

■ November 2022

DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 6,
2022!



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 2023

Once a year this Sunday is set aside for us to focus on the upcoming year. We are asked to make our financial pledge to our church. We are asked to donate our time and talents to enrich our

congregation. The funny thing is that we all are doing this all year long! We just aren't talking about it. We are living our commitment to God and our Church.

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GREETING REV. McAULAY

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

My name is Rev. Bob McAulay, aka Brendan and Shauna's "dad" and Ondrea's "husband." I have been selected by the Session to be your Temporary Supply Pastor. I am looking forward to meeting you, serving God with you, and worshipping with you starting November 1. Over the past 40 years, I have served churches in Illinois, Arkansas and Indiana. I have served in a variety of settings as an Associate Pastor, Pastor/Head of staff, and Interim/Transitional Pastor.



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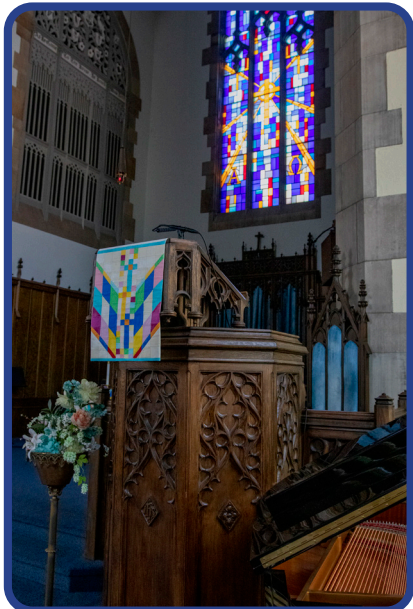
PNC UPDATE

The PNC has submitted the Ministry Information Form (MIF), which shares information about the history and ministry of Irvington Presbyterian Church with potential candidates, to the Committee on Ministry (COM) of Presbytery for approval. Once the approval process is completed, the MIF will be available for potential candidates to review through the Presbytery. Interested candidates will then submit their Personal Information Form (PIF), which is similar to a resume, to the PNC for review. The PNC anticipates that we will receive numerous PIF's.

During this waiting period, the PNC continues to work diligently as we develop interview questions. These questions will assist the PNC and candidates in the discernment process. The time reviewing MIF's and conducting interviews will be lengthy. Your continued prayers for the PNC and candidates are essential in this time of discernment.

The PNC will continue to update the congregation on the work of the PNC by the monthly IPC newsletters and the "Path to the Pulpit" posters outside of the

sanctuary. The PNC includes the following individuals: Emily Digos, Lynda Dunlevy, Melissa Jester, David Hansen, Frank Hurdis, Kathy Moorhead, Sheri Patterson, Justin Stauffer and Patrick Wooden.



Dear Presbyterians,

Please join us on November 27th, the first Sunday in Advent for a joint Worship service with Witherspoon Presbyterian Church. IPC will host a coffee and meet and greet time at 9:00 am in the parlor. We will worship together at 10:00 and share fellowship time following worship provided by Witherspoon. This is an exciting opportunity to build community relationships with a fellow Indianapolis congregation. Please join us in person to welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ on the 27th.

Maureen

SAVE THE DATE:
IPC Adult Retreat with
Dr. Webb Parker at
Geneva Center
January 27th - 29th.



RADIO SHOW: Call out meeting on Sunday November 13th at 11:30 in the Sanctuary for those interested in participating in this year's IPC Radio Show production of "The Grinch". If you are interested in participating in any way, please join us for the meeting or contact Rev. Wilson. Save the date for the IPC Radio Show: "The Grinch" Saturday December 17th at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

is November 13th in
 Worship. Please join us to
 celebrate our students who
 have completed the class.

YOUNG ADULTS

Pizza church will meet a week later than usual in November on Tuesday the 15th at 6:00 p.m. at Jockamo's. Please RSVP to Rev. Wilson.



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A Friend from the church in Illinois described me as a "California Surfer Type Holy Dude." I grew up in California but have lived in the Midwest and South for 40 years. I never was a very good surfer, but I always enjoyed going to the beach. By the grace of God I experience the holiness of God on my best days. So, the title is somewhat accurate.

