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IRVINGTON COMMUNITY READ

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

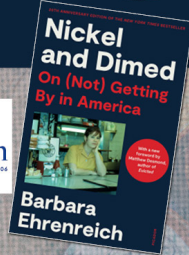


Dates:

April 5, April 12, and April 19

Time:

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



The IPC Justice Advocacy Team and the Irvington Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library are co-sponsoring a book study in the month of April. Join your IPC friends and Irvington neighbors as we discuss “Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America,” by Barbara Ehrenreich. Ehrenreich goes undercover to reveal the eye-opening challenges of poverty in our country.

Mark your calendars for April 5th, 12th, and 19th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., when our own Holly Pittman, a licensed clinical social worker, will lead discussion of the book at the Irvington Branch library. Free copies of “Nickel and Dimed” are available at IPC and the library. The book is an easy read. Come be part of the conversation.

HOPE

IRVINGTON MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

SERVICES BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.

(THERE WILL BE NO SOUP SUPPERS BEFORE THE SERVICES)

March 9th

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

March 16th

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

March 23rd

Downey Avenue Christian Church

March 30th

Irvington United Methodist Church

April 6th

St. Matthew Episcopal Church

JANUARY 2022 - ROOTS AND WINGS STATEMENT TO SESSION

Irvington Roots and Wings' Board of Directors' decision regarding the expansion of the childcare:

Our mission is to reframe childcare in the context of life-long education of the mind, body, heart, and soul encouraging and inspiring the healthy development of children and families. It is also to seek to understand that God's love knows no limit, whose grace makes room for all.

Our culture is understanding how we impact each other, our school, our families, neighborhood, and community. We strive to help children ultimately be successful in elementary school and beyond by being good learners and good friends.

We believe we have an obligation to our existing families and staff to uphold our mission and culture. More specifically, for our families, we owe them consistent, reliable loving care and education.



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DEAR PRESBYTERIANS,

Moving into Lent, or rather March-ing into Lent can be a busy time in the life of the church, the days can fly by. But one of my favorite Lenten practices, and one worth making time for are the Wednesday evening services we participate in with the other Irvington Churches. It's an opportunity to hear new voices and perspectives on the scriptures, to share different worship spaces and styles, and to gather to get to know our various congregational neighbors. And if that wasn't reason enough to gather, the offerings go to support the Irvington Community Assistance Network, helping those in our neighborhood in need. Worship, fellowship, and service. This year maybe instead of giving up sugar or soda for Lent many of us could commit to participating as a congregation in these services. Instead of focusing on giving up, we can pledge to give back.

In Christ,

Mamen

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Budgeted through December:
\$365,000

Received through December:
\$319,356

Current YTD gap:
\$ 45,644

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to do to help us close the gap. Thank you for all you do for IPC!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to Donna Dent Reed in the death of her brother, David McCoy.

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lament /lə'ment/

noun

a passionate expression of grief or sorrow

verb

mourn (a person's loss or death)



The Psalms of Lament

The psalms of lament make up one third of the biblical book of Psalms. The writers understood betrayal, rejection, despair, and loss. They are angry. They are petty. They grieve and they shout. They speak to the depth of suffering, and in that, they provide a solace for us in our own times of struggle.

In the end, they offer a measure of faith and hope. During the season of Lent, Irvington Presbyterian Church is offering a class on these psalms.

No book is required. No fee requested.

Come. Listen. Learn.

Discover both ancient words and lively persons to be companions for the journey.

