

# OCTOBER 2020

## at Ingomar Church

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

### We're Still Grateful: Alone Together



On October 4 and October 11 during our morning live-streamed worship services, we focus our thoughts and prayers on our annual generosity campaign for the coming year. It's a chance to show that **We're Still Grateful** in spite of all that's going on.

Although many of us may feel **alone** – isolated and challenged as a result of the pandemic – we can be hopeful as we recognize what God is doing in our church and in our lives. This is a time to celebrate God's goodness as we join **together** in our commitment to give gratefully and faithfully in 2021.

During worship on October 11, our Estimate of Giving Cards are offered in response to what God is calling us to do at Ingomar Church. Estimate of Giving cards are submitted by mail or an electronic commitment may be completed online at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org) (follow the link for 2021 Estimate of Giving).

As we consider our commitment to giving in the coming year, we are encouraged to reflect on what God is doing at Ingomar Church and how God might be leading us to grow in our generosity. The scope of our ministry plan for 2021 is directly related to the generosity of those who support it through grateful and faithful giving. Please join us in praying for God to guide our giving as we claim to the world that **We're Still Grateful!**

### October Worship Highlights

**Outdoor Worship** – Our Outdoor service at 11am in the Grove is extended through October (weather permitting). Reservations are required and can be made at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org).

**Live Stream Worship** – Choose to worship with us online by joining the LIVE STREAM of our 8:30am Traditional worship and our 11am Contemporary service. Simply click the LIVE STREAM button found at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org) at 8:30am or 11am on Sunday morning.

#### Message Schedule

##### October 4 – Giving Gratefully

Traditional ..... Pastor Greg  
Outdoor/Contemporary ..... Pastor Cyndi

##### World Communion Sunday Vesper Service

2pm drive-in style in Education Center parking lots

##### October 11 – Giving Faithfully

Traditional ..... Pastor Cyndi  
Outdoor/Contemporary ..... Pastor Greg

##### October 18 – Kids Takeover Traditional

Traditional ..... Kids  
Outdoor/Contemporary ..... Pastor Dennis

##### October 25 – Kids Takeover Contemporary

Traditional ..... Pastor Dennis  
Outdoor/Contemporary ..... Kids

**World Communion Sunday** – On October 4, all are invited to a Communion Vesper service at 2pm in our Education and Outdoor chapel parking lots. The drive-in style service makes safety and physical distancing possible as we park, hear a brief message, share in some music ... and most importantly, celebrate Communion together.

**KIDS TAKEOVER** – On Sunday October 18, our kids “take over” as they lead our 8:30am online Traditional Worship service, and on Sunday October 25 they lead 11am online Contemporary Worship. Plan to join us as the kids “interrupt our regular programming” to inspire us with their enthusiastic praise of Jesus!

at a glance

**World Communion Sunday**  
Special Communion Vesper Service  
**October 4 at 2pm**  
Ingomar Church Education/Outdoor Chapel Parking Lots  
Physically Distanced, Drive-in style  
More at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)

**We're Still Grateful: Alone Together**  
Sunday, October 11, 2020

**LIVE STREAM**

8:30am Traditional Worship  
11am Contemporary Worship  
Link at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)

**KIDS TAKEOVER**  
Sunday October 18 & 25

**Outdoor Worship**  
**EXTENDED through OCTOBER**  
**Service Time is 11am**  
in the Grove, weather permitting  
More info at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)

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## Fall Rummage Sale Canceled

Following sincere prayer, contemplation and discussion regarding our fall Rummage Sale, we have sadly decided to delay the sale until spring.

Our decision is based on protecting the health of our volunteers and customers. April 23, 2021 is the projected sale date.

