

# APRIL 2021

## at Ingomar Church

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

### Join us for 'Turning Wine into Water' 2021!



For only \$1500, Ingomar Living Waters enabled these girls from Gohanna, India to have access to clean water for their families so they can still attend school.

You're invited to Ingomar Living Waters' annual fundraising event – Turning Wine Into Water, Saturday, April 24 from 8pm – 9pm (EST).

This year, the event is VIRTUAL. The evening begins with a short, water-themed magic show, followed by an auction of a beautiful oil painting by Pittsburgh artist, Cory Bonnet. Then, many clean water projects will be auctioned, offering you or your friends and family the opportunity to fund your very own water project that will literally save the lives of thousands! The entire event will last less than an hour, and you can participate from the comfort of your home!

Water is essential to life and more than 785 million people lack access to clean water. Ingomar Living Waters is dedicated to bringing the gift of clean water to the world, and this is your chance to help!

Become a Sponsor of the event by April 5, and receive great wine and cheese gifts (visit [ingomarlivingwaters.org/w2w](http://ingomarlivingwaters.org/w2w) for details of

sponsorship opportunities). For more info and to register for the event: [ingomarlivingwaters.org](http://ingomarlivingwaters.org) If you have questions, contact Catherine Baker at [cpowellbaker@gmail.com](mailto:cpowellbaker@gmail.com).

### Upcoming Message Schedule

#### April 4 - Easter Sunday

8:30 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
12:30 Outdoor in the Grove  
"unExpected" . . . . . Pastor Greg

#### 'Hold on to Hope' Message Series

##### April 11

8:30 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
"Hope in the midst of Doubt" Pastor Dennis

##### April 18

8:30 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
"Hope in Chaos" . . . . . Pastor Cyndi

##### April 25

8:30 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
"Hope in Loss" . . . . . Pastor Greg

##### May 2

8:30 Traditional & 11 Outdoor  
"Hope for the Future" . . . . . Pastor Dennis  
  
11 Contemporary  
"Hope for the Future" . . . . . Pastor Greg

Check for the latest info at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org), and in our Weekly E-News and social media.

### Hold on to Hope

NEW MESSAGE SERIES

What's the difference between living and existing? Between success and failure? Joy and despair? Openness and isolation?

**HOPE** – By holding on to the hope you received through the resurrection of Christ:

- You build better relationships
- You are productive and less affected by stress
- You find success and satisfaction in your life
- You find wells of compassion and mercy within you
- You are physically and spiritually healthier
- You are not afraid to hold yourself to higher ethical standards
- You are more likely to live into and spread the loving, caring and forgiving attributes of God

This series is about finding new levels of authentic hope through relationship with God through Christ. We long to hold on to that hope which affects our relationships, our careers, our church, our community and our world! Please plan to join us!

at a glance

**HOLD ON to Hope**  
MESSAGE SERIES

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Saturday, April 24, 2021  
8pm to 9pm  
**Please join us!**

Ingomar Living Waters  
Bringing the gift of clean water to the world

**New Members Class**  
Begins Sunday, May 2

Join us for three 1-hour sessions,  
Sunday mornings at 9:45 am  
Check your Connect Card or call Jami at 412-364-3613

**Outdoor Worship**  
Beginning in May 2021  
Sundays @ 11am in the Grove  
Bring-Your-Own-Chair  
More info at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)

Help us care for the church grounds!  
**Sparkle Day**  
Saturday, May 8 at 9am  
Learn more at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)

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## Fundraiser Exceeds Our Goal!

### Thanks to all who participated

Our first "Un-Rummage Sale" virtual auction took place March 27-30, and was a great success! Through the generosity of the Ingomar Church family, our online event and service auction raised over \$10,600 – far exceeding our goal of \$8,000!

As an alternative to our bi-annual Rummage Sale fundraisers (that had to be cancelled due to the pandemic), our virtual auction offered over 50 services that were donated by members of our Ingomar Church family, ranging from food items to handyman services. Nearly 70 registered bidders participated and helped to raise funds for local organizations including North Hills Community Outreach, Bethany House, Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Hair Peace Charities, and HEARTH. To learn more about these organizations, you can find a link to the video at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org).