I like to travel, hike in the mountains, play tennis and pickle ball, as well as cheer on the Bulldogs at Hinkle Fieldhouse on cold winter days.

I pray God's blessing on our time and ministry together.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS FOLLOWING
THIS YEAR'S THEME: From Generation to Generation are available at the South and West doors to the Sanctuary or in the Church Office beginning November 20th.

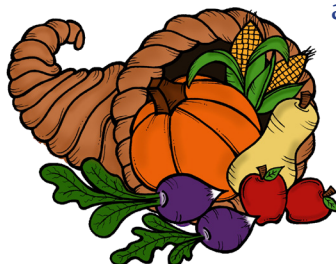


FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
There's room for every story

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Join us on Sunday, November 20th after worship for a time of food and fellowship and thanksgiving! The Hospitality and Evangelism Committee will provide the turkey, ham, rolls, mashed potatoes

and gravy as well as drinks and tableware. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to round out the meal. It's been a few years since we've been able to have a meal like this together and we are looking forward to it!



Stewardship Continued from Page 1

Every year brings unique challenges, and our lives change. This year has been no exception. Each and every one has stepped up to do what they could!

This year IPC has had some financial challenges and we are expected to have even more for 2023. So, what does that mean? We all need to search our hearts and do as much as each of us can. The Church's costs go up just as our own home expenses do. We must fund our staff and pay our bills! This year we are asking everyone to increase their pledges by 10%. This will help in defraying costs and decide what programs can continue and how our church meets our spiritual and physical needs.

Once a year IPC asks for support! Stewardship Sunday is very important. The budget will be built on what we expect to receive. What we give is really a gift to ourselves, our families, and our community! Please pray, and search your heart, and step up to do as you always do and invest in yourself and IPC's future!!

Please return your 2023 Pledge Cards by Sunday, November 20th, whether by mail or in the offering plate if we are in worship together.

Peace, love, and hope!

Chuck Marion
Stewardship Chairperson

YOUTH GROUP

We have averaged 11 youth in attendance, which is wonderful. On our attempt to play disc golf there were some of us that excelled and many that didn't. A few chose to roll down a huge hill in order to lower their score, some chose not to even walk up or down the hill and take a high score. I overheard one say "I feel so inadequate". We all feel inadequate at times, not quite enough, but in God we are enough. Everyone needs to hear that, feel that especially, our youth. You are enough.

- November 6th--Youth lead Sunday Morning Worship
- November 6th--Youth Group 5:30-7:30
- November 11th--Youth Group 5:30-7:30
- November 18th-20th--PYOCA Fall Retreat **Bus will leave IPC at 5pm on the 18th and return to IPC around noon on 20th
- November 27th--Youth Group 5:30-7:30 Friendsgiving

YOUNG ADULT FAMILY TRIP TO TUTTLE'S ORCHARD



IN MEMORIAM

David Knoble —September 27, 2022

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to Sue Knoble the wife of David Knoble and to Megan Knoble, his daughter.

Ed Rives— September 29, 2022

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Ed Rives.

Tom Farson—October 2, 2022

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Tom Farson.

Patricia Moir—October 21, 2022

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to Pat's children, Rachel and Michael and to the rest of the family and to her friends.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!

The holidays are fast approaching. To many of us at IPC this means it's almost time to "give a little Christmas" to the 350 families that are supported by Westminster Neighborhood Services. IPC members have participated in this for many years through the Mitten Tree and the Christmas Baskets. This year will be no different.

Our annual collection will take place in

the Welcome Center in November.

Please hang gloves, mittens, and scarves on the Mitten Tree and fill the boxes with 350 packages of pasta, 350 cans of baked beans, and 600 cans of tuna.

And, wait...that's not all!!! The annual Christmas Basket Packing will be on Friday December 9th at 6 pm at Westminster Neighborhood



Services (2325 E New York St, Indianapolis, IN 46201). If

you have never participated in this activity, now is the year! Come! Join the "regulars" in packing 350 baskets of food to "give a little Christmas" to 350 families.





