

■ February 2021

At this time, we continue to worship online only and will continue to do so until IPC's Session, after consulting various metrics, determines that the risks of in-person worship have subsided enough to allow for us to resume worshipping together with social distancing and mandatory mask precautions. IPC's office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with mandatory mask usage and social distancing.



“VIRTUAL” ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, February 21 following worship. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the meeting will be held as a videoconference on Zoom. Even though it will be an online meeting of the congregation, all of the usual elements of the meeting will be included:

- Receiving the annual reports of all the boards, staff, committees, and groups in the church. The printed annual report will be available for pick up at the church starting on February 15th.
- Receiving the Report of the Stewardship Committee
- Hearing from the Finance Committee about the 2020 finances of the church and the 2021 Budget of the Church.
- Approving the Terms of Call of the pastors.
- Receiving the report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and voting on new officers for 2021.
- Receiving the report from the IPC Endowment Board and voting on new members.



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Per the retirement decision of Rev. Heimach, the meeting will close with a vote of dissolution of the pastoral relationship on April 30, 2021.

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP

Once again, the Irvington Association of Ministers will hold Lenten worship services each Wednesday night in Lent at 7 p.m. Each worship will be held live stream only, from IPC or from Our Lady of Lourdes.

Due to the pandemic, the soup suppers will not be held this year.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOSTING CHURCH</u>	<u>PREACHING</u>
February 17-Ash Wednesday	IPC	Rev. Bob Heimach
February 24	Lourdes	Rev. Maureen Wilson
March 3	IPC	Rev. Alan Blakeburn
March 10	Lourdes	Rev. Melody Merida
March 17	Downey Ave.	Father Rick Ginther
March 24	Downey Ave.	Rev. Courtenay Murakowski

Dear IPC Family,

Well, Hello again February. What a difference a year makes. It was this time last year that I returned to IPC. Foot in my surgery boot and all of us still able to worship together in the Sanctuary. To say it has been a challenging year would be an understatement. But it has not been without moments of grace. And as we are moving towards more people becoming vaccinated (including my parents' hurrah!) and stepping out of very dark period, I hope we can all recognize what it was big or small that kept us going. Was it the cat playing piano for the virtual choir in October? Was it the phone calls or letters for the ladies at L.I.F.T? Was it outdoor, distancing parties when the weather was nice or bundled up long walks talking with a best friend? For me it has been the children of the Irvington Roots and Wings Daycare, who in cold weather come to the church and walk by my office to go play in the Rambler Room. Every time I hear the doors of the elevator open and a stampede of tiny feet come running down the hall, I feel my heart lifted. They all stop and wave saying, "Hi Mo!" in their sweet voices and I drop whatever I'm doing to wave and say hi back. It is without a doubt the best part of my day and it gives that lift of hope and glimmer of light to keep going. For such little people they make an awfully big impact without really even knowing it. It's a great reminder for all of us that what we say and how we act no matter how small can make a difference. And in a community of faith like ours all the small things you all have done for one another and for the staff have added up, building up the body of Christ even in times of darkness. I know we will continue to do so into the future.

In Christ.



INTERIM SEARCH COMMITTEE

At its January meeting, the Session formed a Search Committee to begin the process of seeking an Interim Senior Pastor to fill the position when Rev. Heimach retires. Members of the Interim Search Committee are Chuck Marion, Pam Brozan, Steve Payne, Lynda Dunlevy, Tom Harton and they will be assisted by the Rev. Alan Thames, Executive Presbyterian of Whitewater Valley Presbytery. For an interim pastor, the session is the approving body of the church versus a permanent pastor who must be approved by the congregation. Rev. Heimach will not be involved in the search but question about the process can be directed toward members of the Search Committee or T.J. Hengst, our Clerk of Session.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy goes to Mary Rueff and her family on the death of her brother, Jim Zuverink.

Please also hold the family of Mandy Holzhausen in prayer due to the death of her uncle, Jimmie Edwards.

Please keep Mike Courbat in prayer upon the death of his mother, Marcia Zichkur Courbat.

Continue to hold Mary Kean in your prayers after the death of Jack Kean in December 2020.

Continue to hold Lori Chapman, IPC Administrator, and her daughter, Hannah in prayer as they continue to grieve the death of Lori's father, Bob DeWitt.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Susie Walsh and family on the death of Eloise Guyer.

