

# APRIL 2024

## at Ingomar Church

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

### Join us for our April Message Series: Rising Strong

The Bible is full of stories of redemption, change, and hope. Through four of those stories, we discover how faith in a Risen Jesus can transform our lives for the better here and now. No matter how big or how small we fall, God's hand is outstretched, ready to raise us up.

“..just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life”

Romans 6:4b

#### April Message Schedule

##### April 7 - *Rising From Skepticism*

8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
Pastor Greg

##### April 14 - *Rising From Denial*

8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
Pastor Greg

##### April 21 - *Rising From Hatred*

8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
Pastor Cyndi

##### April 28 - *Rising From Quarreling*

8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
Pastor Cyndi

##### Week 1: Rising from Skepticism

(Thomas) | John 20:24-28

The journey from unbelief to belief requires a grace-filled encounter with the Living Christ.

##### Week 2: Rising from Denial

(Peter) | John 21:15-19

The love and forgiveness of God is what enables us to rise above our mistakes and become more faithful disciples.

##### Week 3: Rising from Hatred

(Saul/Paul) | Acts 9:1-22

In a divided world, hatred can bubble up even in the hearts of those who seek to do good. The risen Christ moves us from a place of judgment to one of connection, so that we can work together for the sake of God's kin(g)dom.

##### Week 4: Rising from Quarreling

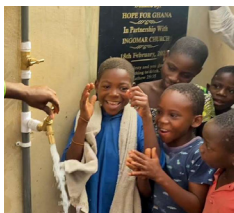
(The Church) | Acts 15:1-21

As communities work through inevitable conflicts, prioritizing grace can lead us to become stronger and healthier in our relationships with God and one another.

*Join us each Sunday in April and be assured that God is always there to raise us up.*

### Ingomar Living Water Christmas Project Miracle(s)!

This past Christmas, the people of Ingomar Church donated \$15,000 to enable Ingomar Living Waters (ILW) to fund the drilling of a well in Mepe, Ghana where flooding eradicated access to clean water.



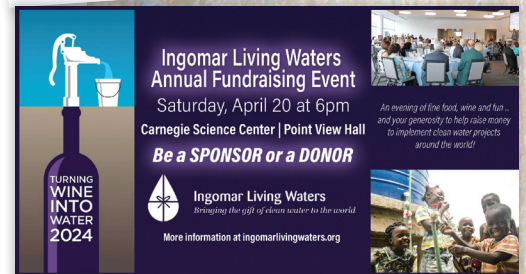
Three wells for the price of one! RC Junior High School, Kedzikope Village, and Open Heaven in Mepe, Ghana now have access to clean water.

Remote water drilling projects are often fraught with obstacles and hardships, but to everyone's amazement, this project experienced a series of "miracles." It was expected that a very expensive filtration system would be needed to remove high salt content usually found near Mepe. However upon drilling the well, the rig hit CLEAN water ... no salts! So the costly filtration system was unnecessary and the cost of the project was \$5,000.

ILW's partner asked if they could apply the remainder of the funds to drill a second well at Kedzikope Village, and the request was granted. Again, they hit CLEAN water! So they identified a third location at Open Heaven, near Mepe and again hit CLEAN water. This is truly amazing!

We were expecting one well for \$15,000, but have been blessed with three clean water wells that will serve 6,500 people (3,000 more that we had anticipated). We are so grateful for the generosity of Ingomar Church and for the unexpected blessings of water that is free of salt contaminates. Thanks be to God! Details at: [ingomarlivingwaters.org/projects/projects2024/2024-001/](http://ingomarlivingwaters.org/projects/projects2024/2024-001/)

at a glance



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## The Hangout for Adults

1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly, 6pm-8pm

**NEW MEETING LOCATION:** Dee Jay's BBQ Ribs & Grille: 2602 Brandt School Road, Franklin Park, PA 15090. (in the Eat n Park plaza)

A non-threatening place to invite friends open to exploring questions of faith. No reading, preparation, or previous Christian knowledge required.

To join this group or to get more information, indicate your interest on your Connect Card in worship or visit [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)



## KIDS CHOIR—Coming this Fall

*Calling all kids who love to sing!*

Ingomar Kids' Choir will enhance traditional worship on Sunday, October 27, and at the 4pm family Christmas Eve at service.

Performance dates in 2025 include Sunday, March 9, and Sunday, May 11. Attendance is required at 3 of 4 rehearsals leading up to each performance. Rehearsals will be held from 4:30pm-5pm.

For more info, contact Director of Music and Worship Benjamin Bugaile: [bbugaile@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:bbugaile@ingomarchurch.org).

