

Sunday Worship and Announcements

Join us on this Second Sunday of Advent for worship!

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Mark 1:1-8

God of timeless grace,
you fill us with joyful expectation.
Make us ready for the message that prepares the way,
that with uprightness of heart and holy joy
we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Inter Parish Ministry Christmas Stockings

Deadline: December 7!

IPM has had to make a change in their Christmas gift giving campaign. This year's event will be a Drive – Through Christmas where each family will receive the following:

1. A special holiday meal kit, being furnished by the Free Store Food Bank.
2. A Christmas turkey or ham, being furnished by an anonymous donor.
3. A Christmas stocking for each family member which will contain several small gifts (see suggestion lists below) and a \$25 gift card for either Target or Walmart.

We are being asked to help by providing the filled Christmas stockings. (Approximate cost per stocking will be \$40.) IPM hopes to collect 1,600 stockings!

Completed stockings can be delivered to church Monday through Thursday between the hours of 10AM and 2PM or left in the breezeway (front porch) on Sundays between the hours of 8AM and 2 PM. They should include a gift tag which identifies the gender and age group for which the stocking is intended. See below for gift suggestions for each age and gender designation.

All completed stockings should arrive at church no later than Monday, December 7th.

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

Age and gender designations, along with gift suggestions are as follows:

Male infant - \$25 gift card (Target or Walmart), 2-3 stocking stuffers from the following list: socks, bath items, wipes, bibs, teething toys, baby snacks, hat, mittens, small light up or musical toy.

Female infant - \$25 gift card (Target or Walmart), 2-3 stocking stuffers from the following list: socks, bath items, wipes, bibs, teething toys, baby snacks, hat, mittens, small light up or musical toy.

Male child - \$25 gift card (Target or Walmart), 2-3 stocking stuffers from the following list: hat, gloves, candy, scented markers, crayons, bath items, Play Doh, Silly Putty, stickers, character Band Aids, small Legos, Hot Wheels, Nightlight.

Female Child - \$25 gift card (Target or Walmart), 2-3 stocking stuffers from the following list: hat, gloves, candy, scented markers, crayons, bath items, Play Doh, Silly Putty, stickers, character Band Aids, small Legos, nightlight, figurines.

Male Teen - \$25 gift card (Target or Walmart), 2-3 stocking stuffers from the following list: hat, gloves, candy, gum, bath/shower products, wireless earbuds/ portable charger, pop sockets, Sneaker balls, athletic socks, cologne.

Female Teen - \$25 gift card (Target or Walmart), 2-3 stocking stuffers from the following list: art supplies, hat, gloves, candy, gum, bath/shower products, wireless ear buds, portable charger, pop sockets, jewelry, socks, nail polish, perfume

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

Christmas Pictures Needed **Submit by Friday, December 11**

We would like to include as many people as possible in our online Christmas Eve service. Part of the joy of Christmas Eve is seeing the whole church family together. We want to replicate that experience in our online worship service. You can help by submitting pictures of your family in front of the Christmas tree, making cookies, filling an IPM stocking or making sandwiches for Our Daily Bread. Please send pictures via email to Amy Clark (aclark@indianhillchurch.org) by Friday, December 11.

We all love singing Silent Night with candles on Christmas Eve. We will have candles on the front porch on Monday, December 7. Stop by and pick up a candle. Take a picture with the candle lit and email it to Amy Clark (aclark@indianhillchurch.org). Keep your candles for the online Christmas Eve service and light them again to sing Silent Night at home on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Poinsettias **Flower Donations**

The church will be decorated with a display of poinsettias behind the altar again this Christmas season and, while we won't be able to see them in person, they will be seen in the recorded worship services offered online.

As is our custom, you may contribute to the purchase of these flowers by sending a donation in honor or memory of a loved one. The names of all those in whose memory the Christmas flowers have been given will be listed in the announcements for the worship services on Christmas Eve and December 27.

If you would like to make a flower donation in memory of a loved one, please email or call Heather Jordan, IHC business administrator, hjordan@indianhillchurch.org, or 561-6805, ext 301, by **Thursday, December 17**, to let her know the amount and the names of those you wish to remember.

