



**The building is closed, but the church is alive and active!**  
**Wednesday update from Indian Hill Church**  
**March 25, 2020**

Greetings from your *church* home as we enter this new *stay at home* phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are constantly exploring new ways of being the church in these unusual circumstances, and we will continue to give you midweek updates.

**Sunday worship remains suspended until further notice.** A weekly video worship service will be posted on Saturday evenings, including prayer, scripture, music, and a brief homily from one of our clergy. If you missed last Sunday's service, you can find it at: [IHC Online Worship.March 22.2020.Lent 4](#)

The lectionary readings for this Sunday, March 29 are: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, and John 11:1-45. [Readings.March 29.2020.Lent 5](#)

**The Church building remains closed.** No outside groups, committees, or meetings are taking place in the church building. Last week the staff, the Vestry Session, and other groups held regularly scheduled meetings via video conference.

**The Nursery School remains closed.** Following Indian Hill School District and mandated by the governor, the Nursery School is closed at least through April 3. Nursery School families will be updated weekly through Constant Contact as it pertains directly to the Nursery School. In addition, Nursery School will be posting activities on Facebook that can be completed at home to support your child's development. Follow us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/IHCNS/>

**We continue to reach out to those most at risk.** The Pastoral Care Committee is contacting and offering support to members of our community identified by the CDC to be most at risk. This includes senior citizens and others with long-term health problems. Support might include grocery shopping or simply a friendly voice over the phone. Please notify us of anyone you know who might need assistance. **(simply REPLY to this Constant Contact email)**

**InterParish Ministry (IPM) and La Soupe need our support.** Your Church and Community Committee voted to donate \$12,000 to IPM (Inter Parish Ministry) for their immediate use during these trying times. The funds were released from the church and community general funds and will go directly to the purchase of food for families in need. IPM is helping families

with drive through food pantries and mobile pantries that families can access once in a two week period. With schools closed, providing food to children and youth on the free lunch program has become a special priority for both IPM and La Soupe. At this time, monetary donations are most appreciated. Donations can be made at <http://www.interparish.org/needs/> and <https://lasoupe.org/donate>.

**Children and Family Ministry and Youth Ministry are on line and active!** Regular updates are provided that include prayers and devotions as well as hands-on activities for families. Additionally, students in grades 6-12 are communicating directly with one another and our Youth Director via the GroupMe app in Middle and High School group texts. If your student is not getting communication from this app, please email Amy Clark, [aclark@indianhillchurch.org](mailto:aclark@indianhillchurch.org) for further information.

For our youth, please follow us on our Youth Instagram: *ihc\_youth* (for Middle and High School students)- use link below:

[https://www.instagram.com/invites/contact/?i=lpf1izf4k8xt&utm\\_content=s4czam](https://www.instagram.com/invites/contact/?i=lpf1izf4k8xt&utm_content=s4czam)

### **What can you do?**

**Continue to Pray** for those who are most vulnerable at this time, for those infected by the virus, for all healthcare workers, for the unemployed, and all of those whose livelihoods are threatened. Pray for the Church throughout the world and for Indian Hill Church, that we might respond faithfully in this time of crisis. If there is someone or a concern that you would like to add to our confidential prayer list, go to: <https://www.indianhillchurch.org/prayer-requests>

**Stay Connected.** Daily posts on social media and the website will connect you to the church community through prayers, photos, video reflections, and videos of nursery school chapel. Contact any member of the church staff with questions, suggestions, or concerns. Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/indianhillchurch/>, Twitter [https://twitter.com/IH\\_Church](https://twitter.com/IH_Church), and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/indianhillchurch/>

**Give.** If you can, we encourage those of you who have made pledges to IHC to continue to pay them in a timely manner. Building maintenance, grounds upkeep, and staff salaries remain important priorities even when the building is not open for general use. Pledge offerings and other donations can be sent to the church or made on line: <https://www.indianhillchurch.org/donations/donate>.

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all today and evermore. Amen.*