## Be a Social Media Champion

If you use social media, please follow Ingomar Church on Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram:

[facebook.com/ingomarchurch](https://facebook.com/ingomarchurch)  
[instagram.com/ingomarchurch](https://instagram.com/ingomarchurch)  
[twitter.com/ingomarchurch](https://twitter.com/ingomarchurch)

## 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.

## Next Gen KIDS NEWS

### VBS REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1ST



It's time to register for Vacation Bible School: July 8th through the 12th from 9am to noon. This year's theme is "SCUBA – Diving into friendship with God." The cost is \$40/child with a \$5 discount for siblings.

Dive into a friendship with God! Kids go deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never ending love of God. They will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!



REGISTER for VBS

VBS is a great opportunity to make new friends, and have fun building relationships with others and with Jesus! We depend on many volunteers to make this event a success!

To get in on the fun as a volunteer, scan the QR code.

If you are unable to commit your time or don't have your clearances, you can choose to help with a monetary donation.

There are many ways to support our VBS program by donating to help us offset our costs. Learn more by scanning the QR code.



VOLUNTEER at VBS



DONATE to VBS

## Next Gen YOUTH NEWS

### NO YOUTH GROUP March 31 or April 7

**LASER TAG:** April 12 from 9pm to 12am at Laserstorm Pittsburgh. Join us for 3 hours of unlimited laser tag! This event is for both middle and high school students. The cost of this event is \$25.

### SPARKLE TIME: May 4 from 8am to 12pm

Save the date and plan to help us bring "sparkle" and "shine" to the church grounds! Bring your own tools (rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.) if you have them. All ages are welcome!



**Philippi Mission Trip Interest Meeting:** April 21 from 6:30pm to 8pm

**Philippi Mission Trip:** June 9 to June 15, 2024

**Philippi Golf Outing:** June 24 at Cranberry Highlands

### NEW TEACHING SERIES

Our relationships with our families can sometimes feel a little bit like a way-too-competitive game night.

Sometimes it's fun . . .

but other times, we might fight for first place, gang up on each other, betray each other, and walk away with frustration and hurt feelings. Families can be sources of joy and laughter but also stress and tension.

*But what if our family interactions could be places where we could all help each other win?*

In this four-week series from the New Testament, we'll look at how the earliest followers of Jesus created a new kind of community as God's family. Through their example, we'll learn that there is enough when we share what we have — and if there isn't enough, God provides.

We'll also learn that our actions can speak when words aren't enough and that God's love is always enough.

### FUN-FORE-ALL LOCK-IN: July 19 from 11:30pm to 5:30am

Unlimited use of all attractions (weather permitting). \$5 Fun Card. Unlimited Fountain Drinks. Snacks throughout the night. Midnight Pizza Buffet. Donuts and Juice in the morning. Mark your calendar and plan to join us!



## Ingomar Child Enrichment Center

Did you know that Ingomar Child Enrichment Center offers Full Day Kindergarten?

Just like in local school districts, our kindergartners participate in Language Arts, Math, Science, History, Art, Music and Physical Education, while maintaining our method of



learning through play. Classes run Monday through Friday from 9am – 3pm.

Only a few spots remain for 2024-25. For more information, please contact the preschool office at 412-364-4089 or visit [ingomarpreschool.org](http://ingomarpreschool.org).



## Mission Focus: HEARTH

### Homelessness Ends with Advocacy, Resources, Training and Housing

Every family deserves to live in affordable, and most importantly, safe housing. For the past 25 years, HEARTH has provide a range of supportive services and housing that empowers homeless families, who are survivors of domestic violence or other trauma to become independent, self-sufficient, and adequately housed; to foster housing opportunities to prevent homelessness and encourage safe, affordable housing.



HEARTH helps these families become independent and self-sufficient while making sure they are adequately housed to prevent homelessness and promote a safe living environment.

HEARTH provides necessary household items to these families through an on site store that is stocked through donations provided by the kindness of others.

As our April Mission Focus, we are asking for your support in the form of donations to HEARTH's on-site store. Look for donation bins at the rear of our worship spaces throughout the month.

#### Please consider donating the following items:

- Laundry detergent
- Feminine products
- Paper products such as paper towels and toilet paper
- Diapers/Pull-ups in all sizes
- Baby products such as shampoo, wet wipes, lotion etc.

To learn more about HEARTH and their mission or ways to volunteer or to help deliver donations, please contact Pastor Cyndi: [cbloise@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:cbloise@ingomarchurch.org)

## Spring Rummage Sale! Time for Mission & Fellowship!

It's time for our Spring Rummage Sale! We need volunteers for set-up, during the sale, and to help with clean-up following the sale. It takes over a hundred volunteers to make this sale a success! We also need your donations. It's a great time to gather any unused items and donate them!

