

MAY 2024

at Ingomar Church

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

Ghost Stories: Examining the Work of the Holy Spirit

May Message Schedule

May 5 - Live and In-Person
8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary
Pastor Cyndi

May 12 - Help! I Need Somebody!
8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary
Pastor Greg

May 19 - You're Full of It
8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary
Pastor Greg

May 26 - Flipping the Switch
8:30 & 10 Traditional & 11 Contemporary
Pastor Greg

Not to be confused with the types of ghost stories we hear about on Halloween or the kinds we see in Hollywood movies—our May Message Series, “Ghost Stories” looks at the work of the Holy Spirit, or the Holy Ghost, as referred to in early versions of the Bible.

This series encourages you to get to know the Holy Spirit better and to walk with the Holy Spirit through every part of your daily life.

Through the work of the Spirit, we are empowered to love others, speak about Christ, and live lives worthy of the God who loves us.

You are encouraged to come prepared each week, by reading the following passages: Acts 13:1-12; Acts 8:26-40; Acts 11:1-18; Acts 21:10-16

Please plan to join us, and please invite a friend!

Spring Rummage Sale — Another Win for Missions

We are celebrating another successful Missions Outreach Rummage Sale! Donations of items and time enabled us to bring in approximately \$9,400 for the agencies we support. We especially appreciate the volunteers who helped to greet and unload vehicles, sort, organize and price items. A wonderful crew greeted, helped our customers and provided radical hospitality to the 600+ people who shopped the sale. On Saturday, a fabulous clean-up crew packed up left over items, cleaned Fellowship Hall and the Kitchen, and dropped off bags and boxes of items to various agencies. It was a wonderful week of fellowship and broad Community Outreach! *Thanks to all who supported this effort.*



Ingomar Living Waters Turning Wine into Water 2024

On Saturday April 20, over 140 World Changers came together for an evening of fine wine, amazing food, and extravagant generosity to help bring the gift of clean water to the world.



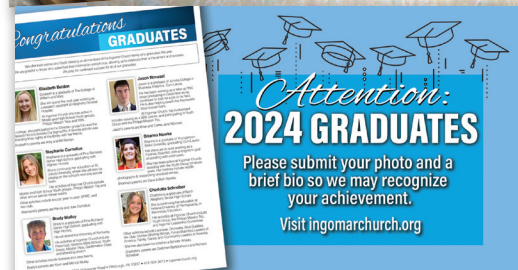
David Servant, founder of Heaven's Family, summarized the 166 projects on which we have collaborated, and the results that have brought clean water to 480,000 people. Highlighting the current plight of the Marwari people in the Sindh Province of Pakistan, he challenged us to help raise funds to bring them clean water in 2024.



Our auctioneer mesmerized the crowd and drove a record amount of activity at this year's event. As soon as the results are verified, the “net” raised at this year's event will be published.

Sincere thanks to all who so generously supported this event.

at a glance



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Due to a rainy weather forecast, Sparkle Time has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 11 at 8am at the church. Come and help us clean up flower beds, spread mulch and accomplish other projects.

Bring your own tools (rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.) if you have them. All ages are welcome!

BEST DRESSED 'SPARKLE ATTIRE' CONTEST
We've added something new this year!

Wear your shiniest, sparkly & bright blingy colors. "Best Dressed" will win a \$50 gift card to Handel's Ice Cream. Donuts will also be served!



Help us Recognize and Honor all of our 2024 graduates!

Please complete our **Graduate Recognition form** (you can find the form on the church website at: ingomarchurch.org/attention-graduates or in IConnect under forms) and attach a high-resolution photo to be included in our 2024 Graduate Recognition brochure. Please submit info by June 9th.

Graduates are invited to come on Youth Sunday, June 16 to be recognized during worship and celebrated during Social Time before and after services.

Be a Social Media Champion

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

facebook.com/ingomarchurch
instagram.com/ingomarchurch
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

Get ready to dive into friendship with God at VBS!