Sunday Mornings
March 6-April 3
8:45 a.m.
IPC Parlor



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REFLECTIONS ON THE IPC ADULT RETREAT

My word to describe my feelings on Friday night was “anxious”. It didn’t make sense, I was spending the weekend with people I knew, why should I be anxious? Anxiety comes for many reasons, for me at this moment it was about being vulnerable with myself and others and the idea of being “on” all weekend. The anxiety slowly melted as we read about being made in the image of God and what that meant to each of us. We took time to look at our personal spiritual journey and I saw how my relationship with God ebbed and flowed like a river, honestly, it’s a bit shallow right now. A large part of our time was spent learning about the 4 different types of spiritual gifts and worship. I learned that what I need spiritually doesn’t line up with IPC exactly, it even made me question why I fell in love with IPC, but it explained why I was drawn to things like Messy Church, hymn sings and plays. We talked about how we could make IPC better by including a way to worship that fills everyone’s soul. When I left, I felt renewed, loved, worthy and grateful to be a part of IPC where everyone is welcome, even the anxious.

Mandy Holzhausen,
IPC Member



Dottie Jo Hewett, daughter of new IPC members Joey and Ben Hewett, was baptised during the Sunday, February 20, 2022 worship service. Congratulations Joey and Ben and welcome Dottie Jo to the IPC family and the body of Christian believers the world over!



YOUNG ADULTS

Thank you for joining us at the Pacers game in February! We will be back at Jockamo's on March 8th at 6:00 p.m. Please let Maureen know if you would like to reserve childcare before the 6th.



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

MARCH 20TH

5:30-7 p.m. at IPC

APRIL 10TH

5:30-7 p.m. at IPC

MAY 1ST

5:30 - 7 p.m. at IPC

THANK YOU

Thank you all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring this year. IPC raised over \$200.00 (check final count again) to fight hunger in Indiana. All donations went to support ICAN, Irvington Community Assistance Network and Westminster Neighborhood Services.



tacklehunger.org

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 will come from LifeTree Cafe. Each session will have a different contemporary topic for discussion. Short video clips with comment cards will generate the discussion. Please call the office if you plan to attend. Pizza will be provided by Jockamo Pizza. We will provide drinks. We are looking forward to some rich conversation!

DEACONS MEETING

Deacons will be meeting on March 20th after worship in the parlor.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW IPC INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are excited to welcome Hannah Braun at the new IPC Interim Director of Christian Education. Hannah is a longtime member and dedicated CE volunteer. We are excited for her to be stepping into this new role.



SUMMER CAMP IS COMING SOON!

IPC will pay half of the cost to attend camp. Please be on the lookout for updates on the Camp Scholarship Fundraiser!

If you have any ideas or questions, please contact Hannah Braun at hbrown@irvpresby.org. Thank you!

THE DREAM PROJECT

Exciting things are happening at IPC!!! Drum roll, please. The first Dream Project was recently approved by the Session. The project is called: Welcome Team for Our Newest Neighbors. Look for additional information in this newsletter.

How about you? If you have ever dreamed of a project to serve our community but funding was the obstacle to fulfilling that dream, now is your chance. Applications are available on the table before you enter the Sanctuary at the west door. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Moorhead.

Let's Dream BIG!

CONGRATULATIONS TO RUTH WILFONG

The Irvington Investment Club has been meeting at the church for 19 years, The Club is affiliated with Better Investing, who provides us with sound investment information, education, and support. Another of the club's informational sources is Manifest Investing. This group sponsors educational forums and webinars on stock analysis and research ideas. Each year Manifest Investing sponsors a Groundhog Day challenge. Members and some celebrities can join the contest by entering their list of 5 to 20 stocks, Groundhogs then burrow back to their research holes for a year. They are not allowed to change their lists in any way all year. This year Groundhog XV was very exciting. Warren Buffet had joined the Groundhogs. With only a week to go Mark Robertson, founder of Manifest Investing, announced that Buffet was in the lead and following closely behind was the "Pride of Indianapolis, Ruth Wilfong!" When the contest ended on Groundhog Day the results were announced: Ruth Wilfong had won Groundhog XV! Ruth is the Star and Pride of the Irvington Investment Club; she is also the spark plug and champion.



Taizé: A Tradition of Worship in Song

Founded in 1940, Taizé is a monastic community in Burgundy, France whose worship centers on youth engagement, reconciliation, and simple, prayerful chants, canons, and choruses. In recent years, the Taizé community has become an important pilgrimage site for prayer, bible study, and communal work.

