



CONGRATULATIONS,  
GRADUATES!

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## THINGS TO DO AT IPC

As COVID positivity rates continue to rapidly decline and more of us achieve full immunity due to vaccination, several events have been added to the IPC calendar. We urge you to attend these events, invite your neighbors, spread the word via social media, etc. in order to let the community know that despite a year plus of lockdown and few events, Irvington Presbyterian Church is still here and ready to again be a welcoming place.

## SUNDAES ON SUNDAY!



**SUNDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>  
11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.**

**DROP BY THE IRVINGTON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PARKING LOT FOR SOME ICE  
CREAM WITH LOTS OF  
TOPPINGS!**

## PET BLESSING

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>  
11:15 A.M.-1:00 P.M.**



## L.I.F.T. CRAFTING WITH LAVONNE

It's been a long time since we have gathered for an activity but we're going to give it a try. LaVonne Mitchell will be leading us in a craft to be determined soon. Watch for more information to come on supplies needed. We will gather at Kathy Moorhead's home (5315 West Stone Way, New Palestine) on Monday, June 21st 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 have a few folks which will serve you instead of us each handling the serving utensil. We will be outdoors and in the garage with the door up for good air circulation. We will be collecting feminine hygiene products which will be donated to Westminster. Please contact LaVonne Mitchell or Kathy Moorhead if you have any questions.

Mark your Calendar for  
Upcoming Events:  
(Third Monday of Each Month)  
July 19th  
Tentatively Jockamo's  
August 16th  
TBA

## NURSERY & RAMBLER ROOM

Assuming covid continues to trend downward, we plan to re-open the nursery and Rambler “Room” on Sunday, June 13. All volunteers and adults/older children who enter the nursery will be expected to be masked. Babies and infants obviously won’t be. Children from about 2 years old through kindergarten will have the option to be dismissed after Sacred Space and make their way to the playground across the parking lot from the church for some age-appropriate Biblical storytelling and activities. All volunteers will be masked, and we ask that children of this age be masked as much as possible; however, we understand that younger children may not be comfortable with masks yet or may have trouble wearing them appropriately. Social distancing will not be practiced during free play time, although we will do our best to allow for space between children when doing seated activities. If the weather is bad, the Ramblers may move indoors. Snacks will not be offered if we are indoors. We are not currently asking about the vaccination status of any of our volunteers. Please use your own discretion when deciding whether or not to allow your children to participate. They are, of course, always welcome to stay with you in worship! If you have any questions about our safety precautions or anything else related to this, please email Carolyn at [clesmeister@irvpresby.org](mailto:clesmeister@irvpresby.org).

## Dear Presbyterians,

### BLOOM IN JUNE:

Recently, I’ve begun testing the waters of keeping plants. Traditionally, I’ve had a bit of a brown thumb, struggling to keep even a cactus alive. But I’m recommitting myself to blooming in June. With lots of different, flowers, herbs and vegetables seeds already in the ground. It’s a bit nerve racking, waiting and trusting that something will come of the effort. I want to check on the seeds, text them from my phone into the dirt “Are you ok down there? Do you need anything? And you going to come out?” Having patience in times of waiting for growth can be difficult. Especially when we have all been in hibernation for so long. But I have faith that the seeds will bloom in time, little sprouts will grow and become great big tomato plants! I just need to keep tending to them. This month in June at IPC it’s time for us to bloom. We are back to worshiping in the sanctuary, programs are starting up and there is lots to do this month at IPC. This won’t be the lazy, hazy days of summer. We are ready to grow, blossom and bare good fruit of the spirit!



*Mamun*

## STEWARDS OF THE EARTH

God calls upon mankind to be stewards of the Earth and take measures to protect the environment. IPC has made another step towards that goal by installing a new rain garden to the south of the parking lot to capture and retain the parking lot runoff which is filled with debris, dirt, and pollutants. This was accomplished in a few steps. First, the parking lot was regraded as part of the repaving to slope slightly towards the future rain garden. Then sections of the curb had to be cut out to allow the water to enter the rain garden. Lastly, the rain garden was created. Now instead of permitting polluted water to flow down into the street then into the city’s overloaded stormwater drains, the runoff will soak into the soil so sediments settle, pollutants are filtered out naturally, before entering the groundwater and the plants will can absorb nutrients and attract birds and butterflies. While this one rain garden will not rescue the Earth, the Earth needs every little bit of aid it can get. Lastly, a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped ‘pave’ the way for the rain garden, especially Pat Stout, for the design and project management.

Want to create your own rain garden? There is a lot of information online to assist you in the placement, size/shape, and plants. Indiana has a nice guide at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/files/lm-RainGardenManual.pdf>.

The rain garden was dedicated on May 16th in memory of Karl Dickerscheid.  
*Pictures can be found on Page 5.*

## PWC--THERE WILL BE MUMS!

We are glad to announce that there will be mums! Orders will be taken in late summer.

More information will be coming in July's newsletter.

Stay tuned for more news about PWC events. For more information about PWC, contact Betty Thomas.

# WELCOME BACK

WORSHIP TOGETHER IN PERSON

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to Michelle and Eli Eckert in the death of Michelle's mother and Eli's grandmother, Kay Powell.

## IPC SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Come out to support the IPC Softball team at Healthier Hills Baptist Church, 1421 N. German Church Road. Coach Matt Harris predicts we'll be the team to beat.

