

Ivyland New Church Newsletter

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Message from our Pastor

Each year when this time comes around you might find yourself in the same usual routine: kids go back to school, everyone goes back to work, or you might even enjoy some time off. But how is each year different than the past year? How is this year different than this time last year?

It can be easy to find yourselves in a usual routine, each day, each month and even each year. In some ways it feels the same each time around, but there are subtle changes each time that let you know that things are not always the same.

Some things are easier to see than others: Your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews are growing taller, smarter and making their way through schools. As they grow, don't forget that you are growing too!

We may not have measuring sticks or grades to indicate how much we've grown recently, but through age comes wisdom. As we grow in wisdom we become more and more perfected. Our doctrines can verify this: "For a person can grow in wisdom till the end of his life in the world, and afterwards to eternity in heaven, and as he grows in wisdom, so his form is perfected." (CL 93)

If you trust in the Lord and do His commandments, consider yourself wiser than you were this time last year! And keep moving along, you can be sure you will be in a new and hopefully an even more perfected state this time next year. Each step gets us closer to the Lord. At Ivyland, we get to do this together.

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Upcoming Events

The Book of Judges:

In the end of August we launched a sermon series, which is to cover some of the major events taking place in the Book of Judges. Who are the Judges? Why were they called by the Lord? What exactly was their role?

These are questions we will address as we take a close look at six main Judges, although there were several others. Othniel set the tone as the first Judge, who we looked at in August. We have yet to learn more fascinating details on Ehud, Deborah and Barak, Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson. Each story is loaded with action and is rich with meaning.



This series will run through the end of September, and the children will also be included.

There is much this book has to offer!

Holy Supper:

On **September 30** we will conclude our Sermon series on Judges with a Holy Supper Service. The Judges were all about correcting Israel and delivering them from their evils. Once they were delivered they experienced a period of rest, which is like the peace we feel after temptation. It is a moment of being united with the Lord after all that we have been through and all that He has done for us. The Holy Supper Sacrament was instituted by the Lord for that purpose, that we may be conjoined to Him in a life of love and wisdom, in peace.



As you prepare yourselves for this sacrament reflecting on any current or past issues and praying to the Lord for help, always keep faithful in the Lord that He will give you rest as you take Him in during this holy act of worship.

“Come and gather together....”

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 will become available through the GC Outreach site.

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 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.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the content of this series and the accompanying classes.

Revelation Study:

We are ready to get back into the game with this most excellent book of the Word. In our last class in June we left off halfway through Chapter 19. The first half of this Chapter is about the heavens rejoicing, setting the scene for what is about to come. The second half, which is where we will pick up next, is the vision of the Lord riding out to war on a white horse.



What do all those details mean? Come and join us in our next study and find out!

Our next class will be on **Wednesday, September 19 at 7:30pm**. All are welcome!

Community News

Sunday School:

Now that schools have started up around the area, and summer vacation is at an end, we will be starting up our Sunday School program for the children as in the past.

There are two Sunday School age groups: **Pre-School through 5th grade, and 6th grade through 8th grade.** The younger group will meet in the main Sunday School room, and the older group will meet in the back room off the side of the nursery.

For now, any kids in 9th grade and over are encouraged to join the rest of us for the adult talk portion of the service.

Many thanks to Daric Smith who has been coordinating with the Pastor and the teachers on duty. And many thanks to the teachers themselves for volunteering! We could always use an extra hand or two so if you are interested in volunteering as a teacher for either of the age groups, please see Daric, or contact the church.

Annual 5k run/2k walk, September 29:

This Fall: Change is coming to the Annual Ivyland 5K Run/1 Mile Walk

The Ivyland 5K Run/1 Mile Walk has become an annual tradition for the Ivyland New Church society. In late September community members and friends gather to this event to enjoy fellowship and raise funds to keep Ivyland the self-sustaining church society that it is.

In the past this event has taken place in Ivyland, in Borough Park in Bryn Athyn, on the trail by the Bryn Athyn post office, and this year we are again trying something new: This year's Annual 5K run/1 Mile walk will take place in the Academy fields adjacent to Cairnwood Village in Bryn Athyn. Our hope is that this location will offer an interesting and beautiful course, will encounter less non-event foot traffic than previous locations, and will draw participants not

only from the Ivyland and Bryn Athyn communities, but also from the greater running/walking community.

In addition, it is not only the location that is changing, but also our approach to organizing the event. This year we have contracted help from the Bryn Mawr Running Company. They will provide us with assistance in organizing, advertising, facilitating, and professionally timing the event. Our hope is that this will help our event run more smoothly and attract more participation.

However, just because we are getting outside help does not mean that we don't still need your help. In fact, with all these changes and the potential of having a greater number of participants we will actually need *more* help than before, so please stay tuned for volunteer opportunities!



