

CELEBRATING  
DECADES OF  
SERVICE, PW AT IPC  
COMES TO AN END

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## IRVINGTON COMMUNITY REMEMBERS HANNAH

As our Irvington community has grieved the tragic death of first grader, Hannah Crutchfield, her fellow students, and friends had the idea of giving the school playground of George W. Julian School #57 a makeover. This project has been created to honor Hannah. In our remembering, may we remember a little girl who loved playing with her friends and big sister at the school that she loved.

The project led by the PTSA of George W. Julian School #57 has applied and received a matching grant of up to \$50,000 from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's CreatING Places program. The campaign is accepting donations now until June 22, 2022.

If you would like to contribute to make this idea a reality you may donate by clicking on the link below which will take you directly to the matching grant.

<https://www.ipsfund.org/honorhannah>



You may also donate off-line by making your check payable to "IPS Foundation". Please put "Hannah Memorial Fund" in the memo line and mail the check to the IPS Foundation at 120 E. Walnut St. Indianapolis, IN 46204. If your employer has an employee match program, have your employer mail a check to the IPS Foundation and put "Hannah Memorial Fund" in the memo line and mail the check to 120 E. Walnut St. Indianapolis, IN 46204.

## CELEBRATING PENTECOST

On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, we encourage everyone to wear RED to worship. We wear red to recall the day when the Holy Spirit rested upon the disciples. They were so filled with God that people saw what appeared to be "tongues of fire" above them. Some believe the "tongues of fire" was THE miracle, but once we read the story in Acts, we realize the genuine miracle was the ability - for them and for us - to fully understand one another (Act 2:1ff).

All of us know what it is like to NOT be understood or to not understand someone else. It doesn't even have to be someone from a different

culture, different language, time or place. Even families do not understand one another. "I just don't understand our pastor," some have been known to say. Not in our church, of course, but in other churches :) Couples who seek counseling have a common complaint:



"She/He just does not understand me!" It is no small miracle for us to truly understand one another.

Pentecost was the first manifestation of the Spirit in the new Church. Pentecost was the day when the Holy Spirit gave believers not just the ability to speak clearly, but most amazingly, to hear clearly what other people were saying. Anytime we understand one another, we can be sure God is involved.

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. A symbol of the church is a boat. The sermon will discuss how the Church is a "ship and not a boat." Join us on this day of celebration.

## Dear Presbyterians,

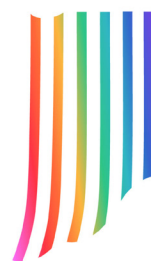
When I was in seminary in Chicago, we had a visiting preaching professor, Rev. Dr. Brad Braxton. He is an incredibly gifted and passionate preacher who gave of his time and expertise in teaching students the craft of preaching. Well, the class must have been very inspiring because half-way through the course, many of my classmates came out with a fire and desire for preaching. Unfortunately, they also came out sounding almost exactly like Dr. Braxton. They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, but in the case of ministry and preaching, its authenticity that is required. Thankfully by the end of the class Dr. Braxton had helped his mini clones in finding their own voices, rather than mimicking his. Finding one's own unique and authentic voice, reflecting on who we truly are and how we live our lives is not only important for preachers but for all Christians. Our discernment and reflects on authentic can lead us into new and holy spaces. May we all be blessed to hear and share the voices of discernment. diversity and authenticity this month.

*Maureen*



### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join us for the IPC Ice Cream Social on July 17th in the West Courtyard from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. This event is open to the public. All are welcome!



## IndyPride

### JOIN IPC AT INDY PRIDE PARADE

The IPC Justice Advocacy Team is happy to invite you to join us at the Indy Pride Parade on Saturday, June 11 at 10 AM. The parade has grown into a celebration of inclusivity in Indianapolis, and we'd love for IPC to have a presence at the event to demonstrate that IPC is a safe, welcoming place for all. While we don't have a place in the parade itself, we would like to have a large group from IPC in attendance. We encourage you to wear your IPC t-shirt if you have one. We will meet at Chatham Commons, the small park at St. Clair and East streets, at 9:30 AM and then walk a short distance to take our place along the parade route.

