



## IPC STAFF CHANGES

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## Rove: [ˈrōv]; to wander with purpose but without path

In my pre-college career as a lifeguard, I had the chance to work with several fascinating people: from Rossco, who taught me how to control the pool with a death-stare that would stop troublemakers in their tracks; to

Lissa who drove in to help me after I rolled the entire pool cover—still rolled up, cart and all—into the water... and didn't tell anyone I'd done it; to Anne Marie, who was silently standing right behind me as I made fun of her car and used that as a guilt-trip when she needed me to work early shifts. Anne Marie also liked to use the word "rove" in our performance evaluations.

"Lifeguarding requires a certain amount of movement around the pool while constantly scanning the area with your eyes," she would say. "Walking is too fast; roaming is too free-range and boundless; I need you to meander with purpose but without path. I need you to 'rove'."

In Lent, this year, we will be wandering with Peter, roving toward Christ's resurrection while lingering in Lent, attempting to gain alignment with God. Through artistic reflections, study of Scripture, and worship, we are invited to acknowledge the many places that make up our faith journey – newness, excitement, mountaintop highs, fear-filled questions, sorrow, denial, apathy, pain, restoration, experienced hope... And we will get to see many of those expressions of faith as we journey with the disciple known as Simon Peter, all with the intent of finding how our own faith lives should, could, or might become more aligned with God's will.

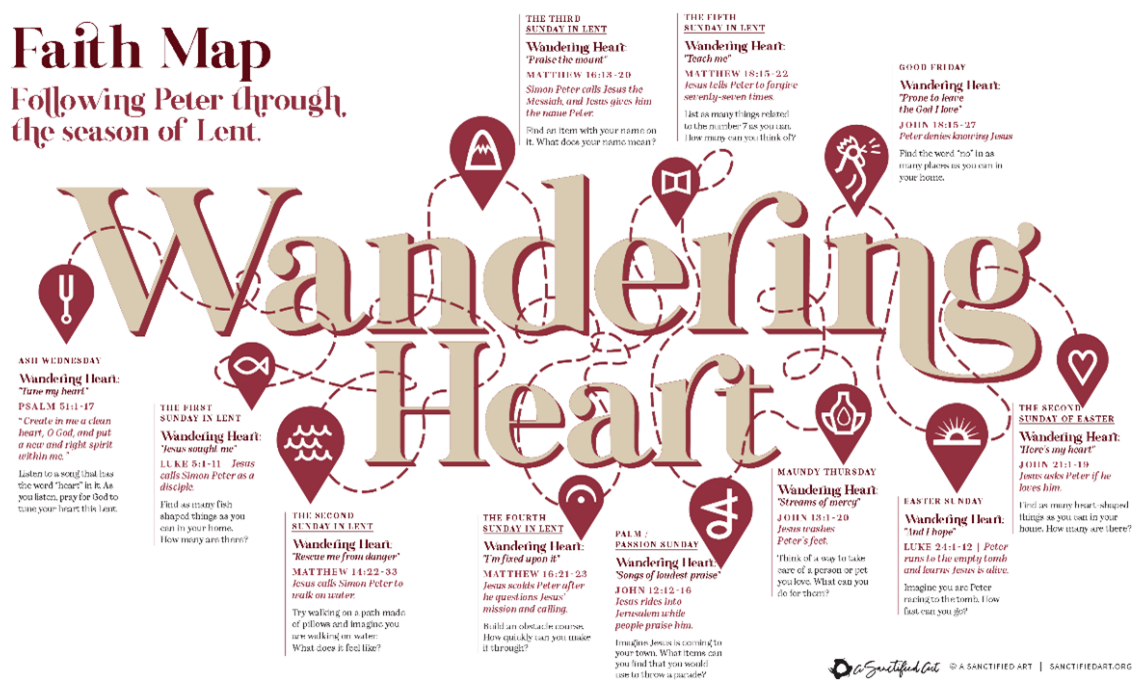
So, wander—or rove—with us. It's a journey of a lifetime and, as a church, we're in it together.

