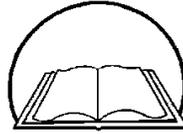


Ivyland New Church Newsletter

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Message from our Pastor

We are in a nice time of year when momentum starts to pick up. Summer is still fresh in our memories but far enough behind that we can start looking forward to Fall and all its events and festivities.

For October at Ivyland there are a number of things we get to look forward to: another Red Cross Blood Drive; an annual gathering at the church along with a potluck lunch; and a new Journey Series on “Love over Ego” that will include the children.

As the months keep coming and going, we all keep moving. It might feel the same each year but 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.

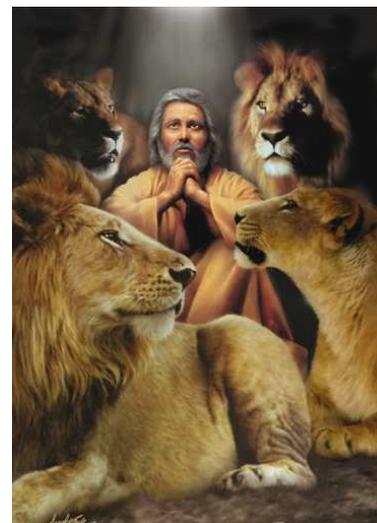
Ivyland does have lots to offer and it feels good to benefit from that with all our services and events. But what it really comes down to is what you have to offer. A great experience isn't so much what happened to you, but what you help bring into action. That's what gives Ivyland its good name. Thank you all for your help and participation, and let's keep going!

Pastor Ryan Sandstrom

Upcoming Events

Journey Program:

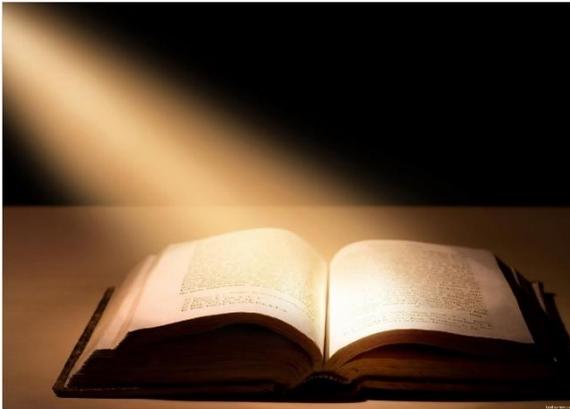
Starting on October 7 we will launch into another sermon series, this time following the Journey Program provided by General Church Outreach. The program this year is called "Love Over Ego." This program draws upon the story of Daniel and explores the polarities of ego: self-confidence vs. arrogance, humility vs. shame, and more. Through watching Daniel's responses to the various kings, we see a powerful example of how love can gently bring ego into a healthy, humble state. More information on this particular program is available through the GC Outreach site (<http://journey.newchurch.org/>). As we typically have done in the past, we will follow along with the series as far as the Biblical content is concerned, though everyone is welcomed to join the various groups out there with the provided materials.



If you are not interested in private Journey groups there will be after church discussion style classes to accompany this series for those who are interested in looking more into the topic at hand, and sharing some of their thoughts and experiences.

Revelation Study:

Our next study in this book takes place on **Wednesday, October 10 at 7:30pm**. The Devil and Satan get chained up and put away for 1000 years, after which time they will be set loose again. What could this possibly mean? Why would they be set loose again after the Lord already executed His Judgement? What does this say about our spiritual lives?



Come and join us as we try to find out the answers to these questions, and more. All are welcome!

Community News

Annual Gathering:

The time of year is coming when we will gather to review what makes Ivyland such a spirited society. Our annual meeting, or “annual gathering” as some like to call it, will take place on **Sunday, October 28**, following our regular morning service.

During this meeting we will reinforce our spiritual objectives, review our current financial standing, elect and reelect members to serve on our Board, and we’ll hear a word or two from the General Church’s Head of Giving.

As always we strongly encourage everyone to attend this event. You should know that your presence always makes a world of difference when you join us on Sundays, and your presence with your voice makes a huge difference for this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there, whether you are a signed member or not!