We can't wait to see you at 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.

Register now by scanning the QR! Kids will 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

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 can't commit your time or don't have your clearances, you can help by making 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

MIDWEEK TIE-DYE PARTY | May 29th, 6:00-7:30PM

Come to the first NextGen Kids Tie-Dye Party! Celebrate the end of the school year on the last day of Midweek with Tie-Dye, snow cones, & snacks. Bring your own items to tie-dye!



SUMMER SPLASH | SUMMER SERVE

SUMMER SPLASH for K-7th grade begins June 2nd, Sundays at 9:45am in the Community Life Center MAC room. Our regular Sunday morning programs—GROW and ELEVATE—combine for the summer for fun games, activities and Bible stories!

And if you like working with kids, why not try out SUMMER SERVE — a chance to serve at Splash or with the High School small group on a trial basis for the

summer. There's no commitment to continue if it's not a good fit for you! Check Next Gen Kids or Youth on your Connect Card.

VBS LEGO PROJECT

To get all kiddos excited about this year's Vacation Bible School we're asking them to help create a giant seascape with sea creatures made of Legos. All LEGO fans who would like help with planning are invited on **May 8 at 7pm in the Community Life Center, Room 125.**

Before and after worship on Sundays in June, all interested kids and adults are invited to join in constructing our Lego Seascape and Sea Creatures, to be finished before the beginning of VBS.



Next Gen YOUTH NEWS

NO YOUTH GROUP MAY 12 OR MAY 26

SPARKLE TIME: May 4 from 8am to 12pm

All Youth are invited and encouraged to help us bring "sparkle" and "shine" to the church grounds! Bring your own tools (rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.) if you have them. Come for some fun! Wear something shiny and win a gift card to Handel's Ice Cream!

WATER WAR AT CAMP DAVIS: JUNE 2 FROM 6 - 8PM

Join us for an exhilarating Water War as we kick-off the summer! Bring your water guns and prepare for an epic battle at Camp Davis. Don't miss out on the splashing action and laughter-filled moments. It's time to soak up the excitement and make a splash at our Summer Kick-Off!

BEST IN THE BURGH - ICE CREAM EDITION

Get ready for a sweet summer adventure as we embark on a quest to discover the tastiest ice cream in the Burgh! Join us for hour-long meetups at various ice cream shops, where our simple goal is to build friendships, pray for one another, and indulge in delicious ice cream! Watch our socials for more details!



PHILIPPI MISSION TRIP: June 9 to June 15

Each summer, our youth and adult volunteers spend a week in Philippi, West Virginia working on renovation and construction projects to help families in need. **Adult volunteers are encouraged** — especially those willing to serve on our Kitchen Crew! For more info, contact Zag: zphillips@ingomarchurch.org

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!

Mission Focus: Abukloi Foundation (in South Sudan)

Ingomar Church is now supporting Abukloi Secondary School in Rumbek, South Sudan.

The school was started by a United Methodist pastor and her adopted son in 2014. Angelo Maker is that adopted son and one of the Lost Boys of Sudan. He is now the executive director.

Abukloi has over 700 students from 9th through 12th grade. The school is considered one of the top secondary schools in all of South Sudan.

Ingomar Church began its support by providing \$6000 to hire a full-time nurse for the school and an additional \$4000 to provide lunches for the students.



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Abukloi Foundation provides micro loans for small businesses that are started by some of the former students.

South Sudan is the newest country in the world. Supporting Abukloi School is our way of being on the ground floor of helping to create this new nation through education and supporting cottage industries.

Abukloi Foundation's mission is to collaborate with the people of Rumbek to help them build their lives through community empowerment, gender equity, experiential learning, environmental sustainability and peace and conflict resolution.

For more information about Abukloi, visit their website: abukloi.org

Ingomar Church contact: Jean Dobay, jeandobay@gmail.com or call 724-612-1310.

