



## Island Heights United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Blair Goold, Pastor

### February and March 2017 Newsletter



Sisters and Brothers, Family and Friends of Island Heights UMC,

Greetings in the name of Jesus, and may the joy of the Spirit remain with you! Soon, we will enter the Holy season of Lent and begin our journey to Easter Sunday, and I look forward to what God has for us in this time.

Many things are happening at IHUMC and I want to highlight just a few. Team Vital has begun meeting and will be working over the next several months to form a strategic vision for our church as we head into the future. A vital congregation focuses on five key markers: *worship, mission, new disciples, small group ministry, and giving*. IHUMC happens to be healthy in these areas, and our Team Vital will be working to bring us to the next level. Please pray for and encourage our Team Vital members: Linwood & Pat McWilliams, Rob & Dawn Kaye, Steve & Lisa Nycz, Betty Brokaw, Susan Swain, Joan Seele-Goold,

Caroll Murray, and Tom Van Duyn.

Our Saturday evening service, SacredSpace, is growing! Our current average attendance is 17, and we are welcoming many visitors from our community. This contemplative worship service provides an intimate space for quiet meditation and a restful pause from our hectic lives. It is a time of centering and soul tending, which is open to all members of the community.

Youth Group is meeting every Friday night! Our first meeting was on January 20, and we are welcoming all student grades 6-12. Friends are always welcome. It's early, so the group is still deciding on a name. Please join us on Friday nights at 7-8:30pm in the Youth Group room.

A new pastor's Bible study begins on Thursday, February 9, 10:30am-noon in Fellowship Hall. This weekly class, which is open to all, will cover the scripture readings that will be coming up in the next Sunday morning's service.

I encourage all of you to pray for these initiatives, and consider becoming involved. There are several ministries in our faith community, as you will see in this newsletter, and there will continue to be opportunities to join our efforts to serve the greater community. Be sure to keep an eye on the bulletin boards, visit our website at [ihumc.org](http://ihumc.org) and check out our Facebook page.

And in all, be blessed and spread peace.

In Christ,  
Pastor Blair





**Sunday  
Worship  
Service  
9:30 AM**

Worship and Sunday School  
are both held at this time.

Coffee Fellowship follows the 9:30 service,

ALL are welcome to join in for  
coffee and conversation!

**Saturday “SacredSpace”**

Contemplative Christian Worship

A time to pray

A place to be still

A time to breathe

Please join us ~ All are Welcome

**Saturdays 5:00 to 5:45 PM  
in our sanctuary**

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service  
March 1st at 7:00 PM**

**Church Office**

The office is open

Monday through Thursday, from  
9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Secretary, Arlene Gratzel

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**Pastor’s visits** to shut-ins are  
on going, if you would like a  
home or hospital visit with  
communion for yourself or a  
loved one, please contact Pastor  
Blair, 732-929-0445 or the  
church office, 732-929-0444.

**2017 Tithing Envelope Boxes**

Are available for pick-up in Fellowship Hall. If  
you have any questions, please contact  
Judy Dolcy.

**“Grieving With Friends”**



If you or someone you know  
needs help in the grieving process  
or if you are willing to join others in their jour-  
ney, please contact Pastor Blair or Carol Herbert.  
Please join Carol and friends for conversation  
and lunch. Lunch at Cool Beans ~ 1:00 P.M.

February 23rd & March 23rd

**IHUMC FOOD PANTRY**

.....Kindly bring in nonperishable items and  
place them in the baskets in the  
foyer. Items needed: cereal, oat-  
meal, juice boxes, crackers, apple  
sauce, jelly/jam, sauce, cookies,  
raisin snack boxes, chili. **Please  
check the expiration dates.**



**Thank you** to all for your very generous do-  
nations of gifts, food and money so that we can  
provide things for the Food Pantry families,  
They truly appreciated the gifts at Christmas and  
the stories they told us were heartwarming.