Please hold Debbie Fravel and family in your prayers on the death of her aunt.



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

2/12--In person 5:30-7 pm Fellowship Hall

2/21--Zoom meeting 5:30pm

MARCH

3/5--In person 5:30-7 pm Fellowship Hall

3/14--Zoom meeting 5:30pm

3/21--Youth Leading 10am Worship

APRIL

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

4/18--Zoom meeting 5:30pm

FAITH AT HOME BOXES

The next round of boxes will focus on the season of Lent and will be delivered in February in time for Ash Wednesday. If your family has not be receiving them and would like to - or if your address has changed - please email Carolyn at clesmeister@irvpresby.org.

ON HIATUS

Both Messy Church and Hike. Pray. Love. will be taking brief breaks over the winter. Hopefully our hiking gatherings can resume in March, even if it's still chilly. Messy Church may need to wait a little bit longer to resume. Stay tuned for updates!

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE COVID 19 VACCINE

Indiana is allowing Hoosiers age 70 years and up to register for their vaccine. There are 12 vaccine sites in Marion Co. Once the state starts to receive larger amounts of the vaccine the next age range of individuals 65-69 years of age will be able to schedule appointments. When registering please be patient when waiting on the telephone or website. Some sites will ask if you want to be on a waiting list to be called if they have extra vaccines left during the day. Below are the steps for registering on the website or calling in to 211. Feel free to contact Denise Harrington at 317-509-7085 with any questions. Please stay safe!

STEP 1--Go to ourshot.in.gov. You can reach the same website by going to coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine.

STEP 2--You will see a red banner near the top of the website. Click the link in the banner. It says "Click here to find a vaccination site and register."

STEP 3--After clicking that link you will see a map of the state with dots for each of the vaccination sites. You will also see a list of vaccination sites by county.

Click one of the dots on the map or select a vaccination site from the list.

STEP 4--Now you should see the vaccination site's location name, address and a link to register. (If you don't see this right away, you may need to click a right-pointing arrow first.) Click the link that says "Click here to register."

STEP 5--That link will take you to a new page where you select the group you belong to. Click the circle for the group you belong to.

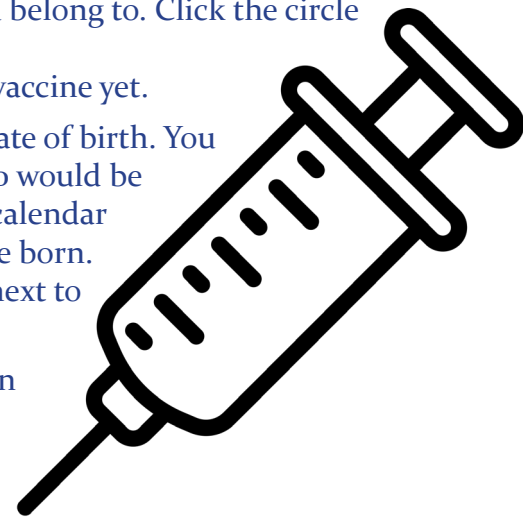
If you don't belong to any of the listed groups, you aren't eligible to receive a vaccine yet.

STEP 6--If you are eligible because of your age, it will ask you to enter your date of birth. You can do this by typing it in using the MM/DD/YYYY format — so April 14, 1950 would be 04/14/1950 — or by clicking the calendar button. That button will open up a calendar where you can toggle through months and years and click on the day you were born.

STEP 7--You must then attest that you meet the eligibility by clicking a box next to the certification statement.

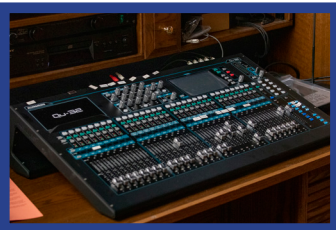
STEP 8--After you click that box, a button will show up that says "Schedule an Appointment." Click it.

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THE END IS NEAR!!

No, thank goodness, I don't mean the end of the world. However, IPC's current three-year Capital Campaign will be ending on February 28, 2021.

