

The Ingleside Phoenix



October-December 2017

Ingleside UMC

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Weekly Events:

Sunday: Bible Study - 9:30am

Worship - 11am

Tuesday: Young Adults - 7pm

Wednesday: Crochet - 4:30pm

Bells - 5:30pm

Choir - 6:30pm

As a Christ-centered community, empowered by God, we seek to share the light of Christ by being a reconciling, serving, witnessing, and loving people of God. By studying God's Word and through worship, we seek to prayerfully discern and follow God's will for the people of God called Ingleside United Methodist Church.

A Message from the Pastor

We are called to be good stewards of our gifts. We are called to use our resources in a way that does the most good. As you now know from the stewardship letter we sent out at the end of September, our finance committee has endeavored to do as much as possible in order to be good stewards of the gifts you give to Ingleside.

I know that talking about money isn't the most pleasant of conversations, but think about this, 16 of Jesus' 38 parables speak about money. There are over 2,000 references to money in the Bible. Pretending that money and our faith are separate isn't going to work. The people of the Bible knew that money is a part of life and it should be a part of how we honor God.

So think about this— why are you part of a church? Are you part of a church because you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior? Are you part of a church because you crave community and a sense of belonging? Are you part of a church because you want to do good in the world around you? **continued on page 2**

Reaching New People

Your Reaching New People Team was in Alexandria on Saturday, September 16th attending a "Face-to-Face Tune-up Day". Hearing again we must be the church to our community. We must be open as we meet and interact with persons we see daily in our normal day to day activities. Our interactions should let the other person know we are concerned about them and are willing to let God use us to demonstrate His love. As our team continues to share what they learn, they are asking the congregation to open themselves to new ideas and ways to reach new people.

As a way to become more informed and to join the Reaching New People effort we are inviting all of you to meet with us for an hour on Wednesday,

October 11th @ 5:30Ppm in the sanctuary building.



We are building a culture of engagement and invitation that helps new people from outside the church connect with us - first as acquaintances, then as friends and eventually as brothers and sisters in Christ. Member-Guest activities help acquaintances become friends not only with us but with other members of the church.

from the Pastor continued...

Are you part of a church to breathe hope into your life? Are you part of a church because you want to be made new? Are you part of a church because you've experienced God's incredible grace? I hope you answered "yes" to all of those things. I hope that you are energized when you think about your church. I hope that you are excited about it. I also hope that it is a priority. I also hope that you remember the church needs money to exist. Jesus tells us to give 10% to the church, which can be a daunting number. 10% might be more than you can give right now, and that's ok. But that small increased portion of your income, when given, gives so much more beyond. Be in prayer this month about how you can contribute to the mission of the church, "to make disciples of all nations for the transformation of the world."

I love this church, and I am overjoyed that I get a third year here. I hope that in this year, we can say yes together. That we can become uncomfortable together. That we can reach new people together. But it is going to take all of us working towards a future together. It is going to take hard work, and risk, and letting go of the things that are no longer life giving. Things might look different as we move forward, but we must trust that it will be okay.

Bible Verse from Reaching New People Tune-Up Day

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Reaching New People Member-Guest Activities

One way we can reach new people for Christ is to engage in Member-Guest activities. At the "Back-to Church" brunch we brainstormed and at our Tune-up Day we came up with these activities that would help get us started: Football Night at a member's house, Cooking Club, Dominoes at Curbside, Holiday Tea, Kids Day Out for parents to shop, water station for LA Marathon, Bowling Night, Praying Station in the neighborhood, and a few more for 2018. Please pray for these efforts to be fruitful and in God's plan for Ingleside. We are also asking our Ingleside congregation to use the prayer below to enable everyone to focus on discipleship in our community as we are in relationship with others each day.

Again we are asking, please take a few moments each morning to pray the following prayer:
"Lord, please show me today a person who needs me to stop what I'm doing - to listen, to notice them, to care. Help me to treat them like your child, the person you created them to be: beautiful, precious, gifted, and called to a high and holy purpose. Make me an instrument of your love today in their life."

Thank you for giving us this new opportunity to be disciples,
Margaret S., Robbie S., Sharon, Alice, and Ev

Hygiene Kits for Flood Victims

Thank you to all who contributed to supplying and putting together over 155 hygiene kits for the UMCOR disaster relief efforts following the last 2 hurricanes.

Ingleside Happenings!