**A Very Big Thank You!!** to all the volunteers  
who make such a difference in these families lives.

**The IHUMC Food Pantry is OPEN the  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.  
9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.**



**Coffee Fellowship**

**We Need Hosts!!! Friends &  
Families can get together to  
bring a light snack to share  
over coffee after service. The hosts are  
then responsible for the cleanup and to  
make sure the kitchen and fellowship hall  
are ready for the next gathering. Please  
sign up for one Sunday, the book is wait-  
ing. What a great way to entertain and be  
with friends . Thank you and God Bless**



Caregivers Volunteers of  
Central Jersey

“Caring for People by People Who Care”

What better way to love one another than becoming involved in a ministry dedicated to helping our frail elderly, veterans and the homebound with their simple daily tasks or a friendly visit or a phone call. The IHUMC is proud to be a part of a coalition of churches belonging to Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (CVCJ). You are invited to learn more about the wonderful opportunities available to truly make a difference in the lives of our elderly neighbors. For more information, you can contact our IHUMC DVCJ Coordinator, Joan Millard at 732-929-0015. You can also visit our CVCJ web site, at :[www.caregivervolunteers.org](http://www.caregivervolunteers.org)



**UMW**  
**Book Discussion**  
**Group**

The group meets in Fellowship Hall the **3rd Thursday of each month at 12 noon.** The members bring their lunch and the hostesses provide dessert and a beverage. Newcomers are always welcome. Books can be picked up from the church office a month before the discussion begins.

Next Meeting will be : February 16

Book to be discussed: *Sarah's Key*

Pat Berry and Pat McWilliams will host. If you have any questions, please contact: Joan Millard @ 732-929-0015



**United Methodist**  
**Women**  
**ANNUAL**

“Soup & Bread Sale” to go,

**during the UMM Breakfast on  
February 18th.**

So stop on by for breakfast and pick up some soup and bread for lunch or dinner!

Volunteers are needed to make soup and or bake bread for February 18th. Please see Joyce Hoyer or Peggy Parry for the plastic quart soup containers during Coffee Fellowship or stop by the Church office during regular office hours. This fundraiser has been very successful for our many mission programs. Thank you in advance for all your hard work and contributions.

**UMW CRAFT GROUP**

Our ladies meet every Wednesday at 9:30 AM to work on crafts which we sell at various functions throughout the year. The profit helps to support our many mission programs. Please come out and help us, we have a lot of fun!



**United Methodist Men**  
**Breakfast**  
**8 to 10 A.M.**  
**February 18th &  
March 18th**

The UMW will also be having their home-made “Soup & Bread Sale” to-go during the UMM Breakfast on 2/18

Stop by for breakfast and purchase some soup and bread for lunch or dinner.

**UMM Meeting: February 14th**

All men are welcome to attend at noon in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a bag lunch, beverage and dessert will be provided.

COME JOIN OUR  
**BIBLE**  
 Study



**Weekly:**

Join Pastor Blair on Thursdays, beginning Feb 9th at 10:30am-noon in Fellowship Hall.

**Lent Schedule:**



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 March 1, 2017  
 Worship Service  
 7 PM

Palm Sunday ~ April 9, 2017  
 Holy Thursday ~ April 13, 2017  
 Good Friday ~ April 14, 2017  
**EASTER SUNDAY** ~ April 16, 2017

**Easter Lily Sale:**

Order forms will be available in March so that flowers can be ordered to decorate the altar. Members can then take the flowers home after Easter Service.



A March Newsletter will provide information for Services and Flowers.

**THE  
 GIFT  
 AUCTION**



**JUNE 5 th**

Missy Maul and Pat Wallace have the plans underway for this annual event. Donation Request Forms are available during Coffee Fellowship and on the table near the worship leader book. Anyone wishing to donate new items, gift cards or monetary donations for the auction can drop them off at the church. Any questions call: Missy: 732-288-2852 or Pat: 732-473-1071



**IHUMC**  
 Scholarship Fund  
**CORNED BEEF &  
 CABBAGE DINNER**

**Thursday ~ March 16 ~ 5:30 pm**

Eat in or Take-out Available  
 One Seating at 5:30 PM  
 Adult ~ \$14 Child (under 12) ~ \$7  
 Tickets available at Coffee Fellowship or call the church office.



**Youth Group ~ Join us every Friday  
 7-8:30pm ~ Youth Room**

# February 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Naomi Circle of Light ~ 12 Noon F/H	2	3 Youth Group 7pm	4 Sacred Space 5:00—5:45
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12	13	14 UMM~12N~FH	15	16 Bible Study10:30—FH UMW ~ 12 N Book Club ~ FH	17 Youth Group~7p	18 UMM Breakfast 8~10 &UMW~ Soup & Bread Sale Sacred Space~5
19	20	21 Food Pantry 9-11	22	23 Bible Study10:30 ~ FH  Grieving with Friends ~ 1pm Cool Beans	24 Youth Group~7p	25 Sacred Space~ 5
26	27	28 Trustees ~ 7PM FH				

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