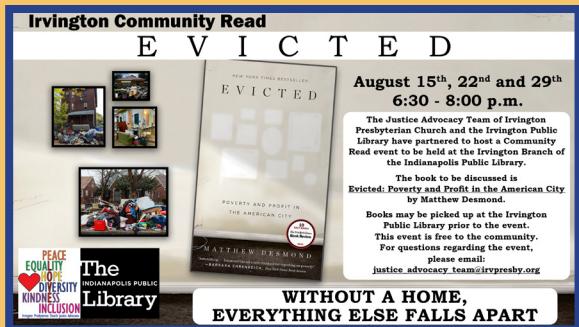


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Prayers and Reflection on the Tragedy of Gun Violence in America

August 21, 2022

During worship on August 21, we are going to offer up liturgy concerning the problem of gun violence in our country. Here is how the Presbyterian Church has responded over the decades.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has a long history of support for gun control legislation. Beginning in the late 1960s, in response to the assassinations of public leaders, the General Assembly called for "... control [of] the sale and possession of fire arms of all kinds." (1) In 1976 this statement was reaffirmed, but also specifically worded to "... not cover shotguns and rifles used legitimately by sportsmen ..." (2) In 1988 these and other statements supporting gun control were again reaffirmed.

A fuller statement was approved in 1990. In it the General Assembly went on record as:

- Support[ing] gun control at federal, state, and local levels as the most effective response to the present crisis of gun violence ...
- Call[ing] upon the United States government to establish meaningful and effective federal legislation to regulate the importation, manufacture, sale, and possession of guns and ammunition by the general public. Such legislation should include provisions for the registration and licensing of gun purchasers and owners, appropriate background investigations and waiting periods prior to gun purchase, and regulation of subsequent sale.

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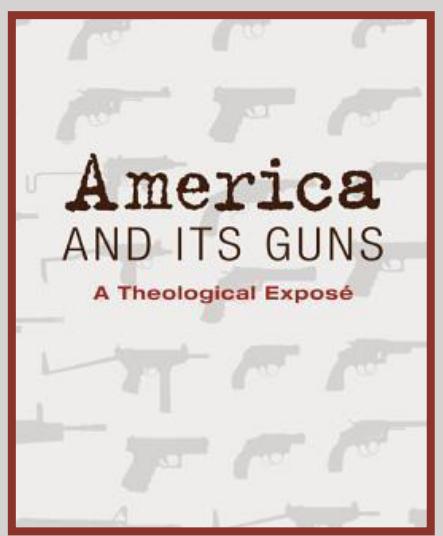


Book Recommendation:

America and Its Guns: A Theological Exposé

by James E. Atwood, Foreword by Walter Brueggemann

James Atwood cautions that an absolute trust in guns and violence morphs easily into idolatry. Having spent 40 years as a Presbyterian pastor fighting against the easy access to firearms, one of which took the life of a friend, he uses his biblical and theological understanding to graphically portray the impact guns have on our society. He documents how we have been deceived into believing that the tools of violence will provide our ultimate security. He closes with a wake-up call to the faith community to unmask the extremism of the Gun Empire and to claim the moral role of the church on what is often considered to be a "hands-off" political issue. Available through Amazon.



Dear Presbyterians,

Interim Report

Congratulations to IPC's Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)!

*Emily Digos
Lynda Dunlevy
David Hansen
Frank Hurdis
Melissa Jester
Kathy Moorhead*

*Sheri Patterson
Justin Stauffer
Patrick Wooden
Alternates:
Lloyd Crain
Mandy Holzhausen*

The PNC will meet with representatives from the presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM). The COM is the committee of presbytery that oversees the relationship of pastors with its churches. Specifically, they approve all pastoral calls.

The Mission Study Task Force is made up of church volunteers and the PNC. They are putting the polishing touches on the Mission Study. This document describes the characteristics of our IPC faith community and the Irvington neighborhood:

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, how do we perceive the possible use of the Doubles (or if they should be sold) and what do we need in the way of staffing to match the interests of our church with the needs of Irvington?

The MSTF is creating a new Mission Statement to describe IPC's ministry. This succinct and pithy statement will be like the chorus of a meaningful song. It will be easy to remember and yet powerful to the soul.

This Mission Study will serve as the primary source for the Mission Information Form (MIF). The MIF is the church dossier sent to prospective ministerial candidates for the next installed pastor.

As church members your calling is to pray for the members of the MSTF as they complete their work and the PNC as they begin theirs. Offer them encouragement and support. Much of what the PNC does is confidential, so while they may offer monthly reports on their work, they won't be able to reveal the conversations they have had with candidates.

I also ask you to pray for me as I contemplate the process of seeking a new call.

