card value is contributed to the Mission Outreach Committee.



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