

SEPTEMBER 2020

at Ingomar Church

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

Update on THE HUB at Ingomar Church

"The HUB" (our new Weekday Program for kids in K-12) is underway. The HUB provides a safe, physically-distanced place for students to stream online classes, do schoolwork, have lunch, and enjoy activities.



Enrollment (as of 8/28/20):

53% of our students are community-based
 47% of students are connected to our church in some way (preschool, VBS, church attender).
 Currently we are serving 43 students each week.
 We practice physical distancing, recommended hygiene/sanitizing and wearing masks. Room groups are limited to 10 students and two leaders.

Room Leaders Needed (Can you help?):

- 2 Kids Room Leaders and 1 Youth Room Leader each morning (8am-noon)
- 2 Kids Room Leaders and 1 Youth Room Leader each afternoon (12 noon-4pm)
- 2 Lunch Leaders from 10am-2pm daily.

We need volunteer leaders in the mornings (especially Thursday and Friday).

Room Leaders help students with their schoolwork, answer questions and help them log on. They may assist with planned activities throughout the day as students have down time.
Lunch Leaders help to set up, monitor, sanitize, and put things away following lunch.

Being The Church

Through this program, we are reaching families who may never otherwise come to our church, or any church, supporting them in a time that is stressful, hard, and scary. We provide hope and comfort by giving their kids a safe, loving, supportive, and affordable space to learn. We get to truly be the Church! To serve, contact Jami Pietrzyk: jamip@ingomarchurch.org, or sign up on the connect card at Sunday worship. To help in other ways (donating supplies or scholarships), check your connect card or email thehub@ingomarchurch.org.

'JESUS IS...' September Message Series

Message Schedule

September 6

Traditional Pastor Greg
 Outdoor/Contemporary Pastor Cyndi

September 13

Traditional Pastor Cyndi
 Outdoor/Contemporary Pastor Greg

September 20

Traditional Pastor Greg
 Outdoor/Contemporary Pastor Dennis

September 27

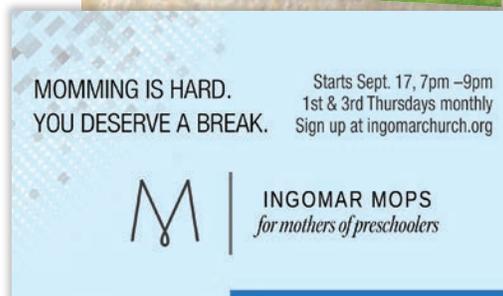
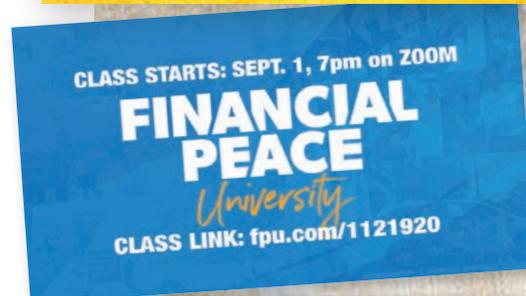
Traditional Pastor Dennis
 Outdoor/Contemporary Pastor Greg

Join us Sunday mornings in September as our pastors explore important aspects of the character of Jesus.

Throughout Scripture, many attributes are attached to the name of Jesus. Each one has great significance, offering a window through which we can see a clearer picture of who Jesus is. Each one helps us to know Jesus better and to reflect the character of Jesus to the world around us.

Join us each week as our pastors consider Jesus as: **Healer, Alpha & Omega, Life, and Friend.**

at a glance



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Alone Together

We're Still Grateful

This year has brought many new challenges. Yet despite all that is going on, we are still grateful for what God has done and is doing for us.

We know that God provides for us and never leaves us alone. As we consider our personal giving for the coming year, be reminded of God's goodness.

Commitment Sunday is October 11, 2020. Whether we worship in-person or online, we will be together spiritually as we make our commitment to Ingomar Church and to God.

Pray for God to lead you on new steps in your faith journey, to deepen your sense of generosity and gratitude, to discover the joy of giving, and to understand that generosity is about deepening our relationship with Jesus.