Donations can still be made on the church website or by check (please specify that the donation is for the "Un-Rummage Sale" or Missions).

The Missions Committee is grateful to all of the generous donors, bidders, and planners who made the event a success!

## Connect with us on Social Media

[facebook.com/IngomarChurch](https://facebook.com/IngomarChurch)  
[instagram.com/ingomarchurch](https://instagram.com/ingomarchurch)  
[twitter.com/ingomarchurch](https://twitter.com/ingomarchurch)  
[youtube.com/c/IngomarChurch/live](https://youtube.com/c/IngomarChurch/live)

## 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.

### Drive-In Family Easter Service Saturday, April 3 from 6pm–6:30pm in the parking lot behind the sanctuary

It's an interactive Easter Service for the whole family that will be broadcast through your car radio! Stay in your car, or bring some chairs and sit near your car.

## Ingomar YOUTH

come • grow • serve • lead

### ALL NEW LOCAL YOUTH MISSION TRIP



**Calling all 6th-12th Graders!** Join us for our ALL NEW local youth mission trip, June 13-18 – "A Beautiful Rebellion."

Kicking off on Sunday evening, June 13, we will spend each day serving the Greater Pittsburgh Community partnering with organizations like Habitat for Humanity, North Hills Community Outreach, The Mission Barn, and Ronald

### Blaze (4th & 5th Graders)

**Mondays from 6pm - 7:30pm**

Email Miss Danielle for information at [dseitzi@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:dseitzi@ingomarchurch.org).

Be sure to "like" our IngomarKIDS Facebook page ([facebook.com/ingomarkids](https://facebook.com/ingomarkids)) & subscribe to our IngomarKIDS YouTube channel to be notified when new videos are posted.

McDonald House. In the morning when students are dropped off, we will share breakfast outdoors, and a devotional. Each evening we will have work group debriefs, meals together, worship, games, and some extra fun surprise events! Friends are invited, and scholarships will be available!

There will be no overnights for this trip, and masks will be required for all indoor projects. We are so excited to present this awesome mission opportunity to serve our local community. Sign-up and get more information and pricing at [ingomarchurch.org/ingomar-youth](http://ingomarchurch.org/ingomar-youth) or by emailing Megan DelGrosso at [mdelgrosso@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:mdelgrosso@ingomarchurch.org)

If you are interested in serving on our local Kitchen Crew, as a local Site Leader or Group Leader, contact Megan at [mdelgrosso@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:mdelgrosso@ingomarchurch.org).

## Philippi Golf Outing Supports Youth Missions

Plan to join us on Monday, June 28 for our Philippi Golf Outing at Diamond Run Golf Club. Situated in the rolling hills of Sewickley, this 18-hole Gary Player signature course is a golfer's haven. Check-in begins at 11am. Noon Shot Gun start, lunch and dinner is

provided. Sign-up as a foursome or an individual (to be placed in a foursome). Proceeds support our Annual Youth Mission Trips.

Registration and Sponsorship forms available at: [ingomarchurch.org/philippi-golf-outing-2021](http://ingomarchurch.org/philippi-golf-outing-2021)

## Ingomar Child Enrichment Center Plant Sale

Spring is finally here and it is a joy to see the children playing outside as the warmer weather approaches. As the current school year winds down, and we reflect on the challenges and changes experienced by our teachers and students due to COVID, we look forward to next fall, hoping for some sort of normality.



Annual Plant Sale ends April 9.  
Order at [ingomarpreschool.org](http://ingomarpreschool.org)

Speaking of normal and spring, we invite you to support our **Annual Plant Sale!** Be sure to check out the preschool's website: [ingomarpreschool.org](http://ingomarpreschool.org) – click the "NEWS" tab to order your plants. **Orders are due by April 9, with payment due April 12.** Orders will be here on May 1 and can be picked up from 9-11. These plants and flowers would make a great gift for Mother's Day!

# Honduras Hope Mission

The past year was like no other in many parts of the world, but particularly in Honduras. In addition to the COVID-19 virus, Honduras was hit with two powerful hurricanes, within just weeks of each other. The country has been devastated. The public health network has been completely overwhelmed.

