

CALENDAR

September

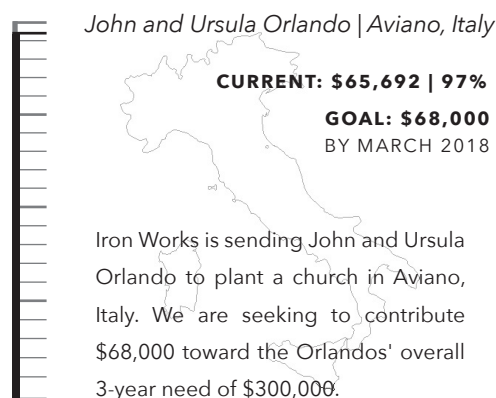
- 24 Bible & book studies meet this week
- 25 Missions Meeting | 7pm
- 29 Sketch Night | 7pm
- 30 Pumpkinfest Workday | 9am-1pm

October

- 2 Home Groups Resume Meeting
- 8 Joint Prayer Meeting at IWWC | 6:30pm
- 9 Exploring IWC | 6:30pm
- 14 Pumpkinfest Workday | 9am-1pm
- 19 All-RISE Worship Night | 7pm
- 21 Pumpkinfest
- 23 Exploring IWC, part II | 6:30pm

Sign up for weekly email updates on all events:
info@ironworkschurch.org

MISSIONS UPDATE



John and Ursula Orlando | Aviano, Italy

CURRENT: \$65,692 | 97%

GOAL: \$68,000
BY MARCH 2018

Iron Works is sending John and Ursula Orlando to plant a church in Aviano, Italy. We are seeking to contribute \$68,000 toward the Orlandos' overall 3-year need of \$300,000.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE



PAAK Building Fund

CURRENT: \$100,251 | 28%*

GOAL: \$220,000-\$280,000
BY DECEMBER 2017

PAAK team fundraisers have raised \$2,447 so far this year. Contact Drew Gess if you have a fundraising idea:
andrew.gess@yahoo.com

*percentage is of higher down payment cost

OPEN SPACE

Join us for Open Space Sundays from 9am-10:15am. Bring a Christian book or article to read and reflect on. Meet a friend, perhaps a Soul Friend to talk, to pray. Discuss a booklet of mutual interest with others. Attend a class being offered. Stop by the Prayer Station to pray for a mission work or to pray through the day's Worship Guide, or just to pray. Visit the Meditation Station to read, reflect, and react through prayer, drawing or journaling. Plot out and pray through a ministry idea. Whatever it may be, enter Open Space to find rest and renewal.

SKETCH NIGHT

Sketching enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to a still life sketch night in IronSpace on September 29 from 7pm-9pm, sponsored by The Offering ministry. Bring an object from home and sketching supplies. Contact **Katy Comber** (kathryn.comber@gmail.com) or **Justin Land** (justinland1@gmail.com).

PUMPKINFEST WORKDAY

Pumpkinfest is right around the corner—October 21! We'll be holding our second-to-last workday on Saturday, September 30 from 9am-1pm at the Gess home: 1898 Flint Rd., Chester Springs. RSVP to Erin Quinn: erin.quinn44@gmail.com.

JOINT PRAYER MEETING AT IWWC

Join us at Iron Works West Chester on **Sunday, October 8 at 6:30pm** as we pray for Lord's provision for both IWC and IWWC. We strongly encourage you to make the drive to West Chester for this important time of corporate prayer.
ADDRESS: 312 W. Union Street, West Chester

EXPLORING IRON WORKS CHURCH

If you have further questions about the church or a desire for membership or baptism, we invite you to attend an upcoming session of Exploring Iron Works Church. Held twice a year, these two-session classes provide dinner, detailed information about Iron Works and our beliefs, as well as an opportunity to ask any questions you might have. The next sessions will be held October 9 and 23 at 6:30 pm.

