

■ September 2023

Rally Day

Sunday, September 10th



PNC UPDATE

On August 13th a Congregational Meeting was called to order for the members of IPC to vote on the question to call the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Reinink to be our Senior Pastor/Head of Staff. The PNC was thrilled that the congregation overwhelmingly affirmed to call the Rev. Reinink.

Rev. Reinink is busy packing and preparing to move to Indianapolis soon. Please be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, September 10th which will be Rev. Reinink's first Sunday in the pulpit as our new pastor.

The PNC would like to thank the congregation for their encouragement and support during the discernment process. Please continue to keep Rev. Reinink in your prayers as he joins us in ministry.



Irvington Halloween Festival Wellness Fair



HEALTHCARE SHOULDN'T BE SCARY!

Giveaways

Flu Shots

Blood drive

Screenings

Drawings for Prizes



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

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 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Additional community partners include Community East Hospital, Jane Pauley Community Health Center, Marion County Health Department, ICAN, CICOA, Be Smart (gun safety), Overdose LifeLine, Irvington Public Library, Versiti (mobile blood drive), CIRT 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.

How can you help? We will need volunteers for the day of the Wellness Fair. We will be providing lunch for our community partners, so we will need cookies and brownies donated. And last, we will need fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and smoke detectors to also be donated. These will be the gifts for the drawings held throughout the day of the fair.

Please mark your calendar now for Saturday, October 21st. Watch for volunteer sign-ups and more information in October. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of the Justice Advocacy Team.

DEAR PRESBYTERIANS,

Dear Presbyterian, we are on the cusp of a new season of the year, and a new season in the church. As we welcome Pastor Jon, please join us in worship and participate in as many community events as possible. If you can't join in person, take the time to call, e-mail or send a note of welcome to our new Senior Pastor. As we all get to know each other, I hope we can prayerfully consider the ways God is calling our congregation in 2023.

In Christ,

Marcus

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

Budgeted through July: \$186,667

Received through July: \$162,080

Member Contribution YTD Gap:

(\$24,587)

Current YTD gap to eliminate budget deficit:

(\$26,334)

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to do to help us close the gap.

Thank you for all you do for IPC!

IPC PET BLESSING!

The 3rd annual IPC Pet Blessing will be September 24th, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Bring your furry friends for a treat and blessing in the IPC parking lot. If your beloved pet has passed this year, we invite you to bring a picture or memento for our rainbow bridge memorial. This year we will be collecting donations and wish list items for FACE, Low-Cost Animal Clinic, whose mission is “to provide affordable spay/neuter, vaccination, and routine preventive services for the Indianapolis community to prevent the unnecessary euthanasia of dogs and cats.”



Sundaes
on
Sunday!



JOCKAMO
UPPER CRUST
PIZZA

Young Adults will meet on Tuesday, September 12th at 6 p.m. at Jockamos for Pizza Church. Contact Rev. Wilson to reserve childcare.





Roots and Wings did a deep spring clean and updated our space over the summer. We put on a fresh new paint color and added new art and decorations to the walls. As our infants transitioned up to our multi-age group, we repurposed that classroom into a dramatic playroom for our bigger kiddos. They are able to enjoy dress up, a kitchen set, a playhouse and a large bucket of hot wheels. It has been well loved by all.



Living
In
Fellowship
Together

SCAMS!!! *How do we protect ourselves?*

Do you ever receive suspicious emails? Do these emails contain offers

that look too good to be true? For example, do they offer gifts? free trials? rewards? Or perhaps a TV ad has a product you want to buy. But once they have your credit card number, they keep sending you products and using your card number even if you did not order anything additional. Some emails might even have the names of companies that you know well and have done business with. Beware! Criminals are using the internet, the telephone, and the mail to entice people into giving up their money or personal information. Find out about some of the scams that are out there preying on the unwary. Our own, Denise Harrington a Senior Services Coordinator, will be sharing her knowledge on what to look for and how best to protect ourselves.

All are welcome to attend this informative gathering, which will be held in the IPC parlor on Monday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to invite a friend to join us – the more the merrier! Also, please bring a snack to share. We will be collecting feminine hygiene products for Westminster. Please contact Toni Morris or Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) if you have any questions.

