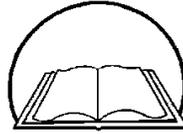


Ivyland New Church Newsletter

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Message from our Pastor

In just a few weeks we will be celebrating the birth of the New Church. Although it is a fun and festive occasion it can be very easy to lose track of the real reason why we celebrate this day. We often think June 19 is the day the New Church started, similar to thinking December 25 is the day the Lord was born on earth. Like Christmas, New Church Day can become vastly more significant for us when we understand what led up to this day, and how the New Church is really established on this earth.

June 19th, 1770 was when the Lord sent out the 12 disciples in the spiritual world to spread the gospel to every living thing (TCR 791). This was a spiritual event, but it was made possible by something that happened in our natural world at that time, and that was the completion of *True Christian Religion*. This work isn't just a "book of the Writings." It is the last and final work of the Writings, making the Heavenly Doctrine, or better yet, Divine Revelation in this world complete and full. No more Divine revelation into this world is necessary. One spiritual occurrence happened alongside a natural occurrence, and the effects of this in this world and in our lives are everlasting.



Since that date, the human race has had everything it needs from God in our own hands in order to learn His truth and be inspired by Him in ways that weren't possible before. To consider His truth as set forth by the Heavenly Doctrine and see it in life is to let the New Church be established in our hearts and minds like the woman clothed with the sun giving birth to a Child. This is where the Church will exist, and it continues to descend from heaven and exist in those who have a genuine love and care for the Lord and the neighbor. But love alone does not bring the Lord and the church into our lives, but love together with an understanding of the truth.

“Now it is permitted to enter into the mysteries of faith with understanding.”

Let us keep educating ourselves with the Divine revelation we have access to, and let us keep bringing the Lord into our lives with love, and His Church will continually be established on the earth. His Kingdom will come.

Pastor Ryan Sandstrom

Upcoming Events

New Church Day service:

This year on June 16 we will have our family style service to commemorate New Church Day, the significance of which is explained in the Pastor's article above.

In this service we will consider the meaning of "Nunc Licet," and why this matters so much for us.

After the service, as we have done in the past, you are all welcome to stay and enjoy a picnic out in our field (weather permitting). Bring your own food, blankets, chairs, games. We will have basic chairs, tables and some drinks for all. Children can also bring their bathing suits for the slip n'slide!

Father's Day Service:

Father's Day this year falls on June 16, though since that day is already taken up by our New Church Day festivities **we will reserve June 23** for the Father's Day service.



As we did for the mothers and women on Mother's Day, we will take this day to honor all the fathers and men in the congregation, and in the world. What is it about fathers that makes a difference for everyone? Come and enjoy!

Guest Preacher:

On June 23 Rev. Dr. Andrew Dibb (our regional pastor) will be providing our regular service, which will also be our Father's Day service.

Hidden Talents:

Among our own society we have a wealth of artistic talent, and it is always a treat to be able to see what some of you have made.

On June 16 we will have an art exhibit set up in the community room. This exhibit will feature artwork from various Ivylanders, young and old, who have mastered arts such as drawing, painting, writing, sculpting, crocheting, quilting, and more.

Some of you may even have artwork that no one knows about, so here's your chance! Please speak to Ryan if you would like to display your art – it is totally worth it!



In each art piece you can see the life of the person, a part of them that you can't see in any other way. You get a rare glimpse into the minds of others, which reveals not only more about them but more about yourself.

So please do take the time to enjoy this exhibit over the following two weeks after June 16, see what you might discover!

New Doctrinal Study:

Back in May we had a series of discussion style classes after church which were designed to give everyone an idea of the wealth of Biblical and doctrinal materials we have at our disposal, ones which when looked into in depth can help us make some critical discoveries. Now that most of you have had a taste of these materials it is now time to decide which one we will cover in full starting this fall.

For the month of June, whenever you are at the church, please take a moment to fill out the ballots in the community room. The ballots on one side list all the options of works we can study, and the other side of the ballot is a short list of class times. Check out

the master list in the community room to get an idea of what each work offers, indicate your choices on the ballot, and then deposit your ballot in the box.



By the end of June I will make a decision purely based on your preferences.

With all that we have available there is no wrong choice!

Community News

Moving up and moving on:

At this time of year many families get to celebrate as your children graduate. It's one chapter of their lives complete and the beginning of a new one. This is certainly a moment worth honoring.

So we here at the church would like to give a special congrats to Benjamin Evans and Audrey Smith for graduating from the Bryn Athyn Elementary School.



We are proud of you and we are lucky to have you with us!

Job Opening – Manager – Cairnwood Village, Inc.

Cairnwood Village is seeking a fulltime Resident Manager beginning early 2020. The new manager must be a member of the General Church or its affiliates. Our current manager is retiring. Duties include all aspects of managing this independent living facility.

Job Descriptions are available from our current manager, Bill Grubb. Resume's to be submitted by July 31, 2019 to: CV Manager Search Committee, PO Box 550, Bryn Athyn, PA. 19009 or to:cairnwood.village.manager@gmail.com 215.947.7705