

■ November 2021



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME ENDS  
NOVEMBER 7, 2021!



## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 2022

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.

Every year brings its unique challenges and our lives change. This year has been no exception. Each and every one has stepped up to do what they could! Even our government with their PPP loan and forgiveness of it. We should be proud of ourselves and our country!

IPC is doing ok financially this year. This upcoming year we will not have the PPP loan. 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 bill! The money that comes in decides what programs can continue and how our church meets our spiritual and physical needs.

The one thing I first noticed when I joined IPC was I never heard from the pulpit we need money. Give more money. Once a year IPC asked for support! Refreshing. 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 future!!

*Peace, love, and hope!*  
*Chuck Marion,*  
*Stewardship Chairperson*

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Please return your 2022 Pledge Cards by then, whether by mail or in the offering plate if we are in worship together.

Thank you for all your gifts which have sustained the church through this difficult year. This congregation has lived courageously and your faithfulness to God is clearly evident. Blessings to you all!

## NEW HERE?

Interested in learning more about Irvington Presbyterian? Sunday November 21st join us in the parlor after worship to learn more about missions, worship, and opportunities to get plugged into the community. Lunch provided.

## ADULT RETREAT

Sign-ups for the IPC Adult Retreat continue. The dates are January 28-30th 2022 at Geneva Center. Call the church to reserve your spot today. Cost is \$80.00 per person, space is limited.



## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent devotionals can be picked up in the office or in Worship the first Sunday in Advent, November 28th. The devotionals come from Sanctified Art and can be used for personal or group use.



CLOSE to HOME

## YOUNG ADULTS

Join us Sunday November 21st at Pins Mechanical

Company 12 – 2 p.m. and bring the

family, for duck pin bowling, Bocci, Giant Jenga and other games. Pins is located in the new Bottle Works District, 850 mass Ave, Indianapolis,



## USHERS NEEDED

Looking to serve or need a refresher to serve as an Usher? As life and how we do Worship has changed in the last year and a half Usher training/refreshers training will be in the Sanctuary Sunday, November 28th.

## THANKFULNESS

*“Oh give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever,” --Psalm 107: 10*

At one of the churches I served, we worked with families to build homes for themselves. One family in Maine were so poor they lived in a converted chicken coop. Over a period of a year, several work groups from several different churches helped them to build a new home.

When they were done, the family threw a big party to thank all the people who helped them. When I walked into their family room, I noticed a large pillar of wood. Right between the kitchen and the family room was a 10” x 10” beam running from the ceiling to the floor and down into the basement. This wasn’t especially unusual, but what was different is the pillar was covered with writing. As I looked closer, I noticed the signatures and the messages of good will from dozens of people.

When I asked the family about it, they said, “Those are the signatures of all the people who helped to build our home. We are so thankful for them.”

I thought to myself it wouldn’t hurt me to have a pillar like that in my own home. All of us have people in our lives who have made a difference. Family, friends and probably even strangers, have been a blessing. But, if you are like me, we don’t have their names on the forefront of my mind. Seeing a pillar every day that reminded me of the times people have been generous to me would be a good thing. Like the pillar of fire which guided the Hebrews in the wilderness escape the pursuing Egyptians (Exodus 13: 21-22), the warmth and light of our own pillar of gratitude would help us during dark and challenging times to see our way to a more promising land.

Spend some time thinking about gratitude this Thanksgiving month. Whether or not you decide to write happy memories on your walls or build a pillar for friends to sign is another matter. But stop and write down the names of a few people you are grateful for – maybe surprise them a card. Tell someone a story about a moment you were blest. Just the act of recalling that time will bless you both.