Together in Christ

Pastor Steve

IN MEMORIAM

Elaine Nelson— July 7, 2022

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Elaine Nelson who recently died.

YOUNG ADULTS

Pizza church 6:00 p.m. at Jockamo's. Contact Rev. Wilson before August 5th to reserve child watch.

YOUTH GROUP

**Sunday, August 21st
Time TBD**

Down on the farm!

Wear old clothes and shoes for mucking out stalls and painting fences!

WELCOME, ERIN!

Our new nursery attendant is Erin Jester. Erin also cares for the babies at Roots and Wings Daycare. She is anxious to meet our little ones.



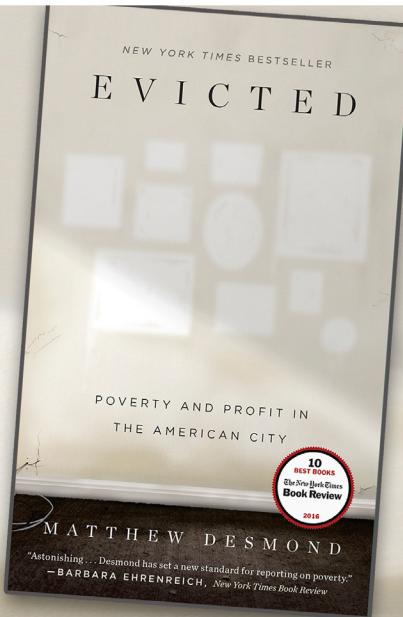
Community Book Study: Without a Home, Everything Else Falls Apart

The IPC Justice Advocacy Team and the Irvington Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library have partnered to host our second Community Read event. The book to be discussed is [Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City](#) by Matthew Desmond. Mark your calendars for August 15th, 22nd, and 29th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., when our own Kristin Shaw will lead the discussion of the book at the

Irvington Branch Library. On August 29th, we will also have local experts on housing in Indianapolis participating in a panel discussion to help bring to light the issues facing our neighbors. Free copies of [Evicted](#) are available at IPC and the Library. Come be part of this important conversation. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Justice Advocacy Team.

Irvington Community Read

E V I C T E D



**August 15th, 22nd and 29th
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

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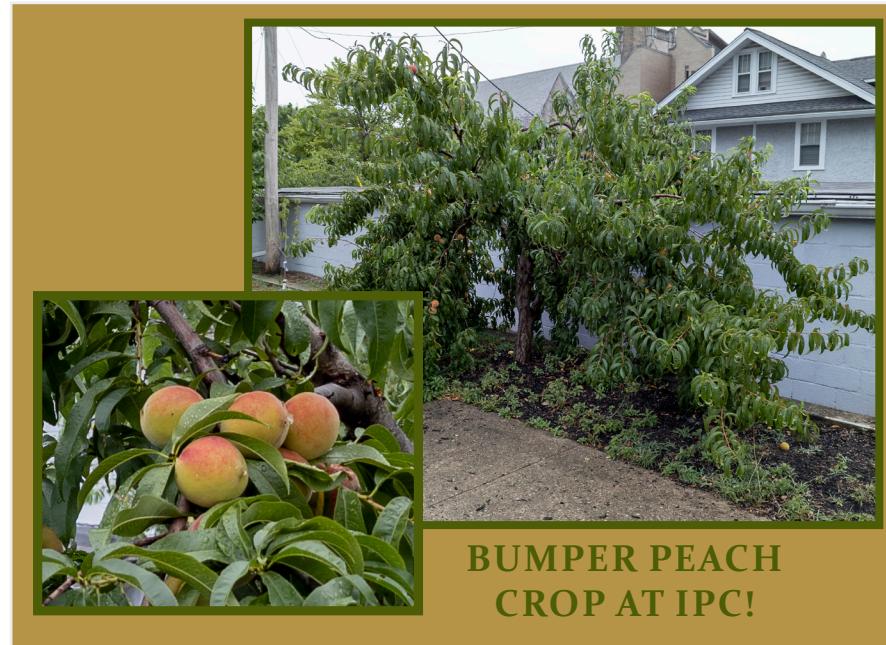
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Books may be picked up at the Irvington Public Library prior to the event.
This event is free to the community.
For questions regarding the event,
please email:
justice_advocacy_team@irvpresby.org

**WITHOUT A HOME,
EVERYTHING ELSE FALLS APART**

RALLY DAY 2022
SAVE THE DATE
This year, Rally Day is
September 11, 2022!
Be on the lookout for more
details coming soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Rally Day is just around the corner, which means Sunday School is starting soon! More details will be coming shortly.



BUMPER PEACH CROP AT IPC!