Our spring and fall Rummage Sales are the biggest fundraisers for our Missions Outreach Committee, contributing \$20,000 to the missions budget. The pandemic has created financial difficulties for many, especially the agencies and missionaries that Ingomar Church supports. Please consider donating to missions so we can continue to provide financial support to those in need. Much like a bake-less bake sale, please consider making a donation to a rummage-less rummage sale. You can donate to missions by mailing a check to the church office designated to missions. You can also give via IConnect, Give+, or by texting an amount to 412-504-7798 using the code "missions".

## 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 you pray about your Estimate of Giving for 2021, consider how setting up a recurring gift in IConnect can help you easily achieve your goal of regular and consistent giving.

For more information on giving electronically, contact Chub Dietz or Joyce Barksdale at 412-364-3613 or [generosity@ingomarchurch.org](mailto: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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC252) 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](http://ingomarchurch.org).



Congratulations to all 3rd Grade Bible recipients!

**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](mailto:dseitz@ingomarchurch.org))

For more info, email Danielle at [dseitz@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:dseitz@ingomarchurch.org)

## Ingomar YOUTH

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IngomarYOUTH is an opportunity for students to build relationships with Christ and each other.

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

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

Students should come with a mask. We will play socially distanced games, hear a message, and join in a small group conversation. Get more info at [ingomarchurch.org/ingomar-youth](http://ingomarchurch.org/ingomar-youth)



IngomarYOUTH Fall KickOff was an awesome evening with awesome people!

**Fall Retreat Save the Date!** — November 13. More information coming soon!

## Update on The Hub at Ingomar Church



The HUB at Ingomar Church provides students in K-12 with a safe place to do online school. As of mid-September, 42 students were enrolled. Nine students are receiving scholarships (21% of enrollment). Twenty-five students (59% of enrollment) are from the community. Five students are connected to us through the preschool (11% of enrollment). We are serving 26 families, twelve of which are sending more than one child. We have 11 amazing and committed volunteers, two paid positions, and three church staff who lead the program.

## Ingomar Child Enrichment Center 2020-2021

As we start the new school year, we could not be happier or more excited! Everyone is wearing their masks, keeping as socially distant as possible, and washing hands multiple times every day!

The challenge of creating a learning environment that falls within the COVID



guidelines has been our main focus with school restarting. Our teachers are doing a fantastic job at asking children to sit spaced apart during circle time, keep their masks up while working in small groups, and helping the children adjust after being at home so long! We cannot wait to see what the rest of the school year holds.

# Rainbow Christian Missions

For hundreds of families in Butere, Kenya, Rainbow Christian Missions (RCM) is their lifeline, especially now during the COVID-19 pandemic. RCM has an office in the village of Butere, with staff who work year-round to help those in extreme poverty. Due to COVID, the poverty gap in Kenya has widened significantly.



RCM is meeting the need for food and basic needs in Butere, Kenya

### Recent Headlines in Kenya

**Hunger – Food Shortages**

**Sickness – All Public Government Hospitals Closed Due to Lack of Funds** (only the more expensive private hospitals are open).

### Ever-Widening Education Gap

With schools closed for five months this year, an attempt at “distance learning” was made in Kenya through Internet, TV, and radio, for children/students to learn at home but that is only possible for those who actually have electricity, Internet access, TV or radio. Most families in the rural areas of Kenya, including Butere, do not have these “luxuries” making “distance learning” at home impossible. The result is an ever-widening education gap between those who have, and those who have not.

### How RCM is Responding

**Feeding the Hungry – RCM has made several large distributions of food and basic needs items to hundreds of families in the Butere area this year.**

**Caring for the Sick – RCM has taken the sick to the only available (private) hospitals and paid for their medical care.**

**Providing Education for Children – RCM is encouraging our sponsored students to practice reading, writing and math as much as they can on their own at home. As schools open this month for students in 8th grade and 12th grade, with all other students returning to school in January, RCM is on the front lines, ready to pay school fees to ensure that these children have a chance to learn. We want them to know that they are not forgotten.**



**Providing Clean Water – RCM maintains clean-water wells that provide safe, clean water to Butere and surrounding areas.**

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

RCM has more funds going out than coming in! We cannot do this work of the Lord without you. RCM is a lifeline to the poor, the

sick, the hungry, the thirsty, and the under-privileged. Please consider making a donation to RCM today!

