



Good News: It's εὐαγγέλιον

Literally, I mean. It's the Greek for Good Message or Good News. (I can't help but hear it said in the voice of the professor from Futurama for some reason...) We talk about the "Good News" in church quite a bit, don't we? In fact, we say the phrase a lot. We almost say it too much, especially when we consider the state of affairs around this world. I know I've used the phrase "The Good News of the Gospel" quite a bit in liturgy in recent months, and that is just redundant, then, isn't it?



What's the big deal about this Good News? It was good news even in the darkest days that are shared with us through the words of Scripture. Come closer and I'll tell you. Closer! The Good News? There's something beyond this world of brokenness and sinfulness that is literally perfection and God has a place saved for you with your name on it! The craziest part is that there is no way that we could even possibly get there – our brokenness would have made us totally unfit and incapable of being in the presence of God, but because of Christ's perfect life, death, and resurrection, he gets to take anyone he wants with him... And he's invited you!

There's another part of this Good News thing, and

it's found in the Greek word itself. If you squint and look at the Greek, you may be able to see it: Evangelism (this is not a great way to translate

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Lent and Easter at Irvington Presbyterian Church



the good news is...
great love for God & neighbor
2nd Sunday in Lent
3/1

the good news is...
together, the impossible is possible
3rd Sunday in Lent
3/8

the good news is...
protection & care for the vulnerable
4th Sunday in Lent
3/15

the good news is...
rooted in justice, mercy, & faithfulness
5th Sunday in Lent
3/22

the good news is...
inspiring us to act
Palm Sunday
3/29

the good news is...
even Judas gets his feet washed
Maundy Thursday
4/2

the good news is...
alive in the world
Easter Sunday
4/5
Services
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

2026 Irvington Community Lenten Service Schedule

Wed, Mar. 4:
Downey Avenue Christian Church

Wed., March 11:
Irvington United Methodist Church

Wed., Mar. 18:
Irvington Presbyterian Church

Wed., Mar. 25:
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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From the Archives...

The Organ

Since IPC has recently been in the season of inviting/hiring a gifted organist, what a great time to share the history of the beautiful instrument that graces our Choir Loft. (Referencing grace, 'not sure anyone can truly replace the gifts of Mrs. Grace Long, Director of Music Emerita!!)

In 1908, no organ existed in the little Red Brick Church, only a piano. So at a Deacon's Meeting, a competition arose between Samuel Potter and George Thornton.....

which one could first raise the money to pay off the church's debt, or to raise money for an organ. Mr. Potter won and an organ was purchased prior to 1920.

After installation, the company sent an organist to perform a concert. "...befuddled by liquor, struck the wrong notes, and messed up the program in general." Unfortunately, that organ became a "thorn in the flesh", especially to minister Dr. Allison who worked tirelessly with bleeding fingers to keep it in repair. Hence, it was finally sold to another church in hopes that it "was not an un-Christian act."

The committee began again, testing many organs, and realized that The Moller Company of Hagerstown, Maryland built instruments that were "noted for their pleasing Church tones and

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Greek, just for the record). That word has been hijacked over the years by some faith communities who lean more politically or theologically conservative, but that doesn't mean it doesn't apply to us. It is a reminder of just how good this news is. It's so good, we want to share it; we can't keep it to ourselves and can't help but bear the good message to others. This isn't the entirety of life! There is an eternity beyond, and there is a way to experience that eternity with God in perfect wholeness and harmony.

And because of all this GOOD NEWS, we respond to God in obedience, in gratitude, with joy, in hope, and through the many, many ways that there exist for us to be messengers of it: In the ways we live, move, work, study, relate, celebrate, relax, rest, connect, care... You name it, there's a way to do it with the εὐαγγέλιον in mind!

There's good news to share, friends! How does your life – day to day, and year by year – express just how good that news is?

Lenten blessings to you,
siblings in Christ,




**SUNDAYS OF LENT
AFTER WORSHIP**
in the Parlor

Pastor Jon hosts

The AR of LEN

Studying the visual art pieces that
inspired each week's worship
featuring the work of a Sanctified Art

Sundays 11:00-11:30 AM in the Parlor



Tell me something good

Living
In
Fellowship
Together

Soul Food Project (Urban Farm) | ALL are Invited!

