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BRING OUT YOUR RED!

We usually do it once a year, and most years, it the same weekend as Memorial Day... which means it is eclipsed by the roar of race car engines and heavy in-town traffic in Indianapolis. But this is one of those precious years when, thanks to the cycle of the moon and the way Easter falls in 2024, the Church's birthday is about as early as it can be. And to really mark the occasion, Irvington Presbyterian Church is celebrating our graduating students within our membership and marking the close of the program year with Music Sunday.

We are doing Pentecost right this year, friends!

Pentecost is the 49th day after Easter Sunday ("Pente-"= 50... close enough, right?) and traditionally marks the day when, after his resurrection and ascension, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Jesus' disciples as they were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Weeks. While they were gathered together, the sound of a great wind entered and suddenly there were what looked like "tongues of fire" dancing on top of their heads. Then they all started speaking and preaching in different languages! Since the city was full of people from all over the known world, it was noticed, because they could all understand what was being said! Were the disciples multilinguists? No, but the Holy Spirit is! Because of the words the Holy Spirit spoke through the disciples that day, in languages they had never heard before, many people committed to join the disciples in following Christ's way and learning more about Jesus' teachings—3,000 people, in fact.

We say that Pentecost is the Church's birthday because it was the day that the proclamation of the Gospel really and truly began, and it was the day that thousands began to follow Jesus through the teachings of his disciples.

So, we bring out our red paraments, and I'll have my red robe. (I'm told that my dreams of pyrotechnics, while thematically appropriate, won't be included this year... *sigh*) Dr. Parker has pulled out all the musical instruments and the choirs have been preparing their music for the Sunday that will end their season. We are even going to be pointing out and celebrating the achievements of our graduates as they prepare to pass a milestone in life. It will be a Sunday of celebrating our community of faith, the culmination of another year of ministry together, and a musical offering of praise and gratitude for the blessings God has given. And the theme will be red and fire. You'll want to be a part of it (and invite your neighbors and friends, too)!

In eager anticipation of the celebration and excitement,

GRAD SUNDAY – SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

We will celebrate all those graduating from High school, college, graduate, and trade programs in Worship. If you or someone you know would like to be recognized at this service, please contact Rev Wilson.



We welcome IPC's newest Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Endowment Board Members and thank those who are rotating off of board membership.



MAY YOUTH NEWS

Much of April was spent planning and preparing for Youth Sunday, and it really paid off. I'm very proud of the youth and their willingness to be a part of worship on Youth Sunday and every Sunday.

We also had fun doing a progressive dinner, the youth were hosted by Pat and Steve Lewis, Aerial and Neil Lewis, Jenny and Matt Harris and Michelle Eckert. Thank you so much for supporting our youth. This one is just one small way to show them that they are loved by all of the church, not just the youth group families.

We have lots of plans for the next couple of months. The 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. For up-to-date information and pictures follow us on Instagram @irvpresbyouth.

May 5 No youth group (Steve & Mandy will be at Emma's Graduation)

May 9-10th Lock In

May 12 No Youth group (Mother's Day)

May 19 Graduation Sunday during Worship

May 19 Youth Group 5:30-7:30

May 26 Youth Group 5:30-7:30

June 4 Kings Island

July 7-11 Mission Trip



Young Adult Pizza Church will meet on Tuesday, May 14th at Jockamo's at 6:00 p.m.

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

Budgeted through February: \$48,333

Received through February: \$39,764

Member Contribution YTD Gap: **(\$8,569)**

Current YTD surplus: \$6423

We are thankful for your contributions. Your support of the ministries of IPC is essential. Thank you for all you do for IPC!



HARM REDUCTION EDUCATION EVENT

Do not forget to mark your calendars for May 1st and May 8th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The IPC Justice Advocacy Team is excited to partner with ICAN, Overdose Lifeline and the American Red Cross to provide education and training on the needs for harm reduction measures in our Irvington community. Participants will learn how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose, how to administer the opioid overdose reversal drug naloxone, and what to expect after administration. The course will discuss how naloxone reverses an overdose and dispel some myths about naloxone. We will also receive “Hands Only” CPR training.



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Overdose Lifeline shares that “Overdose due to opioid use has become a leading cause of death in the US. Today, Americans are more likely to die due to an overdose than they are from cars and guns. Yet services, specifically those aimed at overdose prevention and substance use help, do not meet the growing opioid crisis.”

The churches of Irvington are invited to attend these important meetings. The meetings will be held in the IPC Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Kathy Moorhead at 317-430-3402.

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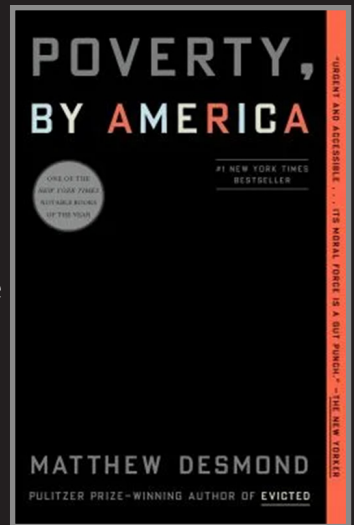
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SAVE THE DATE COMMUNITY BOOK READ

The IPC Justice Advocacy Team and the Irvington Public Library have partnered to host our third Community Read event. The book to be discussed is “Poverty, by America” by Matthew Desmond. Matthew Desmond shares that “Poverty, it’s the capability destroyer. It’s the dream killer. It reduces people born for better things.” Mark your calendars for Mondays, June 24th and July 1st, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., when our own Kristin Shaw will lead

the discussion of the book. Free copies of “Poverty, by America” will be available later in May at IPC and the Library. Come be part of this important conversation.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Justice Advocacy Team.