Together in Christ,

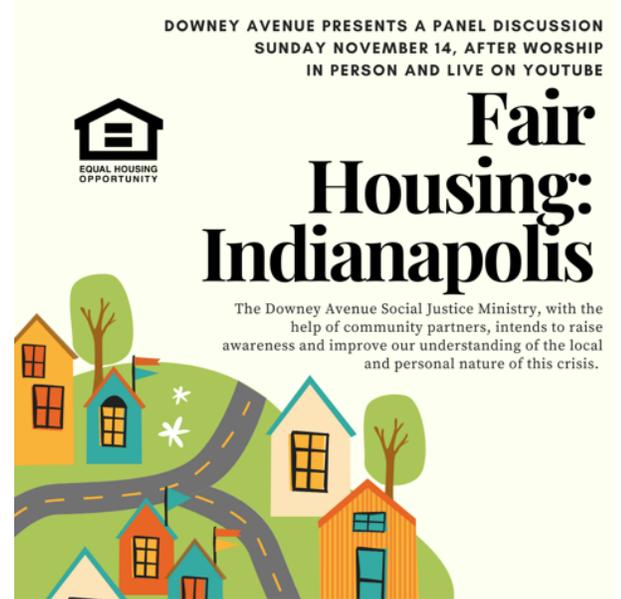
*Pastor Steve*

# HOUSING CONVERSATION

Please join the IPC Justice Advocacy Team and the Downey Avenue Social Justice Ministry on November 14 for a conversation about housing in Indianapolis. We will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. in Downey's sanctuary immediately following their service. Fair housing is a fundamental human right that seems too often taken for granted by those who have it and isolates those that do not. This conversation will help us understand the local and personal nature of the housing crisis and how it disproportionately affects minority communities. We will also discuss what is being done by government and non-governmental organizations to address this crisis and how individuals can help support their progress.

Panelists include:

- Andy Beck, program manager with the Tenant Advocate Program in the city's Office of Public Health and Safety.
- Rebecca Berfanger, an attorney who, represents tenants in cases with landlords in Indianapolis, preventing evicts and correcting poor housing standards through legal action.
- Wildstyle Pascall, a Black community historian and activist, who has written several articles about the history of housing and race in Indianapolis.



## CONGRATULATIONS

During the worship service on September 26, Jason Philip Samuel Ziegler, son of Kathryn and Bradley Ziegler and grandson of Keith and Lynn Adams was baptized.



## FOOD FIGHT FUNDRAISER AT WESTMINSTER NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES



## FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Budgeted through August:	\$243,333	Budgeted through September:	\$273,750
Received through August:	\$204,326	Received through September:	\$277,133
Current YTD gap:	\$39,007	Current YTD gap:	\$46,617

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

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATES

CE programming will adapt as the community spread of COVID-19 decreases and/or pediatric vaccines become available. Please pay attention to emails and announcements for the most up-to-date information.

As long as transmission remains high in Marion County, Ramblers will continue to meet outside whenever possible. We will use the official weather guidelines for outdoor play to determine safe temperatures. Copies of those guidelines have been emailed to parents, and hard copies will be available when you pick up your Ramblers. As the weather turns cold, please remember to dress your children appropriately and bring warm clothes (including hats & mittens) for your children to put on before going outside.

## ADVENT RESOURCES

Resources to help you and your family observe Advent will become available in November! Pick them up at church or email Carolyn at [clesmeister@irvpresby.org](mailto:clesmeister@irvpresby.org) to have them mailed or delivered.

### YOUTH EVENT

Save the date of November 14th for Friendsgiving at Aerial and Neil Lewis new home!



Stay tuned for announcements and emails about future Messy Church gatherings!

## IPC Youth Group Trip to BEAR'S BARNYARD



# Personnel Notes

## THANK YOU!

Thank you, Amy Studabaker, for 12 years as Director of Music at IPC. From madrigals to handbells, Chancel choirs and Children's choirs, from cats paws that play piano via Zoom to special soloist and musicians. Thank you for making the music for worship creative, thoughtful and inclusive. You have been a blessing to this congregation, and we send you and the family prayerfully in to the next chapter.



## WELCOME NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Welcome new Director of Music, Webb Parker! We are excited to welcome Webb to IPC, Webb serves as the Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music at University of Indianapolis. He is especially interested in sacred music and is excited to step into the role November 1.



## THANK YOU, Rev. Elizabeth Kaznak-Hall

IPC sends out a big thank you to Pastor Liz for her time, wisdom, compassion, and faith as she stepped up since April to moderate Session, lead Christ's Café, preach and lead worship and provide pastoral care to the congregation. In a season of transition Liz's leadership provided invaluable service. Thank you Liz!



## WESTMINSTER CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Believe it or not it is time to start preparing for one of IPC's favorite Christmas traditions, the Westminster Christmas Baskets. With the current forecast of possible shortages, Westminster will need our help now more than ever this year! We have been asked to supply 300 cans of baked beans, 300 packages of pasta and 600 cans of tuna for this year's event. We are also collecting hats, mittens, and gloves for the Mitten Tree. We will begin collecting all of these items immediately. You may drop your donations off in the Welcome Center. Please be sure to bring your beans, pasta, and tuna along with your Mitten Tree items by Sunday, December 5th.



To sponsor a family or a stocking for a child, please contact the Family and Adult Services Director: 317-245-6282 or email [Jennifer.harlow@westmin.org](mailto:Jennifer.harlow@westmin.org). Watch for more information on volunteering to pack the baskets or assisting with distribution.

