



Keeping in Touch

Indian Heights United Methodist Church

October 2024

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Our fall stewardship campaign "Transmitting the Light" is underway! The inspiration for this year's campaign comes from the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. The windows were designed and put in the church over 30 years ago and hold significance not only to our faith, but to members of the church as well. When the designs were chosen, church members were given the option to sponsor a window in memory or honor of someone. Each window has a story, and this fall we will share those stories together.

Matthew 5: 14-16 reads:

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven".

The light that shines through the glass of the church reflects the light of Christ that is in each of us as we go out into the world and share the Good News. As members of the United Methodist Church, you made a commitment to support the church through your prayers, presence, service, gifts and witness. The gifts given to the church help to support the

ministries, staff, discipleship, events and everyday operations that take place. Your support is what allows the church to continue to grow the Kingdom of God right here and now.

I pray that each of you will join us for worship during this campaign and see how the light of Christ is transmitted in your life and the life of the church. Then on October 13, you will have the chance to make your commitment to financially support the ministries at Indian Heights. If you have never pledged, I pray that you consider making a first-time pledge. We graciously receive pledges from members and non-members. If you have pledged in years past, an increase in your yearly pledge is vital to continue the ministries of the church. Please prayerfully consider what that increase may look like for you. If you don't have a commitment card, you can grab one at church. You can return it to church prior to October 13, or wait until Commitment Sunday.

As always, know that I am holding you in prayer and am available to answer any questions you may have. May you always know you that you are enough, you are worthy and you are beloved.

Pastor Ali Haynes



What Keeps You Up at Night?

Please join Pastor Ali and Team Leader, Amy Naas, for a congregation wide listening process for the Good Faith Network. The Good Faith Network is an interfaith justice organization that seeks justice for those who live in the margins right here in our community. If you are a current team member or interested in becoming one please join us for this event. At this meeting we will be asking "What keeps you up at night" so we can share the most pressing problems we see in our community and life. Join us as we seek justice together!

Tuesday, October 1: 6-730pm

Please RSVP to Pastor Ali at revalihaynes@gmail.com or sign up on the sheets outside the Sanctuary.



TRANSMITTING THE LIGHT

FALL 2024
STEWARDSHIP

Stained Glass

Be sure to pick up your copy of our Stained Glass booklet that was created specially for our fall "Transmitting the Light" campaign. You'll learn about the deep scriptural meaning each window holds, as well as who it was donated by and in memory of.



October 6 is Bible Sunday

Kids in 2nd grade and above will receive a special Bible on Sunday, October 6. The worship service on October 6 will be very special as the children take part in some of the leadership during it.

Inclement Weather

When the weather outside is frightful, we follow the Shawnee Mission School district's weather closings. If school (and evening/weekend events) are cancelled due to weather, our church is closed. We'll update the website & send out an email ASAP (including Sunday mornings); please use your best judgment. We also have a new text messaging system - contact Pastor Ali to have your number added to it.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Set your clocks back an hour the evening of November 2 as Daylight Saving Time ends for 2024. Remember that November 3 is All Saints Sunday, a special time during worship when we recognize our loved ones who have made it to heaven ahead of us. More details on this are on page 5.

Petting Zoo & Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 26

11am-1pm



Indian Heights United
Methodist Church
10211 Nall Avenue
Overland Park, KS

Featuring:

Thorni Ridge Exotics
Animal Rescue Organizations

PLUS:

Music, Games, Candy,
Snacks, and Lots of Fun!!



FREE FAMILY FUN!

Wear Your Costume!!

Our annual fall festival is coming up on Saturday, October 27 from 11am-1pm!! This year's theme is "**Petting Zoo and Trunk or Treat**" and promises to be a lot of fun. All are welcome to wear their costumes and join in the fun. We need lots of helpers to make this a success. Sign up sheets are on a table outside the Sanctuary. Please see if there is something you can help out with. We need volunteers to set up and clean up, assist with parking and greeting, help at the food table, and more. Cash donations are also appreciated to offset our costs.

For the Trunk or Treat part, we need people to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy, and possibly have an activity for the kids. Costumes are optional, but the kids love when we dress up!! Please see Haley Broockerd or Aby Peoples (our Kingdom Kids leaders) for details as they are coordinating this.

For those who are new to this fall event, it is our big outreach to the community to let them know IHUMC welcomes them, and to share Christ's love with them. **There is no charge for the event, but donations for our Food Pantry and Baby Grace are welcome!**

Sign-up for a trunk!