To learn more about this event and to register online, follow this link:

<http://ivyland5k2k.com/>

Remember that registering before September 15 guarantees the early bird discount rate.

How You Can Help Out Now

There are two ways we raise funds with this event: sponsorship and entry fees. The potential for raising funds with sponsorship far outweighs the funds raised by entry fees, and it all depends on individuals contacting potential sponsors. Family members, friends, and businesses are great potential sponsors.

Please consider asking someone or some business you know to sponsor this event. A sponsorship form is attached in this link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Icn3Fws3ZxCz-yBDwYD52r93c3PkmMXZr-cl118_OQ8/edit?usp=sharing

Hard copies of this form are available at the church.

We hope to see you at the 2018 Annual Ivyland 5K run/1 Mile walk **September 29th!**

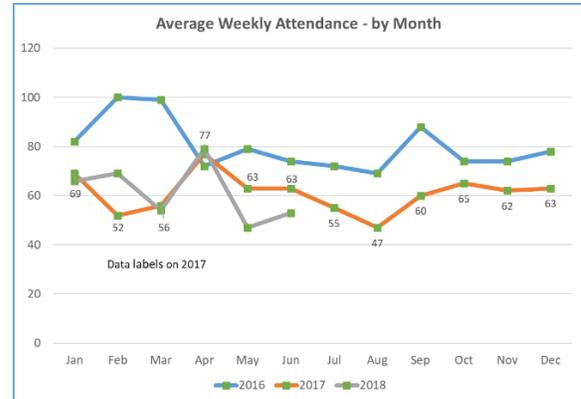
Giving Tree:

Our giving tree is up again and will stay standing in our community room through September.

We thank you all for your past donations towards our specific needs. The help and attention you give has been very useful. We look forward to the improvements and upgrades we can bring to our Sunday School rooms now with your continued support.

Attendance:

Although we continue to thrive in our services and functions it is useful to take a moment and address some facts.



Our services will always be filled with insights and plenty of things to think about, people will always enjoy catching up with each other and bonding, but, it just isn't the same without you.

To those whom we haven't seen in a while, we miss you and hope to see you again soon sometime. And to everyone near and far, your presence at Ivyland has made a world of difference, and it still does!

September 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 10:00 a.m. "Book of Judges" Series	3	4	5	6 Worship 10:00 a.m.	7	8
9 Worship 10:00 a.m. "Book of Judges" Series	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Worship 10:00 a.m. "Book of Judges" Series	17	18	19 Revelation Study Class 7:30 Second half of Chapter 19	20	21	22
23 Worship 10:00 a.m. "Book of Judges" Series	24	25	26	27	28	29 Annual 5k run/2k walk 9:30 September 29 Register online http://ivyland5k2k.com/ on Bryn Athyn College's campus
30 Worship 10:00 a.m. "Book of Judges" Series Holy Supper	<p>Our giving tree is up again and will stay standing in our community room through September. Proceeds go to refurbishing the main Sunday School room first and then an overhaul of the upper level kids room.</p>					

September/October 2018

	Sept 2	Sept 9	Sept 16	Sept 23	Sept 30	Oct 7	Oct 14
Accompanist	Greg Baker	Gail Cooper	Neil Simonetti	Alaine York	Gail Cooper	Greg Baker	Neil Simonetti
Flowers	Suzy Laidlaw	Barbara Rose	Tara Smith	Barb Cooper	Suzy Laidlaw	Jackie Kline	Judy Schiffer
Giant Cards	Peggy Rogers	Alaine York	Alaine York	TBD	Gail Cooper	Peggy Rogers	Jackie Kline
Hospitality	Stephanie Doman	Lisa and Dan Synnestvedt	Linda Murphy Daniela Sandstrom	Kira Schadegg Mary Tate	Peggy and Hilda Rogers	Suzy and Alan Laidlaw	Stephanie Doman Judy Schiffer
Housekeeping - <i>Before dates shown</i>	Loeb Family	Ray & Stephanie Doman	Alaine York & Sue Cronlund	Smith Family	Sandstrom Family	Loeb Family	Ray & Stephanie Doman
Nursery	As needed	As needed	As needed	As needed	As needed	As needed	As needed
Sunday School	Suzy and Daric	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sunday Stewards	Derek Glebe	Don and Barbara Rose	Keith and Barbara Cooper	Rich and Mary Tate	Sig and Judy Soneson	Ray & Stephanie Doman	Bruce Fuller
Usher/s	Dan Synnestvedt	Bill Loeb	Dan Martz	Sig Soneson	Daryl Baker	Michael Evans	Wes Friesen
Candle Snuffer/s	Evans Family	Reuben and Lily Sandstrom	Ariel Martz	Sophie & Andie Kahlé	Baker Family	Abbie Alden	Smith Family