So, in the next few weeks, please think of Westminster and pick up some beans, pasta and tuna for the baskets; and gloves, mittens and hats for the Mitten Tree. If you would prefer, you may make a donation, please designate in the memo section of your check for Christmas Baskets. Let's share the joy of Christmas with our neighbors.

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to Elisa Braun in the death of her husband, Kevin and Hannah Braun in the death of her father.

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to Patty and Frank Owings in the death of Patte's mother, Mary Gladson.

### IN MEMORIAM

John Schutt— October 1, 2021

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends, Janet Schutt in the death of her husband, John Schutt.

Margaret Dick—October 4, 2021

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to, John Dick, David Dick, and Betsy and Jeff Laslie, the family and friends in the death of Margaret Dick.

Living  
In  
Fellowship  
Together

**LIFT Christmas Party &  
Cookie Exchange**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**December 6th**

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 6th at 6:30 p.m. at Aerial Lewis's home (415 N. Linwood Avenue. You may park in School #58's parking lot.)

We will gather for a 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 Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) if you have any questions.



*L.I.F.T Jockamo Tasting Party,  
Monday, October 18th.*



**Trunk-or-Treat**



## IT'S TIME TO SHOP & COMPARE PLANS FOR 2022

Medicare's Open Enrollment is now – December 7. Review your Medicare health and drug coverage and compare it with other plans that may better meet your needs.

During Open Enrollment, you can make these changes for your 2022 coverage:

- Change how you get your Medicare coverage—Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage Plan
- Switch Medicare Advantage Plans (with or without drug coverage)
- Join, switch, or drop a Medicare drug plan



### Review your options

Even if you're happy with your current Medicare coverage, it's important to review your coverage options for 2022. Here are a few reasons why:

1. Your needs may change.
2. Benefits and costs can vary.
3. New, more affordable Medicare plans may be available. If you like your current health care coverage and it's still available in 2022, you don't need to take any action.

### Shop & compare plans in your area

Compare 2022 coverage options and shop for plans. Get estimates of costs and review benefits offered by Medicare health and drug plans in your area. You can even compare plans based on their star rating for quality and performance.

If you log into (or create) your secure Medicare account, you can:

- Save your current prescriptions and favorite pharmacies.
- Get cost estimates for each plan based on the drugs you take and pharmacies you use.
- See your costs if you get Extra Help with prescription costs.

<https://www.medicare.gov/blog/its-time-to-shop-compare-plans-for-2022>

## HOW TO OVERCOME COVID-19 FATIGUE

Source *AMITA Health*

### WHAT IS COVID FATIGUE?

Like any stressor, COVID-19 causes our bodies to respond with what is known as the fight-or-flight response (which despite the name is four possible responses):

1. Fight (resist the threat)
2. Flight (evade the threat)
3. Freeze (become paralyzed in the face of the threat)
4. Faun (give in to the threat)

Most stresses are not supposed to be long-term or permanent. The stressor triggers our fight-or-flight response and then we use a variety of coping skills to calm ourselves down when the stressor is over. But COVID-19 is not giving us that break. We're just not prepared to handle a stress that goes on this long.

Exercise is one of the best ways to release the energy that builds up from stress and worry, which helps us avoid making mistakes or having emotional outbursts. It also releases endorphins that make us feel better. 3B can be the answer to learning new and exciting ways to release endorphins. Come out and join us on Tuesdays at 11 am. Fun, Faith and Fellowship are all apart of 3B!



Your Senior Consultant, Denise Harrington, is here to answer questions, provide information and referral. If you have questions about Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Caregiving, Rehabilitation Therapy, Estate Planning, Grief, Probate & Guardianship and need a referral for Elder Law. Contact Denise Harrington at 317-509-7085 or [dharringtonipc@gmail.com](mailto:dharringtonipc@gmail.com).

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## JACK'S C O R N E R

*Charles Dickens was considered one of the best writers of the Victorian Era. He wrote insightful, honest, and often humorous stories about the under privileged members of British Society. He was credited with drawing attention to the plights of the common people with his writing and for helping to bring about social change.*



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

*He wrote short stories and longer ones like Oliver Twist, A Christmas Carol, and David Copperfield. He came up with classic lines:*

- *It was the best of times; it was the worst of times from The Tale of Two Cities. A story comparing Paris and London during the French Revolution.*
- *Trifles make the sum of life, from David Copperfield, a story with facts of Dickens*

*own life with fiction on learning to love.*

- *Please Sir, I want some more from Oliver Twist, A story of an orphan boy living in a parish and not getting enough to eat.*
- *No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another, from Our Mutual Friend. A story about a character who is feeling useless. Dickens was quite ill during this time, and this would be his last completed work.*