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HOLY WEEK

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THANK YOU IPC!

A REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TEAM UPDATE

Thank you IPC for praying for the support of these two families, one family is a Special Immigrant Visa case and the other a Refugee case. IPC's Dream Team which now includes a handful of volunteers from Downy Avenue Christian Church have been busy getting these two families settled, but we could not do it without all of your support. So thank you for donating money,



furniture, supplies, resources and most of all for your prayers. Thank you for hauling furniture and transporting items to the families. Together we are living out what it means to be Christian Community. The families have most of the furniture they need, we will keep a list at the church to keep you updated on any items that are still needed. Both families need clothes

so we are going to take them shopping for clothes where they can get a lot for very little. English tutoring has begun in both households and we are covering a lot of appointment, mostly medical, but also to secure their social security cards and sign up for needed programs. We will continue to meet with the families and provide supportive services for 6 months to a year. Please, hold these families in your prayers and the volunteers who are figuring out how to navigate systems to get the best care possible.

Needs List

- 2 Queen Mattress either new or in very good condition.
- Out door play toys for a 2 year old and a 5 year old.
- An outdoor table and chairs
- Small coffee table
- Diapers (new born and 2 year old)

If you want to donate money, please make it out to IPC and put in the memo Refugee Resettlement: Exodus.

Also, if you have gently used furniture, dishes, utensils etc. and you want to donate to newcomers you can contact Exodus Refugee Immigration and either drop it off there or arrange for them to come and pick it up.

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In Kindness and Grace,
Elizabeth Kaznak-Hall on behalf of the Dream Team



Just six weeks ago the Refugee Dream Team met our sponsored family from Afghanistan. This family is adapting very quickly to life in America. With the help of IPC members the dad has earned his driver's license, set up a bank account and created a strong resume. He has a plan for future employment. Mom is working with a tutor weekly to grow her English skills. Their son is enrolled in school, loves legos and video games like your average 9 year old, and has the most amazing smile. Thanks to many donations from the IPC congregation, their apartment is truly turning into a home. This is a family that is not just starting out but starting over. Each member of this family has a sense of joy and happiness that is contagious.

In April we began working with a second refugee family from Sudan. Downey Avenue Christian Church joined us to help support this family. No one in this family speaks English so tutoring was a top priority, along with medical appointments. There are two young boys and mom is pregnant! With two young boys, clothes and diapers were needed. Many household items were donated from both the IPC congregation and Downey congregation and taken to the family's home. This family is in a house, which means the yard also has to be maintained, hopefully giving the boys a safe place to play this spring and summer.

There is much to do for both of these families as they slowly acclimate to American culture. We will work to fill their immediate needs, the tangible items that are necessities of life. As we fill those needs we will provide a deeper need, the love, friendship and encouragement for them to feel safe and worthy.

--Mandy Holzhausen

THE SHACKLETON CONTEST

On March 9, 2022, the ship, "Endurance" was found. For those who don't know it, the Endurance was a ship lost in the Antarctic in 1915. It was captained by Sir Ernest Shackleton. Shackleton led the expedition to the South Pole in August of 1914. His ship was crushed by the Antarctic ice just a few months into the trip. His 27 men seemed doomed. It took them 18 months, but they made it back to civilization. This was long before GPS and many maps were still sketchy. Yet with incredible determination and amazing survival skills, the entire crew was saved. The men said the only reason they made it was because of Shackleton himself. His leadership was second to none. Shackleton wrote about the "Rules" of wisdom he used which helped keep them alive.

Many of Shackleton's Rules can find a correlation in the Bible. I believe the more we put trust in Jesus, our CAPTAIN, the more we will endure. During the month of May I propose a contest. I would like you to find a biblical passage which reveals the same wisdom as Shackleton's Rules. We will celebrate our winners in worship on June 5.

