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OBSERVING LENT TOGETHER

Once again during Lent, the Irvington community will gather each Wednesday for a light soup supper at 6 p.m., followed by worship at 7 p.m.

Please join us this year:

March 1

Our Lady of Lourdes
Rev. Lee Welker

March 8

St. Matthew's Episcopal
Rev. Denise Robinson

March 15

Irvington United Methodist
Father Frank Impicicche

March 22

Irvington Presbyterian Church
Father Rick Ginther

March 29

Downey Avenue CC
Rev. Maureen Wilson



Please join us at IPC for our
Ash Wednesday Service on
February 22 at 7 p.m.

Fat Tuesday All-You-Care-To-Eat Pancake Supper

**Tuesday,
February 21st
6:00-8:00 PM
IPC Fellowship Hall**

Learn about
past mission
trips and
the upcoming
Mission trip.

Food
prepared and
served by the
Youth Group!

Suggested donation
is \$5 per person.

Money raised will
go to support
the Ecumenical
Intergenerational
Mission Trip to
Kentucky from
July 2nd-8th, 2023.



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Dear Presbyterians,

February in Indiana can be rough! The weather is unpredictable but usually cold and gloomy, the holidays are behind us, and, at least for me, when it comes to winter, by February I'm "over it". But there are some religious and secular holidays in February that I'm looking forward to like Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Presidents Day, and Valentine's Day, and what should be a holiday, the Xavier vs. Butler Men's Basketball game! Go Xavier! Maybe you are a big fan, and it's your favorite time of the year, if so, could you please share your enthusiasm with the rest of us? But whether you are Team "February" or Team "JUST BE SPRING ALREADY" I hope that you feel God's presence in your waking and sleeping this month.

Blessings

Mamun

PNC UPDATE

The PNC continues to receive Personal Information Forms (PIFs), which are like a resume, from potential candidates. The PNC members are reviewing the PIFs, and additional information supplied by the candidates, such as videos of sermons, to discern the best candidates.

Although there may not be much to report during this time, the PNC continues to work diligently as we review the PIF's received and begin to conduct interviews. 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.



IPC ENDOWMENT

Love Offering

Each year, on the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day, the IPC Endowment collects an offering to help build the corpus of the fund. We call it the Love Offering as a reminder of the many gifts that have grown this fund out of the love of this church. You will find an offering envelop in this newsletter and we invite you to take part in this offering during worship on Sunday, February 13th.

Whether you contribute \$5 or \$500, your gift will serve this church in perpetuity.

Thank you for all your gifts!



**YOUNG
ADULTS**
The Young
Adults will

meet for "Pizza Church" on the first Tuesday instead of the regular second Tuesday of the month at Jockamo's on February 7th at 6:00 p.m.



FEBRUARY 20TH -MARDI GRAS PARTY

LIFT will gather for a Mardi Gras Party on Monday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. in

the parlor. Please feel free to dress in your favorite Mardi Gras colors.

Women of all ages are welcome and please 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 or Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) if you have any questions.

L.I.F.T. White Elephant Bingo



YOUTH GROUP

The youth met every Sunday in January, we talked about how to make time for God in daily life, learned about Esther and went bowling. We also watched a movie called "American Son" and talked about our own implicit biases. It was a good mix of fun and important conversations. Also, Mandy beat all the youth at spoons!

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

February 5

5:30-7:30 p.m. Game Night

February 12

NO youth group

February 19

5:30-7:30 p.m. Valentine's Day party

February 21

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Fat Tuesday pancake dinner fundraiser

February 26

5:30-7:30 p.m. Service project

SUMMER MISSION TRIP JULY 2-8



tacklehunger.org

We will be collecting loose change and other cash donations on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 12th, immediately following worship! Start saving your pennies (and dimes and quarters) now so you can donate them and support the CROP Walk to end hunger.



"This Old House IPC Version"

Steve Lewis of "Hammer and Nail" will be leading a "Home Repair 101" class during Christ Café on Sunday, February 12th, in the Parlor beginning at 9 AM. Steve will cover topics such as "How do I change a light bulb?", "What do I do when outlets stop working?", "How do I find a leak in my pipes"? and "How do I know if my gutters need to be cleaned"?

Do you have other topics you would like Steve to cover? This class might just be what you are looking for to start on that home repair project you have put off until now. Please email any other topics you would like to have Steve cover directly to him at: srlewis1424@yahoo.com.

Please join us on Sunday, February 12th, in the Parlor at 9 a.m. to pick up some good home repair tips shared by Steve Lewis.

Lenten Classes

Our Supply Pastor, Rev. Bob McAulay, will be leading a series of Lent-themed classes in Christ Café as we journey through Lent together. He will talk about spiritual practices and the concept of "40 days of gratitude". So please mark your calendars and join us starting at 9 AM in the Parlor on the following four Sundays: February 26, March 12, March 19, and March 26. Please note there will not be a class on March 5.



Epiphany Worship
Service with
Witherspoon
Presbyterian Church
January 8, 2023





3B meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 11 a.m. in the parlor

Three benefits of chair yoga:

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

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 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Parlor. These meetings support caregivers of people 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

We gather on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the parlor at 12:30 p.m. 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 RSVP if you plan to attend at 317-356-7225. Pizza will be provided by Jockamo Pizza and donations towards the lunch are appreciated. We will provide drinks. We are looking forward to seeing you for a rich conversation!



NEW HERE

All who have been visiting or are here for the first time are invited to learn more about IPC following the worship service. Please, join us in the Parlor just off the Welcome Center on the main floor directly after worship on February 19th for a brief conversation and introduction of IPC.

Rev. Elizabeth Kaznak-Hall

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

Budgeted through November: \$297,917

Received through November: \$271,724

Member Contribution YTD Gap:

(\$26,193)

Current YTD gap to eliminate budget deficit:

(\$65,540)

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

Our Men's Bible Study meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions about this group, please contact Steve Payne.

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JACK'S 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.

The true story of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

During the holiday season of 1938 came to Chicago, a man named Bob May who was nearly broke and exhausted from looking after his bedridden wife who was nearing the end of a two-year battle with cancer, which left Bob with raising his four year old daughter. One night his daughter asked why her mommy wasn't like other mommy's. He remembered his own sickly childhood and how he was picked on by others. He wanted to give his daughter hope and love, so that she would know he would always be there to take care of her.

He began to spin a tale about a Reindeer with a bright red nose that helped Santa Claus. She loved the story so much that she made him tell it every night. The story grew and grew. He made the story into a human picture book. A few days before Christmas, he reluctantly went to a Christmas Party at Montgomery Ward where he was encouraged to read the story. Montgomery Ward bought the rights to the book and over the next six years gave away six million copies to shoppers. Many publishing companies were making orders to carry the book. Four years later Bud was a millionaire. His new brother in-law, John Marks, set the story to music. The song was pitched to Bing Crosby and others, but they all passed until Gene Autry's wife insisted he record 'Rudolph'.

It became the second bestselling Christmas song behind White Christmas. As the song says – "He'll go down in History!"