LIFT is excited to host Amber Quinn, Public Ally/Farm Outreach Coordinator of the Soul Food Project. She will share with us the work of the project. Did you know they have a farm at the old School #77? Per their website, "Our farms are production, education, and sometimes demonstration spaces rooted in sustainable agricultural practices. Our farms also serve as places for the community to gather with food and fun. Our goal is to produce high-quality food while also offering programs for our community.

SFP hopes our farms can show how they can be economically viable in our community, no matter how small the growing space. We demonstrate various growing practices, so our neighbors can apply them at home, from wooden raised beds to in-ground beds to container gardening."

LIFT is excited to invite everyone to attend to learn how to improve their own garden spaces and how they might engage with this community resource.

Please mark your calendar for this educational and enjoyable evening! We will gather on Monday, March 16th at 6:30 pm in the IPC Parlor. Please bring a snack to share. All ages are Welcome! Feel free to invite a friend to join us – the more, the merrier! Please contact Kathy Moorhead at 317-430-3402 if you have any questions.



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simplicity of operation." On March 15, 1929 in our current edifice, the organ "was dedicated to almighty God."

Yes, our current organ is THAT organ! It has been installed in three different positions in the Choir Loft. The first was in the upper left back corner where the organist entered through a door in the short hall next to the Rambler Room. Then up three steep steps to the organ. (Ask Frank or Sheri and we will open this door for a brief tour!)

Next, it was placed near it's current position, but facing the Chancel window where Grace played and directed the choir simultaneously.

Finally, it was turned to it's current position as the organist faces the congregation while the music director directs the choir! Thank you immensely to our most recent musicians the brilliant DJ Smith, pianist/organist, and equally as brilliant Dr. Webb Parker, Director of Music.

After a great deal of discussion, it was determined the IPC Organ Fund would finally be put to extraordinary use. So in November 2017, the famous Goulding & Wood, Inc based in Indianapolis, restored our historic 88-year old Moller organ. In 2018, there was even a "field trip" of IPCers who visited our organ under restoration at Goulding! They were giddy!

Goulding installed our restored organ in late 2018, and the dedication concert was in January, 2019. (no liquor involved and no wrong notes struck)!

Whether you are a true singer musician, or you simply try to make a joyful noise (Sheri) in your pew, please love and cherish the organ and piano each Sunday!!

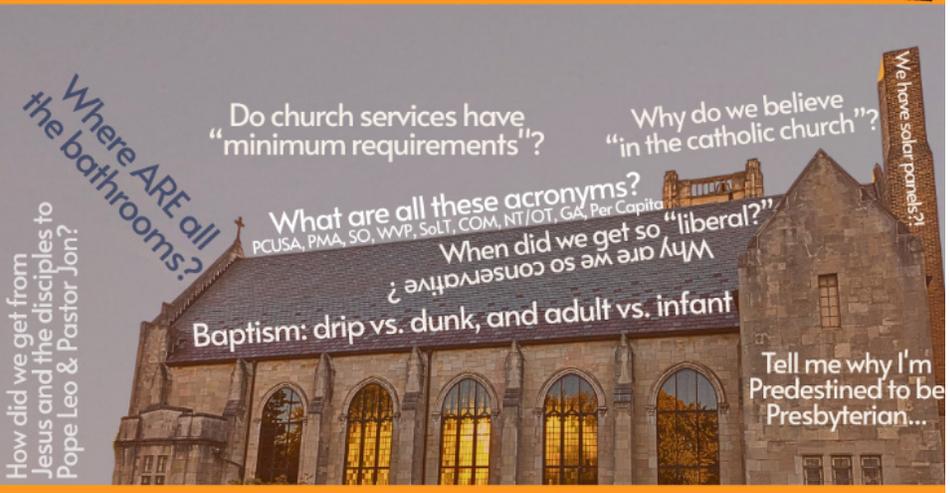
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Your IPC historic geeks.....
Frank Hurdis & Sheri Patterson

CONFIRMATION CLASS

HOW TO SPELL "PRESBYTERIAN" FOR YOUTH



CONFIRMATION CLASSES begin this month!

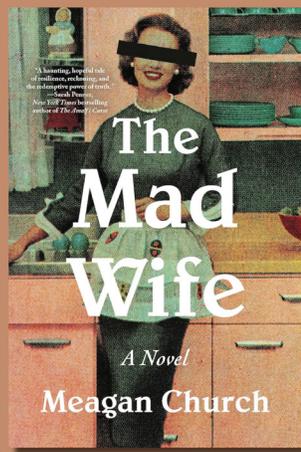
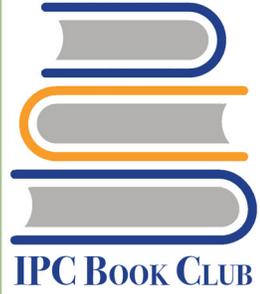
Contact Pastor Jon if you need details

U40? ...ish?
 Millennials, Gen Z, (even you young-at-heart Gen Xers!), we know you're there and we see you!
 Text your name to Pastor Jon to get added to the list for some upcoming connection activities:
 (317) 352-7657.