Wondering and wandering with purpose, and grateful to do it with you,

Rev. Dr. Jon Reinink

## Faith Map

Following Peter through the season of Lent.



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## ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 14th at 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm

This 30-minute service of reflection and prayer will call us to tune our hearts—much like the tuning of an orchestra before a performance—so the cacophony of our lives might coalesce into something beautiful and aligned with God's will for our individual and collective lives.

Join us as we wander through Lent together, reminded of our brokenness but strengthened by our connectedness.



## ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, February 25th, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held following worship. Items of business to be considered include a review of the Annual Report, the 2023 Budget, terms of call, and a report from the Nominating Committee will be heard. All members of the church are invited to remain in the pews and take part in the meeting.

## STAFFING UPDATES

**HANNAH BRAUN** | Hannah has been one of the most consistent faces of leadership at IPC through the years of the pandemic and leadership transitions. In her role as Interim Director of Christian Education, she modeled a readiness to serve and teach our youngest members that provided continuity and familiarity in a time when that was especially important. Hannah will finish her time as Interim Director on February 1st but has been asked to continue teaching and shaping the hearts and minds of our preschool children. In appreciation for her work and as a way of contributing to her continued growth as an educator, Session has helped pay for Hannah's participation at the Association of Partners in Christian Education conference in late January.

**MANDY HOLZHAUSEN** | Several months ago, Mandy graciously accepted the offer to become the Youth Group Director, removing "Interim" from her title. Mandy, with her husband and right-hand man, Steve, has shepherded activities that are often-fun-and-always-genuine while providing the continuity of leadership that, together, have proven to be a powerful combination. We are grateful for Mandy (& Steve) and for the ways that the youth are formed by and are forming our church!

**THE REV. LIZ KAZNAK-HALL** | Following our church's by-laws, as part of transitioning to having a new Senior Pastor, Pastor Liz's Parish Associate role was dissolved in September. She has used these months to focus on her full-time work with the A. W. Clowes Foundation, but she and her family look forward to participating in the life of our church in the months and years to come.

**THE REV. ROBERT B. MCAULAY, JR.** | A familiar and friendly face to many of you, Pastor Bob accepted the offer to serve as a Parish Associate in December. He will be among those who may provide pastoral care as the opportunities arise (and when he is not traveling as part of his well-earned retirement!).

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## FEBRUARY YOUTH NEWS

This year we started a Youth group talking about self-worth, actively trying to see ourselves with the same love that God sees us. We also learned that God's love is unconditional, we can't stop God from loving us even if we tried. Of course, there was yummy food, games and laughter mixed in with our discussions.

Below are some save the dates for upcoming events. For up-to-date information and pictures follow us on Instagram @irvpresbyyouth.

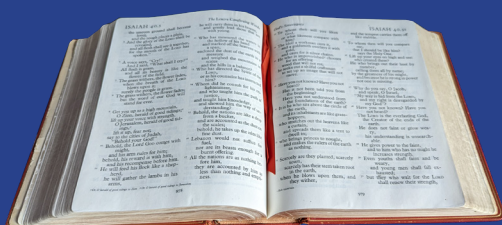
FEBRUARY 4 YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7:30

FEBRUARY 11 NO YOUTH GROUP

FEBRUARY 13 PANCAKE DINNER 5:00-7:30

FEBRUARY 25 YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7:30

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Please join us the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor for the Women's Bible study led by Rev. Wilson. All Are Welcome!

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Parlor. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Steve Payne.

## THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to Betty Thomas, Shirley Sheeks, Ada Parkinson, Steve Lewis, Peter Stockwell, LaVonne Mitchell, TJ Hengst, Frank Hurdis, John Mitchell, Kevin Moorhead, Janet Wilzbacher, and Kathy Moorhead for their quick work in Unhanging the Greens.



**IPC ENDOWMENT - LOVE OFFERING**  
Each year, on the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day, the IPC Endowment collects an offering to help build the corpus of the fund. We call it the Love Offering as a reminder of the many gifts that have grown this fund out of the love of this church. You will find an offering envelope in this newsletter, and we invite you to take part in this offering during worship on Sunday, February 11th. Whether you contribute \$5 or \$500, your gift will serve this church in perpetuity. Thank you for all your gifts!