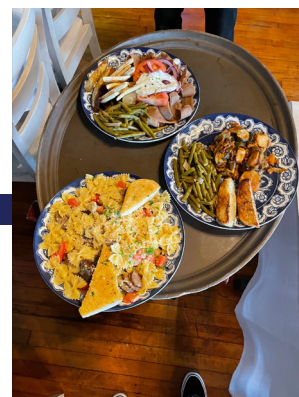
If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Justice Advocacy Team.

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

<b>Budgeted through March:</b>	<b>\$81,250</b>
<b>Received through March:</b>	<b>\$86,996</b>

### IPC WELCOMES THE MED RESTAURANT TO IRVINGTON

On May 4, Associate Pastor Maureen Wilson and Church Administrator Lori Chapman joined IPC members Barbara Sanders, Donna Tindall, and Janet Wilzbacher at The Med for fabulous food, service, and fun. Nicole was our server, and she was super! If you have a chance to dine at The Med, you will not be disappointed! Take a look in the bar area for a framed dollar bill signed by the group that evening. They were their first paying customers!







## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*Thanks to Janet Wilzbacher  
for all of the photos!*

On May 19th, PWC met for lunch and a program to celebrate the long history of women's organizations at IPC and to take a new direction of study, fellowship and service. Women began organizing at IPC as early as 1908 with four separate groups which unified in 1932 to form the Women's Association, which ultimately became the Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) in the seventies. Facing dwindling attendance and difficulty in carrying out the PW mission, on March 17, 2022, PWC voted to no longer meet under the National PW umbrella but form a Women's Bible Study, continuing study and fellowship as circles have done for decades. At the final PWC meeting, outgoing Moderator Betty Thomas received the PW Life Membership for her service to the church and its women. The meeting concluded with the tradition of saying the Mizpah Benediction and the hope that IPC women find direction through the new Bible study to continue God's work in the church and community.

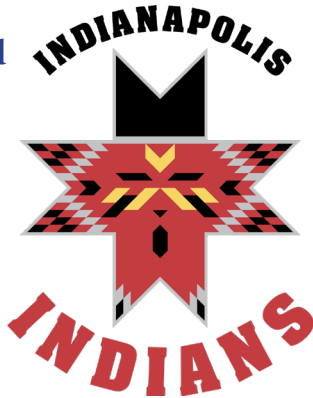




## YOUNG ADULTS

**Tuesday June 14th. Young Adults out to support the IPC softball team. 6:15 at Heather Hills Baptist Church. Bring a chair or blanket to cheer our IPC team to double header victory!**

**Save the date: Young Adults to Victory Field for an Indianapolis Indians game on July 24th. Game begins at 1:30 with a Sunday "Kids Eat Free" special. Contact Rev. Wilson to reserve tickets.**



## YOUTH GROUP

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH  
AT IPC**

**5:30 - 7:00 PM  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

## SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp is here! The church pays half of the cost of summer camp. If your child is registered for camp, please email Hannah Braun to let her know. Please include your child's name, the name of the camp, when they are attending, and the total cost of the camp.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 11-13**

We are planning for VBS 2022! If you would like to be part of planning VBS or if you would like to help with VBS, please let Hannah Braun know. More details will be coming soon. Thank you!

## SLICE OF LIFE

Slice of Life has returned to IPC.

The gathering time is 12:30 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the parlor. The topics provide open discussions.

Each session will have a different contemporary topic for discussion. Short video clips with comment cards will generate the discussion. Please call the office RSVP if you plan to attend. Pizza will be provided by Jockamo Pizza. If you want something other than pizza, feel free to let the office know, 317-356-7225. We will provide drinks. We are looking forward to seeing you for a rich conversation.



## YOUTH MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Ecumenical Mission Trip for youth and adults cleaning and rebuilding after last fall's tornado damage in Kentucky. July 10-16, 2022, for more information contact Steve Holzhausen (317-498-5844) and Mandy Holzhausen (317-498-0426)



## GRADUATION SUNDAY


On Sunday June 12th we will be recognizing our IPC high school and college graduates in Worship. If you or someone in your family would like to be recognized please send the following information to Rev. Wilson before June 6th.

Full name and contact information of graduate, name of school, (for college) degree earned, and if they will be joining in person on the 12th.







