

Ivyland New Church Newsletter

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Message from our Pastor

It is usually about this time of year that we start picking up momentum. Summer is still fresh in our memories but far enough behind that we can start looking forward to Fall.

For October at Ivyland there are a number of things we get to look forward to: our annual 5k run & walk; another Red Cross Blood Drive; an annual gathering at the church along with a potluck lunch; and a new Journey Series on Forgiveness that will include the children.

As the months keep coming and going, we all keep moving. There really is no end to how much all of us develop and learn, even if we go through the same routines each day. And it will be through your own learning and development that will help Ivyland continue to grow and develop. After all, the Church is made up of individual members who have taken the Church inside of themselves by living its teachings.

While you may look forward to what Ivyland has to offer, it really comes down to looking forward to what you have to offer. That's what gives Ivyland its good name. Thank you all for your help and participation, and let's keep going!

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Upcoming Events

Forgiveness Series:

For the month of October we will be following the Journey group series in Bryn Athyn on forgiveness.

Forgiveness is a vital component for all our lives and is commanded by the Lord, yet it can be one of the most difficult things to do.

By following this series we will learn why practicing forgiveness is so important and necessary. We will also learn more about forgiving others, being forgiven and forgiving ourselves. Each week we will focus on one aspect of forgiveness using a parable from the Gospels. The children will also get to follow along in Children's talks and relevant Sunday School activities.



There are various small groups forming on their own time to work through the activities associated with this series. There is an open group meeting each Sunday after church for the duration of this series. This group will get opportunities to check in with each other, learn from each other, and share experiences that certainly help us all gain some

unique and useful insight that is beneficial for our lives. Feel free to join us on Sundays for one hour after church!

To learn more about this series from newchurch.org, copy and paste this link to your web browser:
<http://journey.newchurch.org/programs/practicing-forgiveness/>

Revelation Study:

On Wednesday evening, October 11 and 25 at 7:30, feel free to join us on our ongoing, in depth view of the book of Revelation.

We will begin Chapter 16. Come and see how this book is so vital to our church and to your life!

Community News

Annual Gathering and Potluck:

We are calling for all people to come together at Ivyland on October 29. After our regular service, we will meet for about 30 minutes to cover various items of business such as board member elections, updates on our current financial standing, and overall appreciation for your presence and support, in its many forms. It is important that you come for this meeting since you are all such a vital part of this church.

Please remember that your presence at the church is greatly valued and appreciated!

After this meeting we will gather in the community room for a potluck lunch. We will have a sign up sheet for dishes and desserts in the community room.

Annual 5K Run/Walk:

On October 7 you can come get some exercise, some fresh air, good food, and support Ivyland. This year we meet again at the All Aboard Café, located across from the Bryn Athyn Post Office. Parking is available on the lot of the café, though street parking

is available further up the road for those who don't mind the extra walk.

Registration for this event begins at 9am, and the running/walking begins at 9:30. \$20 for individuals, \$50 for families. Much of our earnings from this event in the past has been from sponsors who contributed towards the cause. Sponsors can be anyone, or even any business whom you would approach personally and ask if they would be willing to sponsor you for this cause.



Flyers are available at the church. You can also help spread the word on Facebook. Look for the 5k event on our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there!

Blood Drive:

With all the disasters we have seen around the world in just the past month, people everywhere are in great need of relief and support. The Red Cross is one of the top organizations providing relief and help.



On October 10, from 2-7pm, the Red Cross will be at Ivyland taking blood donations. You can sign up for this drive at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: ivylandnewchurch), or sign up on our sheet in the community room.

This is one of the easiest and most efficient ways to help save lives. Help us spread the word!

Ivyland Oktoberfest: Family Potluck and Homebrew Showcasing. For a new cause.

This year we have had to make some changes to the time and location of this event. It will take place at our own church this time, and it will take place outside of October (Oktoberfest isn't really celebrated in October anyway!).

And, for another change we have decided that the proceeds from this event this year will go towards hurricane relief down south.

There will now be a \$30 fee for **entry** and **hurricane relief**, and each contributing guest will receive a free custom made "Ivyland Brew & Crew" tasting glass. Admission is free for kids under 21.



Join us at Ivyland on **November 4, from 5:30 to 8pm**, and bring a dish to share. There will be good food, music, home brews of all kinds, and lots of fun for people of all ages!