THE IRVINGTON ASSOCIATION OF MINISTERS'

# wednesday lenten services

weekly @ 6:00 PM

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FEB

@ GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

6810 E 10TH ST, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46219

PREACHING: REV. DR. JON REININK, IPC

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FEB

@ DOWNEY AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

111 S DOWNEY AVE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46219

PREACHING: REV. DENISE ROBINSON, IUMC

6  
MAR

@ IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

55 JOHNSON AVE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46219

PREACHING: FR. RICK GINTHER, OLL

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MAR

@ ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8320 E 10TH ST, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46219

PREACHING: REV. MELODY MERIDA, DACC

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MAR

@ IRVINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

30 N AUDUBON RD, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46219

PREACHING: REV. LEE WELKER, GLC

food.

*Join us!*

fellowship.

faith.

for a warm soup meal,

to break bread with  
someone new, and

in worship as many parts  
of Christ's one body



*The Art of Lent*

*February 18 to*

*March 24, 2024*

*Sundays at 9:00 am*

*in the Parlor with Pastor Jon*

We will journey through the season of Lent focusing on the feature artwork that will be used as part of our Sunday worship services.

Created to follow the theme Wandering Heart, pieces are visual meditations that will provide depth and unique perspectives on each week's focus scriptures. So, join us as we wander through the beautiful, the inspiring, and the compelling presented each week!



## IRVINGTON ROOTS AND WINGS

What is justice? What is hope? These are the questions our TWO-YEAR OLDS asked as we read books about MLK Jr this January. Roots and Wings kiddos are making plans for a future that is fair for ALL, despite our differences.



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## SAFE HARBOR

What is Safe Harbor? We are a fellowship group of members and friends of IPC formed in the mid-80's by Associate Pastor Vince Alig. We normally get together on the third Saturday of the month to enjoy our time together in various activities. Those activities have varied over the years including gathering at someone's home for snacks and a game night; attending plays or musicals; attempting a scavenger hunt; a weekend of camping in Brown County; and movie or dinner nights. Watch for our upcoming activities in the church publications. If you would like more information, contact David Owen, [daviddpu81@yahoo.com](mailto:daviddpu81@yahoo.com). Come join us any time!



Living  
In  
Fellowship  
Together

## JOCKAMO'S TASTING PARTY

Jockamo's private back room has been reserved for a tasting party of various pizzas, salad and drinks. We will be sampling both white and red wines; and pitchers of water, iced tea and soft drinks will also be available. The cost will be \$22 per person (tip included).



Mark your calendar for a fun evening of fellowship! We will gather on Monday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m. Women of all ages are welcome and please feel free to invite a friend to join us – the more the merrier! We will be collecting feminine hygiene products for Westminster. Please let Pat Lewis (pmlcewis@yahoo.com) or Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) know if you will be attending.

ICAN DOWNEY AVENUE FOOD PANTRY is receiving all contributions with a special request for: canned goods, toothpaste, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, body soap, peanut butter, and reusable bags. Financial gifts are always appreciated.

# CAN YOU HELP?

**The ICAN Food Pantry is urgently seeking volunteers**

**1 person for bread pickup and delivery the second week of each month**

**3 people to be in charge for one assigned Thursday each month. Easy training, experienced team and little to no physical work**

**Get in touch at:  
foodpantry@downeyavenue.com or  
leave message 317-936-9639**

## CREATING WITH MANDY Monday, January 15th



## YOUNG ADULTS

Pizza Church will become PANCAKE CHURCH in February as young adults will be attending the Youth Pancake Supper Fundraiser on February 13th. Watch for more information in the bulletin and on the IPC website.





## 2024 IPC Adult Retreat Exploring the Sacraments



# Fat Tuesday All-You-Care-To-Eat Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

6:00-8:00 PM

IPC Fellowship Hall

Learn about  
past mission  
trips and  
the upcoming  
mission trip.

