

# MARCH 2024

## at Ingomar Church

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

### Celebrate Easter—Come Join Us and Bring a Friend

During Lent, we are exploring the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

#### March Message Schedule

**March 3 - Parables From the Underside**  
8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
Pastor Greg

**March 10 - The Journey to Jerusalem**  
8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
Pastor Greg

**March 17 - Five Days Before the Crucifixion**  
8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
Pastor Cyndi

**March 24 - Palm Sunday Crucified With the Outlaws**  
8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
Pastor Cyndi

**March 28 - Maundy Thursday "Love Feast"**  
7pm in Fellowship Hall  
Pastor Cyndi

**March 29 - Good Friday**  
7pm Traditional in the Sanctuary  
Pastor Greg

**March 31 - Easter The Crucified and Resurrected Life**  
8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary  
Pastor Greg

Join us now through Easter, March 31 for our message series— **Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws.**

### Journey to the Cross

During Holy Week, embark on a transformative **Journey to the Cross** from Monday, March 25 through Friday, March 29, during regular office hours, and on Wednesday, March 27, from 7pm to 8:30pm in the Community Life Center, we offer a unique and inspiring prayer experience.



#### What is Journey to the Cross?

Designed as a contemplative prayer experience, it enables reverent reflection on the significant events of Jesus' last days leading up to His crucifixion and resurrection.

Walk alongside Jesus as He enters Jerusalem, shares the Last Supper with His disciples, agonizes in the Garden of Gethsemane, and ultimately surrenders Himself to the cross.

#### Inspiring and Invitational

Engage with Scripture, reflect on meaningful meditations, and spend intentional time in prayer. Each station is thoughtfully curated to evoke a sense of reverence and awe as you ponder the depth of God's love demonstrated through Christ's sacrifice.

#### Why Participate?

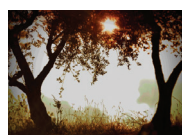
Deepen your spiritual walk and draw closer to the heart of God during this sacred season. Whether you are seeking solace, renewal, or simply a deeper understanding of Christ's passion, this experience is sure to inspire and invigorate your faith journey.

#### How to Participate

Come on Wednesday, March 27, from 7pm to 8:30pm for a guided experience led by a member of our pastoral team, or come for self-guided exploration throughout the week during regular office hours.

#### Spread the Word

Invite friends, family, and neighbors on this sacred journey. Share this newsletter article, invite them personally, and extend a warm welcome to all who seek to encounter the love of Christ in a profound and meaningful way this Holy Week.



Betrayed by Judas



Whipped and Mocked



Buried in a Tomb

at a glance



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## The Hangout for Adults

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

**MEETING LOCATION:** Billy's Roadhouse now through March 19 (we plan to resume meeting at Cadence Clubhouse in April). Billy's Roadhouse is a local neighborhood bar and grille featuring great food and drinks, located just off Route 19 in Wexford, PA at 10150 Old Perry Highway.

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)



## Come to a Unique Recital Series

To strengthen common connection, 4 Pittsburgh area organists serving United Methodist Churches have joined forces to offer 4 joint organ recitals at 4 local United Methodist Churches.

Experience this amazing opportunity to hear the same pieces performed on very different organs in very different church spaces. A free will offering is being taken to assist the music ministry of each church. Meet the artists after each recital for a reception with light refreshments.

**Upcoming concerts:** Saturday, March 2, at Mt. Lebanon UMC, 2pm, hosted by Mitchell Stecker, and finally Sunday March 10 at Ingomar Church, 4pm, hosted by Benjamin Bugaile.

## 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 Generation Ministry NEWS

### Next Gen KIDS

#### PALM SUNDAY: JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

All students PK-4th grade are invited to Journey to the Cross as we walk through the stations of Holy Week! We'll explore what Jesus did from entering Jerusalem to Resurrection Sunday. This is in place of "GROW" and starts at 9:45am. The stations will be left up for families to explore from 5-7pm on Good Friday before the worship service.



**Please note:** There will be no "GROW" on Easter Sunday.

#### SCUBA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Plan to attend our 2024 Vacation Bible School: July 8 through the 12 from 9am to noon. This year's theme is "SCUBA - Diving into friendship with God." Registration opens April 1. 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!

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.



Volunteer at VBS

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.



Donate to VBS

### Next Gen YOUTH PUTT-PUTT NIGHT:

**MARCH 3, 6pm to 8:30pm**

Middle and high school students will be meeting together to build their own custom putt-putt golf course! After building the course, we will break for dinner! Then, students will test out their new creation! It's going to be an awesome night, invite your friends!