Support Youth Missions at our Annual Golf Outing

PHILIPPI MISSION TRIP GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 24
Cranberry Highlands Golf Course
5601 Freshcorn Rd,
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

Named PA's #1 Municipal Golf Course in 2009 by Golf Digest magazine, Cranberry Highlands is a high quality, challenging yet playable public golf course.

This year check-in begins at 8:30am and the shotgun start is at 10am.

NOT A GOLFER? Consider a SPONSORSHIP!

A **Materials Sponsorship** goes towards materials used on the trip. This could be lumber, shingles, insulation, doors, or something else. Sponsorships begin as low as \$5.00.

General Sponsorships start with a Hole Sponsorship at \$125 to a Platinum Sponsor at \$1,500+ Click the button below to become a sponsor!

Proceeds support YOUTH MISSIONS, including our Annual Summer Mission Trip to Philippi, West Virginia where Ingomar Youth help families in need. Tasks have included framing homes, building home additions, re-roofing, painting, plumbing, and more.

For registration information, contact Dee Gentile at deeandcats@aol.com.



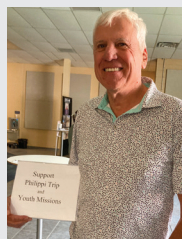
Jim Mountain is a strong supporter of Youth Ministry at Ingomar Church. Here's his reasoning:

"The reason I sponsor Youth Missions at Ingomar is that it provides twice the benefit of other worthy missions.

Benefit number one is direct to the families in West Virginia who get much needed home improvements.

Benefit number two is direct to our youth who get the life-changing experience that mission trips provide.

It is truly a two-for-one deal—The dollars we spend benefit both the families of Philippi and the youth of Ingomar Church."



Pizza with the Pastors

Interested in Membership?

Want to learn more about membership at Ingomar Church? If so, you're invited to join us for Pizza with the Pastors on Sunday, June 9 following 11am worship. Bring your family, and chat with the pastors over lunch. Child care is provided and special dietary needs are accommodated.

Scan the QR to reserve your spot now or check your Connect Card in worship for more info.



Do you have a Burning Question?

During July and August, our message series will focus on some of the really big questions being asked by people as they try to determine the best ways to live their lives.

"Burning Questions" are often of significant interest or concern to a person or a group of people, indicating there is an urgent and pressing desire for an answer or resolution.

We believe that the Church should be helping people find answers to their "burning questions" or we are not doing our job well.

During May and June, we are asking you to submit your "burning questions" for consideration as subject matter for our message series in July and August.

Scan the QR to submit your burning question.



Electronic Giving is Easy!

Choose from online giving through our website: 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!

May 2024



Hospitality Hub
Getting to know you ...

Social Time Sunday & Confirmation Reception-Sunday May 19 - Join us for Social Time before and after all our services. Stop by, enjoy a drink and snack on us and get to know someone new. We will be recognizing this year's Confirmands also. Join us and congratulate our youth on their faith journey at Ingomar Church.

Volunteers are needed - Please help by bringing your own travel mug with lid on Sunday mornings!! This will help reduce our cup & lid expenses tremendously. We now have donation bins at both of our Beverage Bistros, feel free to pitch in a couple bucks to help us offset these costs as well! Thank you!

Interested in Serving? There are many ways to get involved at Ingomar Church. Not sure the right fit or way to serve? Reach out to Erin to discuss the different possibilities. One of our biggest current needs is with the light clean up following the 10am Traditional Service. It takes about 10 minutes and can be done after the 10 or 11am services. Please consider helping if you're feeling called. Call Erin to discuss! 412-364-3613. Thank you!

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 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.

Legacy Campaign 2-year Update

As of the end of March 2024, \$2,393,662 in donations have been received from people in this congregation to take care of the existing property repair needs so that the next generation at Ingomar Church inherits a healthier physical plant from which to do ministry.



