



Lent 2024

Pastor Ali's sermon series this lent season, "Foolish Love", continues through Easter Sunday. This is a series written by Rev. Dr. Michelle J. Morris. Ali focuses on a different element of this theme during Lent as we explore the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus and how that means committing to two things: loving God and loving our neighbors.



Foolish Love

These days, however, those commitments seem incredibly difficult. You might say it is foolish to even try. That is truly the kind of love Jesus invites us to share, however. It is a foolish love of those who don't understand us, don't agree with us, and might even betray or deny us.

Explore Foolish Love Even Deeper Wednesday Nights

Join Pastor Ali Wednesdays at 6pm during Lent to through March 27 to explore more about the foolish love of Christ. There is no book required; a study guide will be provided during the first session. You are welcome to bring your dinner to eat during the study.

Foolish Love Lent Devotion Book

You are encouraged to read the Devotion Book that goes along with the sermon series. It is on our website at: <https://indianheightsumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Foolish-Love-Devotional-Lent-2024.pdf>

If you want a printed copy, let Suzette in the office know.



**PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24**

**PROCESSION OF
PALMS
10:30AM**



**GOOD FRIDAY
TENEBRAE SERVICE**

**MARCH 29
7:00PM**

A close-up photograph of pink cherry blossoms with yellow centers, set against a soft, out-of-focus background of more blossoms and a hint of blue sky.

Easter Sunday: March 31

**Easter Brunch
9am**

**Worship in Sanctuary
10:30am**

**Kingdom Kids
10:30am**

➡ Save the Dates ⬅

Have you been wondering why you haven't heard any news about the annual Petting Zoo? Well, we are doing something different this year. With so much going on at the parsonage this spring, it was decided to schedule the **Petting Zoo** for the fall and combine it with our planned **Trunk or Treat** event on Saturday, October 26, from 11am to 1pm. Although October may seem like a long way off, we want to get a jump on planning this fun-filled event. Be on the watch for sign-up sheets for team leaders. We'll be looking for help with Vehicles for Trunk or Treat, event Parking, the IHUMC Visitor Tent and Raffle area, helpers with Food, Vendors, Set-up and Clean-up, and with Communications. The first planning meeting is Tuesday, June 12 at 6pm at the church. So, remember to mark your calendars for October 26, join in on the kick off meeting on June 12, and help IHUMC host another fun family event for our community.

Next, block out **the evening of Saturday, November 16** in your calendar. This is our annual Fall Auction event. It's going to be all about **Thanksgiving** this year and is going to be the BEST AUCTION ever! Watch for more details.

Easter Brunch

9am

All are welcome to bring items to share. See the sign up sheets at church for food, drinks, paper products and helpers to set-up and clean-up.



Join IHUMC for a serve day at The HUB Argentine on March 23, from 9am– noon.
The HUB is the KC District mission center.

All are welcome to join, even kiddos!

Please RSVP to revalihaynes@gmail.com





Our Little Food Pantry **Has New Hours:**

**The 1st Saturday of every month,
from 9-11am
Wednesdays, Noon-2pm**

Saturday's food pantry hours overlap with Baby Grace, making it the perfect time to add this outreach. A special thank you to our new helpers with this ministry, Carol Woods and Jewell Thomas. They are working alongside staff to help this ministry continue to feed the community. Donations are always appreciated. Just leave items on the floor by the pantry or by Suzette's office so we can sort and date them. Donations to our Good Shepherd fund are also appreciated. We will take this money and shop for needed items, helping to keep the food pantry well stocked with popular items.



The Good Shepherd Fund

Did you know we have a "Good Shepherd Fund" at Indian Heights UMC? This fund was established several years ago when we realized there was a need from the community for a special fund that helps pay for things like utility bills, rent, food, car repairs, and more. The money

in this fund is being focused on our Little Food Pantry right now, but can be used for other things as needs arise. You can give cash or check, or give via our website. Please note the fund this is for with your payment.

Music Notes - Have you wanted to support the Music Ministry but the only instrument you play is the radio? Consider sponsoring an anthem! Our files are full of music that is no longer appropriate for our choir, but the average cost of an anthem is about \$2.50 per copy. A \$40 donation would allow us to purchase enough copies of a new anthem, and we would be happy to mark it as purchased in honor or memory of a loved one. Simply write in the memo on your check that it is a Music donation, and reach out to Suzanne Isbell about any dedication you may want.

Foot Prints Sunday School - has group just finished a study on "Jesus Revolution" and would like to invite everyone to join us after church on Sunday, March 3 to watch the movie by that title. Please bring your own lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided. We'll start the movie at noon so you would have time to run and grab a sandwich if you wish.

Good Faith Network - This organization offices in our church and many of you are familiar with them. They are always looking for more people to join their efforts as they advocate for people throughout Johnson County. See Pastor Ali for more details about the Good Faith Network and how you can be part of this growing ministry.

