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FINDING AN INTERIM, DECENTLY AND IN ORDER

Understanding the process of selecting a pastor for the church. The first step for a church that has enjoyed a long pastoral call is to select an Interim Pastor to serve, in order to give the congregation time to grieve and for the ministry of the people to begin to take shape in new and emerging ways. After an Interim has been selected and begins to serve the church, the process, as spelled out below, will guide the church in selecting the next pastor for IPC. The following excerpt is copied from the Book Of Order for Presbyterian Church's instruction in the ways of Polity and Worship.

G-2.08 CALL AND INSTALLATION G-2.0801 Pastoral Vacancy

When a congregation has a vacancy in a pastoral position, or after the presbytery approves the effective date of the dissolution of an existing pastoral relationship, the congregation shall, with the guidance and permission of the presbytery, proceed to fill the vacancy in the following manner. G-2.0802 Election of a Pastor Nominating Committee The session shall call a congregational meeting to elect a pastor nominating committee that shall be representative of the whole congregation. The committee's duty shall be to nominate a pastor for election by the congregation.

G-2.0803 Call Process According to the process of the presbytery and prior to making its report to the congregation, the pastor nominating committee shall receive and consider the presbytery's counsel on the merits, suitability, and availability of those considered for the call. When the way is clear for the committee to report to the congregation, the committee shall notify the session, which shall call a congregational meeting. G-2.0804 Terms of Call the terms of call shall always meet or exceed any minimum requirement of the presbytery in effect when the call is made. The session shall review annually the minister's terms of call and shall propose for congregational action (G-1.0501) such changes as the session deems appropriate, provided that they meet the presbytery's minimum requirements. The call shall include participation in the benefits plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including both pension and medical coverage, or any successor plan approved by the General Assembly. G-2.0805 Installation Service When the congregation, the presbytery, and the minister of the Word and Sacrament (or candidate) have all concurred in a call to a permanent or designated pastoral position, the presbytery shall complete the call process by organizing and conducting a service of installation. Installation is an act of the presbytery establishing the pastoral relationship. A service of installation occurs in the context of worship. The order for that service of worship in the Directory for Worship (W-4.04) shall be followed.



--Rev. Elizabeth Kaznak-Hall

THE DREAM PROJECT

Have you heard about The Dream Project? Let me tell you a little about where this idea came from. The IPC Endowment Board had evaluated the financial status of the corpus and found that the amount above corpus was significant. The board believes that while we do need to retain a large portion of this amount in the event of dire needs which may occur, it also firmly believes that we, as a church, are in an important time to invest in the future of IPC.

With this in mind, the endowment board proposed to the IPC Session that a fund be created to provide members of the congregation the opportunity to dream big in ways to serve our community. The premise for this project is not to fund any current missions or other budget items. It would be solely used for new and creative ways to serve our community. Session fully supported this proposal and is pleased to collaborate with the endowment in this new opportunity for the congregation. The IPC Endowment has provided the funding for The Dream Project and the IPC Session will be administering the project. These two bodies believe in the importance of investing in the future of IPC and are excited at the possibilities. Each project must fall within the IPC mission statement: Irvington Presbyterian Church is called to grow deep and wide in hospitality, in discipleship, in servanthood and in evangelism.

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. For example, our IPC Youth may dream of a project to serve our community. The youth would complete the application which would include a description of the project, how it would serve or improve the community, a budget for the project and how they would complete the project. They would submit their Dream Project application to Session for approval and once approved, the funding would be released to proceed with the project.

The application is in the works and will be available soon, so watch for more information to come. In the meantime, put your thinking caps on and DREAM BIG!

Dear Presbyterians,

A few weeks ago, I was texting with our Music Director, Amy Studabaker, to plan for Worship on Sunday when I did something awkward. Meaning to text the emoji of a thumbs up 👍 I accidentally sent her the kissing face emoji 😘. I apologized immediately, blaming my clumsy fingers, to which she replied with 😂 back.

It's good to work with people you can have fun with who get things done but don't take themselves too seriously. The work of the church is very important but that doesn't mean it's not without laughter and joy. We can be flexible to the funny and silly. After keeping it lighter with ice cream and Messy Church VBS, guest pets and preachers in June, let's kick off July like a firecracker and keep the energy up, moving with the Holy Spirit, Like rush of wind and Holy fire.

Check out what's going on at IPC this month inside!