Ingomar Church Mission Outreach  
**RUMMAGE SALE**  
in Fellowship Hall  
**Friday, April 19**  
**Saturday, April 20**  
Info at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)



**Sale Times:**  
Friday, April 19, 8am-4pm  
(Regular Sale)

Friday, April 19, 5pm-7pm  
(Bag Sale)

Saturday, April 20, 8am-10:30am  
(Bag & Car Load Sale)

We cannot accept computer equipment, TV's, large furniture, VHS tapes and cassette tapes.

#### There is a job for everybody!

Volunteer tasks include setting up tables and racks, sorting items, pricing, checking electrical items, moving items to sorting areas, greeting donors, greeting our guests as they arrive to shop, cleaning up, providing food for workers and managing trash & recyclables. Even if you have physical limitations, we have a job you can do.

The Rummage Sale is a community outreach, church wide project that occurs twice a year. It has a mailing list that covers 50+ zip codes. We estimate that at least 600+ people in the community attend.

This is a Missions Outreach Committee project that funds the many missions that we support. For more information, contact Paula Dahm at 412-999-4242, [pmdahm@gmail.com](mailto:pmdahm@gmail.com) or Tammy DeBonis at 412-977-4516, [xjtdebonis@comcast.net](mailto:xjtdebonis@comcast.net). Thank you for supporting this sale!

#### Volunteer! Your Help is Needed:

- Sunday, April 14, 2pm-4pm (set-up)
  - Monday, April 15, 9am-3pm & 6pm-8pm
  - Tuesday, April 16, 9am-3pm & 6pm-8pm
  - Wednesday, April 17, 9am-3pm
  - Thursday, April 18, 9am-3pm
  - Friday, April 19, 8am-7pm (Sale Day!)
  - Saturday, April 20, 8am-1pm (Sale & Clean-up)
- We need a large work crew and trucks for clean-up starting at 10:30!*

#### Donation Drop Off Times:

- Monday, April 15, 9am-3pm & 6pm-8pm
  - Tuesday, April 16, 9am-3pm & 6pm-8pm
  - Wednesday, April 17, 9am-3pm
- Please drop off your donations by Wednesday afternoon to allow us time to organize & price all items for the sale!*

### Turning Wine into Water 2024

Since 2011, Ingomar Living Waters has been dedicated to bringing the gift of clean water to the world.

There are an estimated 663 million people in the world without access to clean water, leading to unnecessary disease, suffering, and death, and perpetuating poverty.



It is a big undertaking, but we are continually encouraged by those who support our efforts.

The gifts of many generous "WORLD CHANGERS" have enabled us to implement 306 projects and provide clean water to over 723,000 people across 31 countries. In 2023 alone, donors to Ingomar Living Waters helped bring clean water to over 85,000 people.

Please support this year's **Turning Wine into Water** event on Saturday, April 20 at 6pm at the Carnegie Science Center in Point View Hall.

Come and meet the Ingomar Living Waters team, enjoy great food, taste some outstanding wine selections, and bid on



special auction items. Most importantly, help us to raise money to implement clean water projects around the world!

For more details, please visit [ingomarlivingwaters.org](http://ingomarlivingwaters.org).

### Electronic Giving is Easy!

Choose from online giving through our website: [ingomarchurch.org/give](http://ingomarchurch.org/give) or our mobile "myVanco" giving app, or simply text an amount (preceded by a dollar sign) to 412-504-7798 and enter a giving code. Thank you for your generosity!



April 2024



**Hospitality Hub**  
Getting to know you ...

**Social Time Sunday is April 21** - Enjoy our Coffee & Hot Beverage bars along with light refreshments before and after all our services. Please bring your own travel mug to reduce our overhead expenses.

**Volunteers are needed** to help put the coffee bistro away in The Gathering Place following the 10 or 11am services. The very light clean-up takes less than 10 minutes. Please consider helping. Email or speak with Erin: [etoohy@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:etoohy@ingomarchurch.org)

**Save the Date:** Mark your calendars for *Next Month's Social Time & Confirmation Reception-May 19.*

**Interested in Serving?** Are you craving more involvement with the Church, but feel like you don't have much time to give? We have many ways in which you can give a little time during your time spent at Worship. Please join our Kingdom Servants - we can help you find the right opportunity that suits you! Talk to Erin!

**It's Spring and our Flower Team is GROWING!** Do you have about 90 minutes to give every 6 weeks or so? Talk to Erin about this fun & creative way to give back to the church in a way that fits your busy schedule!

### Name Tags

We hope for all our members and regular attenders to wear a name tag at Worship. This simple practice is helping us to get to know one another on a deeper and more meaningful level.