DEEP APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE

Lent is seen as a "gift" and a time to reorient toward God's Grace. It is a period to move from "dreary" places to the joy of Easter, acknowledging God's Mercy.
 --Jackie Cox

**Wednesday,
 March 11th
 IPC Parlor | 7:00 pm**



Our next book pick is a psychological thriller! Grab a copy, download it to an e-reader, or listen to "The Mad Wife" by Meagan Church. Described by author Lee Kravetz as "In a quietly devastating wink-and-nod to The Bell Jar, set firmly in thriller and suspense territory, Meagan Church delivers a piercing portrait of a young mother unraveling in the grip of 1950s suburbia, where Jell-O molds collapse, dishwashers invade, and card games with neighbors turn into emotional battlefields. With razor-sharp insight and aching lyricism, The Mad Wife traces a woman's descent through sleepless nights, domestic disillusionment, and buried guilt, capturing a haunting tension between what is said, seen, and silently endured until she no longer can."
 Meet you in the parlor on March 11th at 7 pm for a spirited discussion about "The Mad Wife." Our discussion will be led by LaVonne Mitchell. Please contact Ondrea McAulay (mcaulayondrea2@gmail.com) with any questions.

**PEACE
 EQUALITY
 HOPE
 DIVERSITY
 KINDNESS
 INCLUSION**

Irvington Presbyterian Church Justice Advocates
The Justice Advocacy Team needs YOU!
 The IPC Justice Advocacy Team needs YOU! The JAT will meet to plan events and share ideas and opportunities to learn more about social justice issues facing our community for 2026. If you're interested in getting involved, mark your calendar for our next meeting. We'll gather on Sunday, March 8th, after worship. For more details, please contact Kathy Moorhead at 317-430-3402.

Beginning the Lenten Journey: Pancakes, Ashes, and Community



Westminster Neighborhood Services hosted their annual Food Fight on February 20th at Marion Inc. No food was thrown, but delicious food was eaten by those who attended.

The interesting and delicious entrees were prepared by culinary students from Center Grove High School, Area 31 Career Center, C

Nine Career Center, and J. Everett Light Career Center. Each team incorporates a secret ingredient from the WNS Food Pantry in their recipes...this year's being ramen noodles. It is always fun to see what the students create for an entrée. Every attendee gets to vote on their favorite entrée. Those votes are tallied with the official judges' votes in declaring the winning team of the evening.



This annual event is a major fundraiser for Westminster Neighborhood Services. It supports the year-round activities that involve neighborhood children and families WNS serves on the eastside of Indianapolis. The final total of financial support for the evening was slightly over \$100,000.00.

It is such an enjoyable evening of support for the culinary students and for Westminster Neighborhood Services. If you can, come join in the evening festivities next year! You will not be disappointed.

--Jenny Gidden

HOW TO SPELL "PRESBYTERIAN"

a class for new members and those with questions



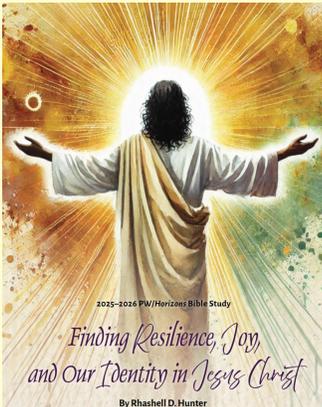
a crash course in our theology, history, & life together!

Classes on Sundays at 11:30— watch the bulletin or contact Pastor Jon for upcoming dates!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Christ

Unable to come on the 3rd Thursday to Bible Study?