Suggested donation  
is \$5 per person.

Money raised will  
go to support  
the Ecumenical  
Intergenerational  
Mission Trip to  
Kentucky from  
July 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> to

*Horanna Industries*  
near Pittsburg, PA.

Food  
prepared  
and  
served  
by the  
Youth  
Group!



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**DR. WEBB PARKER** | Dr. Parker’s participation in the life of IPC is not necessarily changing, as much as it is being formally recognized and compensated, now that the Irvington Arts Collective—an outreach of IPC—has officially launched. Webb will continue to serve as the Director of Music at IPC but has added to his title the Founding Artistic & Executive Director of the Irvington Arts Collective (IAC). The IAC started weekly rehearsals of its core program, Harmony Collected Community Chorus, on Monday, January 22nd, and has many other activities taking shape as it seeks to serve Irvington and the East side. We celebrate with Dr. Parker as he leads this ever-growing outreach!

**BRUCE STROUD** | Bruce has given notice of his desire to retire as the Treasurer of Irvington Presbyterian Church. We are deeply grateful for his service, especially through the pastoral transitions in recent months. Bruce has graciously agreed to stay until early March to permit time for a new Treasurer to be hired and trained before he trades his accounting visor for sunglasses and enjoys his well-deserved retirement. (Do you know of a potential part-time Treasurer? Contact the Church office for more details.)

**THE REV. MAUREEN WILSON** | February 1st marks the end of our contract with Designated Associate Pastor Mo. Pastor Mo has been one of the central threads of consistency for this congregation and its leadership, even though her actual position and title rarely remained static for long. For her flexibility in service, readiness to minister, stability in presence, and overall leadership through transitional times, we owe Pastor Mo a debt of gratitude.

February 1st also marks the introduction of a new role. In response to the congregation’s strong desire to see intentional engagement with the Irvington community and interest in broadening the scope and impact of Christian Education, the Personnel Committee spent several weeks discerning what staffing solution would best meet those needs and fit our budget. In December, Session approved the job description for a 25-hr/wk Director of Faith Formation & Community Engagement and hired Rev. Wilson to fill that role upon the fulfillment of her current contract.

This is a significant transition for Irvington Presbyterian Church: we will have only one full-time pastor! Our church leadership believes that this arrangement is the way to balance our financial capacity, with the call we feel to intentionally focus on spiritual development and on relationship building with our neighbors. We are grateful that Pastor Mo is excited to focus on these specific ministries and that she felt moved to serve in this part-time role. We are blessed to have other several pastors in our community who support us, both formally and informally, and outstanding staff members who are creative, pastoral, and deeply invested in their work. The hope is that you might see these changes and notice with us the new possibilities and opportunities that will begin to spring up! Help us notice where God is at work and join in where you see things might be straining to keep up. We are an ever-changing institution in a quick-moving world; as much as it can be hard to keep up with all that is changing around us, churches who are willing to keep trying new things are the ones who find new and incredible ways of showing God’s love to the world. So be encouraged, friends! What a blessing to have so much newness springing up all around us!



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## JACK'S O R N E R

### A HOLIDAY TO REMEMBER

This is a heart-warming story about a women's holiday journey from a gift from a granddaughter to her grandmother. Her grandfather said she has good and bad days. She

was just sitting there with a blank stare on her face. Her granddaughter had an idea. She helped her out of the chair and walked to the garage. There she took the tarp off their old car that the grandparents used to drive. As soon as they passed the high school where they met, she came out of her autism fog. She started talking about where she met her husband. The more they drove she recognized the neighborhood, remembering the businesses that used to be there. She carried on the conversation like normal. They then passed a place where the granddaughter said this is where you got your first kiss from grandfather. She said heavens no., he was too bashful -- So

I kissed him. Her mind was back to normal. Grandfather said she is still the most loving person. When they got back to the house both grandparents hugged and kissed. Then they had a normal Christmas dinner with all the family. She had remembered her past experiences and names. Was it a miracle from God?

