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CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER UPDATE:

A big thank you to everyone who donated items or services for the camp scholarship auction, to all of you who bid on those items and to everyone else who made a financial contribution to the camp scholarship program. Through your generous giving, we were able to raise more than \$2,700 while having a fun time of food and fellowship.

We will be able to continue offering financial support for any member of the church, from elementary-age youth right up to adults, to attend camp this summer or fall. Please contact Hannah Braun to apply for a camp scholarship or if you need more information about the camp scholarship program. Thank you again for your support.

The Christian Education Committee



WEDNESDAY WONDERFUL

Introducing Wednesday Wonderful! Wednesday Wonderful are the second Wednesdays during the summer months: June 14, July 12, and August 9 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. All ages are welcome!

Wednesday Wonderful consists of dinner, story, song, games, activities, and crafts. The theme for all three Wednesday Wonderful will be service, but each month will have a different focus. For June, it's all about animals, especially ones in shelters. We will be making scarves for animals in shelters. You can even make one for your own pet at home! Each month, we ask you to bring items to be donated. For June, all items will be donated to Indianapolis Animal Care Services. You may bring the items to church throughout the month of June. Below is a list of donations that the Indianapolis Animal Care Services are in need of:

- Spray Cheese
- Bleach
- Laundry Detergent (No Pods)
- Canned food for dogs
- Canned food for cats
- Electric heating pads
- Wet and dry kitten food
- Kitten formula
- Kitten collars
- The miracle nipple for kittens



**INDIANAPOLIS ANIMAL
CARE SERVICES**

Registration is not required, but greatly recommended, so we can plan accordingly.

Please let Hannah Braun (hbraun@irvpresby.org) know if you have any questions or comments.

DEAR PRESBYTERIANS,

Worship is central to the life of Irvington Presbyterian. The music, God's Word proclaimed, and the relationships with God and each other are what bring us to worship on Sunday morning.

What is worship? Why do we worship? Worship is a foundational practice of healthy and vital churches. When we do not participate in worship we are neglecting an important part of living our faith. Worship is central to our purpose and mission as disciples of Christ in the world.

One definition of worship is encountering, experiencing, and embracing the Holy. Another says worship is the time we gather deliberately seeking to encounter God. We gather to honor God. We gather to connect with God. Worship is not performance; it is devotion and celebration expressing our love of God.

In our worship many things can happen when we encounter, experience and embrace the Holy. Lives can be transformed, wounded souls can be healed, hope can be renewed, discernment can be clarified, change can be encouraged, compassion can be inspired, and people can be bound together. All these things can happen, but the purpose is to honor and experience God.

We do not attend worship to squeeze God into our lives; we seek to integrate our lives with God's presence in the world. Worship is a time to think less about ourselves and more about our relationship with God. A time to think less about our personal agendas and more about God's will. We seek to encounter God so God's Spirit can reshape our lives and form us into the body of Christ.

I want to share with you parts of a prayer written by Dennis Shepherd, a member of a previous congregation I served. This is a prayer we are invited to pray as we gather in God's presence. I invite you to pray this prayer before worship to prepare your hearts and minds to focus on God. Let's see how God changes our worship as we pray together.

Dear Lord:

We welcome the Holy Spirit to come into our presence each time we gather together as a congregation of the people of God. We seek your presence among us. We offer our sanctuary and our hearts to be the tabernacle of God's dwelling.

May we sing every song as praise and worship from deep within our spirits. May we participate in the liturgy with our thoughts directed to God. May all we do, say, and think be an acceptable sacrifice from our innermost being.

Please keep our congregation founded and bound to the Holy Scriptures; keep us from straying from your voice. Keep our eyes upon Christ as the author and finisher of our faith. Complete the true purpose for this church as we keep yielding our wills to Your will.

Bind our life as a congregation to the unifying power of the Holy Spirit. Teach us to reach out into our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Teach us how to minister to all who are around us. Teach us to be an example before others so they will be drawn into the Body of Christ.

