



Inter Parish Ministry

Heartlines

Important Dates

December 12—Cookie Caper at St. Thomas

December 19—Adopt a Family Distribution

Dec. 23—Jan. 4—office/pantries closed

December 26—Dan Varner Concert

January 5—Batavia Pantry 10-2—initial Tuesday opening

January 16, 18—Office/pantries closed for MLK

A new face of hunger—you will hear that phrase often here at IPM. That’s because so many people are facing hunger and coming for help for the first time. It is especially hard to see the children and realize when they are hungry they are not getting the nourishment they need to grow and learn. Don’t we all want to put a smile on this little guy’s face? It’s hard to feel happy when your tummy is empty.



We are grateful to everyone who generously donates food and funds so that our pantry shelves remain well stocked and we can provide food to the children and families who are hungry—many for the first time. Life has caught many of them by surprise. They are suddenly without jobs or have an unexpected medical problem. To preserve their homes and keep the lights on, they have no money left for food. These are the new faces and you can make them smile.Thanks.



Christmas Gift Craziness Upstairs & Down!

Our Adopt a Family distribution will be quite different this year! St. Tim’s renovation left us without our usual place to distribute the gifts but the Masonic Lodge upstairs came to our rescue and we are able to utilize that space for sorting and distribution.

A huge thank you to the Lodge, the Newtown Police and all of the many volunteers who are helping with logistics and planning. The “drive-through” event takes place on December 19 from 10-3. Many volunteers are needed to check in the families (in their cars), hand out turkeys, find and carry the gifts down the stairs and out to the families. 70% of the 100 volunteer spots have been filled. If you can help, contact carol@interparish.org.

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A Note of Thanks and an Appeal

“Small acts of generosity can grow into something far beyond what you can imagine.”

Ephesians 3:20

There are people in your community who struggle to get enough to eat. Last year, through your generosity, you helped almost 5,000 families with food, clothing and other support services at Inter Parish Ministry. 25% visited IPM for the very first time—those “new faces of hunger” we referred to on the front page. Thank you for making that possible.

This year, even more individuals have come to us to fill their basic needs. We anticipate the demand will grow even more as we welcome YWCA pantry clients who will transition to IPM starting in January.

That's why we need your help, now more than ever. Please join others by giving to Inter Parish Ministry's Annual Campaign.

Your tax-deductible gift of:

\$500 will provide 10 families with a week's worth of food

\$250 will provide 5 families with a week's worth of food

\$100 will provide 2 families with a week's worth of food

You can donate easily and securely by going to our website

www.interparish.org

Click on the **DONATE NOW** button or use the envelope enclosed with this newsletter for your gift.

A gift that will indeed go far beyond what you can imagine!

Some of the faces your generous gift will help!





It's Cookie Caper Time!

Homemade cookies, candy and other treats will be ready for you to buy by the pound. Choose your favorites to enjoy or give as gifts!

Saturday, December 12, 11-2

St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Terrace Park.

A family fun event with live music, train display, activities for kids and a visit from St. Nicholas. Yummy hot chocolate is available also!

An exceptionally beautiful **handmade quilt** will be raffled. Tickets available at IPM or St. Thomas.

\$5.00 each or \$20 for 6.

Don't miss this delightful and yummy holiday event!

Proceeds benefit IPM!

Cookbook Author, Leanne Brown, Delights IPM Cooking Class



On October 17, "Good and Cheap" author shared her recipes and ideas with cooking class members at a special dinner "catered" by IPM volunteers who prepared and served dishes made with Leanne Brown's recipes. It was a great time. Thanks to LCR for hosting and to all who made it possible including OSU Extension for teaching the classes!



Marvelous Music with a Mission

For the second consecutive year, Music with a Mission was a resounding success!

5 choirs performed separately and together on October 18 at Armstrong Chapel. An added delight was a violin performance by Jiyong Kim. Emcee Rev. David Meredith led the entire ensemble and audience in singing the Doxology to cap off an inspirational afternoon of beautiful choral music. Congrats to Newtown United Methodist Church for garnering the most monetary "votes". A total of \$9,700 was raised by all. Thanks to all of the choirs: Armstrong Chapel UMC. Clough UMC, Clifton UMC, Hyde Park Community UMC, Newtown UMC. Special thanks to Kristy Swift, Music Director at Newtown UMC, for coordinating the choirs, to Ben Basone, Music Director at Armstrong, for hosting the event and Neal Hamlin, Music Director at Hyde Park Community UMC for conducting one of the ensemble pieces.



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All of our Volunteers are Awesome!

We have wonderful volunteers at IPM and couldn't do what we do without them. Each month we honor a volunteer who has gone above and beyond! Thank you for all you do! You are the heart of IPM. Here are the 2015 Volunteers of the Month:

January—Bill Mack

February—Linda Malott

March—Neal Watzman

April—Claudine Elzey

May—Andy Light

June—Judy Walker

July—Aaron & Lillian Chow

August—Linda & Clark Ramey

September—Rene Beck

October—Mary Moore

November—Karen Thomas

December—ALL OF YOU!



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