Here are his Rules. Send in your biblical correlations to me by May 31, 2022:

Shackleton's Rules

1. Never lose sight of the ultimate goal and focus energy on short-term objectives.
2. Set a personal example with visible, memorable symbols and behavior.
3. Instill optimism and self-confidence but stay grounded in reality.
4. Take care of yourself: Maintain your stamina and let go of guilt.
5. Reinforce the team message constantly: "We are one - we live or die together."
6. Minimize staff differences and insist on courtesy and mutual respect.
7. Master conflict - deal with anger in small doses, engage dissidents, and avoid needless power struggles.
8. Find something to celebrate and something to laugh about.
9. Be willing to take the Big Risk.
10. Never give up - there's always another move.



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CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mary Rueff in the death of her father Jack Zuverink on April 7, 2022.

IN MEMORIAM

Thelma B. Apel
April 16, 2022.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Thelma B. Apel, her daughter, Kathryn Jester; and her granddaughter, Melissa and Erin Jester.

THANK YOU

I know this is late coming, I would like to thank all of you for the hospital visits when my daughter Debbie was in the hospital and then at her funeral as well. Thank you all for your cards, kind words, visits, and prayers.

--Dee Miller

Together in Christ,

Pastor Steve

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee update on member contributions needed to support the work and ministry of IPC.

Budgeted through February: \$54,167
Received through February: \$54,479



IPC Organist DJ Smith and fellow Butler University faculty member, Dana Zenobi, performed "An Emily Dickinson Study" on Sunday, April 24.

YOUNG ADULTS

Pizza Church

6:00 p.m. on May 10th at Jockamo's,
Contact Rev. Wilson to reserve childcare.

YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY MAY 1ST
AT IPC

5:30 - 7:00 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp is almost here! The church pays half of the cost of summer camp. If your child is registered for camp, please email Hannah Braun (hbraun@irvpresby.org) to let her know. Please include your child's name, the name of the camp, when they are attending, and the total cost of the camp.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are planning for VBS 2022! If you would like to be part of planning VBS or if you would like to help with VBS, please let Hannah Braun know. More details will be coming soon. Thank you!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On June 12th we will celebrate a blessing of the animals from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. by the IPC playground. In partnership with the Indianapolis Humane Society, we will bless the dogs, cats, and critters we love. Treats for people and pets will be available as well as donations for the humane society will be collected.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

On Sunday June 12th we will be recognizing our IPC high school and college graduates in Worship. If you or someone in your family would like to be recognized please send the following information to Rev. Wilson before June 6th.

Full name and contact information of graduate, name of school, (for college) degree earned, and if they will be joining in person on the 12th.



SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER

Save the Date!

Camp Scholarship Fund Details- This year, our summer camp fundraiser will be a silent auction with food! If you have any talents, skills, or anything else that you would like to "donate" to the auction, please let Hannah Braun know. Some suggestions could be babysitting hours, artwork, a homemade meal, etc.

Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022

Time: 11:15am

Where: Fellowship Hall

Cost of Admission = FREE

Food: Ice Cream and Cookies

SLICE OF LIFE

Slice of Life has returned to IPC. The gathering time is 12:30 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the parlor. The topics provide open discussions. Each session will have a different contemporary topic for discussion. Short video clips with comment cards will generate the discussion. Please call the office RSVP if you plan to attend. Pizza will be provided by Jockamo Pizza. If you want something other than pizza, feel free to let the office know at (317)356-7225. We will provide drinks. We are looking forward to seeing you for a rich conversation.



IRVINGTON COMMUNITY READ



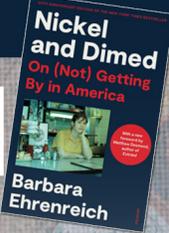
Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America

Dates:

April 5, April 12, and April 19

Time:

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



The Community Read event hosted by the Justice Advocacy Team of IPC and the Irvington Public Library was well supported by the Irvington community. The Justice Advocacy Team distributed 55 copies of the book, Nickel and Dimed On (Not) Getting By in America, written by Barbara Ehrenreich.

The book was discussed over the course of three evenings in April and was led by our own Holly Pittman. Holly skillfully led the lively discussions of the issues faced by the working poor. Issues of housing, pay equity, and more were discussed as we learned of the author's experiences.