Bring honor and gratitude to the hearts of our congregation for all the things we have been blest with by you, O God. AMEN

This month we are not just thinking about it. We are focusing on praying and living it.

See You In Worship

Bob

2023 GRADUATES

Congratulations, Graduates! IPC would like to recognize and celebrate all graduates (high school, college, technical school, or graduate school). If you or someone you know is graduating this year, please let Hannah Braun (hbraun@irvpresby.org) know. Please include the following: full name, contact information, name of school, degree earned (for college), future plans, and a picture of the graduate.

HEY, YOU!!!! YES, YOU WITH THE HEART FOR HELPING OTHERS!!

There is an opportunity for you to make a difference in peoples' lives on the eastside of Indy. The Mission Committee would like to include you as a member to help with local activities and fundraisers as they come up throughout the IPC Calendar. If you have questions or would like to join us, please email Jenny Giddens (jldgids1@comcast.net).



PYOCA summer camp registration is open now!! Don't wait to start your summer planning.

DANCE FITNESS CANCELED
Due to lack of participation Aerial Lewis decided to cancel the Dance Fitness class for the summer and will reevaluate the program in the fall.



HAPPY "VOLUNTIREMENT"
We are grateful for the 14 years of IPC Office volunteering from Lois Dillon.
Thank you, Lois!



HAVE QUESTIONS?

Need to have a conversation on Medicare, Caregiving, Retire Planning, Special Medical or Mental Health Needs feel free to contact Denise at dharringtonipc@gmail.com or 317-509-7085.

PNC UPDATE

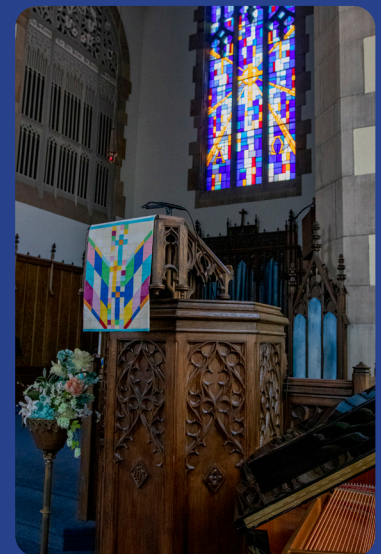
Does the PNC have much to report? That is a very good question. The answer is YES and NO. Yes, the PNC continues to meet weekly to discuss their "weekly homework". This entails receiving and reviewing Personal Information Forms (PIFs) from potential candidates. The PNC members not only review past experiences of ministry but also review the answers given by each candidate regarding the Presbytery narrative questions and each person's Statement of Faith. The committee is also busy reviewing and listening to numerous sermons via YouTube, Facebook, and individual church websites.

Yes, the committee continues to interview potential candidates. The PNC continues to pray for guidance and discernment as they walk this challenging yet rewarding path to our new called pastor.

Yes, the PNC is committed to finding the right individual to lead IPC and to join the congregation in the important work of ministry. Although there may not be much to share at this time, you can rest assured that the PNC continues to work diligently.

No, we have not found our new pastor yet. We have had potential finalists that have withdrawn their names from consideration due to accepting calls to other churches. Although disappointing, we are confident that God is present in this work.

Is there anything that I can do? So glad you asked. Yes, your continued prayers for the PNC and the candidates are essential in this time of discernment. Also, be confident that God is walking with us in this season of discernment and our new pastor is also searching for us.



SUMMER YOUTH NEWS

In May the youth and youth leader were all winding down the school year. Among the sports and end-of-year festivities the youth group still had a good showing for May activities. We were excited to participate in worship service on Music Sunday and helped Westminster with their neighborhood clean-up. For up-to-date info follow us on Instagram @irvpresbyyouth

YOUTH GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO MEET ON SUNDAY EVENINGS DURING THE SUMMER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

June Youth Group Schedule: Friends are always welcome!

