Join Rev. Dr. Stephen Caine in the library as he reflects on the history of activism at the Indian Hill Church and he shares more about the reopening process.

Click here to view the Wednesday reflection
IHC Connections:
Post Sermon Discussion
Sunday, June 14 11:00 AM

Join us this Sunday for an online discussion. Here is the zoom link. If you need help learning about Zoom, contact Amy Clark (aclark@indianhillchurch.org).

Click here for Zoom link

Our Daily Bread
Sandwiches, Fruit and Dessert
New Dates added: Every Wednesday Through the end of July!

Indian Hill Church is providing sandwiches, fruit and dessert every Wednesday through the end of July.

This week we delivered 200 meat sandwiches, 200 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, 100 oranges and bananas and 200 desserts. Thank you!

Sign up to help by emailing Jennifer Taylor or signing up on signup genius.

Sign Up Genius Link

"In His name, lending a helping hand to others."

Drop off sandwiches, fruit and desserts on Tuesday afternoon or evening or on Wednesday morning before 9:00 AM.

Procedure:
1- Sign up via sign up genius or by emailing me (christianeducation@indianhillchurch.org)
2- Clean your kitchen counters with antibacterial cleaner.
3- Wash your hands thoroughly. If you have gloves, wear them to prepare the food.
4- Wear a mask and cover your hair with a hat or tie it back if long.
5- Make ham and cheese, turkey and cheese or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. (No condiments please.)
6- Place sandwiches in a sandwich baggie and label contents (Ham, Turkey, PB&J).
(As an alternative, you are welcome to pick up sandwiches from any sandwich company- Penn Station, Jimmy Johns, Jersey Mikes, Subway etc.)
7- Treats/ Desserts can be homemade or store bought. They need to be individually packaged. I would avoid nuts just to be safe.
7- Deliver sandwiches, fruit and desserts on Tuesday to Jennifer Taylor (6305 Graves Road, 45243). I will have coolers on the porch for contactless drop off.
8- Take a picture making the sandwiches for us to share with the congregation.

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Presiding Bishop Curry’s Word to the Church:
When the Cameras are Gone, We Will Still Be Here

“Our long-term commitment to racial justice and reconciliation is embedded in our identity as baptized followers of Jesus. We will still be doing it when the news cameras are long gone.”

In the midst of COVID-19 and the pressure cooker of a society in turmoil, a Minnesota man named George Floyd was brutally killed. His basic human dignity was stripped by someone charged to protect our common humanity. Perhaps the deeper pain is the fact that this was not an isolated incident. It happened to Breonna Taylor on March 13 in Kentucky. It happened to Ahmaud Arbery on February 23 in Georgia. Racial terror in this form occurred when I was a teenager growing up black in Buffalo, New York. It extends back to the lynching of Emmett Till in 1955 and well before that. It’s not just our present or our history. It is part of the fabric of American life.

But we need not be paralyzed by our past or our present. We are not slaves to fate but people of faith. Our long-term commitment to racial justice and reconciliation is embedded in our identity as baptized followers of Jesus. We will still be doing it when the news cameras are long gone. That work of racial reconciliation and justice – what we know as Becoming Beloved Community – is happening across our Episcopal Church. It is happening in Minnesota and in the Dioceses of Kentucky, Georgia and Atlanta, across America and around the world. That mission matters now more than ever, and it is work that belongs to all of us.

It must go on when racist violence and police brutality are no longer front-page news. It must go on when the work is not fashionable, and the way seems hard, and we feel utterly alone. It is the difficult labor of picking up the cross of Jesus like Simon of Cyrene, and carrying it until no one – no matter their color, no matter their class, no matter their caste – until no child of God is degraded and disrespected by anybody. That is God’s dream, this is our work, and we shall not cease until God’s dream is realized.

Is this hopelessly naïve? No, the vision of God’s dream is no idealistic utopia. It is our only real hope. And, St. Paul says, “hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit” (Romans 5:5). Real love is the dogged commitment to live my life in the most unselfish, even sacrificial ways; to love God, love my neighbor, love the earth and truly love myself. Perhaps most difficult in times like this, it is even love for my enemy. That is why we cannot condone violence. Violence against any person – conducted by some police officers or by some protesters – is violence against a child of God created in God’s image. No, as followers of Christ, we do not condone violence.
Neither do we condone our nation’s collective, complicit silence in the face of injustice and violent death. The anger of so many on our streets is born out of the accumulated frustration that so few seem to care when another black, brown or native life is snuffed out.

But there is another way. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, a broken man lay on the side of the road. The religious leaders who passed were largely indifferent. Only the Samaritan saw the wounded stranger and acted. He provided medical care and housing. He made provision for this stranger’s well-being. He helped and healed a fellow child of God.

Love, as Jesus teaches, is action like this as well as attitude. It seeks the good, the well-being, and the welfare of others as well as one’s self. That way of real love is the only way there is.