Pancake Breakfast

Ingleside's Annual Pancake Breakfast will be happening this coming Saturday, October 7th @ 8am-noon in the Fellowship Hall. Good possibility there will be a table of jellies & salsa from the Methodist Children's Home for sale as well. Tickets for the breakfast are \$7.00 for all you can eat. Please come and please invite your family and friends and even new acquaintances and neighborhood folks. If you can help or bring an item for the breakfast just let us know. There will be light, flavorful pancakes topped with butter & syrup, bacon, sausage, juice, milk, and hot coffee. Greeters, supply refreshers, and cookers are needed; as well as, cleaners and take-downers. Contact us at inglesideumcbr@gmail.com or 344-9100.



available. **In case of rain**, movie will be shown inside the Fellowship Hall with seating provided. Second movie this fall will be "My Neighbor Totoro" shown on Friday, November 10th @ 6:00pm. This is one all your friends will want to see!!!

Fall Festival

This year we are adding fall/Halloween crafts to the array of fun things to do on Sunday, October 29 from 4:00-6:00pm. Activities will be in the small parking lot and Fellowship Hall. What is needed you ask?: Lots of candy, folks to greet and talk to our guests, people to man the 4 booths and prize table, 3 crafty individuals to work with kids and teens, people to cook the hot dogs, and refresh the drink & condiment tables.



Lunch Bunch

Folks are invited to gather at the church between 11:30 - 11:45 before traveling to the selected restaurant on Friday, October 13th & November 10th. Hopefully the group will enjoy a wonderful lunch and fellowship; as well as, touch new people at the restaurant that are outside our circle. We are set up to pick up folks who are interested in going so call 344-9100 to let us know. Be sure to let Inez King (344-0016) know that you are coming so reservations can be made.

Movies in the Park

Our yearly showing of "Hocus Pocus" is scheduled for Friday, October 20th @ 6:30pm in Jubilee Park. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for this fun evening. Concessions of popcorn, candy, and water are

INGLESIDE UMC'S HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL



Days for Girls Mission Work-Update

We, the Days for Girls, group have been hard at work since our last newsletter. We have packed and sent 100 DFG kits to girls in Cambodia, delivered by a mission group from First UMC Baton Rouge. We were contacted by St Timothy's UMC in Mandeville and St. Andrews UMC here in Baton Rouge and we sent 50 kits to Cambodia with that mission group. We also

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Ingleside Happenings!

Finance Report

Greetings from the Finance Committee. While our financial condition remains critical, we do continue forward. The Lord continues to bless us and to find ways to provide for us. Over the past year, our committee has worked with other functions within the church to find ways to cut some costs. These actions have helped, but we are still struggling from Sunday to Sunday to pay our bills.

The Gift Match Challenge has been a key help to us in 2017 as we have received additional giving from our congregation of about \$5,200 to date. And that has been matched by our outside benefactor in the amount of \$5,000 to date. Thank you very much to those of you who have been able to dig a little deeper and respond to this challenge! We still need to generate additional giving of \$800 in order to receive the full benefit of the matching donation up to the original \$6,000 that was challenged.

Perhaps this is the year that you can tithe or even give an extra offering beyond a tithe. I would ask that you do what you can to keep your giving as up-to-date and generous as possible. As noted in 2nd Corinthians 9:6-8 "... Each one must give as they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

And as always, please include Ingleside in your prayers.

Thank you,

Bill Taylor, Finance Chairperson

Trustee's Report October 2017

**Come one... Come all... Trustee Work Day -
November 11, 2017**

The Board of Trustees is hosting a Trustee Work Day, Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. This will be a great opportunity for us to get our church campus ready for the beginning of Advent and the Holiday Season!! This is a time where each of us, regardless of skill level, can contribute a couple of hours of effort towards the maintenance and care of Ingleside. We had a good turn out at the last one but the job list has grown a lot since then, so we ask all of

you who have helped in the past to come out for this, as well as those of you who have not had the chance to have this much fun knowing how it helps our Church. We hope to accomplish some painting, changing light bulbs and simple maintenance and repairs. There will be coffee and snacks in the morning. Come for an hour or the whole morning. We hope you will join us for a fun morning of work and fellowship as we all pitch in to keep Ingleside a beautiful place.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Bean - Chairman, Board of Trustees

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connected that group with the New Orleans chapter of the DFG who were able to help out with 100 additional kits.

We heard back from Becky Reynolds Miller about her successful mission and distribution of kits in Uganda. A group of ladies from the Unitarian Church in Baton Rouge has been joining us for workdays and learning the ropes on how to make the kit components. It's a diverse group of ladies and we are thankful for the extra help and an opportunity to teach other people the skills we have been learning these past few years. Speaking of workdays, we are working Tuesday's 1:30-5 only, thru the end of the year. We would love for you to join us or if you let us know we could possibly arrange a weekend workday.

Our LSU Panhellenic group is returning to help us pack up the final kits promised for 2017 distribution on Sunday, October 15, 1-4:00pm. These young ladies are fun to work with and we are looking forward to working with them again. Let us know if you are interested in

working or supporting this wonderful mission. Just talk to Ev Auster or talk to me, Sharon Rowe 936-5210.