This year, please consider making your commitment online by visiting ingomarchurch.org. Watch for details in the October News Brief and in our upcoming weekly e-News.

Electronic Giving is Easy!

Giving electronically is a convenient and easy way to contribute on a regular and consistent basis.

You can give through IConnect, the Give+ phone app or by text giving. As in-person opportunities are limited, some choose to mail their gifts to the church office. No matter how you give, we are grateful for your continued support of the financial needs of Ingomar Church and our ministry programs.

For more information on giving electronically, contact Chub Dietz or Joyce Barksdale at 412-364-3613 or generosity@ingomarchurch.org.

Consider Legacy Giving

Please add this line to your will: "After my bills are paid, I want 10 percent of my estate (a tithe) to go to Ingomar United Methodist Church." Ask your legal advisor about this.

Ingomar KIDS

Ingomar KIDS helps children and their families grow together in relationship with Jesus.

Saturday Family Night Worship together as a family with Prime Time at 6pm (ages 4 through 3rd Grade) on YouTube. Go to studio252.tv to see our curriculum videos as a supplement to the lessons.

Sundays 11am – Tune in as a family for Sunday morning live stream worship at ingomarchurch.org.



Mondays 6pm – Blaze (4th & 5th grade youth group) in-person (Community Life Center field)

Thursdays 6pm – Blaze meets on Zoom, ALL 4th & 5th graders are welcome. Email Danielle Seitz for the link and password (dseitz@ingomarchurch.org)

For more info, email Danielle at dseitz@ingomarchurch.org

Ingomar YOUTH

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2020-2021 School Year Theme

It's time for FALL with IngomarYouth—our 6th-12th Grade Student Ministry Program at Ingomar Church. IngomarYouth is an opportunity for students to build relationships with Christ and each other.

GATHER. Some logistical changes are coming this year, because pandemics apparently shake up the world and make everything a little different, and a little complicated! BUT we know two things to be true – one is that God still sits on the throne, and when two or more are gathered in His name, He will be there. So our theme for the year is 'GATHER.'

Middle School meets on Sundays in-person from 5pm-6:30pm.

High School meets on Sundays in-person from 6:30pm-8pm in the Grove.

Students should come with a mask. We will play socially distanced games, hear a message, and

join in a small group conversation. Register and get more info at ingomarchurch.org/ingomar-youth

Fall Kick-Off

September 11 - All 6-8 Grade // 5pm-6:30pm
September 11 - All 9-12 Grade // 6:30pm-8:30pm

Join us for a night of food, fun, and games. Drop off in the Sanctuary Parking lot! Franktuary Food Truck is serving dinner, one meal per person included!

First Night of Small Groups

September 13 - All 6-8 Grade Small Group Night // 5pm-6:30pm
September 13 - All 9-12 Grade Small Group Night // 6:30pm-8pm

Register in advance - link at ingomarchurch.org/ingomar-youth. Bring yourself and a mask.

**Pro-tip* bring a towel or chair to sit on if you don't want to sit in the grass.*

Fall Retreat Save the Date!

November 13
More information coming soon!

College Student Ministry – Adopt a Student

Sign up as a student or volunteer to "adopt" one. Volunteers support college students during the coming school year by sending an occasional note or card and an occasional care package.



if they participated in this program last year) – we want to make sure we have the correct address for each student.

If you would like to adopt a college student or participate in the mailings, contact

Students can sign up at ingomarchurch.org. We're asking every student to complete the form (even

Megan DelGrosso: mdelgrosso@ingomarchurch.org or Carrie Jane Novosel: cjnovosel@comcast.net.

Mission Outreach Focus Hair Peace Charities

By Bonny Diver-Hall

God had a big dream for me after beating cancer.

I was encouraged by my doctor to start Hair Peace Charities. Ingomar Church stepped in to help me get started and continues to help today.

Most health insurance doesn't pay for a wig, even though wigs are often needed due to side-effects of chemotherapy treatments. A wig can provide a level of confidence that enables a woman to go to work, to school or to the grocery store throughout the time of cancer treatment and recovery.