HOME GROUP CONSTRUCTION

Existing groups are gearing up for an October start. New groups are being built. All groups will learn this fall about spiritual fruitfulness through abiding in Christ via study of the book *A Vine-Ripened Life*. Please contact Pastor Stan (stan@ironworkschurch.org) if you are not part of a home group but would like to be. In addition, please let him know if you would like to be trained as a leader or would like to open your home to host.

We're so glad you could join us today! Some details to help you find your way:

- Restrooms are located in the far end of the bistro area.
- **Children are always welcome in the service**, but there is also nursery provided for children 0-3 and children's classes for kids aged 4 through 2nd grade. Children's class will be dismissed in the back of the meeting hall during the Passing of the Peace, as directed by the worship leader, and will return in time for communion and closing. The first Sunday of every month is Doodle Sunday, and the older children will remain in the service with special activities designed to aid their participation.
- Come early to enjoy refreshments before the service or stay after to get to know your neighbor!



IRON WORKS CHURCH

www.ironworkschurch.org | 484-928-0560 | info@ironworkschurch.org | **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 | 10:30 AM**

THE GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

10,000 Reasons

GREETING

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
People: And also with you!

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Luke 19:37-40*

As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

CORPORATE PRAYER

All: If I keep silent,
 The rocks will cry out,
 If I keep silent,
 The rocks will sing your praise.
 But I am not silent,
 I cry out,
 Release me to sing your praise.

SONGS OF PRAISE

To Christ, the Lord
To You Be the Glory

PRAYERS OF ADORATION

We invite you to individually (and loudly) speak out to God your praise, thanksgiving or Scripture passage.

CONFESSION

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

—Romans 1:18-20

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Father God, we come before you dependent on your grace. You have given us everything we need to grow in grace. You've given us your Spirit. You've given us your word. You've made us a part of your family, giving us your church. Everything around us tells us about you. But we live our lives as if we do not know you. We ignore your Spirit by insisting on our own way. We ignore your word and choose to live isolated lives apart from one another. This is not how we ought to live. We confess our sin to you and to one another. We're sorry. We're thankful for your love. You know us, and you pursue us. Thank you, God. We love you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Jesus came so that you could know God as your Father. He welcomes you into his family.

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE SONG

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat



THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
People: And also with you!

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAAK UPDATE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 2:1-12

SERMON | Rev. Darin Pesnell

The Hardest Thing to Say

THE SACRED SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord!
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

Guidelines for Reception of Communion:

The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members under the care and oversight of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers that follow as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

SILENT PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

All right God, I am pressed and discontent. I am drawn to certain aspects of Christianity, which is why I guess I am here. If you are really there, then who are you, Lord? If you are Jesus Christ, who claimed to be the way, the truth, and the life, please guide me into this reality. Are you calling me? Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. You paid my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and trust you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Leader: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:
People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

DISTRIBUTION OF THE CUP

COMMUNION SONG | In Christ Alone

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

SENDING SONG | Amazing Grace

BENEDICTION

Leader: May you know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive all of your sins.
People: Thanks be to God!

SENDING

Leader: Go forth to love and serve our city.
People: Alleluia. Amen.

If you have a need for prayer today, please come to the back of the room immediately after the service. People are standing by there to pray for you.

Prayer of Commitment for Those Not Yet Baptized

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. I resolve before You to take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer for Those Refusing to Reconcile with One Another

Lord Jesus, I do not want to forgive and be forgiven. My situation of offence seems to me an insurmountable obstacle. Grant that I may discern the body of Christ in my sisters and brothers. Melt my icy heart with the cross, because I cannot forgive without knowing anew how much I have been forgiven. Help my unbelief that I may find my reputation, respect, security and welfare in you. May mercy triumph over judgment in my life. Amen.

MARK 2:1-12 (ESV) | The Hardest Thing to Say

1 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. 3 And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4 And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— 11 "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." 12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ!

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