**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** In partnership with the Indy Humane Society IPC will host its second Blessing of the Animals on June 12th from 12-1:30 pm out by the playground. Bring your furry friends for a blessing, with activities and treats for Pres-paw-terians of all ages and sizes. We will also have a rainbow bridge remembrance area for those who have said goodbye to their pets this year. Please join and invite your fellow animal enthusiasts!



# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS





**indyhumane**

7929 North Michigan Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46268  
[indyhumane.org](http://indyhumane.org)

Donation Wish List:

- Squeeze cheese, hot dogs
- Large nylon martingale collars, medium/large EasyWalk harnesses
- Small chewy, soft treats for dogs and cats
- High-quality canned food, especially cat, kitten, and puppy food

**Sunday,  
June 12  
12:00-1:30**

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LOCATION:  
IPC playground and parking lot

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## UNDERSTANDING JUNETEENTH

JUNETEENTH celebrates that date (June 19) in 1865 when the Union troops landed in Galveston, Texas. General Gordon Granger announced the end of the Civil War and his intention to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation that had been the law for two and a half years (signed on January 1, 1863). In fact, Robert E. Lee had surrendered at Appomattox more than two months earlier on April 12, 1865, but the news had not reached the people of Texas - nor had the slaves in Texas heard about the Emancipation Proclamation.

The slaves had been legally freed, but they didn't know it. Then on June 19, 1865, slaves in Galveston rejoiced in the streets. Juneteenth celebrations spread across Texas the following year and have since spread across the nation. Festivities then and now often open with prayer and religious ceremonies, followed by music and dancing and contests of all sorts. The reality of their freedom was reason to celebrate. JUNETEENTH is the day when the hidden reality of their freedom was finally revealed.

We remember this day because there remains unspoken and unrecognized bondage for people of color, e.g., a Black person is 17 times more likely to receive a prison term for the same crime committed by a White person. As a congregation dedicated itself to racial equality, we know we can do more to level the field for people of all races.

Together in Christ,

Pastor Steve





## Living In Fellowship Together

### GAMES WITH JANET

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play a new game? Maybe it's Euchre, Mexican Train/Dominoes, Qwirkle or more. Janet Wilzbacher will be leading us for this fun evening. If you have a game that you would like to share,

please bring it along. We will rotate from table to table to play different games.

We will gather at Kathy Moorhead's home (5315 West Stone Way, New Palestine) on Monday, June 20th at 6:30 pm. Women of all ages are welcome and please feel free to invite a friend to join us. Please bring a snack or beverage to share. We will be collecting feminine hygiene products which will be donated to Westminster. Please contact Janet Wilzbacher or Kathy Moorhead if you have any questions.



Monday, May 16, 2022 L.I.F.T. Event  
Jockamo Tasting Party and Conversation

### IPC SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

All games are played at Heather Hills Baptist Church located at 1421 N. German Church Road, Indianapolis, IN 46229. Please come out and support our IPC team!