Needed: Trunks for Trunk or Treat!!

Scan this QR code to be taken to the sign-up page for Trunk or Treat. Candy will be provided unless you want to bring your own. Wear your favorite costume, decorate your trunk, have a fun game to play...just some ideas of how to make this fun for the community. We also need lots of helpers in other ways with this festival, which includes our infamous Petting Zoo!! Sign-ups are up outside the Sanctuary for volunteers in a variety of capacities. See Sherri McAlpin or contact the church office with questions.

Watch for the Little Blue Truck at the Fall Festival on October 26!! Help us reach our goal to fill it up with items for our food pantry!!

Strategic Planning Workshop

Rev. Dr. Bruce Emmert, former KC District Superintendent, is leading a special year-long strategic planning process workshop on Saturday, October 12. The event is from 9am-4pm and it is an honor that Indian Heights UMC was one of the few churches chosen this year to attend. Bruce is a retired Elder and provides coaching, mentoring and consultation to churches in the Great Plains.

Pastor Ali attended the initial seminar in September. The next step is to bring together clergy and laity together on October 12. The event is at First UMC in Topeka (600 SW Topeka Blvd). After the workshop, our team will meet quarterly with Bruce to follow up on how we are doing; clergy will meet with him monthly.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ali ASAP: revalihaynes@gmail.com

All Saints Sunday is November 3

We will recognize the Saints who have made it to heaven before us during worship on November 3. Please submit the names of your loved ones (and your relationship to them) to the Church Office by October 27.



All Saints Sunday

Your Name:

Your Loved One's Name:

Your Relationship:

Your Name:

Your Loved One's Name:

Your Relationship:

***Submit as many names of loved ones you wish to remember**



Footprints

The Footprints Sunday School has transformed. It no longer meets Sundays at 9:30am. Instead, it will meet monthly (give or take) at a local KC venue for a time of fun and friendship. Leaders are working on a calendar and it will be ready during the first gathering on Sunday, October 20 (at 12:30pm at Strang Hall in Overland Park).

Join us October 20 for a time to hang out and talk. This is not just for IHUMC members, so please help us grow this ministry by bringing your friends as we grow our 20s to 40s ministry.

See Emily or John Wagner with questions.

Footprints in the Sand

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him, and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow You, You'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why when I needed You most You would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My son, my precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Author Unknown

Charge Conferences



Our Charge Conference is coming up. This annual conference is when we gather to talk about what happened during the past year, and to look forward to the upcoming year. We review things like membership changes, the proposed budget for the next year, the highlights of the past year, and more. You are all invited to this conference, which will take place immediately following worship on November 3. The One Board will be present to answer any questions you may have. Please bring your own brown bag lunch.

Then we gather within the greater Kansas Community to celebrate with the other United Methodists in this area at the Northeast Annual District Charge Conference and District Conference. This will happen Sunday, November 17 from 1:15 to 3:00pm in the Wesley Chapel at the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood. This is fun time to meet some new people (and probably run into some friends!) and hear the latest news from our District Superintendent, Rev. Hyun Jin Cho.

Miscellaneous...

Are you new to IHUMC? We love to wear **nametags** on Sunday mornings. It helps us get to know each other and eases that awkward, "what is her name?" moment. If you need a nametag (new or replacement), email Suzette: ihumc66207@gmail.com. It takes about two weeks to get them.

Don't forget to check your church **mailbox**. You never know when something will show up in it. Let Suzette know if you need a mailbox (you don't have to be a member to have one).

Did you know an **email** is sent out (nearly) every **Monday** and **Thursday** morning to all on our email list? The email includes news you may not see elsewhere. Thursday's email has the link to the upcoming Sunday's

bulletin (the bulletin is always put on our website so you can view it ahead, or if you worship from home, can follow along). Watch your "Spam", "Promotions", or "Social" email folders if you aren't seeing this in your general email. Not on our list? Let Suzette know.

When you move, get married, get a new email or phone number, etc. it is very helpful for the Church to have this information. Please email **updates** anytime to ihumc66207@gmail.com.

Interested in exploring **membership** at IHUMC? Pastor Ali would love to chat with you! Just email her at revalihaynes@gmail.com



Greater Heights Youth Group

Indian Heights' youth group is back with a new time, a new name and several new members. We will be meeting most Sundays at 11:30, immediately following worship. Our group is for youth 4th grade and older, but we will be doing service projects and inviting younger children to join us.

