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## What Are Your Gifts For Ministry?

It's on seminary applications, in CPM interviews at Presbytery, on scholarship forms, in job interviews... to the point of it becoming a bit of a joke among some:

### WHAT ARE YOUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY?

- During college, I ran children's summer camps, so projecting my voice, negotiating with belligerent participants, and delegating tasks to responsible parties within the larger group comes naturally.
- Growing up on a farm taught me some helpful ministry basics: property maintenance, elementary plumbing and electrical skills, and an appreciation of agricultural metaphors (which are abundant in Scripture).
- A nearly-perfect Sunday School and youth group attendance growing up has equipped me with nearly enough Bible puns for a career of preaching sermons and running youth group.
- I was 6'2" before finishing 7th grade: I've always been an overachiever and ahead of the curve.
- All of those statements are true... though their connection to ministry is, admittedly, a stretch!

As funny or ridiculous as some of those things are, it's hard to overlook the value of little-known personal experiences or hidden talents when serving the Church! Sure, one could argue that the hundreds of hours I spent in college playing Settlers of Catan was wasted, but negotiation, mediation, and planning ahead are skills that are immensely helpful in many contexts! I will say, though, that for our hidden skills and passions to be really helpful in the Church, others need to know what those experiences, passions, and gifts are!

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## Get to know



### Pastor



**Sundays**  
in October  
**9:00 - 9:45 AM**  
in the Parlor  
*Coffee included!*

## IRVINGTON HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL WELLNESS FAIR

If you recall, IPC conducted many forums and surveys as part of the Mission Study process. We learned of IPC's desire to be more involved and to find ways to serve our community. With the approval of the IPC Session, the Justice Advocacy Team has been working for over a year to bring a new opportunity for us to reach out to our community. IPC has partnered with the Irvington Halloween Festival Committee to host the Irvington Halloween Festival Wellness Fair on Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Additional community partners include Community East Hospital, Jane Pauley Community Health Center, Marion County Health Department, ICAN, CICOA, Be Smart (gun safety), The Damien Center, FSSA, Overdose LifeLine, Irvington Public Library, Versiti (mobile blood drive), CIRTa and the Irvington Art Collective. The Irvington Ministerial Association is also supportive of this new opportunity to serve our community and thus our sister congregations will also be participating.

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There will be several opportunities for us to get to know each other a bit better in the coming weeks: coffee hours, committee meetings, phone calls... If you're up for it, I'd love to grab a coffee with you, or you can swing by my office to introduce yourself.

I will warn you, though: I'm going to want to know what your "gifts for ministry" are, too! In fact, I encourage you to find out each other's gifts for ministry. Ask folks sitting near you in worship on Sunday, or find someone during coffee hour you don't know well: What are your gifts for ministry?

And if you don't like that specific question, ask one of these and try to find a way of linking it with an aspect of our life and ministry at IPC:

- What is the biggest adventure you've ever been on?
- What is your most embarrassing experience?
- Tell me about a time when you felt like you were making a difference.
- What is the most surprising fact about you that no one at Church would guess is true?
- What was your favorite thing to do as a child?
- What is something you are very proud of?

Let's get to know each other!



*PS - Name tags are also very helpful. Did you know that you can get a church name tag, too? Simply ask an usher on Sunday morning or the office during the week. They cost \$5 but members get their first one free! (Not a member? Ask me about how to become one!)*

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How can you help? We will need volunteers on the day of the Wellness Fair. Volunteer opportunities include working the welcome table, being a runner, serving lunch, serving as a guide for sanctuary tours, clean-up crew, and more. We will be providing lunch for our community partners, so we will need individually wrapped cookies and brownies donated. IPC and Our Lady of Lourdes are collecting fire extinguishers to be prizes for the drawings held throughout the day of the fair. Please select a card from the Burning Bush in the Welcome Center to donate the funds to purchase a fire extinguisher.

Please come to the Wellness Fair and bring a friend. Our community partners will be providing a wealth of information on services and opportunities in our community. Come and learn about heart health, stroke prevention, wound care, cancer education, knee health, elder care, nutrition, mommy and baby information, gun safety, biking/ carpooling, mental health information and so much more. And don't forget your flu shot! You can also learn about ways to become engaged in our community, from volunteering at Community East Hospital and ICAN to participating in IPC's new initiative, the

Irvington Art Collective. And last, you will be able to serve our community by donating the life-giving gift of blood. Our partner, Versiti will have their mobile blood drive unit available.

Volunteer sign-ups will begin on Sunday, October 1st. Please mark your calendar now for Saturday, October 21st for this exciting new event. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of the Justice Advocacy Team.



**Flu Shots Screenings**  
**Drawings for Prizes**  
**Giveaways Blood drive**  
**Something for Everyone!**

## Irvington Halloween Festival Wellness Fair

HEALTHCARE SHOULDN'T BE SCARY!

### PARTNERS:

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
Be SMART Secure Gun STORAGE  
INDIANAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
IRVINGTON MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION  
INDY CYCLE SPECIALIST  
EL TRONO DE LA GRACIA  
INDIANA DAIRY COUNCIL

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IRVINGTON COMMUNITY ADVOCACY NETWORK  
IRVINGTON ARTS COLLECTIVE  
DAMIEN CENTER  
OVERDOSE LIFELINE  
IRVINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Irvington Presbyterian Church**  
**55 Johnson Ave. (behind the Irvington Library)**



## Deacon Meeting: October 15th after Worship

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

Budgeted through August: \$213,333

Received through August: \$ 179,847

Member Contribution YTD Gap:

(\$33,486 )

Current YTD gap to  
eliminate budget deficit:

(\$43,400 )

We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with fun and renewal. As the new program year begins, please remember the important work of IPC. Your support of the ministries of IPC is essential. Welcome Home.