Westridge Middle School - The Caring for Kids team met at Westridge on February 15. Hard to believe, but the school year is drawing to a close. Westridge's focus has been on attendance and reading. Both of those areas have improved. The next Family Engagement night centers around Diversity. Teacher Appreciation week is May 6-10. Indian Heights will be honoring the staff on one of those days, and we will also sponsor the school supply drive in the summer.

Westridge thanked Indian Heights for all the gloves and ChapSticks we donated. We also helped sort clothes in the Cats Closet. Amy Nine, who has been the social worker and the liaison for Caring for Kids has accepted a social work position at Shawnee Mission South. She will be missed greatly. Her replacement has not been announced.

If you would like to get involved with Caring for Kids, please contact IHUMC member Lynn Reilly.

Candy Needed Please - Kingdom Kids is asking for donations of wrapped candy for our upcoming Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Please bring donations by Palm Sunday (March 24) and give them to Aby or Haley (or leave on the counter in the Kingdom Kids room). Thank you!!

Coins for Lent

During Lent, many of us are reminded once again to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?" Part of faith formation at any age is compassion and offering a serving heart to our neighbors. These past few years have been challenging when trying to find ways to serve our neighbors while remaining physically distant. This time has also reminded us that we need to demonstrate compassion to others now more than ever. Lent is a good time to commit to giving money to a project that helps those in need.

One way to involve the whole family is to collect coins during the season of Lent and then following Easter, donate the money. As a church we will be collecting coins every Sunday and donating the money to *Baby Grace*. You can pick up your coins for Lent calendar at church any time during Lent.

Coins for Lent





LAITY SUMMIT

GREAT PLAINS UNITED METHODISTS

Laity Summit 2024 Sunday, March 10, 2024

Laity Summit is a virtual gathering space where we come together to hear about ministry opportunities and collaborations. Laity Summit is a one-stop connection point to lean in, to grow together, and to prepare our local mission fields for Kingdom Impact across the Great Plains. This virtual event is designed for laity from all churches large or small, rural or urban communities, and established or emerging leaders. If you are registering as a "Watch Party". The only person that needs to register is the Group Leader. You do not have to register each person that might be at the "Watch Party." Individuals please follow registration instructions.

Register Here:

<https://gp-reg.brtaapp.com/LaitySummit2024>

Schedule

Tentative Event Schedule (the format for all times listed below is for, Central Time Zone first, followed by Mountain Time Zone).

- 1:30/12:30 pm Welcome - Bishop Wilson and G.P. Conference Lay Leader Lisa Maupin
 - o Framing of the Day/Opening Message from Jeff Clinger, Director of Congregational Excellence and Connectional Ministries
 - o 2:00/1:00 pm- Breakout Session #1
 - o Mercy and Justice Waves of Justice Tool Kit
 - o One-Board Governance
 - o Stewardship for the Local Church
 - o Youth/Kids Ministry
 - o Get to Know your G.P. Conference Lay Leaders Panel
 - o 3:15/2:15 pm - Break
 - o 3:30/2:30 pm -Breakout Session #2
 - o Mercy and Justice Waves of Justice Tool Kit
 - o One-Board Governance
 - o Stewardship for the Local Church
 - o Youth/Kids Ministry
 - o Get to Know your G.P. Conference Lay Leaders Panel
- 4:45/3:45 pm - Closing with Communion



**KINGDOM
KIDS**

Indian Heights United Methodist Church

**Sundays at
10:30am**

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 31 10:30am

We'll learn about what Easter means to us as Christians, and then have an Easter Egg Hunt!
Parents-please bring a basket/bag for your children to collect their eggs in.

Kingdom Kids is held at 10:30am during the church service. We also have a fun kids zone time at 9:30 during the adult Sunday School time. A light snack is provided during the 10:30 hour.

Haley Broockerd and Aby Peoples, Children and Family Ministry Coordinators
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Follow our Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/indianheightsumc.org

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School:
July 29 - August 1
"Maker's Fun Factory"



Creative Souls

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, from 2-5pm
Bring your own creative project
or join in a community project!

Men's Breakfast



Thursdays, 7am

Location: Flapjacks (7552 W 119th St/OP)



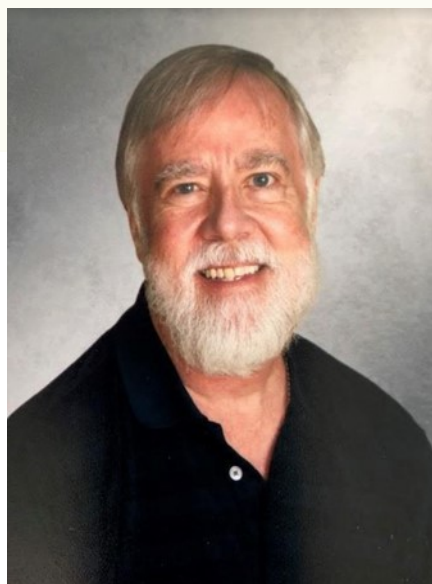
The next Baby Grace diaper distribution is **Saturday, March 2, from 9-11am**. We are so excited to be able to continue providing this vital service to our community. Donations are always needed and appreciated. There are containers to collect

diapers at the church, or you can give a donation online (mark the Baby Grace fund):

www.indianheightsumc.org/donate

Keep up with our latest news on our Facebook page (Indian Heights Baby Grace). Contact us at babygraceihumc@gmail.com