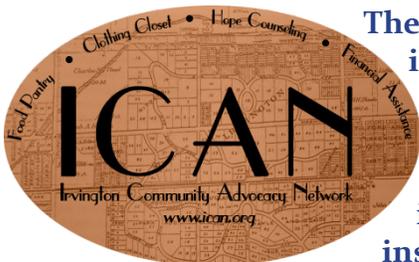


- Tuesday June 1st – 7:30, Field 2
- Monday June 14th – 7:30, Field 2
- Monday June 21st – 6:15 and 7:30, Field 1
- Tuesday June 29th – 6:15 and 7:30, Field 1
- Tuesday July 6th – 6:15, Field 1
- Monday July 12th – 6:15, Field 2 and 7:30, Field 1
- Monday July 19th – 6:15, Field 2

## ICAN Downey Avenue Food Pantry Needs List

The food pantry is in need of the following items. You may place your donation in the bin located inside the East door of IPC by the elevator.

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Crackers—any variety



Meryl Stucky has taken over ordering from Equal Exchange. For all of your fair trade coffee, chocolate, tea, etc. needs, contact Meryl!



# PIZZA Church

Young Adults @IPC

Young adults: Pizza church will resume June 8th at Jockamos at 6pm Childcare will be provided at the church. Contact Maureen to reserve childcare.



# CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



## Samuel Close

*Great grandson of Bernice Cole*

Samuel is graduating from Purdue Polytechnic High School and will attend Purdue University in West Lafayette.

## Paige Dillon

*Granddaughter of Lois Dillon*

Paige is graduating from Washington-Liberty High School in Arlington, VA, and will be studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh.



## Emmy Giddens

*Daughter of Jenny Giddens*

Emmy is graduating from New Palestine High School with an Academic Excellence Award (GPA of 3.7 or higher). She will study biology at Ball State University, possibly in the pre-med or dental track and plans to minor in business.



## Nicole Glenn

*Daughter of Brenda Sipe*

Nicole is graduating from Warren Central High School and will be studying psychology at Ball State University.



## Evie Grimmit

*Granddaughter of Bernice Cole*

Evie is graduating from Herron High School and will be studying photojournalism on a full scholarship at DePaul University.



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## Hannah Braun

*Daughter of Elise Griffin -Braun and Kevin Braun*

Hannah is graduating with highest distinction from IUPUI with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and a dual degree in Special Education. She plans to obtain her teaching license and pursue a teaching position in general education at an elementary school and work toward a master's degree.



## Rachel Lemke Reid

*Daughter of Gail Lemke and Terry Lemke*

Rachel is graduating from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a Master's of Divinity. Rachel, recently married, will be moving to Rochester, New York with her husband, Dan, where she will begin her work as a chaplain.

**Louisville Seminary**

## Elijah Shaw

*Son of Kristin and Craig Shaw*

Eli has graduated magna cum laude from Herron High School. He will be studying Art History at Indiana University with the goal of eventually becoming a museum curator.



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## Ethan Shaw

*Son of Kristin and Craig Shaw*

Ethan has graduated cum laude from Macalester College with a degree in linguistics with a minor in the Arabic section of the Classical Languages Department.



## Kaitlin McDonald

*Daughter of Anne Frangos, Granddaughter of Martha McDonald*

Kaitlin is graduating from the University of Indianapolis with a Master's of Occupational Therapy and received the Leadership Award. She plans to take the board exam and pursue a position in an acute rehab or NICU setting.



## Bethany Wolf

*Daughter of Matt and Kristin Wolf*

Bethany has graduated magna cum laude from Herron High School. She will be studying Music Education and Administration at Manchester University as the recipient



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of the Dean's Scholarship and a vocal audition scholarship from Manchester, and the Kiersten Woodward memorial scholarship from Herron High School.

## JaNia Harrington

*Daughter of Isaac and Denise Harrington.*



JaNia is graduating from Lawrence Central High School with Honors. JaNia has been awarded the President's Award for Academic Honors for maintaining a 3.5 & above GPA, Core 40 Technical Honors, Certification in Entrepreneurship from McKenzie



Career of Innovative and Technology. JaNia will be attending Indiana University Bloomington in the Fall to pursue a Business and Marketing Degree. She has received scholarships from AKA Sorority Omega Mu Chapter as a Debutante and from the Louise Harding Scholarship Program.



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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.

*Over the years Bob and I have had several interesting times. He also told me a few others. One Christmas season, I decided to water the poinsettias in the sanctuary. There had to be well over 200 of them. I*

*went up to Bob's office and asked him*

*to help. Being good-natured, he said sure. When we walked into the Sanctuary and he saw how many (you should have seen the look on his face), where do we start.*

*The only way to get water was to fill the small pitchers. That took about 100 trips by itself. The poinsettias are wrapped in aluminum foil bent over at the top. We found out if you didn't*

*pull the foil back enough, the water would run out on the carpeting. Well, we ended up after, on hands and knees, with towels trying to dry the carpeting, which was very wet. Also there were poinsettias sitting on the top of the organ. Well, we watered the organ. Another time when we had an evening service, I helped set up the service. I couldn't find the Communion table. With about 10 minutes before*

*service, I found an ironing board and set it up with all the Communion elements. You should have seen Bob's face when he walked into the sanctuary. "We can't have Communion on an ironing board" he yelled. Another time, when the organist was playing during the service, one chord got stuck and would not go off. Bob had to climb up a small hole*

*in the ceiling and stuff the sweater he was wearing in the pipe to muffle it until it could be fixed.*

*There's more to come next month.*