Please wear your name tag. If you don't see yours, request it by scanning the code or email Erin.



## Quick Notes

### Legacy Campaign Update

We have received over \$2.3 million in donations to the Launching a Legacy campaign. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this campaign a success!



**Launching a Legacy**  
generation to generation

### Capital Projects approved for 2024 include::

- Waterproofing near Entrance E in the CLC
- Replacing Air Handlers in Fellowship Hall
- Replacing flooring in WEC building, including the Portico, Library, Narthex, and Auxiliary Narthex
- CLC Catch Basin Project
- Paving the CLC Parking Lot

**Temporary Closure of Entrance "E"** - As of Saturday March 16, the crosswalk entrance to the Community Life Center (Entrance E) is closed and will remain closed for about a month! Please use other entrances.

**Altar Flowers** - Would you like to donate Altar Flowers in Memory or Honor of a loved one? Maybe there's a special occasion or anniversary you would like to celebrate? Become an Altar Flower Donor. We have a few dates over the next several months available. Use the Flower Book in the Rear of the Sanctuary to select your date, call Erin at the church office or find the form on the home page in IConnect - 2024 Altar Flowers. The suggested donation is \$45 to cover the cost of supplies.

**Sparkle Time 2024 | Saturday, May 4** - Save the date and plan to help us bring "sparkle" and "shine" to the church grounds! Beginning at 8am at the church, help us clean up flower beds, spread mulch and accomplish other projects. Bring your own tools (rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.) if you have them. It's a great serving opportunity for small groups. All ages are welcome!

We've added something new this year! Wear your shiniest, sparkly & bright blingy colors. "Best Dressed" will win a gift card to Handel's Ice Cream. Donuts will also be served!

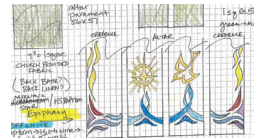
For info about the projects, contact Mike Geyer: [mgeyer@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:mgeyer@ingomarchurch.org)

For info about the sparkly attire, contact Erin Toohey: [etoohy@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:etoohy@ingomarchurch.org)

**Help Needed** - Hope for Honduras is looking for a part-time Bookkeeper/Communications person. It is a paid ministry position. If interested, contact Pastor Cyndi: [cbloise@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:cbloise@ingomarchurch.org)

**New Paraments Proposal** - Our existing green parament, used on the altar in the sanctuary is quite old and currently held together with straight pins. Given that we are carefully monitoring our church budget, purchasing new paraments requires funding through donations.

Erin Toohey has extensively researched options and has identified an excellent cost-effective source with customized solutions. The total costs range from \$1220 to \$3156. Because this is an important and much-needed upgrade, Pastor Greg and Pastor Cyndi have each committed a personal investment of \$100 and they are hoping that the Flower Team will also contribute to this project. With that initial financial commitment, we will encourage our Leadership Council and the congregation to participate in funding this project.



If you are interested in contributing to this project, please send a check marked for paraments on the memo line. At this time, there is no means to contribute electronically. To learn more about the project, contact Erin: [etoohy@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:etoohy@ingomarchurch.org) or Pastor Cyndi: [cbloise@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:cbloise@ingomarchurch.org).

### Camp Davis: A Get-Away that's Close to Home!

Owned by Ingomar Church, Camp Davis is located on 25 acres of serene wooded land in Franklin Park, just 10 minutes from Ingomar Church. Although just minutes away, it is refreshingly free from the hustle and bustle of suburbia.

### Camp Davis is ideal for Group Activities such as:

- Youth retreats
- Confirmation Class retreats
- Guys-in-the-Woods retreats
- Scout events and overnights
- Boy Scout Eagle Projects
- Group planning sessions
- Small group retreats
- Sunday School Class outings
- Family reunions and gatherings

For more information, visit [ingomarchurch.org/camp-davis/](http://ingomarchurch.org/camp-davis/) or to arrange a tour or reservation, please call the church office 412-364-3613.

## Sanctuary Flowers

Given to the glory of God

**April 7**  
Congratulations to Rebecca Rudd and Phil Kasprzyk on the celebration of their marriage today

**April 14**  
Bonny Hall Diver in honor of Hair Peace Volunteers

**April 21**  
Jeff, Michelle & Campbell McCann in honor of Channing McCann's 16th Birthday

**April 28**  
Ann Wicks & Family in memory of Victor J Wicks, MD

## Church Family

### Sympathy to:

The family and friends of Carol Gilmour on the passing of Carol's father, **Arnold Ray Huntress** on March 4

The family and friends of Allyn Mathews on the passing of Allyn's mother, **Jean Arndt** on March 14



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