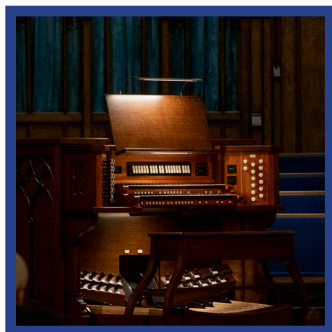


If you pledged to the campaign, now would be a good time to review your giving to make sure you're all caught up.

If you set up automatic

payments to the Capital Campaign either through your personal bank or the Vanco system (via the link on the church's website) you'll need to take action to have them stopped beginning in March 2021.

The Church Treasurer, Bruce Stroud (bfstroud@sbcglobal.net), has identified several members whose automatic Vanco payments were initiated by the previous Church Treasurer, Larry Sipe. For these members, who Larry assisted, Bruce will initiate the action to have these automatic



Vanco payments stopped beginning in March 2021 and will contact these members to confirm that their payments have been stopped.

If you believe

that Larry Sipe initially set up your Capital Campaign automatic Vanco payments on your behalf and if you haven't heard from Bruce by mid-February, please send Bruce an email at the address shown above.

NOTE: If you set up your own automatic Vanco payments to the Capital Campaign, you will need to access the Vanco system via the link on the church's website and cancel these payments yourself.

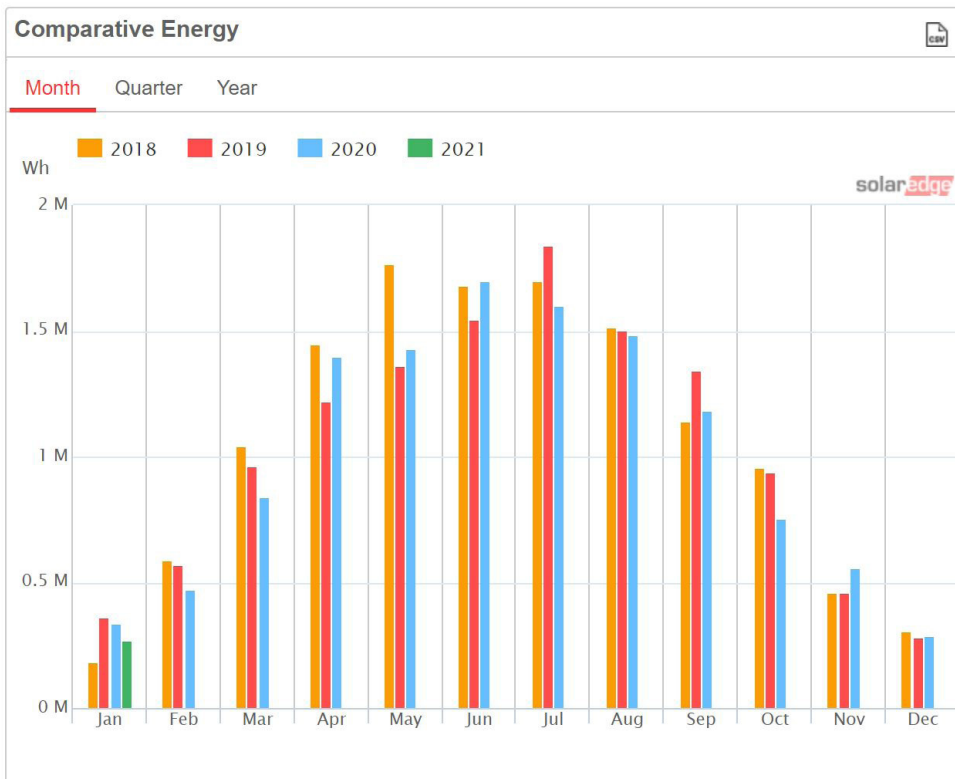
A final report on the success of the Capital Campaign will be provided as a part of the Annual Reports or as a separate report in mid-March 2021.