### ST. PATTY'S DAY YOUTH GROUP

**MARCH 17 (MS 5-6:30pm; HS 6:30-8:30pm)**

On March 17 we will be celebrating St. Patty's Day by playing an extra special version of Grog! Will you be able to find all of the Lucky Charms in order to stop the Leprechaun!

### PALM SUNDAY PRAYER EXPERIENCE

**MARCH 24, 6pm to 8pm**

On Palm Sunday, Youth Group will complete a guided prayer walk called "Journey to the Cross." It is meant to give you space to reflect on the events of Jesus' crucifixion in a unique and meaningful way. Although more serious than most youth group nights... you don't want to miss it!

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT: APRIL 5-7 AT JUMONVILLE

**LASER TAG: APRIL 12, 9pm to 12am**

**at LASERSTORM PITTSBURGH**

On April 12 join us at Laser Storm for 3 hours of unlimited laser tag! This event is for both middle and high school students. The cost of this event is \$25.

### CURRENT SERIES - GLOW

Easter Sunday is a time of joy and celebration (cue the candy, pastel eggs, and sunshine). But Good Friday had to happen first. Before the joy, hope, and light of Jesus' resurrection could be experienced, Jesus and his followers had to experience some deeply frightening, painful, hopeless, and dark moments. Maybe you've had moments like that before too.

In this two-week series from the Gospels, come and see that Easter isn't just something that happened 2,000 years ago — it's something that's still happening today. We'll discover Jesus is with us in the darkness, and Jesus is the light in the darkness.

## Ingomar Child Enrichment Center News

During Kindness Week last month, Ingomar Child Enrichment Center (ICEC) held a food drive for the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. It offered a tangible way to teach our children about helping others. The families were asked to bring in items from a provided list. All donors were rewarded with a bee sticker (bee kind).

The ICEC families showed up in a big way, collecting 537 pounds of food to



help out the community! How amazing is that?

Ingomar Child Enrichment Center is currently recruiting an Assistant Teacher for a class of 2-year-olds for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information, visit <https://ingomarchurch.org/employment-opportunities/>

## Mission Focus: The Hub at the Bridge

Many of you at Ingomar Church have been asking what is happening at the former Bethany House Academy and how you can become involved again, since many of you spent time supporting the children who are served there.

Bethany House has undergone a rebranding. The Learning Hub at The Bridge is a program sponsored by United Methodist Church Union's new 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Kidcelerate. The Hub is located in the building that housed the former Bethany House Academy in the Northview Heights community. Designed for students in grades K-5, and a few middle school-aged children, it is an after-school alternative.

Staff at the Hub provide homework help, lead groups in different activities, and provide direction and encouragement. Food is provided through a federally funded Food Bank meals program. An online tutoring program began in January in which college education

majors tutor students in various subjects, ensuring consistent tutoring.

The Hub's staff also provides enrichment activities, such as the weekly visit from an African Drum Master

organization and opportunities for dance, art, and music. Groups are formed from mutual interests like building a gingerbread house or learning to draw.

Here's how you can help: the Hub could benefit from your time to teach an area of your interest or expertise, especially

in STEAM areas, such as chess, photography, bike riding (or their repair to adults), kite flying, crochet, baking—the opportunities are endless. The time commitment would be flexible and short. Although there is no longer a need for meal preparation, an occasional special occasion meal or treat would be welcomed.

Please contact Debbie Roche, Missions Outreach Committee, at [debroche102@gmail.com](mailto:debroche102@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering at the Hub.



## Ingomar Living Waters "Turning Wine into Water" 2024

Since 2011, Ingomar Living Waters has been dedicated to bringing the gift of clean water to the world. To all who support this mission, we honor you as "WORLD CHANGERS" because your generosity has truly effected positive change in the lives of thousands of people who previously lacked access to clean water.

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. While the problem might seem daunting, we are continually encouraged and grateful for 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 help sponsor 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, meet representatives from our partners who have in-country teams implementing water projects, bid on special auction items. And most importantly, help us to raise money to implement clean water projects around the world!

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



### Thursday, March 28, 7-8 pm, Fellowship Hall

The Love Feast, or Agape, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry. The service expresses the koinonia or serving, belonging and fellowship enjoyed with other Jesus Followers. The Love Feast, in common with other acts of worship, includes prayer, praise, scripture, preaching or short meditation, mutual fellowship, and an offering.

Love Feasts typically begin with prayer and a fairly simple supper at which normal conversation takes place.