L.I.F.T. at Josephine's on August 21, 2023



YOUTH NEWS

The youth group continued to meet each Sunday evening during the month of August. We averaged ten youth each week, which is so great for the summer! We went to the 100 Acre Park, watched movies and started preparing for the start of the new church year. We will have at least two new youth joining us, which brings us to about 16 youth. So we decided we needed a little more room. The youth worked to clean out a classroom on the third floor that can house the foosball table and some of the other games. We now have a Youth Lounge and a Youth Game room. While cleaning many of the kids found items that they had created when they were in Sunday School and they had a little walk down memory lane.



Youth group is for ALL 6th-12th graders and we meet every Sunday from 5:30-7:30. 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 @irvpresbyyouth.

September 10 5:30-7:30 1st Youth Group of the new Church Year!

- September 17 5:30-7:30 Youth Group
- September 24 5:30-7:30 Youth Group
- October 1st Crop Walk
- October 6th 7:30 LOCK-IN at IPC
- October 21st Wellness Fair
- November 17-19 PYOCA Fall Retreat
- December 30 New Year's Eve Eve Party

"PULPIT FICTION: FOR PREACHERS AND SEEKERS AND BIBLE GEEKS"

Preparing for worship with the lectionary text for Sunday. 8:45 a.m. Bible Study on



September 17th and 24th . Enjoy coffee and light breakfast while listening to the weekly episodes

of The Pulpit Fiction Podcast, as Rev. Eric Fistler and Rev. Robb McCoy discuss the lectionary texts for each Sunday and how they relate to our current world and ministries.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

On Rally Day, September 10th, we will be presenting Bibles to third graders. Due to the pandemic, we have not presented Bibles in the last few years. If your child did not receive a Bible or if your child is a current third grader, please let Hannah Braun know at hbraun@irvpresby.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK ON SEPTEMBER 10TH!

We are excited to announce that Sunday School starts again on September 10, 2023! Children will start in the sanctuary and then go to their classes following Sacred Space. Adults will pick up their children after the worship service ends.

The classes and ages are:

- Nursery - Infants to age 2.5/3 years old
- Preschool/Kindergarten - age 3 to age 5/6 (end of kindergarten)
- Elementary - Grades 1 through 5

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.

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Rally Day will also be Rev. Reinink's first official Sunday at IPC!



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www.irvpresby.org

Rally Day is the start of Sunday School for preschool/kindergarten and elementary children.

During worship, Third Grade Bibles will be presented, the IPC Chancel Choir will be back in the choir loft, and the handbell choir will be ringing!

Following worship, there will be a pitch-in lunch in Fellowship Hall. Pulled pork and pulled chicken will be provided. We ask that everyone brings a side, salad, or dessert, based on the first letter of your last name.

If your last name starts with:

A - I: Bring a Side

J - Q: Bring a Salad

R - Z: Bring a Dessert

We hope to see you on
Rally Day!



Fundraiser supporting:



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for WNS programs!



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JACK'S CORN ER

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

Some Strange State Laws Still On The Books

A 1910 Oklahoma state law -- Every person guilty of secretly loitering about any building with the intent to overhear and to repeat or publish the same to annoy, is guilty of a misdemeanor. It is allowable to overhear juicy gossip accidentally, but not intentionally. Also, it is a \$1.00 fine

for swearing in public.

A 1965 law in Alabama states it is a misdemeanor to pretend to be a member of the clergy. Whoever, being in a public place and fraudulently pretends by garb or outward array to be a minister of any religion is guilty. Better pick another costume for Halloween.

In North Carolina you cannot play bingo for more than five hours. In 1835 lotteries were banned.

Today bingo is allowed for fund raising providing the prize is less than \$10.00.

In Utah, Happy Hour is illegal. Now it is "appy hour" where appetizers are on sale. Drinks are allowed but only 1.5 oz. of alcohol per drink, so no doubling, although cocktails are allowed. Mixed drinks can feature 2.5 ounces of total spirits, as long as the other ounce is a less potent spirit. Last call is also 1 a.m.

Did you know that billboards are not allowed in Hawaii, along with Vermont, Maine and Alaska.