Sunday, June 4th

5:30-7:30 Youth Group

Sunday, June 11th

5:30-7:30 Youth Group

Saturday, June 24th

KINGS ISLAND

Sunday, June 25th

No YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, July 2-Saturday July 8

MISSION TRIP. Registration deadline is June 1st.



Colby Martin Workshop and Guest Preaching

ALL ABOARD FOR YACHT CLUB!

We have started a fellowship group of families (with or without kids) at IPC called Yacht Club. This cohort succeeds the Anchors and Mariners fellowship groups. Our goal is to get together outside of Sunday mornings to share food and fellowship.

- June - Saturday the 10th - Wooden house, hopefully outdoor gathering.
- July - Friday the 1st - Lewis house, 4th of July Celebration with kiddie pools and water activities.

**Please email Lori Chapman to be added to the email distribution list @ lchapman@irvpresby.org.

Meryl Stuckey and Katie Butler



SUMMER SUNDAYS

Starting June 4, Summer Sundays will be available for children in PreK to 2nd Grade. All children will play together on the playground, weather permitting. If not, then children will play games inside. Sunday School classes will resume in the Fall. Please contact Hannah Braun (hbraun@irvpresby.org) if you have any questions.

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp is here! The church pays half of the cost of summer camp. If you or your child is registered for camp, please email Hannah Braun (hbraun@irvpresby.org) to let her know. Please include the camper's name, the name of the camp, the dates they are attending, and the total cost of camp.



THE JUSTICE ADVOCACY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

The IPC Justice Advocacy Team needs YOU! The JAT meets quarterly to plan events and share opportunities to learn more about social justice issues facing our community. If you would like to learn more about how you might become involved, mark your calendar for our next meeting. We will be meeting on Sunday, June 4th after worship. For more information, please contact Kathy Moorhead at 317-430-3402.



LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to IPC's newest members!

Elizabeth Cook-Opat and Matthew Akoko.



PAINTING WITH MANDY

Monday, June 19th

Our very own Mandy Holzhausen will lead us in some basic watercolor techniques. Mandy will demonstrate as you create your own 5 x 7 watercolor landscape similar to the picture. Please bring \$10 to cover supply costs.

We will gather on Monday, June 19th at Kathy Moorhead's home (5315 West Stone Way, New Palestine, IN 46163) at 6:30 pm. 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

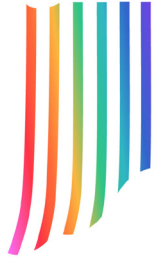
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for Westminster. Please contact Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) if you have any questions and please RSVP so Mandy has a count for supplies needed.



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 10 at 10 a.m. The parade has grown into a celebration of inclusivity in



IndyPride

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 the northeast corner of Massachusetts Avenue and East Street at 9:30 a.m.

Parking can be a challenge on the day of the event so you might consider meeting at IPC to carpool. If you are interested in carpooling, please contact Shirley Sheeks at 317-459-7929. For any other questions regarding participation, please contact Tom Harton at 317-690-0206.

SUMMER MUSIC HAPPENINGS

There is MUCH happening in music and the arts right now at IPC, and there are multiple ways for all members of our community to be a part! Check out the details below for myriad opportunities.

Sunday Summer Music:

Do you have a musical or artistic gift that you'd like to offer to our corporate worship on Sundays during the summer? We'd love to have you share. Sunday Summer Music begins June 4 and we call on all members of our congregation to be a part of musical offerings. If you play an instrument, sing, or have another artistic talent you would like to share, you can sign up at this link.

Or, you can copy and paste this link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/12shYdFu6ILlujYB_uT77T1KOgPTeqJu2UjoDJRol8Ek/edit

Email Webb with any questions you might have about Sunday Summer Music.

Irvington Arts Collective:

If you are interested in being part of the formation and foundation of the Irvington Arts Collective, please let Webb (wparker@irvpresby.org) know! We are looking for teachers of all artistic endeavors, volunteers, marketers, organizers, graphic design folks, singers, players and anyone who might like to help get IAC off the ground. (No artistic talents required!) If you missed the announcement this past Sunday about ICA, look for more info in the upcoming Friday email and on the IPC website.