One of the community's most unique traits is its simple, hymn-like choruses intended to focus the mind and body on the act of worship. Often, the choruses are phrases from scripture used as hymns or canons that are repeated numerous times to aid in meditative and contemplative worship. You will also find that many of the chants and songs are in a multitude of languages; from Latin to Swahili, the Taizé community places great importance on inclusion of all and encourages languages and musical styles from traditions across the globe.

This Lenten season, the choir will share several of these choruses with you. It is our hope that you not only experience them in which, but take them with you as prayers, meditations, and remembrances of the love of God outside the four walls of our sanctuary. If you would like to explore the Taizé community further, please visit <https://www.taize.fr/en>.

Below is an example of a Taizé chorus that you'll hear during Lent at IPC. You can hear a recording at this link: <https://youtube/EqQsZK57OX8>

294 Within Our Darkest Night

Dans nos obscurités

With-in our dark-est night, you kin-dle the fire that nev-er
Dans nos ob-scu-ri-tés, al-lu-me le feu qui ne s'é-

dies a-way, nev-er dies a-way. With-in our dark-est night, you
teint ja-mais, ne s'é-teint ja-mais. Dans nos ob-scu-ri-tés, al-

kin-dle the fire that nev-er dies a-way, nev-er dies a-way.
lu-me le feu qui ne s'é-teint ja-mais, ne s'é-teint ja-mais.

Living
In
Fellowship
Together

March 16th, Warrior Women at Butler University/Eidson- Duckwall Recital Hall

LIFT will be doing something different for the month of March. We will be carpooling to the New View Film Series: **Warrior Women**, at the Eidson-Duckwall Recital Hall, 4600 Sunset Avenue, Indianapolis, on **WEDNESDAY, March 16th, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Here is a summary of the topic:

Warrior Women: March 16, 2022

For at least a generation, the story of the Red Power Movement has been told through a lens that gave us a limited view about the Indian activism of that period. What was missing until now were the voices of the women.” Dina Gilio Whitaker, Colville Confederated Tribes.

In the 1970s, with the swagger of unapologetic Indianness, organizers of the American Indian Movement (AIM) fought for Native liberation as a community of extended families. **WARRIOR WOMEN** is the story of Madonna Thunder Hawk, one such AIM leader who shaped a kindred group of activists’ children – including her daughter Marcy. Through their story, **WARRIOR WOMEN** explore what it means to balance a movement with motherhood and how activist legacies are passed down from generation to generation in the face of a government that has continually met Native resistance with mass violence. Goodocs.net. In this documentary we explore how faith prompts our action to promote social change.

The series is co-sponsored by the Center for Faith and Vocation and Center for Interfaith Cooperation, with partnership from the Jordan Collage of the Arts. The tickets are free, but you must register. Below is the link to get your ticket:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-view-film-series-warrior-women-tickets-240386130387?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

If you can provide transportation or need a ride, please contact Kathy Moorhead. Women of all ages are welcome and please feel free to invite a friend to join us. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 16th for this moving documentary.

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We also believe we have an obligation to our existing staff. We owe them a consistent and reliable place to provide that care and education. We have four teachers (two full time and two part time), two substitutes and a trusted friend who have worked over just the last few months. There is an adult/child ratio, especially with children under 12 months, that must be maintained. When we have one (or two) teachers out, we have to have coverage and that usually means Aerial and/or Pat adding hours to their schedule and Pat potentially working open to close, depending on sub availability. The reality of bringing another full-time teacher into the mix further complicates the situation.

Regarding the current need for expansion, the “window of need” has closed since our existing families who needed care (babies born in August) have since returned to work and some have found other care, in part with the Director’s help. As of late January, the unit next door (#69) was not available and when it would be available continued to be a moving target.

