



The building is closed, but the church is alive and active!
Wednesday update from Indian Hill Church
April 1, 2020

Greetings! We hope you are all well as we continue to live in these strange times of pandemic. We are separated physically but remain connected as the Body of Christ. To hear a message from Rev. Dr. Stephen Caine, click on the link below. [Click here for April 1, 2020 video message](#)

NEW this week:

Sunday worship services are suspended at least through the end of April, in keeping with current directives from the President and the Governor of Ohio. **JOIN US for videotaped worship on Palm Sunday (April 5), Maundy Thursday (April 9), Good Friday (April 10) and Easter Sunday (April 12)**. If you missed last Sunday's service, you can find it at: ([March 29, 2020 - 5th Sunday in Lent](#)) The lectionary readings for this Palm Sunday are: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 and Matthew 21:1-11. ([Palm Sunday - Liturgy of the Palms](#))

If you would like a palm for Palm Sunday, click on the link below for a paper palm to print out at home. [Click here for a paper palm](#)

Church and Community Committee (CCC) Updates: After voting to release \$12,000 to Inter Parish Ministry (IPM) last week, CCC is currently allocating funds for Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), to support clients with Kroger gift cards and to create a contingency plan for our June hosting if it needs to be hosted at a hotel. IPM, IHN, and La Soupe all support families, providing meals and other services during these challenging times. Donations can be made at <http://www.interparish.org/needs/>, <https://lasoupe.org/donate> and <http://ihncincinnati.org/>

The Nursery School remains closed. Following Indian Hill School District and mandated by the governor, the Nursery School is closed through May 1st. Nursery School families will be updated weekly through Constant Contact. In addition, the Nursery School is posting activities on Facebook and through Brightwheel, which can be completed at home to support your child's development. Follow us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/IHCNS/>

ONGOING:

We continue to reach out to those most at risk. The Pastoral Care Committee and clergy are working to stay in touch with and support those who are most at risk. Please notify us of anyone you know who might need assistance. (simply REPLY to this Constant Contact email)

Children and Family Ministry and Youth Ministry are online and active! The children and youth have begun an at home hands on mission project. Families are preparing Power Pack snack/ meal bags for IPM. Completed Power Packs are dropped in outdoor bins at member's houses for delivery to IPM. Families should be on the lookout for emails this week with family Holy Week activities and additional mission projects.

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 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=lpflizf4k8xt&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, 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>.

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (The Book of Common Prayer, p. 100)