*Diaper distributions are the 1st Saturday of every month, from 9-11am; clothing distributions are 1st Saturdays in March, May, August and November.



Dave Schnackenberg began studying the piano at age seven and has continued throughout the past 61 years. He began playing for worship services at age 12 and has been playing in the church ever since. For several decades Dave worked as a composer, arranger and pianist with Artists of Indian America out of Albuquerque, NM. In 2018 one of his compositions was performed in Carnegie Hall, NYC.

Dave has also performed solo and duo piano concerts throughout a seven-state region. Most of those concerts were for charitable organizations or to aid people facing medical situations. He has enjoyed bringing sacred and classical piano music to people. Soli Deo Gloria – to God be the Glory – is the backbone

of each concert as he truly believes that, what talent he has, was given by God.

He also taught music for 41 years with the Bureau of Indian Education on the Turtle Mt. Chippewa reservation in Belcourt, ND, becoming an honorary member within the tribe. He then spent four years teaching in the public school system before retiring from education in 2023. Dave has also been the pianist for two community musical theatre groups since 2008 and has accompanied 40+ Missoula Children's Theatre productions, which is a group that brings theatre into schools across the nation and around the globe. In 2010 Dave also began recording music digitally for use in worship services, to provide music for churches who are without musicians.

Currently Dave is the full-time lay pastor for the Presbyterian churches of Rolla and St. John in North Dakota. This concert is Dave's way of thanking God for all He has done. May you feel His love through this performance.

Baby Grace Benefit Concert Featuring Pianist Dave Schnackenberg

The event is Saturday, April 13 at 6pm at Indian Heights UMC. All proceeds will benefit Indian Heights Baby Grace.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from the donation link on our website (indianheightsumc.org/donate). Please check the "Baby Grace Benefit Concert" fund. You can also purchase tickets via check (note "Baby Grace Benefit Concert" on the memo line).

- ♦ We'll have a raffle tickets (tickets available soon, and more fun!
- ♦ Kids will have a pizza party during the concert; RSVP your child(ren) to babygraceihumc@gmail.com so we have enough food. The cost is \$10 per child (pay at the door).



Upcoming Events:

- **Saturday, March 2** - Baby Grace and Food Pantry Distribution (9-11am)
- **Saturday, March 23** - Serve Day at the Hub Argentine in Kansas City, KS (9am-noon)
- **Sunday, March 24** - Palm Sunday with the procession of Palms
- **Friday, March 29** - Good Friday Cantata worship service (7pm)
- **Sunday, March 31** - Easter Brunch (9am); Worship (10:30am); Easter Egg Hunt (during Kingdom Kids at 10:30am)

Events & Room Use:

Please contact the Church Office to reserve rooms and with questions about building use:
ihumc66207@gmail.com.

Check our online calendar for all events.

Ongoing:

- * **Sunday Worship:** 10:30am (in person & live via Facebook). Videos of Worship are on our website the following Monday.
- **Adult Sunday School Groups:** Sundays, 9:00am and 9:30am (childcare at 9:30)
- **Youth Group:** 9:30am
- **Kingdom Kids:** Sundays, 10:30am
- **Creative Souls:** 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 2pm
- **Women's Theology:** 2nd & 4th Wed. 9:30am
- **Men's Breakfast:** Thursdays, 7am @ Flapjacks
- **Choir Rehearsals:** Wednesdays, 7pm
- **Baby Grace Distributions:** 1st Saturdays of the month, from 9-11am
- **Food Pantry:** Wed, 12-2pm; 1st Saturdays, 9-11am

Support Groups:

- AlaNon: Wednesdays, Noon
- OA: Fridays, 6:30pm

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Our mission is to worship God,
to follow Jesus joyfully, and to build
community and mend the world
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
As Christians, we are seeking, sowing,
loving and serving all people!



Making a donation to IHUMC is easy; just scan this code with your phone's camera and it will take you to our donation page. Thank you!!

Our Online Giving platform is under construction. It should be back up by March 10.



Come Worship With Us!!

Sundays at 10:30am

Adult Sunday School Groups:
9:00am & 9:30am

Youth Group: 9:30am

Kingdom Kids: 10:30am

Easter Sunday:
Brunch at 9am; worship at 10:30