*“He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.” (Proverbs 19:17)*

*“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ (Matt. 25:40)*

For more information, please contact Ingomar Church member Ruth Dietz at rydietz@comcast.net or 412-848-6772. Give to Rainbow Christian Missions through IConnect, Give+, or text an amount to 412-504-7798 using the code “rainbow” — example: \$100 rainbow

## Warm Clothing Needed – Can You Help?



Daily Bread (Soup Kitchen), located in Pittsburgh’s Northside, serves meals to those without a home or who are under-employed. Many of the people served are in need of warm adult-size clothing as the weather turns cold. Items needed include new or gently used jackets, coats, hats, gloves, warm socks, jeans, heavy sweatshirts and other warm winter wear. Donations can be placed in the box labeled ‘Clothes for Northside’ outside the Community Life Center Building - Entrance A. If you have questions, please email [missions@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:missions@ingomarchurch.org).

Learn about SERVING OPPORTUNITIES in ICONNECT

Contact Matt Moudry via IConnect or [mmoudry@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:mmoudry@ingomarchurch.org), or call 412-364-3613 to find an opportunity that perfectly matches your gifts.

## Come and Pray

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:11-13*

Come and pray for our church, our community and our world with Tammy DeBonis on Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30pm and/or Thursday, October 22 at 11am Meet in the prayer room. We will wear masks and practice social distancing.



Our Volunteer Spotlight is on Beth Bockoven, a member of Ingomar Church who has been volunteering here for 15 years.

Her volunteer activities include: Usher/Welcome Team, Office Volunteer, Wellness Ministry, Rummage Sale, Helping Hands, Thanksgiving on Every Table and Hair Peace Charities, and she is a member of the Contemporary Issues small group.

Beth enjoys biking and vacationing with her husband, Stan, gardening, water aerobics and family gatherings (with six siblings and their families all residing in the Pittsburgh area). She and Stan have two sons and a 4-month-old granddaughter.

People might be surprised to know that she is afraid of heights—avoiding high bridges on some bike paths, and she would never go zip lining or even ride a roller coaster!

Staff Parish Relations Committee salutes Beth! Please offer her a kind word of acknowledgment, as she deserves a million thanks for her service to Ingomar Church.



## Annual Charge Conference

The Charge Conference of Ingomar United Methodist Church (annual meeting of our Leadership Council and District Superintendent) will be held November 10 at 8pm in Fellowship Hall, (1500 W. Ingomar Road, Entrance 8). All members are welcome.

## Church Family

### Sympathy to:

The family and friends of **Wendy Koon** who passed on September 2

The friends and family of **Julia Bingham** who passed on September 4

The family and friends of **Jane Baierl** who passed on September 9

Friends and family of Tracy and Brian Coyne on the passing of Tracy's father **Rev. John "Jack" Friggle** on September 10



## Sanctuary Flowers

*Given to the glory of God*

### October 4

Cloye & Norma Moser in memory of their fathers Frank Oran Moser, John George Nash and Jerry Interval and in memory of their grandson, Dominic Cloye Moser

### October 11

Lynn Simpson and family in memory of Scott Simpson

David Whitten in memory of Linda Whitten

### October 18

Bob & Linda Taylor in loving memory of Linda's father, Dr. Richard H. McCormick

Sharon Thompson in memory of her mother, Barbara Edwards

### October 25

Lisa & Dan Martich in memory of Harry & Marjory Buckingham

## Thanksgiving On Every Table (TOET)

Your help is requested in the annual **Thanksgiving on Every Table (TOET)** initiative, as we support North Hills Community Outreach in providing a Thanksgiving meal for local families in need.