“A searing moral indictment of how and why the United States tolerates such high levels of poverty and of inequality . . . [and] a hands-on call to action.”

—THE NATION



OverdoseLifeline

CREATE YOUR OWN MASTERPIECE! – Monday, May 20th

Living
In
Fellowship
Together

Create your own masterpiece! LaVonne Mitchell will be leading the group in making decoupage plates and vases. This simple project uses paper napkins or fabric to transform

the plate or vase. The cost to cover materials is \$5. All materials will be provided. Feel free to bring your own item to decoupage, napkins, or fabric. If you have decorative paper napkins you would like to donate, please drop them off in the office or below the mailboxes by the office. Just put LaVonne's name on them. If you have any questions just call LaVonne; 317-498-1533.

We will gather to create our masterpieces on Monday, May 29th at Kathy Moorhead's home (5315 West Stone Way, New Palestine, IN 46163) at 6:30 p.m. Women of all ages are welcome and please feel free to invite a friend to join us. Mark this date on your calendar for a fun evening of fellowship together. Please bring a snack or beverage to share. We will be collecting feminine hygiene products for Westminster. Please contact LaVonne Mitchell (317-498-1533) or Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) if you have any questions and please RSVP so LaVonne has a count for supplies needed.



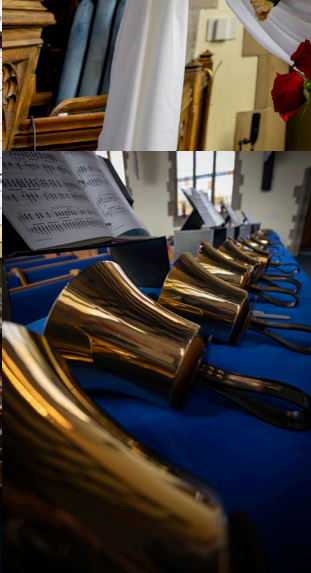
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ROOTS AND WINGS Along with celebrating Holy Week, Roots and Wings friends learned about the celebration of Holi, a Hindu festival of colors to welcome Spring. One of the fathers from our school is from India, and he brought a book about Holi to share with our friends. We heard all about the holiday and

had our own celebration. He brought us some sweet treats from India. He even placed a bottu (red dot) on the foreheads of willing kiddos to signify the third eye, with the intent to set your focus for the day. How wonderful it is that we are able to share other cultures and celebrations with these young minds.



CELEBRATING EASTER



IPC 2024 SOFTBALL SEASON SCHEDULE

All games are played at Heather Hills Baptist Church (1421 N. German Church Road).

Day	Date	Time	Field	Opponent	Home/Away
Tuesday	May 21	7:30 p.m.	1	Brandywine	Home
Tuesday	June 4	7:30 p.m.	1	BRCC 2	Away
Tuesday	June 11	6:15 p.m.	1	Post Road 2	Away
Monday	June 17	6:15 p.m.	1	The Refuge	Home
Monday	June 24	7:30 p.m.	1	Horizon	Home
Tuesday	June 25	6:15 p.m.	2	Common Ground	Home
Tuesday	June 25	7:30 p.m.	1	Church 52	Away
Monday	July 1	7:30 p.m.	1	Post Road 1	Home
Tuesday	July 16	6:15 p.m.	2	Fall Creek	Away
Tuesday	July 23	6:15 p.m.	2	People's Church	Away
Tuesday	July 23	7:30 p.m.	1	BRCC 1	Home
Saturday	July 27	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

All day postseason tournament



This is from Dr. John Graham's son, Tom Graham. It's his daughter Heather Graham and Phil. They were traveling and were rerouted due to a traffic jam and found this in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina. Looks like Doc Graham is still watching out for his family for sure. He is missed by his IPC family as well.



Our former minister is turning 90 this June! You may remember Rev. Dr. C. Thomas Hilton, who served as Senior Minister of Irvington Presbyterian Church from 1973 to 1983 (along with his wife, Jan, and four children.)

Let's celebrate Tom's life and ministry by sending him an abundance of birthday cards and well wishes this summer, plus any photos of Tom that we can find from our church archives!

His daughter, Jean, is compiling a keepsake book of

cards and photos from all of his past churches, which she'll present to her father this June on his 90th birthday. Please free to add a personal note, something you learned from him, or how he touched your life, if you'd like.

Jean writes: "Hoosiers-at-heart, my family would be so grateful if our Irvington friends would honor my father's ministry by helping him to receive 90 birthday cards; one for each year of his life!"

By May 10, please mail your birthday card, note, and/or photo to his daughter: Rev. Jean Hilton, 118 Servia Drive, St. Johns, FL 32259 or email Jean at: jgwin471@gmail.com

"I will be your God throughout your lifetime, even when your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you..." - Isaiah 46:4a

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GOD GAVE US A SECOND CHANCE

I read this story, and it could be all of us. This woman met her husband in a burn unit as he returned from Afghanistan, where a bomb exploded under his vehicle

leaving him disfigured. Her husband inspired her to turn her faith to God. Throughout his lengthy recovery he never gave up hope. Even when things are the darkest, his faith in God was stronger than ever. He was a light to everyone around him. My husband was given a new life by God that day on the battlefield. I was given a new life the day I met him. It could only have been divine intervention. This brought us together. Are you grateful that God has put your special loved one in your life? Treat them with the love and respect they deserve, thank them every day.



Have you ever wondered how the lightbulbs in the Sanctuary get changed? Thanks, Steve and Mandy Holzhausen!