We are using a curriculum titled "Freedom Ride". Our first lesson was "How to Talk to God and Not Break Out in Hives and Actually Enjoy Yourself." We'll have games, snacks, Bible study, and hopefully some great conversations.

If you are Safe Gatherings certified and interested in helping with this group, please reach out to Pastor Ali or Laura Harvey. We meet for an hour downstairs in the area off the kitchen. If you're unable to help in person we appreciate your prayers as we learn to follow Christ more closely.

October' Schedule: **October 6 and 20:** Lunch and lesson. **October 13:** Prepping bags for the Fall Festival. **October 27:** Baby Grace mission project. Younger kids welcome Oct. 13 & 27.

KINGDOM KIDS

Indian Heights United Methodist Church

Over the next few weeks, Kingdom Kids will dive into the story of Adam and Eve! We'll explore the lessons of this story that teaches us about creation, choices, and the love God has for us!
Join us Sundays at 10:30am!!



Sundays at
10:30am

Haley Broockerd and Aby Peoples, Children and Family Ministry Coordinators
umcihkids@gmail.com

Follow our Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/indianheightsumc.org

Baby Grace

Diaper Distribution

1st Saturdays of the Month, from 9am-11am

Quarterly children's clothing distribution

(Aug/Nov/Feb/May)

More Information on our Facebook Page:

Indian Heights Baby Grace

Cash and Diaper Donations Always Welcome!

Upcoming Baby Grace Diaper Distribution:

**Saturday,
October 5
9-11am**

**Our food pantry is also
open during this time.**

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

Weekly rehearsals for the Adult Choir Wednesdays, 7pm



Love to sing? Come join us!!



Giving

Thank you for your donations to Indian Heights UMC. Your generosity helps support our ministries, including starting new ones God calls us to. Giving on our website is easy and secure:

indianheightsumc.com/donate



How Can We Pray for You?

email your needs at:

ihumcprayers@gmail.com



Our Little Food Pantry

Hours:

The 1st Saturday of every month,
from 9-11am (during Baby Grace)

Mondays - Wednesdays
10am-2pm

Saturday's food pantry hours overlap with Baby Grace, making it the perfect time to open our food pantry. **Note that the pantry has been moved into our Library.** Donations are always appreciated (cash or non-perishable items. As we head into fall, canned meals (soup, stews, chili, etc.) are always appreciated. We seem to never have enough cereal-type bars, boxed juices and milk, or canned tuna. Another favorite are basic cooking items, including sugar, flour and oil...and personal hygiene items.



PARKWOOD
— DAY SCHOOL —

Parkwood Heights Day School is temporarily using our church building as renovations on the parsonage (their new home!) continue. Please be aware they are here Monday-Friday, 7am-6pm. Please contact Suzette in the Church Office to schedule room use for your groups.

Watch for the Little Blue Truck at the Fall Festival on October 26!! Help us reach our goal to fill it up with items for our food pantry!!



Our Good Shepherd Fund helps buy items for our food pantry. Donations of non-perishable items are always appreciated.



Upcoming Events:

- **October 5** - Baby Grace Distribution
- **October 6** - Bible Sunday
- **October 12** - Strategic Planning Workshop (Topeka; 9am)
- **October 13** - Commitment Sunday
- **October 20** - Footprints at Strang Hall (12:30pm)
- **October 26** - Fall Festival!! (11am-1pm)

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:** Sundays, 9:00am
- **Greater Heights Youth Group:** 11:45am (most Sundays)
- **Kingdom Kids:** Sundays, 10:30am
- **Women's Theology:** 2nd & 4th Wed. 9:30am
- **Men's Breakfast:** Thursdays, 7am @ Flapjacks
- **Choir Rehearsals:** Adult Choir practices weekly at 7pm (Sept - May)
- **Footprints Young Adult Group** - various monthly venues; watch the calendar for updates
- **Baby Grace Distributions:** 1st Saturdays of the month, from 9-11am
- **Food Pantry:** Mon-Wed, 10am-2pm AND 1st Saturdays, 9-11am during Baby Grace
- **Parkwood Day School:** Monday-Friday, 7am-6pm

Support Groups:

- OA: Fridays, 6:30pm

Need to Reach Us?

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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!



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(in person and Facebook Live)

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9:00am

Kingdom Kids: 10:30am
Youth Group: 11:45am