We averaged 19 participants each evening, with a blend of IPC members and Irvington community members.

The Justice Advocacy Team and the Irvington Public Library are currently working on plans for the next community event, probably in July. Watch for more information to come.

If you are interested in learning more about the Justice Advocacy Team and how you can become involved, please contact Kathy Moorhead.

(Recordings of all three discussions are available on the IPC website)



WESTMINSTER
Neighborhood Services, Inc.

2022 Food Fight

- 5:30 PM | Doors Open
- 6:05 PM | Competition Kicks Off
- 6:45 PM | Food Served
- 7:45 PM | Voting & Silent Auction Ends
- 8:00 PM | Join us for the After Party!

Thank you so much for supporting our mission on the Near Eastside of Indianapolis - we are so glad you're here!



IPC Members and Friends supporting and enjoying Westminster Neighborhood Services 2022 Food Fight Fundraiser on Friday, April 22nd. Special thanks to an anonymous donor for sponsoring two tables at the event, greatly helping in WNS' mission to assist families in need on the near eastside of Indianapolis.



Living
In
Fellowship
Together

JOCKAMO'S TASTING PARTY

Jockamo's private back room has been reserved for a tasting party of various pizzas, salad and drinks. We will be sampling both white and red wines; and pitchers of water, iced tea and soft drinks will also be available. The cost will be \$18 per person (tip included).

Mark your calendar for a fun evening of fellowship! We will gather on Monday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m. Women of all ages are welcome and please feel free to invite a friend to join us – the more the merrier! We will be collecting feminine hygiene products for Westminster. Please let Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) know if you will be attending.



*Monday, April 18, 2022 L.I.F.T. Event
Painting with Andrea*

PWC MAY GATHERING

PWC (Presbyterian Women of the Congregation) will hold its final meeting on May 19th after 90 years of service. At the March Gathering PWC voted to discontinue its connection with the national organization of Presbyterian Women and establish the IPC Women's Bible Study. Beginning in September, the Bible Study will meet on the third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. under the leadership of Rev. Wilson. IPC women are invited to attend the last PWC meeting on Thursday May 19 at noon in the parlor for a box lunch, program on PWC history, and a period of sharing memories.

Attendees are welcome to bring photos of past PWC events or submit them to Craig Shaw or Betty Thomas to be shown on the parlor screen. Photos will be returned. Information about reserving a lunch will be in upcoming communications.

Direct any questions to Betty Thomas, 317-835-2703.



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THE LONGEST DAY

The Longest Day is the day with the most light — the summer solstice. On June 21, thousands of participants from across the world come together to fight the darkness of Alzheimer's through an activity of their choice. It is a day to remember caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's. Call someone you know who a caregiver is, send a card, take them a meal. Let them know they are being thought of on the Longest Day!

The Alzheimer's Support Groups is now in-person at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. These meetings support caregivers of person with a cognitive diagnosis. The support groups are open to the public. Please check with Denise Harrington at dharringtonipc@gmail.com for the latest update.