The Honduras Hope Mission (HHM) team was unable to travel to La Villa de San Francisco this past February due to COVID. To provide the much needed medical assistance, we had to improvise. This year rather than a medical team from the U.S. traveling to La Villa, we hired several local doctors and nurses to make door-to-door visits throughout the poorest parts of town. We purchased all the necessary personal protective equipment and even converted a truck into a mobile pharmacy. Rather than being carried into Honduras by our medical team,



Water filters, paid for by Ingomar Living Waters, are distributed in La Villa De San Francisco.



Local doctors and nurses were hired to make door-to-door visits.

pharmaceutical supplies were purchased in bulk in the capital. A total of 919 people were seen door-to-door. An additional 467 Hondurans were seen by our team of U.S. doctors via telehealth. 307 water filters, paid for by Ingomar Living Waters, were distributed to homes in La Villa and another 193 were distributed to families in Suyapa.

Most of our Hope Families are unable to work as only 20 percent of the population is permitted to travel to the sugar cane and watermelon fields. Thanks to the support of our family sponsors, HHM has been doubling the monthly allocation of food supplies to our Hope Families. Schools have been run virtually so we have increased our tutoring at the Hope Center, where we also have computers, to try and keep the Hope Family children from falling behind.

Thank you Ingomar Church and Hope Family sponsors for supporting the people of La Villa.

If you would like more information about HHM contact Blake McKim, Gregg and Jeanie Otto or visit [hondurashopemission.org](http://hondurashopemission.org).

You can give to this ministry through IConnect, Give+, or text an amount to 412-504-7798 using the code "hondo" – example: \$100 missions

## Plan to join us for Sparkle Day at Ingomar Church

Sparkle Day is an annual tradition at Ingomar Church. Each year, many volunteers come out to care for and beautify our church grounds. This year, Sparkle Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, from 9am-12 noon. Please bring work gloves, rakes, lawn tools, and other supplies to clean up flower & shrub beds and spread new mulch. Your help and time is needed and greatly appreciated. Please plan to join us! If you have questions, please contact Mike Geyer at [mgeyer@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:mgeyer@ingomarchurch.org)



Learn more 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

*"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."*

Max Lucado

Please join Tammy DeBonis for some prayer time for our church, our community, our country and our world on Monday, April 12 at 9am and/ or Tuesday, April 20 at 7pm. Contact Tammy by e-mail [xjtdebonis@comcast.net](mailto:xjtdebonis@comcast.net) or call (412) 366-4888 or call the church office to receive the link to the zoom prayer meeting.

## Volunteer Spotlight



Our Volunteer Spotlight is on Mikey Geyer, son of Ingomar Church Facilities Director, Mike Geyer.

Mikey has been volunteering at Ingomar Church for the past 1-1/2 years, helping in the Facilities department and with VBS. He is also involved with Ingomar Youth ROOT.

His favorite activities include grass cutting, playing keyboard & drums, playing with his sound & lighting DJ equipment, and playing with his family's new puppy.

People might be surprised to know that he is 14 years old and has been cutting grass for 6 years. He has had his own grass-cutting business for 6 years and now has 13 regular customers!

Staff Parish Relations Committee salutes Mikey! Please offer him a kind word of acknowledgment, as he deserves a million thanks for his service to Ingomar Church.

## Musician Spotlight

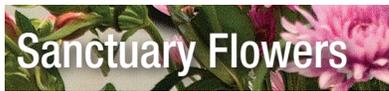


**Sara Watkins**  
Sara has been a member of “Voices in Bronze” since January 2010. She started when her husband, Craig, left on his

first deployment to the Middle East. She wanted something that was just hers and gave her a “break” during the week. Though she had never picked up a bell before, she always had an interest in joining the group.

Sara started off playing 2 bells at a time and with a lot of time, practice and encouragement from her fellow ringers, she has worked her way up to playing several bells at one time. Sara has even been known to do a solo once in a while!

Sara has been a member of Ingomar for 24 years. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her husband, Craig, and 2 kids, Scott and Katelyn.



