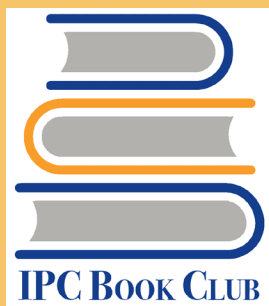


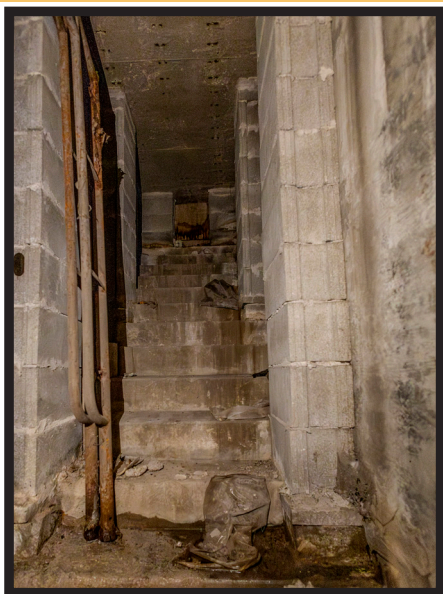
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Come worship with us at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday!



THE PURPOSE

Dear Presbyterians,

While with a group of people doing an inspection of our 96-year-old building a few weeks ago, one of our facility's unique "features" was brought to my attention. I heard some giggling coming from across the boiler room as someone pointed to a set of concrete stairs. I peeked around the corner to see what was so funny and as my eye followed the narrow stairway upward, I noticed that these stairs did not lead to the next floor, as one might expect. In fact, these stairs led nowhere inside nor even outside of the church. These stairs stepped up and up and into the solid surface of the room's ceiling. They led nowhere. "But where did they go? They must have had a purpose!" The purpose of the stairs had been lost over time and, in their current state, had no real value except to be used as a shelf. Why would they be kept or maintained if their purpose is not known?

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From the Archives...

On one of these beautifully curved streets, just one block from the great highway, yet completely closed to its attractions and its noise, stands this gem of church architecture, the tower entrance.....

The Irvington Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Johnson and Julian avenues, one of our newest church buildings, was designed by an Irvington citizen, Merritt Harrison, and won for him a national honor.

—Oct. 1, 1933, The Indianapolis STAR newspaper

Artist Frederick Polley created the sketch of our "new" 4-year-old IPC building. During 1924-1947, he wrote a short weekly column for the Indianapolis Star each Sunday which accompanied his artwork. What a talented artist, painter, mapmaker, lithographer, and teacher.

When Polley returned to Indiana with his wife and daughters in 1914, he became known as the city's only professional etcher. The family lived at 371 South Emerson Avenue. Of course, as all brilliant artists of the time, he studied under the Hoosier Group painter William Forsythe at the John Herron Art Institute. And by his address, the two artists lived close to one another in Irvington.

Here at IPC, we have several copies of this lovely piece, one given by Steve and Melitta Payne on their 50th wedding anniversary that you will find in the Parlor.

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This is an important question that we should really ask about many things in life. From personal hygiene to congregational worship practices, understanding the purpose behind what we are doing is an important thing to think about from time to time. When we know the purpose behind our actions, they are done with more meaning, intent, and passion.

For example: Why do we invite the Community Council or AA to meet in our building? We do it out of our love for God and because we believe we are made in the image of a generous God who calls us to be generous with what we have been given, including the facility at 55 Johnson Avenue. As a gesture of love for our neighbor, we try to be hospitable, especially for groups who are, themselves, seeking to support others or build up the community. When we understand that the purpose of renting out our building is an expression of our faith, then we do it differently. We try to be hospitable and supportive more effectively and in ways that further their work, but our work as well.

So, let's ask that question more often—in our own lives and in our communal lives! What is the purpose of spending time in prayer or worship? Why is it important to support or participate in the life of the church? Why do we support the ministries and missions that we support? Let's think critically and carefully, not because we want to cut things out or be critical of everything or anything; rather, let's think critically and carefully so that we can be intentional, creative, and impactful with what we are doing, and so we can do that really, really well.

Grateful to have you as part of my purpose,



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NOTE: This drawing is of our West Door, home to the large bell at the top. We believe that the church's official address of 55 South Johnson was the main entrance to the original little brick church. When our current edifice was built on the same lot, the main entrance was designed on Julian Avenue, but the address was never changed.

Signed....Your IPC History Geeks
Frank Hurd
Sheri Patterson

With many thanks to Frank N. Owings, Jr.
for his 1994 thorough biography of Mr.
Polley.