Young Adults Pizza  
Church meets  
Tuesday, October  
10th, 6:00 p.m. at  
Jockamao's Pizza.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

For Sunday School to be successful, we need many volunteers to teach Sunday School. Volunteers can sign up to teach preschool/kindergarten (ages 2 - grade K) and/or elementary (grades 1 - 5). We would like two teachers for each class. Please consider teaching our wonderful children here at IPC. Contact Hannah Braun (hbraun@irvpresby.org) if you would like to sign up.



## OCTOBER YOUTH NEWS

We kicked our new season off with a couple of great gatherings at church and we attended an Indy Eleven soccer game. We are looking forward to more adventures this month.

Our Youth Group is for ALL 6th-12th graders, and we meet every Sunday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner is usually included in our activities. Below are some save the dates for upcoming events. For up-to-date information and pictures follow us on Instagram @irvpresbyouth.

October 1st: 1:00 p.m. Crop Walk (no regular youth group that day.)

October 6th: 7:30 p.m. LOCK-IN at IPC

October 8th: NO Youth Group

October 15th: Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

October 21st: Wellness Fair

October 22nd: Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30 p.m.

October 29th: Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

November 17-19: PYOCA Fall Retreat

December 30th: New Year's Eve Eve Party



# CONGRATULATIONS, MOHAMMED!

Monday, September 18 was a day of long-awaited celebration for the Alhamwi Family. Mohammed graduated



with honors from the Chamberlain School of Nursing with his Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. He also received the Florence Nightingale Award for exemplifying the compassion and empathy required in becoming a successful nurse as well as exhibiting overcoming adversity in the academic and clinical journey! Mohammed has also already taken and passed the NCLEX-RN. He passed the exam on the first attempt and when congratulated on this his humble response was that it wasn't

really that difficult. Mohammed will soon begin his nursing career at Eskenazi Health on the ICU step-down floor. Mohammed had a big group at the ceremony to support him and cheer him on.

**Congratulations, Mohammed and the entire Alhamwi Family!**



## Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5:30–7:00 p.m.

Irvington Presbyterian Church Parking Lot  
(behind the Irvington Library)

Put on your costumes  
and bring your  
trick-or-treat bags  
for a scary good time!





## A SUCCESSFUL RALLY DAY!

Rally Day was a huge success! Many wonderful church programs started back up, including Sunday School. There were 16 children in elementary class, 7 children in preschool/kindergarten, and 3 children in the nursery! Seven children received their third (and up) grade Bibles during Sacred Space. After worship, we had a delicious pitch-in lunch. Thank you to all who helped make Rally Day a success!



## FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS 101

*Bridget Tetak*

*Monday, October 16th*

Living  
In  
Fellowship  
Together

We will be gathering to hear Bridget Tetak, Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. She is currently serving as the financial advisor to the IPC Endowment. Bridget will be discussing Financial Investments 101. Bridget enjoys the educational component to smart financial investing and is looking forward to our many questions. We will learn financial investment terminology, the difference between stocks and bonds, various investment strategies, and so much more. This will be a great opportunity to ask those burning questions without the pressure of any commitment.

Women of all ages are welcome and please feel free to invite a friend to join us. Please mark your calendar to attend this informative gathering, which will be held in the IPC parlor on Monday, October 16th at 6:30 p.m. Also, please bring a snack to share. We will be collecting feminine hygiene products for Westminster. Please contact Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) if you have any questions.



**A huge “Thank you” to all of IPC’s members and friends who provided special music throughout the summer months!**

- DJ Smith
- Gary Conway
- Ondrea McAulay
- Jan Schreibman
- Joe Dial
- Aerial Lewis
- Kathy Stroud
- Jenny Sonafrank
- Caleb Holzhausen
- David Owen
- Matt Wolf
- Hal Page
- Mandy Holzhausen
- Toni Morris
- Webb Parker





Thank you to Revs. Liz Kaznak-Hall and Bob McAulay for providing IPC with solid and steady leadership during the transitions of the past couple of years! You have served with creativity, intelligence, and with IPC's best interests in mind and heart. Your spirit-led presence time and again supported the staff and congregation when and where it was most needed.

Thank you!



**Blessing of the Pets**  
September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023





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## JACK'S 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.

*Computers were called calculators. You pounded on typewriters and changed the ribbon. There were newspapers for adults, you got the comic pages.*

*I found this study to be interesting called, 'The One Percenters Age Group. You are the smallest group of children born since the early 1900s. You are the last generation, climbing out of The Depression, who can remember the impact of a world war that rattled the structure of our daily lives. You remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves. You saved tin foil. You remember milk being delivered to your house in the morning and put in the milk box on the porch. Parents and teachers used discipline. The last generation without television. The radio was your news. Without television, you played outside. You really didn't know what the world was like. In the 1950's we got tv, black and white, three stations and no remote.*

*Polio was still acrippler. You came of age in the 1950s & 1960s. More than 99% of you are retired and should feel privileged that you lived in the best of times. If you were born between 1930 and 1946, you have outlived 99% of all people in the world born between those years.*