Over the last 16 years I have received calls from thousands of women in need of financial help. In addition to the \$200 we provide to help with the purchase of a wig, we also talk about strategies for dealing with their cancer. We send two books: "Prayers to Sustain You Through Cancer" and "The Warrior's Guide." A prayer team continues our support by sending cards of encouragement.

I will always be thankful for the help of my church family!

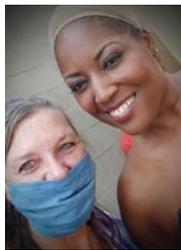
Testimonials from people whose lives have been touched by Hair Peace Charities

Jessica / Mom of 13 year old said:

"We went wig shopping. It was more expensive than anticipated. We walked in as a bald woman was walking past. Madi's face was devastation, a mixture



Sherri with the many "looks" of cancer hair loss



Bonny with LaToya working together to reach the African American community



Madi only 13, diagnosed with rectal cancer. Hair Peace helps all ages.

of sadness, defeat, fear, and empathy. She hugged me and told me that she just felt sad and angry it would be her reality soon.

I can't describe the feelings watching my brave girl, looking at herself in the mirror as she tried on a wig. Hair Peace is a God-sent gift with financial and emotional support. We left feeling united in strength to face our newest obstacle on this journey."

Pam said:

"I was shocked hearing I had cancer. Thankfully, I learned about Hair Peace. Bonny spoke to me on the phone for two hours when I was so scared. She prayed with me and really took me in."

Tim said:

"Charities are getting clobbered by this pandemic. Their fundraisers have been cancelled, and many small donors are out

of work. The busiest person I know is Laura's oncologist. So please help the charity that came to our rescue when the sky fell, Hair Peace Charities."

To learn more, visit hairpeace.org or call 412-327-5177. Give to Hair Peace Charities through IConnect, Give+, or text an amount to 412-504-7798 using the code "hair" — example: \$100 hair

UMCOR Disaster Relief for Hurricane Laura Victims



Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.

You can give to UMCOR through IConnect and Give+, as well as by text to 412-504-7798 using the code "umcor" — example: \$100 umcor

Learn about SERVING OPPORTUNITIES in ICONNECT
Contact Matt Moudry via IConnect or mmoudry@ingomarchurch.org, or call 412-364-3613 to find an opportunity that perfectly matches your gifts.



Preschool / Childcare News

Our Child Development Center (CDC) has opened, and Ingomar Child Enrichment Center (ICEC), our preschool, opens Sept. 14. Both the preschool and childcare operations are following a COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan with carefully developed protocols to protect the children, families and staff.

The new protocols include safe drop-off and pick-up procedures that utilize four different entrances, daily temperature checking prior to admittance, a model in which children remain with their classroom group for the duration of the day (classes are not combined), a face covering policy for staff and children ages 2+, rigorous cleaning and sanitizing procedures, safe lunch and snack policies and limitations on items children may bring from home.

To enhance parent-teacher communication, ICEC is utilizing a new school-wide platform called Bloomz that enables teachers to more effectively communicate with parents. The platform also provides virtual teaching capabilities in the event they are required.

More info at ingomarpreschool.org.

Welcome to New Director and Assistant Director of ICEC

Ashley Salsgiver is our new Director of Ingomar Child Enrichment Center. Her experience includes serving as Assistant Director at KinderCare Learning Center, developing curriculum as a Program Specialist, teaching, counseling and business administration.

April Keen is our new ICEC Assistant Director. She taught in the ICEC Preschool program during the 2019-20 school year. Her prior experience includes serving as Assistant Director of a Child Learning Center in Minnesota, teaching preschool and elementary education, fundraising and grant writing.

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Zoom with Pastor Cyndi

Pastor Cyndi is hosting virtual “get-togethers” on ZOOM to get to know the people of Ingomar Church. Please watch your email for an invitation from Pastor Cyndi to join her in a group conversation on Zoom. If you would like to participate, look for the sign-up form at ingomarchurch.org.

Church Family

Happy 101st Birthday:

Martha Atwell's daughter, Nancy has planned a “drive by” birthday salute to her mother on Sunday, September 13 at 3pm at Cumberland Woods where Martha resides. Martha will be 101. Balloons, signs, horns, etc. are all encouraged.