INGLESIDE MINISTRIES!

Holy Smoke Sunday School Class

This quarter's study is about covenants that God made/makes with us or that we made/make with God. What do you know about covenants? Have you ever made a covenant? We have many great questions to ask and to try to answer through this quarter. You are invited to come, bring your Bible, bring your questions, and have a great hour of studying God's word. The time is 9:30am every Sunday in the Capital Heights Classroom. All ages are welcomed to attend as we have an inter generational group. Looking forward to seeing some of you in October.


Cantata on Tuesday, December 19th

It's the same old story... "However, we need to approach it as if it is brand new. We need to celebrate as if the events have just occurred." says the lyricist. "It is not our place to make something new of the

with the true story of the Gospel." says the composer and lyricist, Pepper Choplin.

Choir members love its freshness and are excitedly learning the songs from this unique musical. Come and join us as we experience *I Hear the Prophet Callin', The Christmas Story from Prophecy to Fulfillment @ 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 19th.*

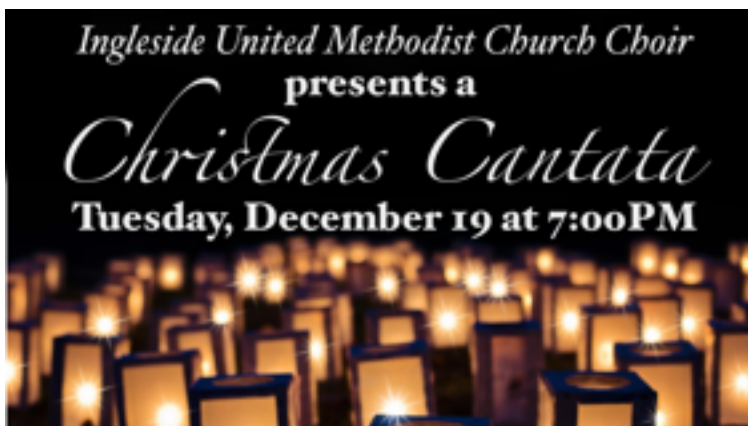
Bells of Ingleside

If you have ever been interested in playing bells or maybe it is a new thought, come join us on Wednesday at 5:30 in the old choir room! So if you don't know where that is, we are in the sanctuary building and the windows are open. Come find us! Ruth Glatt. Or call me 936-8884. 

Note from Deb

I would like to thank my Ingleside family for all the prayers and support you gave me during my husband Nelson's illness. Also, on behalf of his family and myself we want to express our gratitude for all of the kindness, generosity, and support you extended to us for the memorial service. The kind words by Ali, the thoughtfulness of the altar decorations, the beautiful music, the incredible feast you provided, and the kindness you extended to our friends were such a comfort and reminded me that Ingleside UMC is truly a church with a heart!

Deb Fuller



Christmas story, but it is our place to tell the true story in a fresh way so the listener will hear it as if for the first time. It is my desire to offer to you a fresh way to experience and sing of Christ's birth."

"As I have called upon folk styles to celebrate the story, you will hear those distinct musical flavors: Appalachian, Irish, Latin, Cajun, and Early American. Something stirs within my soul as I hear their timeless rhythms, harmonies, and melodies. It seems a natural fit to pair this authentic and sometimes earthy music



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Advent Studies

This Advent season Ingleside will have 2 adult study times and a Sunday morning Advent study for kids thru teens. We will be using *“Down to Earth, The Hopes & Fears of All the Years Are Met in Thee Tonight”* by Mike Slaughter and Rachel Billups. Adult Study times will be lead by Rev. Ali Young on Sundays @ 9:30am & by Margaret Soskin on Wednesdays @ 2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Kids will meet with Ev and other adults each week at 9:30am in the rooms near the nursery. Besides adult helpers teens are also needed. If you are able to give a Sunday morning let Ev or Ali know as soon as possible.

Study on Sundays will begin on November 26th & continue on December 3rd, 10th, & 17th.

Study on Wednesdays will begin on November 29th & continue on December 6th, 13th, & 20th.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

A reminder that all women are a member of the United Methodist Women. You may be a very active member or an inactive member. Our desire is to have all women very active members. We are involved in many mission activities and other events. We invite all women to attend one of our Circles to find out about the UMW. Our purpose: *“United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”* How great to be a part of this!

The Cordelia Sommers/Friendship Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd at 9:30am and Sunday, November 12th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. They enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and a program.

The Round Circle will meet on third Monday, October 16th at 6:00pm and Sunday, November 12th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. After a light meal,

the ladies become involved in a program or a project. If you can't make a daytime Circle, the Round Circle can meet your need for the night.

Louisiana Conference UMW Annual Meeting/ DELT will be held Friday/Saturday, October 13-14, 2017 at Bossier First UMC in Bossier City, LA. This is a great time to meet ladies from all over Louisiana and to see and hear what other units are doing. Ideas are shared and friendships are made. It would be wonderful to have some ladies attend this year.

