

GET INVOLVED

CALENDAR

February

- 23 FeNix Youth | 7pm
- 25 Connect Fair
- 25 Congregational Meeting
- 26 Bible studies meet this week.

March

- 9 FeNix Youth | 7pm
- 12 Bible studies meet this week.
- 23 FeNix Youth | 7pm
- 26 Bible studies meet this week.
- 30 Good Friday Service

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

MISSIONS UPDATE

Challa Yanadi people

CURRENT: \$8,000 | 25%

GOAL: \$31,750

BY JUNE 2020

Iron Works is partnering again with Glad Tidings India to reach the Challa Yanadi in Andhra Pradesh, India.

GENERAL FUND

\$5,369

average weekly giving (actual)

\$5,356

average weekly giving (budgeted)

BUILDING FUND

PAAK Building Fund

CURRENT: \$205,697 | 89%

GOAL: \$230,000

PAAK team fundraisers raised \$7,362 in 2017. Contact Drew Gess if you have a fundraising idea: andrew.gess@yahoo.com.

CONNECT FAIR

One of the most effective ways to grow spiritually at IWC is to connect with the life of the church. That is accomplished through serving alongside others, through living lives in community in home groups, and through men's and women's ministry. We'll be throwing a Connect Fair during and after the service on **February 25** to make that process just a bit easier. Enjoy homemade goodies and get to know those who can help you connect with a home group, ministry team, or men's/women's ministry. Questions? laura@ironworkschurch.org.

WOMEN OF IRON WORKS RETREAT

Be refreshed in the Word and in fellowship as we learn about our identity in Christ at the women of Iron Works retreat on **April 13-15**. The cost of the retreat, which will be at Pendle Hill Retreat Center in Media, is \$200, and scholarships are available. Don't let finances keep you from this time of rest. Register at ironworkschurch.org/womensretreat by **February 25**. Contact Patty Yodis (patricia.yodis@gmail.com) or Corinne Frick (cj_frick@hotmail.com) with questions, including if you're interested in attending for only part of the weekend.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please join us after the service next Sunday, February 25 for our annual Congregational Meeting. Pizza, salad, and childcare are provided. If you'd like to help out by providing a salad, contact Rachel Vitz: rachelvitz@gmail.com.

HOPETOWN

Rob Mattox is launching a ministry that seeks to transform the lives of youth and foster kids in Chester County. As part of this, he's hosting three camps at Iron Works (more at x-camp.us) this summer on June 25-29, and July 9-13 and 23-27. You can support this mission by: sponsoring meals, shopping for and preparing food, sponsoring a teen (gofundme.com/xcamp), and volunteering to photograph camp activities. Contact him at robmattox@me.com.

LOST AND FOUND CLEANOUT

The Lost and Found is overflowing with a bounty of items left behind on Sundays. We'll be cleaning it out on **March 11**, so make sure you stop by the Welcome Center out in the hallway to see whether anything in there belongs to you.

PHOENIXVILLE FIRST FRIDAYS

It may not feel like spring outside (yet!), but preparations for Phoenixville's First Fridays are already underway. If you'd like to take a turn hosting the IWC table at the May-through-October monthly festivals, contact Rich Lindberg: lindbergll67@aol.com.

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 hall during the Passing of the Peace, as directed by the liturgist, and will return in time for communion and closing. The first Sunday of most months 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, FEBRUARY 18, 2018 | 10:30 AM**

THE GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

O God of Our Salvation

GREETING

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

People: **And also with you!**

CALL TO WORSHIP | Zechariah 2:10-13

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord. And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. And the Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem."

Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

To You Be the Glory

PRAYERS OF ADORATION

CONFESSION

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:5-9

WORDS OF WELCOME

1) *Do I love the light of God's righteousness even when it reveals the hidden unrighteousness in me or do I seek to hide from the light of God's righteousness?*

2) *Do I practice confession of sin regularly so that I may enjoy fellowship with God unhindered by my sin?*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of light, shine the light of your Word on the hidden and dark places of our hearts. Reveal our sin and enable us to confess and repent of it. We have failed to live like Christ in this world. We have failed to love you with our whole heart and our neighbors as ourselves. Please forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness, in Christ's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

—1 John 2:1a-2

RESPONSE SONG

Jesus, I Come

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you!**

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



OFFERTORY

Gifts to Iron Works Church may be received in the box at the back or online.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING | *James 1:12-18*

SERMON | Rev. Dr. Stan Gale

Barriers to Blessing

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.

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

Upon a Life

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: Teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

SENDING SONG | *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

BENEDICTION

Leader: May the Lord bless you and keep you, and grant you grace to remain steadfast in trials, through Christ your Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SENDING

Leader: Go forth to love and serve the 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.

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.



JAMES 1:12-18 (ESV) |

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. **13** Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. **14** But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. **15** Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

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