#### Monday June 6th

6:15 - Field 1 vs. Post Road

#### Tuesday June 14th

6:15 - Field 2 vs People's Church

7:30 - Field 2 vs Post Road

#### Monday June 20th

6:15 - Field 1 vs Horizon

#### Monday June 27th

6:15 - Field 2 vs Horizon

#### Tuesday July 12th

6:15 - Field 1 vs Fall Creek

7:30 - Field 1 vs People's Church

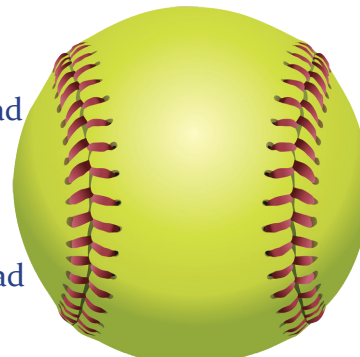
#### Monday July 18th

7:30 - Field 2 vs People's Church

#### Monday July 25th

6:15 - Field 2 vs Fall Creek

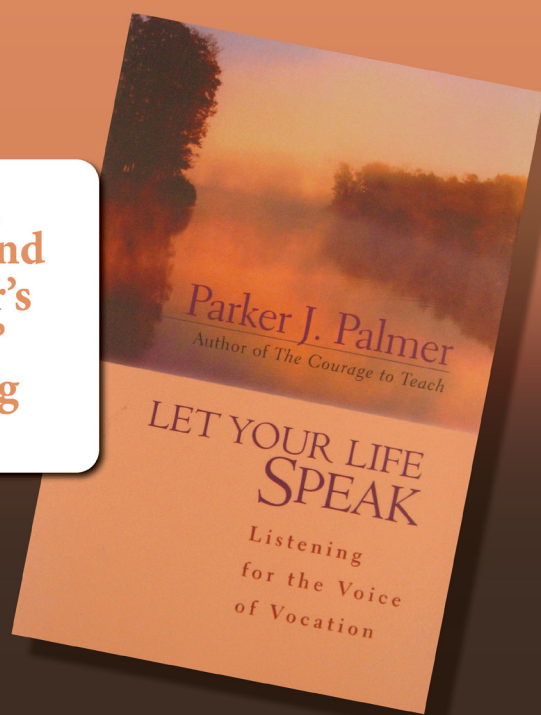
7:30 - Field 1 vs Post Road



Christ Café in June:  
Christ Café will read and discuss, Parker Palmer's "Let Your Life Speak," a meditation on finding one's calling.

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m.  
IPC Parlor

*\*\*Zoom option will be available*



## ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Group is in-person at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. These meetings support caregivers of person with a cognitive diagnosis. The support groups are open to the public. Please check with Denise Harrington at [dharringtonipc@gmail.com](mailto:dharringtonipc@gmail.com) for the latest update.

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### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study that meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Parlor. All men are invited to attend.



**Come join us for 3B exercise on Tuesdays at 11am. We not only exercise our Bodies we also exercise our Brains and Belief! Currently we are doing low impact yoga to increase strength in our lungs and improve breathing. Some of the exercises are done to music which makes them fun! This generates conversation and laughter.**

## INTERIM MINISTRY PROGRESS REPORT

We are moving along in the process of searching for a new pastor. This winter and spring we collected the answers to several congregational surveys. We also held three important Neighborhood Forums in which we heard from a dozen members of the larger Irvington community. Now, we have an ad hoc group of church members, led by elders Kathy Moorhead, Chuck Marion, and T.J. Hengst, who make up the Mission Study Task Force (MSTF). They will deduce what the surveys tell us about our church and how the wisdom of the local leaders will inform our mission.

The MSTF will articulate a description of IPC:

- Our congregation consists of “these” kinds of people (economics, ages, needs, issues) who believe “this” about our church (what we appreciate about our church) and “what” we should do in the Irvington neighborhood.
- We live in a wider Irvington neighborhood consisting of “this” demographic of people (economics, ages, needs, issues). We believe they might be attracted to “these” kinds of ministries.
- With that in mind, what do we need in the way of staffing to match the interests of our church with the needs of Irvington?
- All of this above information is necessary to create the Mission Information Form (MIF). The MIF is the document Presbyterian PNC's use to search for pastors.

### Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

On Sunday, June 12, the Congregational Nominating Committee will start deliberations on who might constitute the PNC. The PNC should represent a wide selection of church members.

I suggest the PNC be made up of 9 members. If a couple people cannot make a meeting, the PNC can continue unabated.

Being on a PNC is demanding. The members should be willing to meet at least twice a month for a year.

If all goes well, the church will actively begin seeking a new pastor by early fall.

This is a wonderful congregation. You will have many candidates to consider.

Together in Christ,

Pastor Steve

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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.

*I came across some interesting western facts: Boot Hill Cemetery -- The first one was in Dodge City, Kansas, for people that come to a sudden end.*



*Little Sure Shot was the name given to Annie Oakley by Chief Sitting Bull. She spent 17 years with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. The Pony Express only lasted 18 months before going bankrupt due to the telegraph. Barbed wire stopped the cattle drives. It closed off the open range. Doc Holliday graduated from Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery. He moved to Dallas, Texas to set up practice. He found that drinking and poker were better than pulling teeth. He headed west for his health for he was suffering from tuberculosis. He became excellent with a gun. He was in the Gunfight at the OK Corral, which lasted only about 30 seconds. He also killed Johnny Ringo in a gun fight to save Wyatt Earp. These events took place in Tombstone, Arizona. The Earp's along with Doc Holliday enforced the law mainly against outlaw ranchers.*