Updated Worship Guidelines

The Vestry Session of the Indian Hill Church has updated our worship and building use guidelines. Should Hamilton County be designated as having a **red or purple alert level, there will be no indoor worship service that week or the following week.**

We will not have indoor worship on Sunday, December 6 or Sunday, December 13 as Hamilton County was red on Thursday, December 3.

We will continue to offer a pre-recorded service that will be released on **Saturday evening at 5:00 PM** every week regardless of our ability to meet in person for worship on Sunday mornings.

Compline

Every Tuesday in December at 8:00 PM

New Facebook Live Button on IHC website!

Join Rev. Meredith Day Hearn each Tuesday night in December on Facebook Live for nighttime Compline prayers. Meredith will be signing on to the Indian Hill Church Facebook page at 8 PM for this brief 15-minute service.

A Facebook account is not required to view the Compline service, you can either click on the new Facebook live button at indianhillchurch.org OR you can use this link: [Click here to watch Compline](#)

Whether you are in need of a way to wind down your day or want to gather the family together before bedtime, the service of Compline is full of beautiful language and is a wonderful tradition to incorporate into your spiritual life.

The service of Compline can be found on page 127 of The Book of Common Prayer or you may print the prayers/follow along online here: <https://www.bcponline.org/DailyOffice/compline.html>

Our Daily Bread

Sandwich Collection on December 9

Do you have 30 minutes to make sandwiches for those experiencing homeless in Cincinnati?

Indian Hill Church is providing sandwiches, fruit and dessert for Our Daily Bread on Wednesday, December 9. We would like to deliver 200 Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches and 200 meat sandwiches.

[Sign Up Genius Link](#)

Procedure:

- 1- Sign up via sign up genius or by emailing (christianeducation@indianhillchurch.org)
- 2- Make bologna, ham and cheese, turkey and cheese or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. (No condiments please.)
- 3- Treats/ Desserts can be homemade or store bought and individually packaged.
- 4- Deliver sandwiches, fruit and desserts to Indian Hill Church front porch. Please deliver on Tuesday between 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM or Wednesday between 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM.

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Power Pack Collection

Indian Hill Church has collected **1,650** Power Packs since May! Thank you for your generosity!

If you would like to help with Power Packs, here is more information:

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 Monday - Thursday between 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM on the Indian Hill Church front porch.

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New Year -- New Opportunities to Serve IHC!

As we approach the New Year, you might consider the many opportunities Indian Hill Church offers to spread God's generosity in our community. One opportunity is the **Church and Community Committee**. Over the past year, the Committee has investigated and funded numerous outreach projects. These include projects to help feed and house low-income and homeless people. The need for private funding of community outreach projects is always great, but it has been especially so in this year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are two funds we work with. One is our General Fund allocated by the Vestry-Session each year. These funds underwrite our "Hands On" projects that included, over the last ten months, grants to the following organizations:

Inter Parish Ministry (IPM) for the distribution of food, clothing, school supplies and Christmas gifts to needy individuals and families in Clermont and eastern Hamilton counties;

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) to provide temporary housing for homeless individuals and families and assistance in finding permanent housing; and

Transforming Jail Ministries to support jail ministries at the Hamilton County jail facilities.

Two additional, and still ongoing, "Hands On" projects involve the preparation of over 8,000 sandwiches for Our Daily Bread to distribute to food-deprived Cincinnati residents, particularly residents of the inner-city, and the preparation of about 1,500 Power Pack meals for distribution by IPM. Our church, by the way, was one of IPM's founding congregations over fifty years ago.

The other source of funds is the Luther Tucker Church and Community Outreach Fund. The late Reverend Tucker created this endowment in 1979 to fund innovative projects not funded by the regular operating budget of the church. To date, we have made Luther Tucker grants to these organizations:

Matthew 25 Ministries for COVID-19 relief efforts.

Maslow's Army for temporary housing for homeless individuals and families.

La Soupe for its Community Kitchens Program for free meals and food distribution.

Heartfelt Tidbits to provide rent assistance and educational supplies for online learning to immigrant families.

If you would like to participate in the outreach efforts of the Indian Hill Church in the wider Cincinnati community, please give our Chair, Holly Dewees, a call at 513-324-1846. We would welcome your participation!