**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HONORED

On Sunday, October 9th the Presbyterian Women of Irvington Presbyterian Church were honored for their many, many contributions over the decades to the mission and well-being of IPC, the community and the world.
Thank you, ladies of PW!



Poinsettia Orders - 2022 \$18.00/EACH

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY Monday, November 21



DONOR _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

WILL LEAVE FOR DEACONS TO DELIVER TO SHUT-INS (how many) _____

WILL PICK UP (how many) _____

PAID \$ _____ CASH VANCO ONLINE CHECK # _____



SAVE THE DATE – DECEMBER 5TH, LIFT CHRISTMAS PARTY & COOKIE EXCHANGE

Do you need to take a breath from the hectic pace of holiday preparations? Are you looking for some fellowship, fun and relaxation? You're invited to the LIFT Christmas gathering. Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will be having a combined gathering on Monday, December 5th at 6:30 pm at the Post Road English Garden (1105 N. Post Road, Indianapolis 46219.) The Post Road English Garden will be opening the doors to all of their cottages for us to tour and enjoy their festive décor for the season.

We will also be enjoying our annual Christmas party and cookie exchange. It is perfectly fine not to participate in the cookie exchange. This is not to add one more thing to your to-do-list. For those who wish to exchange cookies, please bring a large batch of your favorite cookie. 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. Contact Janet Wilzbacher (317-459-2400) or Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) if you have any questions.



ANIMAL BLESSING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022





Please read carefully for upcoming changes:

3B will now meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 11:00 am starting November 1st.

Three benefits of chair yoga:

- Increased Flexibility. ...
- Improves Muscle Strength. ...
- Helps with Balance and Coordination.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows, and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4: 16-17

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Groups is now in-person at 1:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Parlor. These meetings support caregivers of persons with a cognitive impairment diagnosis. The support groups are open to the public. Please check with Denise Harrington at dharringtonipc@gmail.com for the latest update.

Check out the following resources on Dementia and Alzheimer's.
<https://www.dementiafriendsindiana.org/resources/>
 And <https://www.alz.org/>

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SLICE OF LIFE

SLICE OF LIFE gathers on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the parlor at 12:30 pm. The topics provide open discussions. Each session will have a different contemporary topic for discussion and how it relates to our faith. The topics are rich and thought provoking. Please call the office to RSVP if you plan to attend at 317-356-7225. Pizza will be provided by Jockamo Pizza. We will provide drinks. We are looking forward to seeing you for a rich conversation!



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to Lynda Dunlevy in the death of her mother, Peggy Dunlevy who died on October 9, 2022.

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

Budgeted through August: \$216,667

Received through August: \$202,546

Member Contribution YTD Gap:

(\$14,121)

Current YTD gap to eliminate budget deficit:
(\$49,001)

Please payerfully consider what you are able to do to help us close the gap.

Thank you for all you do for IPC!

BIBLE STUDIES

WOMEN'S

Please join us the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor for the Women's Bible Study. This Bible study is led by Rev. Wilson. All are welcome!

MEN'S

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!

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JACK'S CORNER

Jack Simpson, IPC member, explores the archives for stories of the church, its past members and other bits of interesting information and lore.

THE HISTORY OF THE PENCIL

This bright yellow tool might never have existed if it were not for a stroke of luck. According to legend its creation stems from a discovery made in England in 1564. During a storm, a large deposit of graphite (the lead inside pencils) was unearthed, clinging to the roots of a fallen tree. Locals found that you could make dark gray marks on paper. A man named Conrad Gessner put a plug of graphite into a wooden tube. In 1662 a German company

started mass producing a similar product. In 1794, an innovation led to the modern makeover for the pencil. With English graphite supplies cut off during the revolutionary war between France and Britain, France combined a mixture of clay and low-quality graphite. It was so successful that it is still used today. Another development occurred in 1840 in the



United States. Philosopher Henry David Thoreau (best known as the author of "Walden") conceived of a numbering system to describe the

lightness and darkness as well as hardness and softness of a pencil's graphite. The Number one through four system took off nationwide. Number 2 became most popular due to its perfect balance of those qualities. Cedar Key, Florida became famous for red cedar wood which is used because it doesn't splinter.