

■ April 2021



SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 25th as we celebrate the ministry of Rev. Robert Heimach.

A celebration will be held after worship service in a tent in the IPC parking lot.



HAPPY EASTER

WORSHIP – APRIL 4

This year, Easter brings an even greater joy to us than usual. Not only are we celebrating the resurrection of the Lord with its promise of life for all, we are celebrating signs that the pandemic is ending. We grieve those who have died and we pray for loved ones who carry on. But, we embrace the love of Christ who ensures us that not even death can separate us from God. And so, with God's love surrounding us, the promise of Christ upon us, and the Holy Spirit within us, let us shout out with one voice: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!



WORSHIP

REOPENING

With Covid-19 cases in steep decline in Marion County and many of our members being vaccinated, on Sunday, March 14th, Session reopened the sanctuary to limited numbers in worship. As cases continue to decline, we hope to gradually lift restrictions. In the meantime, if you plan to attend worship in the sanctuary, please wear a mask and keep physically distanced from non-family members.

INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Steps to secure an Interim Senior Pastor will continue in earnest this spring. Our Session has approved the church profile which will provide an overview of the church to prospective candidates. Once the Presbytery has approved our profile, the Executive Presbyter will cast a wide net in searching for ministers who might be interested in the position. When these candidates indicate their interest, our Interim Search Committee will read their Pastoral Information Forms (PIFs) and decide whether face-to-face interviews are warranted. The Committee will continue to update the congregation as these steps are taken. Please keep the Committee in your prayers: Chuck Marion, Pam Brozan, Steve Payne, Lynda Dunlevy, and Tom Harton.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE RETURNS

To raise money for the camp scholarship fund, we will be doing a special episode of Wednesday Night Live on Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. Tune in on Facebook or YouTube (or watch it later) and support our campers! If you have a talent or segment you'd like to feature on the show, email Carolyn.

Dear IPC Family,

As we continue to reopen for Worship, in my mind the theme song from the 1970's tv show "Welcome Back Kotter" plays on repeat. We are still at limited capacity, wearing masks and not everyone is ready to come back just yet and that is alright. But like the buds of spring plants peaking up from the ground, we are beginning to see the sprouts of rebirth emerging in our daily lives. The first Sunday in April is Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord. Never have I felt the depths of Lent and the anticipation for Easter the way that I have this year. A much needed reminder that death is not the end, the tomb is empty and he is risen.

So welcome back! welcome back, welcome back, welcome back!

In Christ,



DEACONS

Deacons will be meeting Thursday,
April 15th at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy extends to Lana Wooden and her family because of the death of her aunt last Tuesday.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Holly Paauwe and her family because of the death of Holly's father, Charles "Chuck" Simpson. Thanks be to God for his life.

Our Christian sympathy goes to the family and friends of Eleanor Janes who died on March 13, 2021. Thanks be to God for her life.

AMAZON SMILE SIGNUP INSTRUCTIONS

These are the steps to follow when signing up for AmazonSmile.

1. Sign-up @ smile.amazon.com and select Irvington Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis (there are a few choices).
2. You can use the Amazon shopping app on you phone or PC. If shopping from an iPad or tablet you need to shop from smile.amazon.com.
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CHURCH OFFICER NEWS

Our new elders, deacons and trustees, will be ordained and installed in worship on Sunday, April 11.

Thank you to those officers whose terms ended on March 31st:

ELDERS

Sherry Guffey
Jacie Cox
Pam Brozan
Frank Hurdis
Jan Schreibman
Eli Shaw
Lynda Dunlevy

DEACONS

Joanna Morse
Joanna Morse
Diane Roudebush
Linda Medlock

TRUSTEES

Lloyd Crain
Jack Simpson
Joe Dial

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

APRIL

4/9--In person 5:30-7 pm Fellowship Hall

4/18--Zoom meeting 5:30pm

RAIN GARDEN

Work on the rain garden will begin by Spotts Garden Center on April 14. After several days of shaping and preparing the ground, work will stop so that the soil can settle. Then, after a week, the planting will begin.

To save money, we invite members of the church to help with planting the shrubs, ornamental grasses, perennials (including trees), as well as laying mulch and sod. Landscape architect and IPC member, Pat Stout, will supervise these plantings. If you would like to help, please call the church. Once the garden is completed, we will dedicate it in memory of Karl Dickersheid.

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, and food brought to my house and the visitations and flowers. The Love from our church in the memory of my husband, Jack, is much appreciated. Especially in this time of election year and the virus.

With this Love we can survive and get back in church.

Love & Prayers,
Mrs. Mary L. Kean

**Thank you to all of the Youth
who provided leadership
during the Youth Sunday
Worship Service on March
21st!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are tentatively planning for an in-person (likely outdoor and socially distanced) VBS this summer. Stay tuned for more details, and let Carolyn know if you'd like to help by emailing clesmeister@irvpresby.org.

HIKE. PRAY. LOVE.

Welcome spring with some hiking and praying at Ft. Harrison State Park on Sunday, April 18, at 3:30. Email Carolyn at clesmeister@irvpresby.org for details on where to meet. Masks required.



PYOCA SUMMER CAMP



PYOCA is planning to have limited in-person summer camps this year. For more information and to register, visit www.pyoca.org. Be sure to let Carolyn know that you have done so so that IPC can cover part of the cost.

EASTER MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is returning to the IPC parking lot! Join us Tuesday, April 6, at 6 p.m. for activities and story-telling for all ages! Please RSVP to Carolyn by Monday, April 5, with the number of people in your household and your Jockamo's order. Masks required.



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JACK'S CORNER

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

I sat down with Reverend Heimach recently and asked him about what he feels are his successes and best memories over his 17 plus years at Irvington Presbyterian Church.

He started with our 100-Year Celebration in 2006. There were dinners, songs and a wonderful worship service that included some former IPC

ministers. He was also very pleased about our Hospitality House which provided low-cost housing for local AmeriCorp workers.

Renovating the pipe organ was also a highlight for him. The organ when he arrived was living on borrowed time. It was about 75 years old. It was the best on the market at the

time we bought it from a New York Company. A new one would cost over a million dollars. Renovation would cost \$330,000, but the improved sound and

lasting legacy was worth the money.

He is also pleased that during his ministry here, four Presbyterian women ministers have served on the staff including Mo Wilson, Liz Kaznak-Hall, Chelsea Benham, and Betsy Wood, in addition to Carolyn Lesmesiter, a Lutheran minister. He loved leading Christ Café and A Slice of Life, where we had some great discussions and lots of laughs, and despite some edgy topics, we always left as friends. He was happy to take part in the start of a Day Care Ministry, which is turning out to be an important mission for the church, possibly even to the point of being enlarged! And, of course, he loves our solar panels which have saved the church about \$4,000 each year.

He has learned more than he ever wanted to know about boilers, leaky roofs, and the maintenance of rental units, although he is pleased the building and grounds are in great shape right now. And though we have lost many beloved members in his years here, we added approximately 200 new members. He is also thankful for our financial strength. Next month we will talk again with Bob on the topic of – well you will have to wait until next month.