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- Urg[ing] the enactment of similar state and local laws, should such federal legislation be delayed.
- Call[ing] upon government agencies at all levels to provide significant assistance to victims of gun violence and their families.(3)

In 1998, the General Assembly added to its policy by calling on all Presbyterians to:

intentionally work toward removing handguns and assault weapons from our homes and our communities; and seek ways to develop community strategies and create sanctuaries of safety for our children, so that all of our children may come to identify and value themselves and others as the precious children of the family of God that they are, and that they may come to learn peace for their lives and peace for this generation.(4)

In 2000, the General Assembly reaffirmed the church's commitment to gun control and called for strengthening gun ownership legislation.(5)

In 2008, the General Assembly approved pastoral recommendations urging that:

all persons buying guns at gun shows undergo a background check to close the gun show loophole in 35 states; ban the sale and possession of large ammunition magazines and assault weapons that have no redeemable social purpose, and cannot legitimately be termed "sporting guns";

support the introduction of new technologies, such as micro-stamping in which identifying information from a gun is transferred onto bullet cartridges, which allow law enforcement to more easily trace guns and solve crimes; and

stop illegal arms sales by the United States and others.(6)

The 219th General Assembly (2010) adopted the resolution, "Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call," in exercise of its responsibility to help the whole church address matters of "social righteousness." As a social witness policy statement, it is presented for the guidance and edification of both church and society and determines procedures and program for the ministries and staff of the General Assembly. It is recommended for consideration and study by sessions, presbyteries, and synods, and commended to the free Christian conscience of all congregations and members for prayerful study, dialogue, and action.(7)

(1) Minutes of the 116th General Assembly (1976), *Presbyterian Church in the United States*, p. 103.

(2) Minutes of the 128th General Assembly (1988), *Presbyterian Church in the United States*, p. 209.

(3) Minutes of the 202nd General Assembly (1990), *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, pp. 605-606.

(4) Commissioners' Resolution 98-19, 210th General Assembly (1998), *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*.

(5) Minutes of the 212th General Assembly (2000), *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, pp. 482-483.

(6) Minutes of the 218th General Assembly (2008), *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, pp. 54-55 and 859-860.

(7) Minutes of the 220th General Assembly (2010), *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, pp. 830-846.



CITIZEN'S TEST ON GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA (Revised, 10/2016)

Answers will be provided in the September 2022 newsletter.

1. The Presbyterian Church (USA), other faith communities, The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, The Brady Campaign, and gun violence prevention groups throughout the country are opposed to hunting, target shooting, and are determined to ban all guns used in self-defense.

True _____ False _____

2. Since 1968, more Americans have died by gunfire within our own country than all servicemen and women killed in battle in all US wars since 1775.

True _____ False _____

3. The annual overall cost of firearms violence for the US economy is:

a. \$876 million b. \$28.5 billion c. \$50.4 billion d. \$229 billion

4. Today, 16 years after 9/11, it is now impossible for those on the FBI's "no fly list" to legally buy guns and explosives.

True _____ False _____

5. Each year, an average of _____ persons are killed by guns in the US.

a. 10,000 b. 17,000 c. 50,000 d. 33,000

6. The most frequently used murder weapon is a:

a. handgun b. assault rifle c. shotgun d. knife

7. Americans in what part of the country own the most firearms?

a. South b. Midwest c. West d. Northeast

8. The highest homicide rates per 100,000 population are in the

a. South b. West c. Midwest d. Northeast

9. Americans are more likely to be murdered or assaulted by

a. a friend, acquaintance, or family member b. a person with a criminal record. c. a person of another race or religion

10. The Second Amendment guarantees law-abiding American citizens the right to own any type of firearm with no restrictions.

True _____ False _____

11. A gun kept in the home for self-defense is _____ times more likely to be used in a murder, accidental shooting, suicide attempt, or be stolen and used in a crime than to stop an intruder.

a. 5 b. 7 c. 11 d. 22

12. Recent polls indicate more than _____% of all gun owners and NRA members support background checks on all guns sold.

a. 10% b. 25% c. 50% d. 80%

13. The Consumer Product Safety Commission is prohibited by law from examining the safety of any gun or piece of ammunition.

True _____ False _____

14. A majority of gun owners do not lock up their firearms in the home.

True _____ False _____

15. 60% of crime guns come from what percentage of legal gun dealers?

a. 25% b. 10% c. 50% d. 5%

16. The NRA has consistently supported the work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

True _____ False _____

17. The United States is the Number 1 supplier of illegal guns to countries around the world.

True _____ False _____

18. Many persons who carry guns to town hall meetings, presidential speeches and other political events believe they have a constitutional right to take violent action against our government, should it become "tyrannical." (not defined)

True _____ False _____

19. Thirty-three states have some form of Stand Your Ground Laws which gives the right to use a gun against another without retreating if one "feels threatened."