SUMMER SUNDAYS

Summer Sundays will be available for children in PreK to 1st Grade. Elementary age Sunday School classes will resume after Rally Day in September.

**Living
In
Fellowship
Together**

**INDIANA LANDMARKS SPEAKER
TOPIC: INDIANA LANDMARKS RESCUED & RESTORED
JUNE 16TH AT 6:30 PM**

Have you ever wondered about the work of the Indiana Landmarks organization? Did you know that in 1960 the Historic Landmarks Foundation was created? In 2010, it was renamed Indiana Landmarks. Per Wikipedia, "It is America's largest private statewide historic preservation organization."

LIFT will be hosting an evening with the Indiana Landmarks.



INDIANA LANDMARKS



*L.I.F.T. Gathering
Rock Painting with LaVonne Mitchell*

Typically, LIFT is a gathering of women but we are excited to invite the entire IPC congregation and friends to attend this informative evening on the state of Indiana landmarks. Our speaker will be discussing the book *Indiana Landmarks Rescued & Restored*.

Please join us on Monday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. Refreshments will be provided. Please mark your calendar for this fun evening and invite a friend to join you. Please contact Janet Wilzbacher (317-459-2400) if you have any questions.

IPC SOFTBALL SCHEDULE 2025

- Tuesday June 3rd: 7:30 p.m. vs. Post Road 2, Field 1
- Tuesday June 10th: 6:15 p.m. vs. Post Road 1, Field 1
- Monday June 16th: 6:15 p.m. vs. Church 52, Field 1,
7:30 p.m. vs. The Refuge, Field 2
- Tuesday June 24th: 6:15 p.m. vs. Brookville Road 2, Field 1
- Tuesday July 1st: 7:30 p.m. vs. Brandywine, Field 1
- Monday July 7th: 7:30 p.m. vs. Fall Creek, Field 2
- Monday July 21st: 6:15 p.m. vs. People's Church, Field 2
- End of Season Tournament: Date and Time TBD

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

Alzheimer's Support Groups for Caregivers continue to take place here at Irvington monthly on the 2nd Tuesday in the parlor at 1 p.m.

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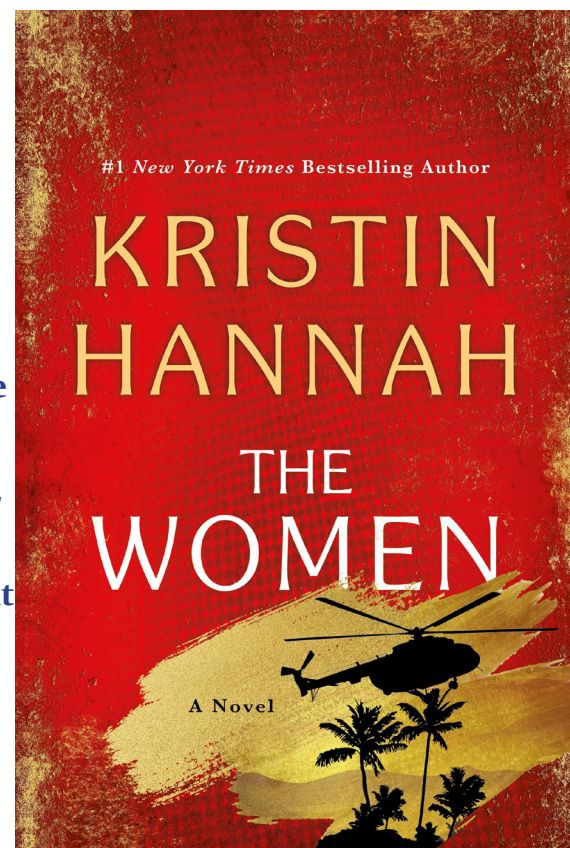
nursing student Frances “Frankie” McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself.

The group will decide on the next book to read for September at the July gathering. If you have questions, contact Ondrea at mcaulayondrea2@gmail.com or Kathy Moorhead at kmxfour@aol.com.

The first gathering of the IPC Book Club will be at the home of Ondrea McAulay, 1371 Ironwood Dr. W. in Carmel on Thursday, July 24th.

We’ll plan on an outdoor evening (if weather cooperates). Our first book will be *The Women* by Kristin Hannah, a best seller from 2024.

Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old



IRVINGTON ROOTS AND WINGS CHILDCARE MINISTRY

*Introducing the new Director of
Roots and Wings Childcare Ministry*



Aeriel Lewis has transitioned into the role of director at Roots and Wings, as Pat Lewis plans to step

away in August. Roots and Wings has been open since February 2019, and Aeriel has been employed since October 2019. She has served in every role possible, from infant co-teacher to multi-age co-teacher to assistant director and now director! She looks forward to seeing her vision for school be brought to life over the next few months.