Previously, grocery bags were distributed with a list of suggested items to be donated. Due to COVID restrictions, the approach is different this year.

Please consider a monetary contribution to TOET via electronic giving options or by check (estimated cost of a family Thanksgiving dinner is \$49). You may also donate grocery store gift cards. Monetary donations will be converted to gift cards and given to North Hills Community Outreach for supervised distribution.

To contribute via IConnect, use the special designation identifier in the Giving Section for Thanksgiving on Every Table (TOET). If you prefer to contribute by

check, your contribution should be mailed to the Church Office with a notation in the memo line (TOET) to assure the contribution is used for the TOET gift card purchases.

**ALL CONTRIBUTIONS are needed BY OCTOBER 26.**

If you prefer to provide grocery items, please place them in the Missions Committee collection box located at the Community Life Center Entrance A. Contributions to this collection box are forwarded to North Community Outreach by the Mission Committee on a regular basis.

The need for this initiative has never been greater. Please prayerfully consider providing a holiday meal for one family or several families.

Find more details at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org) or contact Beth Bockoven ([Bethbockoven@comcast.net](mailto:Bethbockoven@comcast.net)) or Stanton Bockoven ([Stantonbockoven@comcast.net](mailto:Stantonbockoven@comcast.net)).

## Quick Notes

**H.E.R.O.** (Helping to Educate Regarding Orientation) At our first meeting on September 16, we realized that what was expected to be a small group quickly became a large group. With our Steering Committee, we are creating a safe space for dialogue where people can be heard, respected, and affirmed as people of sacred worth. For more info, please visit [ingomarchurch.org/hero](http://ingomarchurch.org/hero) and watch our social media.

### Mission Outreach

Due to fundraising cancellations this year, our Mission Outreach budget needs your support. Please prayerfully consider a recurring gift for the missions of Ingomar Church. Money you would have spent at those fundraisers can be donated directly to enable continuation of our mission outreach.

### Small Group Guidelines

During this time of heightened concern over illness and infection, please note our safety guidelines for all small groups choosing to meet in person:

- If you have been sick within the last 48 hours, please Stay Home
- Choose a room that is large enough to physically distance yourselves
- Wear a mask, even when you are outdoors
- Wash hands / Use hand sanitizer
- Group leaders are asked to record who is present for each meeting
- Most of all, please respect confidentiality of those in your group who may become ill

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Lead the Group You'd Love to Attend

At Ingomar Church, we believe that Small Groups are one of the most effective ways to build community and to grow as disciples of Christ. If you have not yet found a group that works for you, perhaps God is calling you to lead the group you would love to attend – at a day and time chosen by you! If you would consider leading

a group, please contact Pastor Cyndi to talk about the possibility of joining our small group leadership team.

### Zoom with Pastor Cyndi

If you would like to Zoom with Pastor Cyndi so she can get to know you better, please contact her or indicate your interest on your Connect Card. When Cyndi gets a good number for a group, she will arrange the call at a time convenient to all participants.

### Scripture Readers

To include more people in our online worship services, we are calling on anyone who likes to read scripture to volunteer to be recorded reading the week's scripture. Please contact Pastor Cyndi or indicate your interest via our Connect Cards, or sign up at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org).

### Special Recognition and Thanks!

Those who know Mike Geyer, our Facilities Director, would not be surprised to learn that his son Mike, is equally hard-working and dedicated. Mike is 14-years-old and an 8th grader at North Hills Middle School. Throughout the spring and summer he volunteered many hours at Ingomar Church.

Among his many tasks, Mike edged all of the mulch beds before Sparkle Day, weeded all of the mulch beds, sprayed for weeds many times since mulching, trimmed the hedges in the playground, power washed the playground and a few walls, cleared classrooms and put them back together to facilitate floor waxing!

Many thanks to Mike! He is one impressive and motivated teen who certainly deserves recognition.



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

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