## Sanctuary Flowers

*Given to the glory of God*

**April 18**

Ann Wicks & family in memory of Victor John Wicks, Jr. M.D

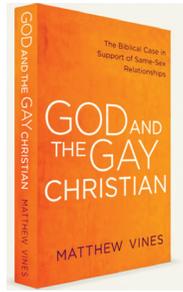
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## HERO Group Study Helping to Educate Regarding Orientation



**HERO Group Study** of “God and the Gay Christian” by Matthew Vines

Unique in its affirmation of both an orthodox faith and sexual diversity, “God and the Gay Christian” is a compelling interpretation of key biblical texts about same-sex relations, as well as the story of a young

man navigating relationships with his family, his hometown church, and the Christian church at large as he expresses what it means to be a faithful, gay Christian.

As a young Christian man, Matthew Vines harbored the same basic hopes of most young people: to someday share his life with someone, to build a family of his own, to give and receive love. But when he realized he was gay, those hopes were called into

question. The Bible, he’d been taught, condemned gay relationships.

Feeling the tension between his understanding of the Bible and the reality of his same-sex orientation, Vines devoted years of intensive research into what the Bible says about homosexuality. With care and precision, Vines asked questions such as:

- Do biblical teachings on the marriage covenant preclude same-sex marriage or not?
- How should we apply the teachings of Jesus to the gay debate?
- What does the story of Sodom and Gomorrah really say about human relationships?
- Can celibacy be a calling when it is mandated, not chosen?
- What did Paul have in mind when he warned against same-sex relations?

All are invited to participate in this book study. Registration is available at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)

## Quick Notes

### Ingomar Church In the News!

Ingomar Church hosted a COVID vaccine clinic for members of the church and local community on March 19. In partnership with Integrated Health 21, a North-side based health management company, 165 doses of the Moderna vaccine were administered in the MAC (Multi-Activity Center) room in the Community Life Center.

The limited supply of shots was first offered to our senior “phase 1A” members, and any left over doses were offered to community members.

To read the story as reported by 90.5 WESA, visit: [www.wesa.fm/post/allegheeny-county-religious-leaders-help-build-faith-covid-19-vaccine](http://www.wesa.fm/post/allegheeny-county-religious-leaders-help-build-faith-covid-19-vaccine)

### 2020 Financial Overview Available

The 2020 Financial Overview is available to the Ingomar Church group on IConnect. Log in to IConnect, go to the Ingomar Church group and the “Files” tab. You can also search for it by entering “overview” in the search box.

To receive these overviews by email on a quarterly basis, please link to: [ingomar.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/382/responses/new](http://ingomar.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/382/responses/new).

If you have any questions, please contact Chub Dietz, Director of Generosity & Administration at 412-364-3613 or [cdietz@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:cdietz@ingomarchurch.org).

### Electronic Giving reminder

April Showers bring May Flowers... and grass! Last year during the COVID pandemic that kept most of us inside, we still had expenses of over \$11,000 for grass cutting alone. Add in the cost to get rid of trees, leaves and weeds, trim the hedges, and other grounds care, and we spent almost \$20,000. Despite our limited in-person worship, your

continued financial support has allowed us to keep our grounds safe and welcoming. Whether you are giving electronically, in-person, or through the mail, your gift is making a difference. For more information on setting up an electronic one-time special Easter donation, or a recurring gift, please contact Chub Dietz or Joyce Barksdale at 412-364-3613 or at [generosity@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:generosity@ingomarchurch.org).

### Outdoor Worship News

Outdoor worship will begin in May and June, with services at 11am in the Grove. In July and August, the time will shift to 8:30am, and if we continue into September and October, the time would shift to 11am again. Please watch the church website, weekly e-News and social media for the latest information.

### New Member Class

If you would like to become a member of Ingomar Church, our next New Members Class begins May 2 ... Three 1-hour sessions on Sundays at 9:45am prepare you for membership. Please sign up on your Connect Card or contact Jami at [jamip@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:jamip@ingomarchurch.org)

## Church Family

### Sympathy to:

The family and friends of Bill Vorhaben, on the passing of his wife **Laverne Vorhaben** on March 3

The family of Bob McCartney, on the passing of his daughter **Carole Jean McCartney** on March 13

The family of Grady and Carol Gaspar, on the passing of Grady’s mother **Eileen Gaspar** on March 12

The family of Stephen and Kathy Nimmo, on the passing of Kathy’s mother **Betty Beals** on March 19

The family of Charles Spratt on the passing of his mother **Frances Spratt** on March 27