YOUTH NEWS

As the school year wraps up, things get busy for both students and leaders—but that didn't stop our youth group from showing up strong! We spent much of April preparing for the Youth-led Worship Service, and it was a beautiful morning full of heart, faith, and talent. We wrapped it up with a well-earned celebration dinner at Smash'd Burger!

Even though school's out, the fun doesn't stop—we meet all summer long! June is packed with activities, and we'd love to see you there. Be sure to stay connected and see all the latest updates and photos by following us on Instagram: @irvpresbyyouth.

If you're in 6th–12th grade, you're always welcome—come join the fun!



IPC's Youth led the May 4th worship service. Thanks to Mandy and Steve for the work they do to shape the growing faith of the youth at IPC!

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp is here! The church pays half of the cost of summer camp. If you or your child is registered for camp, please email Rev. Wilson (mwilson@irvpresby.org) to let her know. Please include the camper's name, the name of the camp, the dates they are attending, and the total cost of camp.



June Calendar:
June 1 – 10:00 a.m.
Worship – Senior Sunday

June 1 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Youth Group

June 8 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Youth Group

June 10
Kings Island Trip

June 15
No Youth Group (Father's Day)

June 22 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Youth Group

June 29 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Youth Group



IPC's own Madeline Swick and Cameron Harris are working as PYOCA counselors this summer! Both spent time as campers at PYOCA and are excited to return as staff.





IRVINGTON PRIDE FESTIVAL - 2025

The IPC Justice Advocacy Team is pleased to be hosting the Family Zone during the Irvington Pride Festival. The festival will be held on Saturday, June 28th starting at 10am! We will be at a cooling station, offering cold water and shade from a tent. We will also be offering crafts and facepainting for our neighbors. Watch for more details on ways you can volunteer and support this fun activity for our Irvington community. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Ariel Lewis.

JOIN IPC AT INDY PRIDE PARADE

The IPC Justice Advocacy Team is happy to invite you to join us at the Indy Pride Parade on Saturday, June 14



at 10 a.m. The parade is a celebration of inclusivity in Indianapolis, and we'd love for IPC to have a presence at the event to demonstrate that IPC is a safe, welcoming place for all. There are two ways to participate again this year.

Rev. Wilson will be the contact if you are interested in cheering on the participants in the parade. You will meet at the northeast corner of Massachusetts Avenue and East Street at 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Reinink will be the contact if you would like to walk in the parade. We will be partnering with our sister churches of Whitewater Valley Presbytery. More details will be coming on time and location to meet.

Parking can be a challenge on the day of the event so you might consider meeting at IPC to carpool. Also, Rev. Reinink will be taking the IPC bus, so please contact him to reserve a seat.

MISSIONS POSSIBLE

The Mission Committee wants to let you know of these opportunities for helping in our community.

TRIVIA NIGHT @ IPC

Gather a group of 4-6 friends for a fun night of competition

Saturday, August 16, 2025

IPC Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 pm

Donations per person accepted for:

- Entry Fee
- Savory & Sweet Snacks
- Drinks



Proceeds will be given to ICAN to help with their mission in the Irvington area.



LEARNING TREE

Watch for school supply sales this June & July

Donations of pencils, glue sticks, dry erase markers, tissues, 24-count crayons, Clorox/Lysol wipes, hand sanitizers

Delivery to School 57 in early August

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF HELPING OUR IRVINGTON NEIGHBORS!!!

A FEW CLOSING NOTES ON THIS YEAR'S IPC MUSIC PROGRAM

IPC Chancel Choir and Handbells—As we close another beautiful program year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

To the Chancel Choir and Handbell Ensemble—Thank you for your time, talent, and faithfulness. Your music has lifted hearts, deepened worship, and reminded us all of the sacred power of sound offered in love. Week after week, your dedication has been a blessing to this congregation and a reflection of the creation of belonging for which we strive.

To the IPC congregation—Thank you for your continued support of the music ministry. Your encouragement, presence, and prayers make this ministry possible, and your belief in the role of music in worship is felt in every note we sing and ring.

It is a joy and a privilege to serve alongside such a sincere, passionate community.

With deep gratitude,
Webb Parker, PhD



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JACK'S O R N E R

A friend of mine sent this to me and I thought it appropriate to share with you.

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On that day of prayer all the people gathered. But

only one boy came with an umbrella. That's faith.

Every night we go to bed without any guarantee of being alive the next morning, but we still set alarms to wake up. That's hope.

We see the world suffering, but we still get married and have children. That's love.

We plan big things for tomorrow despite zero knowledge of the future. That's confidence.

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh

because they know you will catch them. That's trust.

Good friends are rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!