You can also count on there being a tasty potluck lunch after the meeting. We’d love to have you with us, even if you don’t bring anything.

Blood Drive:

If you can’t make it, get the word out anyway. On **October 9 from 2 – 7 pm** we will host another blood drive put on by the American Red Cross.

This is one of the fastest, easiest, and most efficient ways to literally save lives. One pint of your precious blood can save not just one but up to three lives!



Sign up online on www.redcrossblood.org (Sponsor code: Ivyland new church).

Bertucci's:

You know the drill: eat in, carry out, delivery, lunch, dinner, friends, family, coworkers, anyone, anytime! Be sure to use the flyers so that Ivyland can receive some \$\$\$ from the total sales in its name.

Date for dining is set for October 29, all day.

Fall is falling:

With the new season well among us it is getting time to start tidying things up again around the place. On **Saturday, October 20** we will have our semi annual work party.



Last Spring we had well over 30 people join us to help out with the various tasks. We would love to see that many of you again!

Tasks will include a variety of inside and outside jobs. Bring your kids along as they can help too, or play in the playground. Lunch will be provided.

We're Armed!

Several years ago we had a security system installed in our church building. The way it was set up back then was for detecting fires only and communicating such issues. Luckily we have had no incidents since then. Now, thanks to funds supplied from our latest grant with the Asplundh Foundation we have been able to upgrade this existing system for security as well as fire. This will help keep our church safe from things other than elements

Things will be pretty much the same as before, however please don't plan to come into the church building anytime between midnight at 6am. **The building will be armed during that time, every night.** If the alarm is tripped the authorities will come right out to check the premises.

If you do intend to come to the building within these times, within reason, please contact Ryan ahead of time.

Spreading the New Church:

Help Evangelize from your Computer! Spirit and Life Bible Study Needs Your Help!

From 2011-2018 Rev Dr Jonathan Rose ran the "Spirit and Life Bible Study" every Wednesday evening in Bryn Athyn. This was a popular event, and just about every event was recorded live and broadcast on Ustream. These episodes are still available on Ustream for viewing, but since Ustream isn't the most popular site for finding videos there is an effort to take all of those videos and upload them to YouTube.

However, in order for this to be successful we need as many viewers and subscribers of these videos as we can get. You don't even have to actually watch them! Just let them play. Mute the volume if you wish, but the more views and the more minutes they are viewed the better rankings they get with YouTube. Even better is if you click the "thumbs up" icon to like the video as well. It's also helpful if you subscribe to the channel. To find the videos go to YouTube and go to the "Spirit and Life Bible Study" channel. You can just type "Spirit and Life Bible Study" into the search bar of YouTube and it should come up as the first or second listing. Once you're there, just click on a video and let it play.

The plan is that there will be a new video uploaded every week – there are over 300 of them! - so that viewers get the sense that there is a stream of new content, and having regular uploads will help with our rankings on Youtube. Eventually if we get enough people doing this, Youtube will funnel more traffic our way which will hopefully lead to people around the world being exposed to New Church teachings. So please give it a go! Thanks!

Shop Rite?

Our Giant and Weis gift card sales have proved to be productive fundraisers for the church. We have recently heard of a fundraising program run by Shop Rite stores. In their program, we would simply ask shoppers to give us their Shop Rite receipts. We would then take the receipts to the store and receive a percentage (we think 3%) of the total amount spent as shown on the receipts. This does not involve purchasing cards, just saving receipts and turning them in.

Before signing up for this program, we need to know whether we have Shop Rite shoppers among us who are willing to participate. If you are a Shop Rite customer and interested in participating, please let us know. (Leave message at 215-957-9760 or email afyork19@verizon.net) Thank you!

Hospitality Committee

We can always use more volunteers for the hospitality committee (that is the people who put out snacks after church). See Suzy Laidlaw if you are willing. It need not be a financial burden, expenses can be submitted to Suzy Laidlaw and they will be covered. The job consists of getting there early to get the coffee started and putting the snacks out for people to munch on. Even though some people do put out an amazing assortment of goodies for people, simple snacks are perfectly acceptable.