Sympathy to:

The family and friends of **Don Hess** who passed on August 2

Chub and Ruth Dietz on the passing of Ruth's mother, **Eleanor Baer**, who passed on September 1.

Sanctuary Flowers

Given to the glory of God

September 6

Carole Baierl in memory of William Baierl

September 13

Marilyn Helm in memory of Eugene & Marcella Helm

September 20

Earl Marsh in memory of Nell Marsh

September 27

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Owens in memory of the Frye and Owens families

Earl, B., Jared, William, Gayle and Chob in memory of Ruth Marsh

A Word from Pastor Cyndi

When I was young, I ran really fast. By high school and college, I could no longer run fast enough to win a race. So I adapted my individual role from running, to assisting the track and field team coaches. Things changed.



Back in March, things changed dramatically for all of us. Often, we talk about changes as if they are problems. But they are also opportunities to learn and fine tune additional skills, to deepen relationships with those closest to us, and especially, to try to figure out how to be a team while playing an individual sport.

I love that Ingomar Church uses small groups to include all individuals in the ‘team sport’ of Christian Growth. Just as Jesus formed a small group in which

his disciples could learn and be challenged to practice their faith, we form small groups to do the same. Some of the groups have on-going meetings and some are gearing up for re-start this month. Others are brand new. They are all different because we have many different individuals on this team of ours.

Part of forming Christian community is the act of listening to each other and caring for each other's needs. It seems, in this time of social distancing, we need to be heard and cared for more than ever before. Below are some of the small groups available this fall. If you are not a part of a small group yet, please, let me help you find one that connects the ‘individual you’ to the ‘team’ of your church family.

Blessings, Pastor Cyndi

Small Group Highlights this Fall!

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 2020-2021

There is no better time to come together in fellowship and community with other moms during these uncertain times. Join our MOPS group to connect with other moms at every stage of parenting.

Register at ingomarchurch.org/connect/mops/

When: First & third Thursday of each month, beginning September 17 from 7pm-9pm

Where: MAC (Multi Activity Center) Room 227 in Ingomar Church Community Life Center

Childcare not available during our evening meetings.

For more information, please contact Kathy Ochs at (724) 766-5442 or kathyochs42@gmail.com.

2020-2021 DISCIPLE CLASS

For over 30 years, DISCIPLE has been transforming the lives of participants and developing strong Christian leaders. The group meets Monday evenings at 7pm, in-person unless there is a shelter in place order. If you would like to join, please check the box on your Connect Card during Sunday worship.

Financial Peace University Virtual Class

Pastor Greg leads a Financial Peace University (FPU) Virtual Class by Zoom. First session is September 1 at 7pm and classes continue for nine weeks.



FPU has a proven track record of helping people manage their finances, get out of debt and set themselves up for a bright future.

If you want to dump debt and build wealth, go to fpu.com/1121920 and sign up for your materials. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 412-364-3613.

H.E.R.O. (Helping to Educate Regarding Orientation)

This new group is meeting to provide support for parents, friends and allies of people identifying as LGBTQIA. First meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6pm in the Grove. Bring your own chair.



Virtual Fellowship Hour

Pre/Post Worship Sunday Small Groups

We are also trying to discern interest in a pre- or post-worship Zoom on Sundays. We will try it out to see how it goes. Here is the trial information:

Sunday, September 13, 9:45am-10:30am

Post-worship discussion of the 8:30 sermon facilitated by Pastor Cyndi

Sunday, September 13, 10am-11am

Pre-worship discussion with focus questions related to the 11am sermon provided by Pastor Greg. This session will be facilitated by Carrie Jane Novosel.

Watch for our Fall Small Group Listing!

Join a small group – meet new people, make new friends, grow in faith, have fun!

We were not meant to do life alone. We were made to do life together! Learn together, deepen your relationship with Jesus, and share life with others by joining a small group.

Check your e-News for availability of our Fall Small Group Listing coming soon! Whether by Zoom, or in physically-distanced in-person groups, Small Groups at Ingomar Church keep you connected and ENGAGED!



- Pastor Greg Cox • Pastor Cyndi Blaise
- Pastor Dennis Henley

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