Accompanying this statement is a link to an online set of resources to help Episcopalians to LEARN, PRAY & ACT in response to racist violence and police brutality. That resource set includes faithful tools for listening to and learning from communities too often ignored or suppressed, for incorporating God’s vision of justice into your personal and community prayer life, and for positively and constructively engaging in advocacy and public witness.

Opening and changing hearts does not happen overnight. The Christian race is not a sprint; it is a marathon. Our prayers and our work for justice, healing and truth-telling must be unceasing. Let us recommit ourselves to following in the footsteps of Jesus, the way that leads to healing, justice and love.

Click here for what does love do document

Podcast:
Integrated Schools podcast episode
“Raising White Kids with Jennifer Harvey”

What is a healthy racial identity for a White person, and how do we help our White children develop one? We’re joined by Dr. Jennifer Harvey to discuss her book, Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America, as well her personal journey towards anti-racist organizing, educating, and child rearing.

EPISODE NOTES

The Reverend, Dr. Jennifer Harvey is a parent, a writer, an educator, and an activist. Her 2018 book Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America offers age-appropriate insights for teaching children how to address racism when they encounter it and tackles tough questions about how to help white kids be mindful of racial relations while understanding their own identity and the role they can play for justice.

We discuss the book, but also her personal journey from elementary school, where she was bussed under a court ordered desegregation plan to a predominately Black school, to her time at Union Seminary in New York, studying with the late, great Dr. James Cone. From the power of finding our
shared humanity, to liberation we can all find in anti-racism, the importance of moving from thought to action, Dr. Harvey’s insights feel incredibly important in this moment.

Click here for Podcast Link

Ways to Give
at Indian Hill Church

There is a new GIVE button on the front page of the Indian Hill Church website (indianhillchurch.org)
There are several ways to give towards the work of Indian Hill Church:

1. Credit Card or ACH
Click here to give online
You have the option to do a ONE-TIME payment or RECURRING payments via credit card or ACH via your banking information. Please note the church is assessed a 3% processing fee for all online transactions. You have the option to help offset these fees at check out.

2. PayPal
To give by PayPal click here
You have the option to do a ONE-TIME payment or RECURRING payments via credit card or ACH via your banking information. Please note the church is assessed a 2.5% processing fee for all transactions.

3. Text Messaging
Text messaging is a new option for Indian Hill Church. Text 73256 to give to IHC using your mobile device. Standard text messaging rates do apply.

4. Mail a Check
We always accept checks by mail.
Please make all checks payable to Indian Hill Church and mail to 6000 Drake Road, Cincinnati OH 45243.

5. Stock Options
The easiest way to donate stock to Indian Hill Church is to have the transfer handled by your broker or that company that handles the stock. You can instruct your broker or custodian to transfer the stock to:

Bartlett Wealth Management
DTC# 0164 Code 40
a/c 8023-0535 Indian Hill Church

It is important that our broker be notified that stock is being transferred. Please notify Tara Britton at Bartlett Wealth Management. Tara’s contact information is tbritton@bartlett1898.com or at 513-621-4612.
Readers Needed

Do you have a phone with a camera and email capability? If so, you can be a part of our weekly video worship service. If you would like to be a reader or pray the prayer, please email Amy Clark (aclark@indianhillchurch.org).

IPM (Inter Parish Ministry)
Power Packs
100 Power Packs Needed Weekly Through August 10

This week we donated 100 Power Packs! Thank you very much!

You can sign up to make Power Packs via sign up genius or by emailing Holly Dewees (waltandholly@fuse.net).

Click here to sign up on Sign Up Genius

What makes a good power pack?

1. Look for a meal for each bag (microwave mac and cheese, microwave ravioli, soups with pull tab, canned chicken/tuna lunch kits, Hormel shelf stable meals).
2. Add other items such as individual cereals, applesauce, fruit cups, shelf-stable puddings, oatmeal, peanut butter crackers, JIF peanut butter to go cups, raisins, chips, juice box, granola bar, pretzels, microwave popcorn, cheese crackers).
3. Seal items in a gallon Ziploc bag.
4. It is great when the bag is full of items.
5. Feel free to add an encouraging note to the child receiving the Power Pack.

Power Packs can be dropped off anytime at one of three church member houses. These members have volunteered to have a bin at the front porch for power packs.

Church Member Drop off locations:
Michael and Jennifer Taylor's house: 6305 Graves Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243
Walt and Holly Dewees' house: 9310 Old Indian Hill Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243
Phil and Suzanne Beck's house: 9983 Walnutridge Ct., Cincinnati, OH 45242
IPM Drop Off Location:
Monday and Tuesday 10:00 am-12:00 pm at the Newtown Pantry 3509 Debolt St., Cincinnati, OH 45244

You may also donate items to be assembled into Power Packs by an IPM volunteer.

Click here to donate items for Power Pack Assembly

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