Launching a Legacy
generation to generation

- **\$195,839** of campaign funds went towards our mortgage, which was paid off in June 2022.
- **\$823,214** has gone into the Capital Reserve Endowment held at the United Methodist Foundation of Pennsylvania. This endowment will generate over \$30,000 in 2024 to fund capital projects and the interest will continue to generate capital improvement income into the future.
- **\$1,374,609** has been allocated to the Capital Reserve Fund, to be used on our immediate capital projects, both now and into the future.

Here are some of the Capital Projects in which we have invested with these dollars:

2022 - \$97,165 spent on capital projects, including:

- Replaced parking lot lights with LED lights
- Replaced Fellowship Hall Doors (Entrance 8)
- Roof Repairs
- New projectors for Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
- Repaired CLC front steps & landing (Entrance A)

2023 - \$497,157 spent on capital projects, including:

- New beverage stations, including coffee and cappuccino machines, cabinets, and countertops.
- Installed ADA door opener at WEC entrance 2
- Multipurpose Activity Center Room Air Handler
- Sanctuary Lighting Upgrade

- Repair WEC lower lot catch basin, including engineering drawings
- Repaired the retaining wall along West Ingomar Road
- Repaved the Fellowship Hall parking lot & WEC parking lot repairs
- Fellowship Hall sound system upgrade

2024 - \$795,638 budgeted for capital projects, including:

- Replaced sidewalk lights in front of the Worship and Education building, and installed a light pole by the handicapped parking spots
- Waterproofing and repairing previous water damage in the walls of the lower level of the Community Life Center (near entrance E)
- Installed new flooring in the portico (entry by large parking lot), library, ICEC office, main entry way, and Gathering Place (projected for June)
- Catchment basin repairs & engineering drawings on the Community Life Center parking lot (in process currently)
- Installed three new air handling units & condensers servicing Fellowship Hall, Choir room, and the Sanctuary choir loft
- Paving CLC parking lot (projected to be completed when the catchment basin repairs are being done)

Thank you for your vision in providing for ministry as a legacy for future generations of worshipers here! It is our honor to be entrusted with the stewardship of the gifts you have given, and we plan to continue to be good stewards. You can inquire at the office at any time for more detailed information on these projects.

If you have not had an opportunity to give yet, it is not too late. We have one year of this campaign remaining in which we hope to meet or exceed our \$3 million dollar goal that will provide for the care of our ministry facility for years to come.

Meaningful Connections - Building Community

The Connect Ministries Team gathered for Brunch in April to kick off Volunteer Appreciation Week. We enjoyed intentional & meaningful time getting to know one another. To join our Connect Ministry Team, contact Erin Toohey: 412-364-3613 or etoohy@ingomarchurch.org



Sanctuary Flowers

Given to the glory of God

May 5

Jack Rihs in memory of Sandy Rihs

Wayne & Robin Koble in honor of our Grandchildren

May 12

Bob & Linda Taylor in memory of Linda's brother, SFC Richard H. McCormick

Patty Duran and Melissa Martinez in Memory of Carlos Murcia

May 19

Marilyn Helm in memory of Eugene & Marcella Helm

Kelly Pernel in memory of Curry Sharlow

May 26

Earl Marsh, Jr. in memory of Ruth Nellene Marsh

Roy and Linda Huffman in Honor of The Choir Members

Church Family

Sympathy to:

The family and friends of Sandy Kozlow and Brenda Mullan on the passing of Sandy's husband, Brenda's father, **Michael Kozlow** on March 31

The family and friends of Judy Shust on the passing of Judy's husband, **Robert Shust** on March 31

The family and friends of Joyce Barksdale on the passing of Joyce's mother, **Cornelia Sealand** on April 4

Celebration of Life:

For **Dorothy "Dottie" Hasek** on Saturday, May 25, 12pm at Simons Funeral Home. Dottie worked as a preschool teacher's aide at our Preschool from 1973-1991, enriching the lives of hundreds of children.



• Pastor Greg Cox • Pastor Cyndi Bloise

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