Following the meal, scripture is read to recall the meal in which Jesus and his disciples gathered in the upper room to celebrate the Passover Feast in John 13. As depicted in this scripture, there is an opportunity to wash each other's feet in a service of love for one another. Women and men will gather in their own separate groups to pass the basin from one to another. We remember that this is not about feet and whether ours are attractive or not. It is about humble service and love.

For those who do not wish to wash feet or who are unable to kneel for the act of foot washing, there will be an opportunity to pass the basin to wash each other's hands. During the foot and handwashing part of our service, our traditional worship leader, Ben, will be leading us in a cappella singing of hymns.

Then we return to the table to recall some of the teachings of Jesus that happened following the washing of feet. The service concludes with more singing, prayer, and holy communion as we remember the night before Jesus was arrested for his crucifixion.

*All are invited and please invite a guest.*

### 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!

### Serving at Ingomar Church

We serve because Jesus showed us how to serve, and serving him brings people to know him. We serve because life is better with Jesus at the center.

Learn more about specific serving opportunities at <https://ingomarchurch.org/serve/>



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### Hospitality Hub

Getting to know you ...

#### New Member Welcome & Social Time

**Sunday** is March 17. Enjoy our Coffee & Hot Beverage bars along with light refreshments before and after all our services. Stop by and get to know someone new and welcome Ingomar's newest Members. Please bring your own lidded cup to help reduce costs.

Volunteers are still needed to help break down our upstairs coffee bar following the 10:00 service. The light clean up takes less than 10 minutes, please consider helping if you can. Email or speak to Erin - Thanks!  
[etoohy@ingomarchurch.org](mailto:etoohy@ingomarchurch.org)

*Next month's Social Time is April 21!*

*Mark your calendars!*

#### Celebrate Don Megahan on March 17

Join us to honor Don Megahan's 25 years of service at Ingomar Church following both Traditional Services in our Gathering Place. Stop by and share some of your fondest memories and enjoy some fellowship as we appreciate and recognize Don for his extraordinary service and beautiful talents.

#### Interested in Serving?

We have many different opportunities and ways that you can help at Ingomar Church. Many of them require a small time commitment and very little or no training. Please ask Erin about ways in which you might like to serve.

#### Help with Palms on Palm Sunday

Help pass out Palms after service on Palm Sunday (3/24). This is a great volunteer opportunity for children. Please email Erin if you can help.

#### Need a Name Tag?

Help us to get to know one another!! If you need one, please scan this QR.



• Pastor Greg Cox • Pastor Cyndi Bloise

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## Spring Rummage Sale! A Time For Mission & Fellowship!

Get ready 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!

#### 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!*

#### 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)

Ingomar Church Mission Outreach

**RUMMAGE SALE**

in Fellowship Hall  
**Friday, April 19**  
**Saturday, April 20**  
Info at [ingomarchurch.org](http://ingomarchurch.org)



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

#### There is a job for everybody!

First, clean out your closets, drawers, garage, etc. Donate items that are in good condition but no longer used. This is the green thing to do, and we all hold on to too many possessions! Children can do this as well as adults. Volunteer to help, even if it is only for few hours. Our many tasks include setting up tables and racks, sorting items, pricing, checking all electrical items, making repairs and cleaning items so they can be sold, unloading heavy bags and boxes from vehicles, moving items to sorting areas, greeting people as they drop off donations, greeting

our guests as they arrive to shop, helping our guests get items into their cars, cleaning up, providing food for workers and managing trash & recycles. Even if you have physical limitations, we have a job that 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 your support!

## It's time to Order Easter Flowers

We have a fresh variety of Spring Perennial Plants available for purchase this Easter Season. It's a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a loved one. Want to recognize a specific group or committee at Ingomar Church? It's a fun way to say "We appreciate you!" The cost is \$10 per plant and they are provided by Soergel's Orchards. You can take your plant home with

you after Easter Sunday Service. Use the QR code to order, mention it on your Connect card and we will send you the link, or use paper forms found at our Welcome Desks. You can also call the church office. 412-364-3613. The order deadline is Sunday March 19.



### Sanctuary Flowers

Given to the glory of God

#### March 3

Frank & Cyndi Bloise in honor of Jillian Bloise's birthday

#### March 10

The Krushinski Family in Memory of Helen Glenn Ward

#### March 17

Bonny Hall Diver in honor of Our Fair Haired Irish Friends

#### March 24

Frank & Cyndi Bloise in honor of Kimberlyn Bloise's birthday

## Church Family

#### Sympathy to:

The family and friends of Sue Rock-Ruzomberka on the passing of Sue's sister **Kathleen "Kathy" Rock** on February 11

The family and friends of the Pintado family on the passing of **Virginia Pintado** on February 20