FELLOWSHIP IN JULY

The Hospitality and Evangelism team invites you to continue to spend time as a congregation outside on Sundays after worship, weather permitting. Let's enjoy the weather and time together with light snacks and beverages.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Dr. John Graham on the death of Mary, his wife of over 70 years.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the church sends out a weekly e-mail blast on Fridays? It's true, we do! If you would like to receive the regular Friday e-mail to find out about what's coming up each week in worship, and the ministries of the church. Contact Maureen at mwilson@irvpresby.org

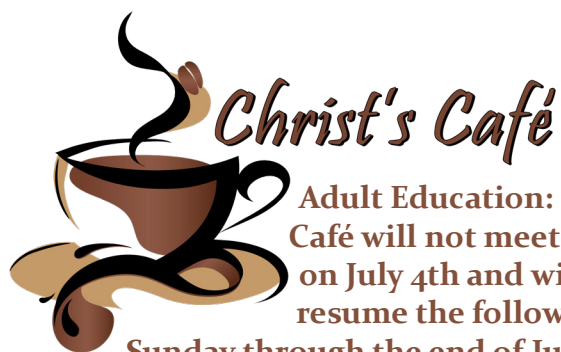
If you believe you are signed up to receive one but are having trouble, look in spam or filter settings. Or it can be found on the website.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults are meeting to support the IPC Softball team on Monday, July 12th for a double header beginning at 6:15. Bring a friend and your glove. You never know when coach may call you up to the big leagues.

YOUTH GROUP

Come support the IPC softball team July 19th at 6:15 at Heather Hills Baptist Church. Bring a chair or blanket. Mo will be bringing pizza. Feel free to invite a friend.



Adult Education: Christ Café will not meet on July 4th and will resume the following

Sunday through the end of July.

If you would like to be added to the regular Christ Cafe e-mail list, contact Maureen at mwilson@irvpresby.org

Messy Church will not meet in July. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, August 3, at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for our next messy gathering!

The Rambler Room and nursery will be CLOSED on Sunday, July 4. They will both resume on Sunday, July 11.

Men's Bible Study is Back. Meeting at 10 in the parlor, the Men's Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. New members are always welcome to join. Contact Steve Payne for more information.



THE IPC SOFTBALL TEAM SCHEDULE

All games are played at the Heather Hills diamonds on German Church Road.

Tuesday, July 6th
6:15, Field 1

Monday, July 12th
6:15, Field 2
and 7:30, Field 1

Monday, July 19th
6:15, Field 2

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. RACHEL REID!

Rachel was ordained at IPC on June 13th to begin her ministry as a hospital chaplain.



MARCH 2018 - FEBRUARY 2021 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINAL REPORT - AS OF MAY 15, 2021

First of all, I want to give a great big Thank You to everyone who gave to the Capital Campaign, without your participation and support we wouldn't have been as successful as we have been. I also want to thank and recognize my fellow campaign committee members who gave of their time and talents to help plan for and run this campaign; Beth Hawks, Jan Schreiber, David Hansen and Katherine Holle.

