

Sunday Worship and Announcements

Join us for worship today!

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."
Matthew 13:18-23

Ancient Gardener,
your holy word is planted in our hearts
as good seed in fertile soil.
So nurture us
that we may bear fruit abundantly. Amen.

Art: JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.
Jesus MAFA The parable of the sower, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

[Click here to view the worship service.](#)

IHC Connections:
Post Sermon Discussion
Sunday, July 12 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 the zoom link](#)

IPM Backpacks and School Supplies Needed

Inter Parish Ministry (IPM) will once again be providing backpacks and school supplies to the children of the families they serve.

All purchased items may be dropped off at church Monday through Thursday between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

We are being asked to help in any of the following ways:

- make a financial contribution to help with the purchase of supplies
- purchase backpacks (solid color backpacks for older children are most needed)
- purchase any of the following items in any quantity:
 - pens
 - markers
 - glue sticks
 - looseleaf notebook paper (wide or college ruled)

To make a financial contribution please write a check made out to Indian Hill Church and write "IPM Backpack Program" on the memo line. (This allows your contribution to be included in your giving statement.) Checks should be sent to the attention of Heather Jordan at church (6000 Drake Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243).

All contributions need to arrive at church no later than Monday, August 3.

If you have any questions please contact Linda Seal at 513-607-4767.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this program.

Camp in a Box

Instead of in person VBS this year, the Christian Education Committee opted for a "Camp in a Box" for children to work on at home. The camp is designed to engage the children with God's creation outside. Each box contains a camp guide and workbook, a frisbee, a jump rope and a daily bag of activities. The daily activities are based on a Bible story. Amy Clark and Jennifer Taylor recorded a video with music and a story about God's creation to go with the program. Many happy children picked up their box of activities this week and were thrilled to have something new to do!

A Message from the Bishop July 5, 2020

Dear friends,

I sent a message to all our clergy and wardens asking them to abide by our governor's decision to restore restrictions on a number of business and social activities in counties in Ohio that have been experiencing sharper increases in COVID-19 cases. I trust that this decision has been conveyed to you

by your clergy and lay leadership. And although I continue to call for and respect the judgment of our clergy and lay leaders, my recommendation is to respect our governor's executive orders, not only as they pertain to counties at risk but as they pertain to all of us. It does not matter whether we should or should not be exempt as religious organizations from state directives. Precisely because we are religious organizations, we should support these directives if they fairly and transparently promote the good of all.

I would like to say a few words about why I take Governor DeWine's actions so seriously. The Episcopal Church has always been committed to the just claims of government. Therefore we don't ignore the lawful directives of our elected leaders — even when we are exempted from them as religious institutions.

There is a long history of Christian reflection on church and state, beginning in the New Testament and continuing into our own day. St. Paul calls for respect for government as an imperfect gift to protect the innocent from wrongdoers. Jesus tells the religious leaders of his day to give the government its due. At the same time, the book of Revelation is a diatribe against empire and its dependence on accumulated wealth and slavery. Most of us are aware that for its first three centuries the church constituted a loyal but pacifist opposition to state-condoned violence. After becoming legal, Christianity continued to demand that government demonstrate restraint and humility in the exercise of its pursuit of order.

From then until now, an uneasy peace has marked the church's relation to the state. Some strains of Christianity have rejected the authority of government altogether. But most have taught respect for government as an instrument for good. In modern times, Christians in democratic countries have consistently honored the authority of leaders elected to serve the common good. This has not precluded sharp criticism of the state. But such criticism, across the ecumenical spectrum, has been driven by the conviction that duly constituted government has a legitimate role to play in the just and fair balancing of public safety and private freedom.

When we are truest to what is best in our tradition, we Episcopalians are about honoring the state, even as we hold it to account. We have the opportunity to demonstrate this by supporting our governor in his efforts to help Ohio get the better of COVID-19. I thank all our congregations for your diligence, discipline and patience as we move through this time.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Breidenthal
Bishop of Southern Ohio

Priest in Charge Search

Rev. Nancy Hopkins-Greene's last Sunday at the Indian Hill Church is Sunday, July 26.

Please pray for parish leadership and prospective candidates as the call for a new priest-in-charge is discerned.

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).

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 sign up 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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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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