The delay in the availability of the next-door unit has provided an opportunity for continued reflection. We now have a clearer vision and focus of our priority, which is to provide **QUALITY**, not quantity. There will always be a need for childcare in our community, city, state, etc. However, our priority must be to our existing families and existing staff. If we stretch too thin it will lead to our demise. Expanding now is not in the best interest of existing families and staff.

The motion unanimously voted on at the childcare’s 1/19/22 board meeting was: “Put the expansion on hold but continue to consider it for the future, asking the Finance committee to set the \$17,000 already approved aside in a fund in the event the expansion occurs.”

As of 2/8/22, Session received the above Statement and approved the motion to set aside funds in the event the expansion occurs.



**PWC program on March 17th
at 1 p.m. in the church parlor.
The program is CICOA, and the
devotions will be by Kim Cocke.
The business meeting will follow
the program. Fellowship of the
Least Coin will be received.
Everyone is welcome to come to
the program.**

153 FISH!

COLLECTING FOR THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
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During the Season of Lent, we collect funds for the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). These funds go to help families devastated by disasters (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance), those who are hungry (Presbyterian Hunger Program) and those who are trying to build their way out of poverty (Self-Development of People).

The OGHS offering boxes look like fish. On the first Sunday of Lent, March 6, we are going to hand out fish boxes to all the families in church. The symbol of the fish brings to mind several stories from the Bible. Can you think of them? How about the time Jonah was swallowed by a whale? The time Jesus had breakfast with the disciples on the beach and he cooked fish. The miracle when Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fish and fed thousands, etc. Then there was that moment when Jesus asked the disciples to throw out their nets one more time and when they did, they pulled in 153 fish (John 21: 1-14)!

What is special about the number 153? In first century Palestine, 153 was the best guess on the number of species of fish in the world. So, the story of the net filled with 153 fish was meant to highlight that in Christ, all kinds and all sorts of persons will be brought into the Kingdom of God!

Think about all the blessings God wants to achieve through us this Lenten season. Find a reason to fill those banks. With each meal, put in a coin. With each day of sunshine, put in a coin. With each day you take a breath, put in a coin. Every time someone smiles at you or says, "Thank you," go home and put a coin in your offering fish. God is at work and God wants to work through you. Let's make it a goal to bring in 153 pounds of "fish" (coins) this year!

On Palm Sunday, April 10 and EASTER SUNDAY, April 17, we want everyone to bring their FISH banks to worship. Following worship, we will weigh all the FISH banks in hopes we reach 153 pounds!

Together in Christ,
Stephen



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month on the 2nd flr. in room 24 at 10 a.m. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Steve Payne. All are welcome.



3B Has Returned! Come join us for exercise on Tuesdays at 11a.m. 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 backs and improve balance. Some of the exercises are done to music which makes them fun!

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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Alzheimer's Support Groups are currently on Zoom. They still take place at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. These meetings support caregivers of person with a cognitive diagnosis. We hope to go back to in person meetings in the March. Please check with Denise Harrington at dharringtonipc@gmail.com for the latest update.

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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.

Then on to an Associate Pastor at another church in Pennsylvania. One of his famous jobs was Clerk of the Presby in several regions that

In 1985 Pastor Steve graduated from Louisville Seminary and was married with three daughters. He went to Remington, Indiana and took the pastor job. This was a small church, so the pastor did all the jobs. He drove a small Dodge with the floorboard rusted out. He used a piece of plywood on the floorboard. This position didn't pay much so he had a paper route on the side, plus a part time teaching job. From 1988-1993 he went to serve as an associate pastor at a Presbyterian church just south of Louisville. In 1993, he got his chance to obtain a pastor job at a larger church. The Bedford Presbyterian church had 350 members. After about seven years it was time to move. He took the pastor position at The Silver Spring Church in

he had served. His next move was Pastor of The Presbyterian Church in Churchville, Maryland. That did not last too long, but he did meet his new wife there. (Maybe that was meant to be). Anyway, he took the Interim Pastor job in Irvington and here he is. I find him very open and easy to talk too.