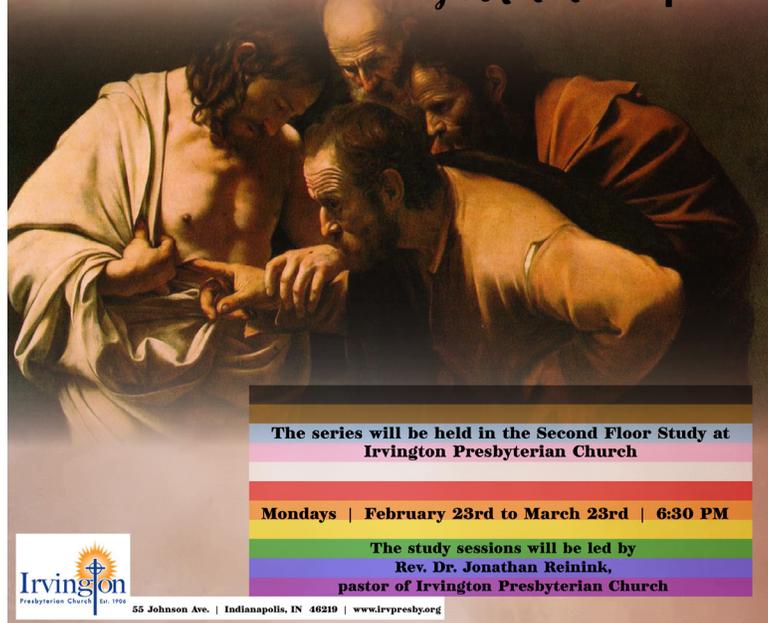
Interested in hearing what we're learning together? You can join us! Contact the Office for the Zoom link to join us live,

or watch the recordings at irvpc.link/pwbiblestudies.

Seeking the Sacred

A Queer Study of Lent Through Art & Scripture

The Incredulity of Saint Thomas, Caravaggio



The series will be held in the Second Floor Study at Irvington Presbyterian Church

Mondays | February 23rd to March 23rd | 6:30 PM

The study sessions will be led by Rev. Dr. Jonathan Reinink, pastor of Irvington Presbyterian Church



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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.

alz.org | alzheimer's association

Pawsitively Uplifting

I was born on the Brozan “Farm”, in Speedway. Sometimes the ground hums softly and you can hear cars racing, like distant thunder. Other times airplanes pass overhead, and we look up and wonder how big God must be to make skies that wide.

When I arrived, there were already many living things here. One duck here, Qwinn, was already a whole month old—which, in duck time, feels very wise. Another duckling, Bruno, was just a few days older than I. They showed me how to waddle, how to splash, and how to trust the water when it holds you up.

The farm is full of life. Half of it is fenced in, where the guardian of the land runs his daily patrols. He’s a 110-pound Akita, named Raiden, with red fur and a black face, and he takes his job seriously. I decided quickly that he was not a duck, but he was definitely part of the family God placed here.

Inside the house live the cats. Bandit, mostly striped, watches everything carefully, as if he’s been asked to keep an eye on creation. Princess, with her white fur and gentle stripes, prefers warmth and quiet. They sometimes come outside but never want to swim with us.

Above the house, there are big dark panels that quietly drink in the sunlight. We don’t fully understand them, but we know this: they turn sunshine into warmth and light, and they do it without smoke or noise. Even we ducklings can tell they are part of caring for the world God



made—using what’s given, without taking more than is needed.

Our favorite place is the pond. It is home to goldfish and koi who glide through it like living prayers. The pond is surrounded by native plants, which clean the water, shelter small creatures, feed the birds and bees, and make space for life to flourish. Here, we are part of something connected. Fish, plants, insects, birds, soil, and water all working together, just as God intended. You won’t see this diversity in your lawns.

Some days the yard is quiet. Other days it’s full of sound—dogs running, cats watching, fish gliding, ducklings splashing, and the distant reminder that the world is always moving. In all of it, we are learning that creation is not something to be used up. It is something to be loved and tended. Lucky for me, I was born into care—into a place where people believe that loving God also means caring for soil, water, plants, animals, and even the energy we use each day.

And maybe, in a small way, that’s what faithful stewardship looks like too.

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A SHORT HISTORY OF GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Every year, Girl Scouts around the world raise money for their cause by selling their very popular cookies. The Girl Scouts, known for promoting leadership, was founded in 1912. It began as a small

group of 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia.

There are three essential flavors sold every year: Thin Mints, Do-Si-Dos, and Trefoils. Thin Mints date back to 1939 when they were sold as Cooky-Mints. In 1950, shortbread cookies were added. These trefoil-shaped cookies featured the Girl Scout logo. Later, the peanut butter cookies (Do-Si-Dos) were introduced. By 1966, these three had become their top sellers. Other flavors appeared and disappeared, but these three remained their staples.