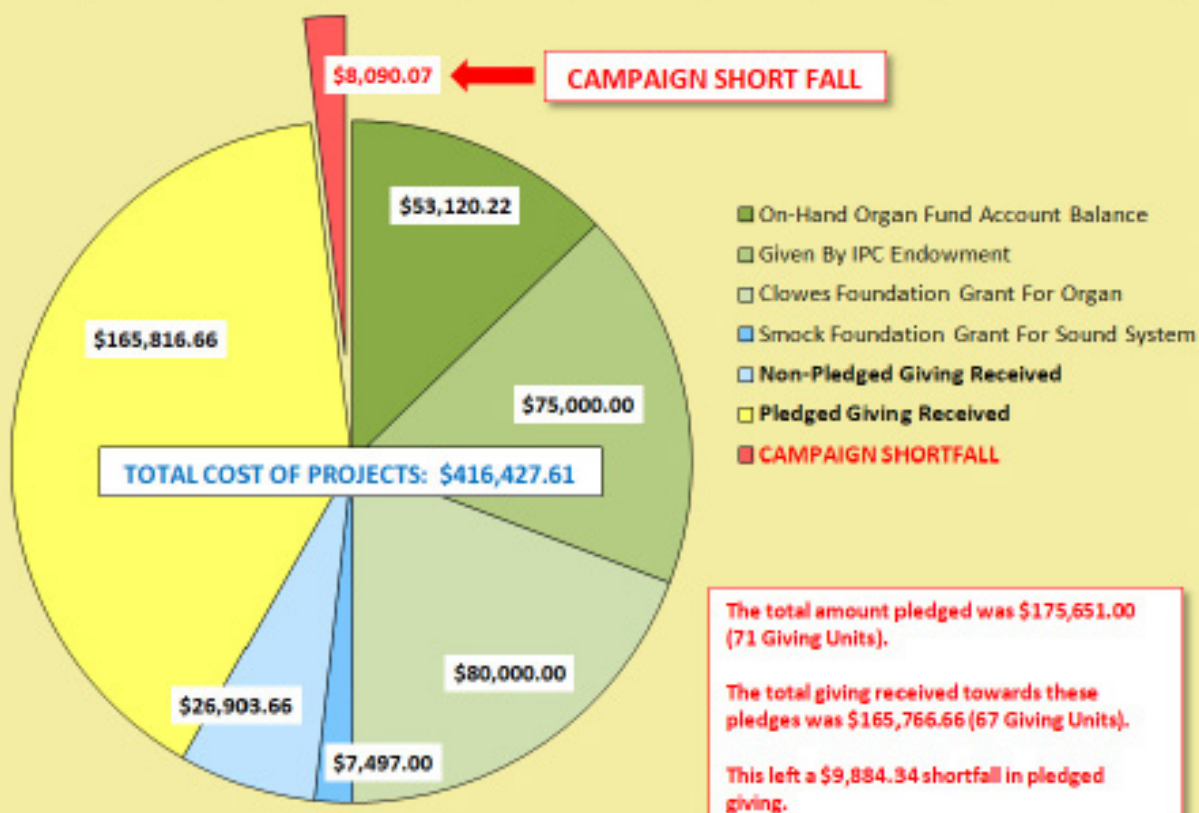
As of February 28, 2021 we officially completed the full 36-months/3-years of the campaign. However, the giving numbers shown in this report are as of May 15, 2021. This was done in order to include giving received to date.

The cost of the campaign's four projects (along with the expenses incurred by the campaign) totaled \$416,427.61.

Now we entered into this campaign with the understanding that we would have to borrow from the Church's reserve funds in order to pay upfront for these projects prior to receiving your giving. Therefore, the ultimate goal of the campaign was to raise sufficient funds to allow for the four projects to be fully paid for as well as being able to replace all the funds borrowed from the reserve funds.

As shown in the pie chart below we ended up only \$8,090.07 short of reaching our goal of \$416,427.61. So while all four projects are fully paid for, the shortfall means that we weren't able to replace all the funds borrowed from the Church's reserve funds.

CAMPAIGN PROJECTS & EXPENSES	
Solar Panels	\$26,435.00
Pipe Organ Refurbishment	\$324,860.00
Organ Loft Upgrades	\$983.84
Day Care Startup Funds	\$25,000.00
Sound System Upgrade	\$34,820.03
Campaign Expenses	\$4,328.74
TOTAL COST	\$416,427.61



However, for the nominal cost to the Church of the \$8,140.07 dip into the reserve funds, the Church got all four projects fully completed. Not really such a bad deal. Overall, it was really a fairly successful campaign, especially when you consider the economic impact of the pandemic during the last year of the campaign. Phil Parkinson, Chairperson 2018-2020 Capital Campaign Committee



Thank you to everyone who made Messy VBS: Seeds of Faith a success! We had a lot of fun learning about how God plants seeds in us, and how we can care for God's creation. Special thanks go to all of our fabulous volunteers: Hannah Braun, The Brozan Family, Debbie Hoke, Mandy Holzhausen, David & Louise Owen, Jessica Rohn, Craig Shaw, Meryl Stuckey, and Janet Wilzbacher. Your creativity, flexibility, and expertise were greatly appreciated. And thank you to everyone who participated!



Living In Fellowship Together

JOCKAMO'S TASTING PARTY

Jockamo's private back room has been reserved for a tasting party of various pizzas, salad and drinks. We will be sampling both white and red wines; and pitchers of water, iced tea and soft drinks will also be available. The cost will be \$15 per person (tip included).

Mark your calendar for a fun evening of fellowship! We will gather on Monday, July 19th at 6:30 pm. Women of all ages are welcome and please feel free to invite a friend to join us – the more the merrier! We will be collecting feminine hygiene products for Westminster. Please let Kathy Moorhead know if you will be attending.