Adult Choir:

We welcome new members to our Adult Choir throughout the Season (late August - May). Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:30p - 8:30p and re-start on Thursday, August 23. No formal training or audition required! Whether you've sung your whole life or never been in a choir, you are welcome to join us!

Handbells:

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Kathy Stoud and Joe Dail who have been ringing at IPC since long before my tenure. Kathy and Joe are 'retiring' from handbells. Their consistency, dedication, musicianship, and lengthy tenure with bells has been a blessing to our bell choir and the music ministry at IPC. We will honor Kathy and Joe during the service on Sunday, September 10.

If you are interested in joining handbells - we are seeking 3 new ringers, please let Webb know. Ability to read music is necessary, experiences playing handbells is not!

Children Music:

We are looking to re-start our children's music program. With a goal of returning on the week of Sunday, September 10, we are looking for volunteers who would like to lead our youngest members in music making. Please let Webb know if you are interested in volunteering. We'd love for you to be in on the planning process this summer.

Other ways you can help:

Are you an artist whose art form is seldom used in worship? Perhaps you're a painter, drawer, sculptor, fiber artist, or a writer, poet, or comedian. Maybe you play a folk instrument or prefer to rock out to 80s grunge in your garage with your air guitar. There is no artistic talent we can't utilize! Please reach out to Webb to let him know of your talent. We are always happy to collaborate with ALL to use the talents and gifts that are present among this community.



IPC SOFTBALL SCHEDULE 2023



<u>DAY/DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FIELD</u>	<u>HOME/AWAY</u>
Tuesday, May 30	Church 52	6:15 p.m.	2	Away
Monday, June 12	Post Road #1	6:15 p.m.	1	Away Doubleheader
Monday, June 12	Horizon	7:30 p.m.	2	Home
Monday, June 19	Fall Creek	6:15 p.m.	1	Away
Monday, June 26	Brandywine	6:15 p.m.	2	Home Doubleheader
Monday, June 26	Brookville Road	7:30 p.m.	2	Home
Monday, July 10	People's Church	6:15 p.m.	1	Away Doubleheader
Monday, July 10	Common Ground	7:30 p.m.	1	Away
Monday, July 17	Common Ground	6:15 p.m.	2	Home

Field 1 is next to the playground. Field 2 is closest to German Church Road.

THE DREAM PROJECT

Exciting things are happening at IPC!!! The three Dream Projects of 2022 have been completed. The projects were: Welcome Team for Our Newest Neighbors, Garden Tour Comfort Station, and School #57/ Hannah's Playground.

How about you? Have you ever dreamed of a project to serve our community but funding was the obstacle to fulfilling that dream, now is your chance. Applications are available on the table before you enter the Sanctuary at the west door. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402).

LET'S DREAM BIG!

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Groups is now in-person at 1:00 p.m. 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. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:7, Check out the following resources on Dementia and Alzheimer's. <https://www.dementiafriendsindiana.org/resources/> And <https://www.alz.org/>

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

Budgeted through March: \$80,000

Received through March: \$68,425

Member Contribution YTD Gap:

(\$11,575)

Current YTD gap to eliminate budget deficit:

(\$6,767)

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 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 CORN ER

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

Some interesting facts that I learned this month:

- *Glass takes a million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite number of times.*
- *Gold is one of the few metals that doesn't rust, even when buried.*

• *Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.*

• *The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.*

• *Kites were used in the Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.*

- *Peanut oil is used for cooking on submarines because it doesn't smoke unless heated to above 425 degrees Fahrenheit.*

- *The roar you hear when you place a seashell next to your ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.*
- *Nine out of ten living things live in the ocean.*
- *Now here is something to remember when tossing an apple to your girlfriend: In Ancient Greece, it was a traditional proposal of marriage. If she catches it, it means she accepts.*