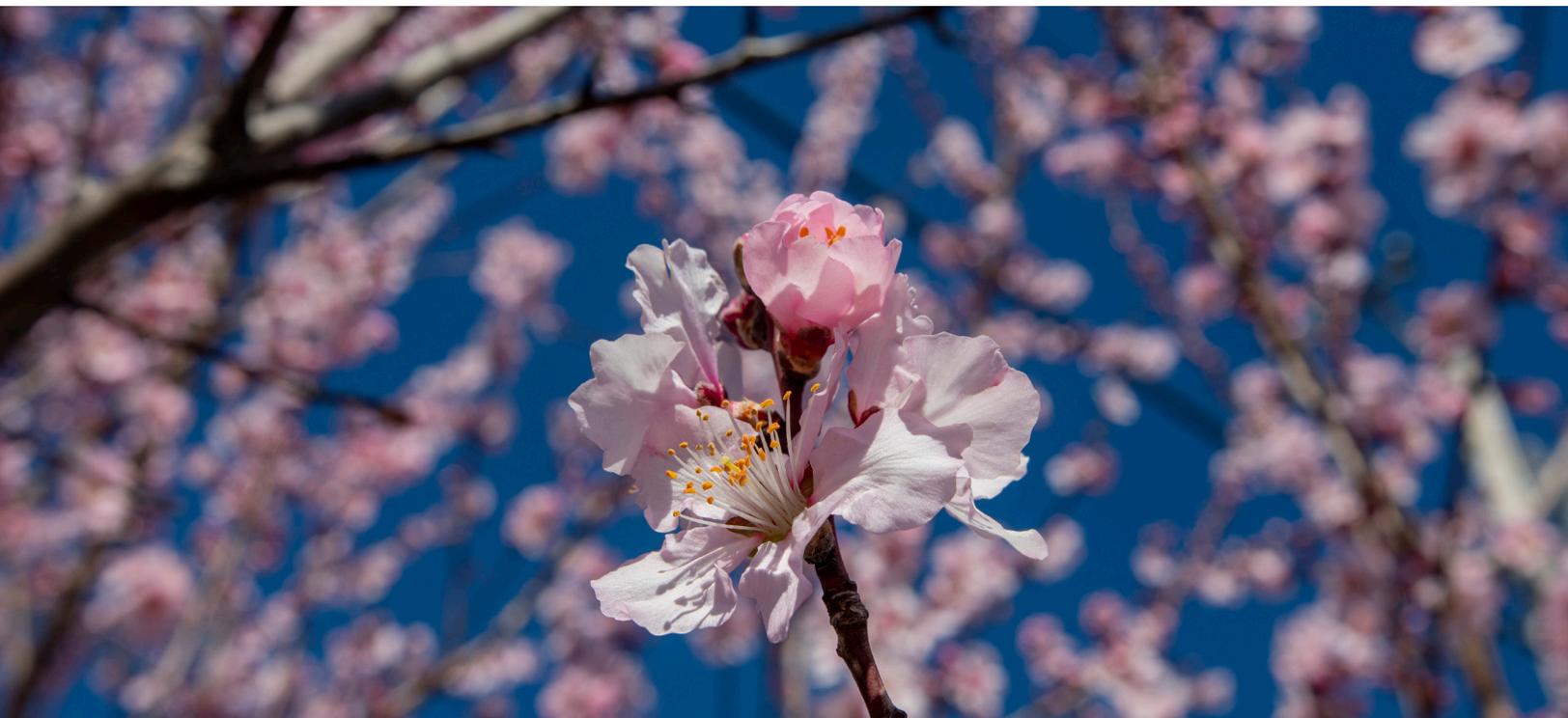
3B program
body · brain · belief

The pandemic has been long and draining. Social isolation and the lack of fellowship has affected everyone. Now is the time to come enjoy some of the wonderful fellowship opportunities at Irvington.

Come join us for 3B exercise on Tuesdays at 11am. We not only exercise our Bodies we also exercise our Brains and Belief! Currently we are doing low impact yoga to increase strength in our lungs and improve breathing. Some of the exercises are done to music which makes them fun! This generates conversation and laughter.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study that meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Parlor, will not meet on May 4th but will resume on May 18th at 10 a.m. in the church Parlor. All men are invited to attend.



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JACK'S C O R N E R

Jack Simpson, IPC member, explores the archives for stories of the church, its past members and other bits of interesting information and lore.

What happened to coins before they are minted? They go through a pickling process, although not quite in the same way that pickles are pickled. The blank coins are soaked in a chemical solution, which washes and polishes them before they go on to be stamped. The process isn't about preservation as much as cleaning and refining the metal. However, coins do last a long time. The average coin stays in circulation for about 30 years – a lot longer than a dollar bill which lasts about 18 months.



Who was behind the red carpet for the Academy Awards? It really didn't start with the Academy. It goes back about 2,000 years. Its first appearance was in the Greek tragedy Agamemnon. In the play, the king hesitated to walk on a red carpet when he returned from the Trojan War because that was treatment for the gods, not man. He walked on it anyway and met an untimely end.



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