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming Events: (Third Monday of Each Month)

- August 16th – TBA

Crafting with LaVonne *June 21, 2021*



PWC NEWS

The purpose of Presbyterian Women includes the nurture of faith through prayer and Bible study, support of the church worldwide, working for justice and peace, and the building of a community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to God's kingdom. The faith and fellowship maintained through phone calls, cards and prayer for fifteen months brought together sixteen women on May 20 at an in-person PWC Gathering.

PWC is short for Presbyterian Women in the Congregation. They elected the following officers:

Betty Thomas, Moderator; Barbara Hays and Mary Dickman, co- First Vice Moderator; Joan Woerdehoff, Second Vice Moderator; Linda Medlock, Recording Secretary; Deanna Byrd, Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer, Gail McNierney; Assistant Treasurer, Grace Long.

Members approved the 21-22 budget and voted to conduct a mum sale in September. Grace Long was recognized for her 40-year service as PWC Treasurer.

During September to May 2021-22 four small group circles will study the church-wide Presbyterian Women's Bible Study "What My Grandmothers Taught Me," based on women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. All women are welcome to participate. Three circles meet during the day and one at night. Contact Betty Thomas (317-835-2703) with details.

Bible Study books are \$10.00 from Gail McNierney (317-861-3967). If health regulations continue to allow, beginning Thursday September 16, all women are invited to PWC Gatherings that meet the third Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. for business, programs and refreshments, specific months to be announced through church publications.

Grace Long received flowers from PWC for her 40 years of service as PWC Treasurer.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**



Thanks to everyone who came out and participated in the first, absolutely going to be annual, Irvington Presbyterian Church Pet Blessing.

PET BLESSING

SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH

11:15 A.M.-1:00 P.M.



LEARNING TREE FOR SCHOOL #57

What will school look like when children return on August 2nd? Teachers, staff, parents and children are planning and preparing to return to the important business of learning. How can we support our neighborhood children at School #57 in this challenging time? This is where the Learning Tree comes in. For the past 14 years, IPC has provided constant support. The teachers, parents and children have been so appreciative of all the school supplies that have been donated but even more appreciative of our presence. IPC's commitment to our community is more than just school supplies; it is that we value School #57 and their important work.

At this time, IPS is planning to start

school in person. The principal, Ms. Campbell, shared that the following items would be most beneficial for the students:

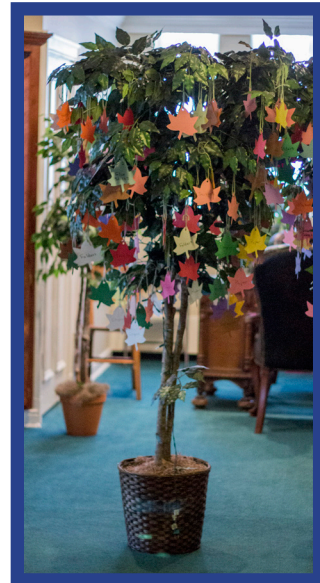
- Pencils – children will not be allowed to share.
- Pencil sharpeners – handheld
- Dry erase markers
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Large pink erasers
- Regular markers
- Clorox/Lysol wipes
- Hand sanitizer

Paper and Folders will not be needed this year.

During the month of July, we will be collecting these school supplies. All

items need to be at IPC by July 25th. The school supplies will be delivered before school starts in August. If you would prefer to make a donation,

please note in the memo section of your check "Learning Tree". If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Moorhead at 430-3402. Let's help our neighborhood children start the school year prepared to learn.



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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.

(political differences with the British) as it had been in the past. During her

I sat down with Rev. Maureen "Mo" Wilson, our Associate Pastor in order to find out a little of her past.

She graduated from Brebeuf High School in 2013. After graduation she attended Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio

earning a major in Theology and a minor in Peace studies. She then joined the Young Adult Volunteers and received an assignment in Belfast, North Ireland. Northern Ireland was not as dangerous with political unrest

assignment in Belfast, Mo worked with the youth and children.

At the conclusion of her assignment, Mo did not want to return immediately to Indiana so she

and a girlfriend and the girlfriend's brother traveled to New Orleans, LA. They found jobs as servers to support themselves while experiencing the New Orleans area. Afterwards she entered McCormick Theological Seminary for 3 years.

Upon graduation, a friend shared with Mo that IPC was looking for a Christian Education Youth Director. She went for an interview with Bob Heimach, and later that afternoon Bob called her and offered her the position. When Chelsea Benham left the position of Associate Pastor, Mo was offered and accepted the job.

You "Rock" Mo!