Baton Rouge District Annual Meeting/LELT will be held Saturday, November 4, 2017. This is the time that elected officers can hear about their coming positions. Local Elected Leaders Training (LELT) is the time you receive not only good information but any handouts associated with your position. It would be so good to have some of our ladies attend and then take an office for the coming year.

Prayer Calendars(\$14.00) and Disciplines(\$15)

Alice Irving (405-2211 or apirving1@cox.net) will order around the first of November. She just needs to know who would like a copy. Payment is not due until the books arrive.

Advent Celebration/Tree Lighting

We know someone has been counting the weeks until Christmas already. You don't want to miss our Annual Advent Celebration and neighborhood Tree Lighting which is scheduled for Sunday, December 3 @ 5:00-7:00pm.



Advent Celebration

Sunday, December 3rd
5:00-7:00 PM.

Join us for crafts, a Christmas
drama, hot chocolate, cider
and carols!

PreK VBS Camp Update!!!

It was a most spectacular 3 day VBS. The 10 kids painted a red, blue, and yellow Hero Central complex to play in every day. There were six very excited grownups who were able to keep our 2 to 5 year olds completely engaged in crafts, snacks, building, storytelling, imagining, centers, and group activities. And we all had capes and t-shirts and masks and power wrist bands. And at the end of the day, we could all say we should do it again next summer!!



Pre-Garage Sale

We have had great success with furniture and large ticketed items, so we will gladly take furniture and other items any time. If you are thinking of putting something on the curb let us know first! 344-9100.



Mother's Day Out

Mother's Day Out Fall Session began on 9/5/2017. God blessed us with a great beginning.

Our two-year-old class and four-year-old class are full. We have space for 1 child in the nursery, 1 child in the Toddler class. We have space for 6 in the three-year-old class. Let me know if you know anyone who would like to sign up for these classes.

Our Super Teachers and myself were trained by the Red Cross in CPR and pediatric first aide on Friday, September 15, 2017. Also trained were Ev Auster and Alice Irving. A parent of two MDO children, Alicia Coenen, assisted us in paying for the training. It's so awesome to have parents that want the best care for their children. We are blessed to be able to offer a caring, loving, Christian atmosphere to help in rearing their children.

Our teachers worked hard to clean the rooms and the outdoor playground equipment before the start of MDO. Our building has many needs since it's almost as old as me. If you can help fix things or know someone who can, please contact Jeff Bean. He has a list of things that need to be fixed.

The first week of school Nurse Susie (Susan Soskin Sharkey) came to talk with the 3 and 4-year-old classes about the importance of hand washing. We are trying very hard to battle germs this year and stay well.

October 5, 2017, we will have Donuts With Dads. Please come and make a connection with the dads. This event is from 9:30-10:30. There will be coffee, donuts and milk.

Being MDO Director has blessed me in many ways and I thank you for the opportunity to serve in this way. Come on over and visit with us on Monday-Thursday, between 10:00 am-1:30 pm. If you have a favorite book, a favorite subject to talk about (your dog, your cat, hobby), a special talent, let's plan a time for you to come share it with three and four-year-olds. They would love to see you and talk with you. You will be blessed and will leave with a smile on your face.

Margaret Soskin, MDO Director

Upcoming Events

October - December 2017

10/3/2017 - Friendship Circle @9:30am

10/3/2017 - Discipleship Team @ 5:30pm

10/7/2017 - Pancake Breakfast @ 8am-noon

10/11/2017 - Reaching New People Mtg. @ 5:30pm

10/13/2017 - Lunch Bunch—church @ 11:30

10/16/2017 - Round Circle @ 6:00pm

10/20/2017 - Movie in the Park- “Hocus Pocus” @ 6:30pm

10/29/2017 - Fall Festival @ 4:00-6:00pm

11/7/2017 - Discipleship Team @ 5:30pm

11/10/2017 - Lunch Bunch—church @ 11:30

11/10/2017 - Movie in the Park, “My Neighbor Totoro” @ 6:00pm

11/11/2017 - Trustees Work Day@ 8am-noon

11/12/2017 - UMM Sunday & Meal @ noon, UMW meeting after meal

11/26/2017 - Advent Study @ 9:30am

11/29/2017 - Advent Study @ 2:30pm

12/2/2017 - Hanging of the Greens @ 10am

12/3/2017 - Advent Celebration/Tree Lighting @ 5:00-7:00pm

12/5/2017 - Ladies Luncheon @ 11:30am

12/10/2017 - God’s Gifts @ 11:00am

12/19/2017 - Christmas Cantata @ 7:00pm

12/24/2017 - Christmas Eve Service @ 6pm

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