Phil Parkinson
Chair, Capital Campaign Committee

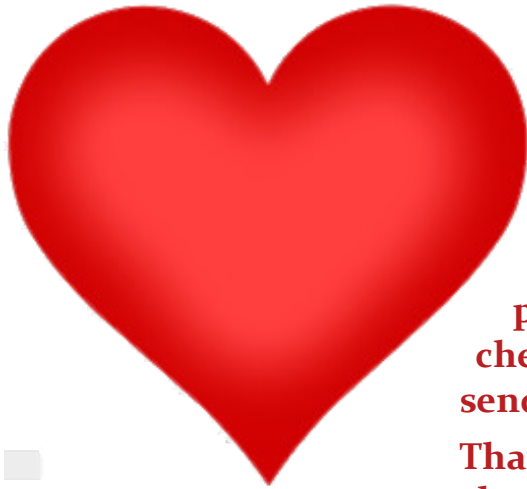


SOLAR PANEL REPORT

Our solar panel output for 2020 was 12.06 Mwh, compared to 12.4 Mwh in 2019 and 12.8 Mwh in 2018. The panels have reduced our electricity bill from a high of almost \$15,000 in 2017 to \$9,992 in 2020, a savings of almost \$5000 per year! Below is the month-to-month comparison for the last three years.



IPC LOVE OFFERING



The annual Love Offering of the IPC Endowment will be received in February, and dedicated on Sunday, February 14th. This offering adds to the corpus amount of the Endowment fund and will serve the church in perpetuity. In 2020, the Endowment provided funds to support the church budget and fund one third of the newly paved parking lot. To contribute a Love Offering gift, please send a check to the church in pink envelope in the newsletter, or just send a check to "IPC Endowment."

Thank you for your ongoing gifts that assure the ministry of this church for many years to come!



COVID Vaccine--Continued from Page 3

STEP 9--The next box will ask you for your ZIP code.

STEP 10--The next page will show you a list of nearby vaccination sites and a map of those sites. The list will show addresses for the sites and its distance from your ZIP code. You may register for a vaccine anywhere in the state. Get the Coronavirus Watch newsletter in your inbox.

Updates on how the coronavirus is affecting your community and the nation

Delivery: Varies

Your Email

If a site does not have any open appointments, it will not let you click the button to schedule it. Once you find the site you want to go to, click the "Schedule an Appointment" button.

STEP 11--The next screen will show you a calendar where you can select days of the week and look for open appointments. You can also click "Find Next Available Appointment."

Once the day is found you can select an available time and click the button that says "Select This Time."

STEP 12

When you go to get vaccinated, be sure to bring a photo ID. This can be a driver's license, a passport or a consular ID.

At the Marion County Public Health Department vaccination site, those who don't have a State ID or drivers license are also encouraged to bring proof of residence such as a bill or pay stub along with any type of photo ID, officials said.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR A COVID SHOT ON THE PHONE

STEP 1--Call 211. It's open between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern time, including weekends.

STEP 2--Select 2 for English or 3 for Spanish.

STEP 3--Enter your five-digit ZIP code.

STEP 4--Select 2 to speak to someone about a COVID-19 vaccine.

You will likely be put on hold after doing this while you wait to speak to a representative.

STEP 5--The representative will walk you through the process of choosing a vaccination site and finding an available time and date.

STEP 6--When you go to get vaccinated, be sure to bring a photo ID.

****Information provided by IndyStar transportation reporter Ethan May*

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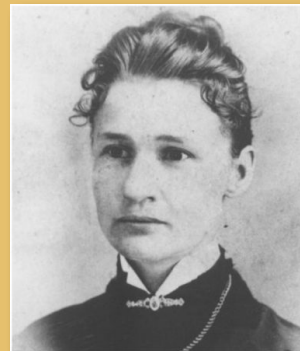
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JACK'S O R N E R

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

This all began as a cruel joke by men in the city of Argonia, Kansas. Back in 1887, women had just got the right to vote in city election. Susanna Salter, a 27-year-old girl lived in the Quaker town of Argonia, Kansas with her husband. She was a strong-on-her views about how society should run.



A Woman's Christian Temperance Union was formed in 1887. Then it wasn't too effective since women could not vote yet. April 4, 1887 was election day and the group's main goal was prohibition of alcohol. A few days before the election the men thought that they would nominate a woman for Mayor to run against their favorite man candidate. This would be funny when the woman lost big. So, Susanna Salter was nominated. She was surprised but did not complain. The day before the election some men met her and said she could drop out so as not to be embarrassed. She told them she would go through with it anyway. So, on election day she won, to the men's surprise. Susanna Madora Salter became the first woman to be elected as mayor and to any political office in the United States. "The Mayor of Argonia, Kansas."