True _____ False _____

20. When New York City Police Officers fire their guns in shootouts with criminals or public offenders, they hit their targets what percent of the time?

a. 50% _____ b. 45% _____ c. 18% _____ d. 72% _____



LIFT will not be gathering in August due to multiple calendar conflicts with our group members. Please mark your calendar for Monday, September 19th for our next gathering. More details will be coming in the September newsletter. Please feel free to contact Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) if you have any questions.

L.I.F.T. at The Med on July 18, 2022



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Indicators	Ratings	Evidence	Notes or Explanation if unable to rate
DOMAIN: Approaches to Learning			
Is Attentive (ATL 1-1) : 1-3 Months: Watches faces. 4-7 Months: Pays attention to people, objects, and sounds. 8-12 Months: Pays attention to a task or activity for a few minutes. Goal 1: Shows Interest in Learning	<input type="radio"/> Not Scored <input type="radio"/> With Help <input type="radio"/> Nearly There <input type="radio"/> Achieved	Add Evidence...	
Develops Memory (ATL 1-2) : 1-3 Months: Recognizes familiar objects and people. 4-7 Months: Begins to develop object permanence (the understanding that people and objects out of sight still exist). 8-12 Months: Looks for someone or something that is missing. Goal 1: Shows Interest in Learning			
Is Persistent (ATL 1-3) : 1-3 Months: Will cry to indicate a need and will continue crying until that need is met. 4-7 Months: Will vocalize or use baby sign to indicate a need and will continue until that need is met; will hold on to preferred items. 8-12 Months: Repeats actions to achieve a goal. Goal 1: Shows Interest in Learning	<input type="radio"/> Not Scored <input type="radio"/> With Help <input type="radio"/> Nearly There <input type="radio"/> Achieved	Add Evidence...	
Is Curious (ATL 1-4) : 1-3 Months: Turns head toward the sound of a familiar voice. 4-7 Months: Explores with hands; finds objects that are partially hidden. 8-12 Months: Shows interest in new toys; explores surroundings.	<input type="radio"/> Not Scored <input type="radio"/> With Help <input type="radio"/> Nearly There <input type="radio"/> Achieved	Add Evidence...	



IRVINGTON ROOTS AND WINGS DAYCARE

Vine Assessments:

Formal annual assessments are completed for each child who attends Irvington Roots and Wings Child Care. This is online via the Life Cubby app. The following is a small example of the developmental milestones for a child under 12 months. There are 45-50 individual indicators assessed specific to the age of each child. These assist teachers and families in focusing on any areas of need moving forward.





Aging & In-Home Solutions

Safe at Home is a high-impact, half-day of service to low-income senior homeowners over the age of 60 in Indianapolis. Volunteers help make their homes and yards safe and accessible for daily living. Every year CICOA and community volunteers provide home safety modifications to a central Indiana community.

This year Safe at Home will take place in Irvington on September 17, 2022. The kick-off will take



place here at IPC. If you are interested or a group of friends are interested in volunteering, please register at this link.

<https://cicoa.org/event/safe-at-home-event/>
Contact Denise at dharrington@gmail.com

SLICE OF LIFE

Slice of Life has returned to IPC. The gathering time is 12:30 pm 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. We will provide drinks. We are looking forward to seeing you for a rich conversation!

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Groups is now in-person at 1:00 pm 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 for the latest update.



The ability to be around others has become more precious in recent years. To avoid social isolation and have a time to fellowship with others in a small group setting. Now is the time to come enjoy some of the wonderful fellowship opportunities at Irvington. 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! We read scriptures and share encouraging stories.

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

Budgeted through June: \$162,500

Received through June: \$153,810

Member Contribution YTD Gap:
(\$8,690)

Current YTD gap to eliminate budget deficit:
(\$41,836)

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

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.

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

How did 007 get his name? Ian Fleming has made several 007 movies. Ian Fleming, while living in Jamaica, was in search of a name for his secret agent. He wanted to find a name with no romantic overtones, a nice quiet and flat name. There was an avid bird watcher who wrote a book on birds of the West Indies. His name was James Bond. Fleming thought that

was a pretty quiet name. For years Bond, who actually went by Jim, had no idea his name was used for the spy novels. Bond's first 007 movie was Dr. No. in 1962. Fleming apologized to Bond and told him that he could use his name if he ever discovered a horrible species of bird. Fleming, when he met the real Bond gave him a signed copy of an unreleased copy of "You Only Live Twice". Now as far as where 007 came from—Fleming never told.

