

Young Family Weekly Email

We are so excited to announce our first socially distanced Outdoor Young Family Worship Service followed by an amazing performance of the Cincinnati Circus! Make sure to mark Sunday, September 27 on your calendar! We can't wait to see you.

We continue to learn about Moses this week. This week the children will learn about manna from heaven. There is also an activity for the New Testament lesson this week.

IPM Power Pack and Our Daily Bread collections continue. Drop off at the church.

Save the date for Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, October 4 from 5:00 - 6:00 PM.

Outdoor Young Family Worship Service
Cincinnati Circus Performance
Sunday, September 27
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

You are invited to join us for a Young Family Outdoor Worship Service on the front lawn followed by a performance of the Cincinnati Circus! Feel free to invite your friends too, but please send them the registration link.

The entire event is designed to be socially distanced for families. We will begin with a shortened worship experience that is designed for families with children 0 - 5th grade to worship together. There will be a child friendly interactive teaching followed by a brief adult reflection.

After the worship service, we will be entertained by two performers from the Cincinnati Circus. We will have a juggler and master of ceremonies on the ground and an aerialist on a trapeze 20 feet in the air.

Your family will participate from the safety of a 6 foot spray painted circle on the front lawn. Each circle will be separated from the surrounding circles by 6 feet.

We are looking forward to gathering together. While we are excited about being together again, the health and safety of our community are of utmost importance.

We request that you adhere to the following guidelines to help keep everyone safe and healthy:

1. Reservations are required

[Click here to register on Event Brite](#)

2. Please Do Not Come If You Are Not Feeling Well

Out of respect for others, please do not come to worship if you or anyone in your household is not feeling well. If you have a fever of 100.4 or above, have had COVID-19 symptoms within the last 14

days, have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, or have a compromised immune system, please watch our Sunday worship service online. Thank you!

3. Observe 6' Social Distancing at All Times

6' social distancing is required at all times with non-family members.

4. A Touchless Experience

Please, no handshakes, hugging, and fist or elbow bumping. Waves and smiles from a 6' distance are encouraged!

5. Masks and Building Use

-Everyone over 5 years old will be required to wear a mask until he/ she is settled and sitting down in a circle on the lawn.

-Restrooms will be available.

6. What to Bring

Bring your own lawn chair and/ or picnic blanket. You are welcome to bring snacks and/ or drinks for your children.

7. Arrival

-Park your vehicle in the parking lot .

-Put on your face mask and gather your chairs.

-Walk toward the front lawn. Find a spray painted circle in the grass. Set up your chairs.

-Once you are settled in your spot, you may remove your masks.

8. Worship

-Your worship bulletin will be emailed to you on Saturday. Please print the worship bulletin at home or bring an electronic device with the worship bulletin loaded on it.

9. Circus

-The circus will begin immediately after the worship service.

-When the circus service concludes, put your mask back on and pack up your belongings.-Please respect 6 feet social distancing with those outside of your family as you return to your vehicles.

10. Sunday School At home Materials

Each family that registers, will receive crafts and activities for at home Bible learning. We will be learning about Jacob and Esau for the next 3 weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Taylor (christianeducation@indianhillchurch.org).

Manna (Exodus 16:2-15)

This video is from one of my favorite speed drawing children's Bible illustrators. It is from Australia. The children love the accents and the fast drawing!

[Click here for the video](#)

Dear God, thank you for providing for us even when we grumble. Please forgive us for being ungrateful and give us hearts that love you more each day. Thank you for giving us Your Word where we can see Your faithfulness to Your people even long ago!

Manna Cookies

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1/2 cup butter

1/2 tsp. vanilla

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

2 cups flour

2 tsp. honey

Cream butter and sugar; add eggs and mix well. Add honey and vanilla.

Add flour slowly. Drop by half spoonful's onto cookie sheet and bake @ 400 degrees for 8 min. Watch, these will burn quickly.

God Provides

Fill in the blanks with different ways that God takes care of us. After printing, cut them out leaving the panels together. On the second sheet, you will see on the far left a tab that you do not cut off so you can glue or tape the 2 panels together and fold like an accordion.

[Click here for God provides template](#)

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

Discussion Questions:

- What makes you feel welcome?
- What does it mean to share?
- What would a world look like where everyone was welcome, and everyone had enough?

Our scripture for the day is a parable from the Gospel of Matthew. A parable is a story Jesus told his disciples to teach them a bigger lesson. Read the parable. Briefly retell the parable: some workers started their work at the beginning of the day, and others came midway through the day. At the end of the day, they all got paid the same amount. Ask the children if anything in the story surprised them. Show the illustration for the day (color image above).

At the end of the parable, Jesus says, “The last will be first, and the first will be last.” Explain that the workers who had labored all day were upset because those who had only worked half the day got paid the same. But really, they were angry because the half-day workers were getting treated as equal to them. But Jesus uses this parable to explain what the kingdom of God is like: filled with abundance and generosity. Explain that “abundance” means to have more than enough of something, and “generosity” means to be willing to share what you have with others. Tell the children to imagine a birthday where they show up late, just as the cake is being cut. There’s plenty of cake to go around, and they get a piece just like the people who had already been at the party. That is generosity and abundance. Jesus’ message—the first will be last, and the last will be first—reminds us of how God wants the world to be.

Ask the children to look for ways they can be generous to others in the week ahead. Invite them to pray with you as you close.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to teach us what your kingdom should look like. Help us to embrace abundance and to show generosity to everyone we meet. Amen.

Source: Illustrated Ministry

Children's Worship Bulletins

This worship bulletin from Illustrated Ministry coordinates with the online and the outdoor worship services.

[Click here to download a worship bulletin](#)

Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 4

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Indian Hill Church Front Porch

Annually, on or around October 4th, Christians worldwide celebrate The Feast of St. Francis with a blessing of animals and prayers for creation. This year, Indian Hill Church will have our traditional Blessing of the Pets service in a new socially distanced format. In lieu of a formal service, The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn will be present to bless your pets on the front porch one family at a time.

Please line up in the semi-circular drive through lane and remain in your vehicles. When you arrive at the front of the line, exit your vehicle and make your way to the porch with your masks on and your leashed or caged pets ready for a blessing. If you prefer, you may also stay in your vehicle and roll the window down for a blessing from the car. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to this special event!

Power Pack

Collections have resumed

Drop off for IPM Power Packs will be at the church front porch.

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 on the front porch. Please make sure the Power Packs are in a sealed bin so they don't become snacks for the squirrels and raccoons.

You may sign up via sign up genius to donate Power Packs or you can just drop off Power Packs as time allows. If you have any questions, please email Jennifer Taylor (christianeducation@indianhillchurch.org).

[Sign Up Genius Link](#)

Our Daily Bread

Collections have resumed

Drop off for Our Daily Bread will now be at the Indian Hill Church. Drop off Tuesday from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM or on Wednesday morning from 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM.

Indian Hill Church is providing sandwiches, fruit and dessert every Wednesday through November.

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."

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 between 7:30 AM -2:00 PM or Wednesday between 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM to the Indian Hill Church front porch.

8- Take a picture making the sandwiches for us to share with the congregation.

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