



TIMELINE OF THE 2020 PANDEMIC AT IPC:

March 15 – People urged to stay home from worship because of the virus. Last worship service in the sanctuary with about 30 in attendance.

March 22 – Live stream only worship from the Parlor.

March 23 – Complete shut-down of the building and staff told to stay home.

March 24 – First-ever, Zoom only Session meeting for IPC.

April 5 – Final worship in the Parlor. New Sound System completed and move to begin live stream in the sanctuary.

April 9 – Maundy Thursday. First communion service held during pandemic.

April 12 – First time in the history of IPC that congregation was asked to stay home for Easter worship.

April 15 – Beginning of Wednesday Night Live program live streaming from the Parlor.

April 19 – New members received by Zoom video and replayed in worship.

April 26 – New elders, deacons and trustees ordained and installed by Zoom video and replayed in worship.

May 1 – Federal Payroll Protection Plan payment received to ensure payment of IPC staff from May-June.

June 14 – Photographs of IPC members placed in sanctuary.

June 23 – Session decision to reopen sanctuary to worship on July 19, pending continued decline in COVID-19 cases.

Open for Worship Sunday, July 19th

“Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,”
--(Psalm 96.11)

If...the number of COVID-19 cases continue to decline in Indiana and
...and if people are willing to abide by precautions,

Session has approved reopening the sanctuary for worship on Sunday, July 19. Here are the details:

- Due to the rearrangement of seating to ensure physical distancing, it is necessary to reserve a spot in worship. Call the church at 317-356-7225 to make your reservation. Once the 10 a.m. service is full, seats will be reserved for a possible 11:15 a.m. service. Live streaming of our 10 a.m. service will continue.
- If you are ill or have underlying health conditions, please remain home.
- Please enter by the south doors unless you need use of the elevator.
- Masks are required. If you don't have a mask, the church will provide one.
- For now, there will be no singing, due to the possible spread of the virus.
- The Nursery and Rambler Room will be closed.
- The IPC Bus will not be able to pick-up people yet.
- Following worship, people will be asked to leave by aisles to prevent gatherings inside the church.
- Additional precautions can be found on the church website.

PARKING LOT REPAVING

Bids are being received now for the repaving of the parking lot next to the church which will, hopefully, be completed by the end of the summer. Funding for the repaving is expected to be split equally among three sources in the church:

- The Frances Leckey Fund
- Proceeds from the sale of the Hospitality House
- The IPC Endowment.

Advance notice will be given to everyone so that there will be no disruption for church activities or the Irvington Roots & Wings Day Care.

PLEDGE/GIVING STATEMENTS

The Finance Committee has decided to not print Pledge/Giving Statements until the end of each year. Previously, statements were handed out or mailed on a quarterly basis. Personal statements are, however, available to anyone upon request. Please call the church office and a statement can be mailed or emailed to you.

ICAN FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

The ICAN Food Pantry would appreciate any and all donations. Below are suggestions of the items they would appreciate.

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| • Bars of soap | • Canned Fruit |
| • Soup | • Kleenex |
| • Sanitizing wipes | • Cereal |
| • Toilet Paper | • Mac n' Cheese |
| | • Tuna |



HELLO PRESBYTERIANS,

Though I never thought of myself as an alarmist, I am sounding an alarm now. As much as we all want to get back to worship, if cases of the virus start rising in the area, we will have to rescind our reopening decision.

Nobody wants to do this, least of all me. If you remember, even in the worst blizzards, ice storms and plagues of locusts, I still wanted to keep the doors of the church open. Once I even received a nasty phone call from someone saying that I just wanted to stay open so that people would bring in their offerings. Well, no, not at all. (In fact, the last few months have proven that it will take more than closed doors to stop you from sending in your offerings!)

Instead, I want to keep the doors open so that we can worship together. Worship, to me, is the one hour of the week to fully release my joys and my concerns and open myself to God. Yes, I should let it happen more than Sunday morning. But Sunday morning is the time I know it will happen. And when the doors are closed, I struggle to experience that same relationship with God.

So, I want to reopen. But more than that, I want everyone to be safe. And if that means keeping the doors closed for another couple weeks or months, then so be it.

Maybe July 19th will be the date. I hope so. If not, it will be another date. But if you are safe, and I am safe, that to me is ... God taking care of us.

In God's love,

Bob



What really went on behind the scenes at Wednesday Night Live!

LEARNING TREE FOR SCHOOL #57

What will school look like when children return on August 3rd? Teachers, staff, parents, and children are planning and preparing to return to the important business of learning. How can we support our neighborhood children at School #57 in this challenging time? This is where the Learning Tree comes in. For the past 13 years, IPC has provided constant support. The teachers, parents and children have been so appreciative of all the school supplies that have been donated but even more appreciative of our presence. IPC's commitment to our community is more than just school supplies; it is that we value School #57 and their important work.

With the current situation due to Covid-19, we will not be having the Learning Tree in the traditional manner. The principal, Ms. Campbell, shared that with the current circumstances the following items would be most beneficial for the students:

- Pencils – children will not be allowed to share
- Pencil sharpeners – handheld
- Dry erase markers
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Large pink erasers
- Regular markers
- Pencil boxes
- Clorox/Lysol wipes
- Hand sanitizer

PAPER AND FOLDERS WILL NOT BE NEEDED THIS YEAR.

During the month of July, we will be collecting these school supplies.

All items need to be at IPC by July 26th. The school supplies will be delivered before school starts in August. If you would prefer to make a donation, please note in the memo section of your check "Learning Tree". If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Moorhead at 430-3402. Let's help our neighborhood children start the school year prepared to learn.

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In
Fellowship
Together

PARKING LOT PICNIC

Our last parking lot picnic was such a success; we're going to do it again. We will be following social distancing recommendations and meeting at the church parking lot on Monday, July 20th at 6:30 pm. Please bring your lawn chair, your beverage and snack/dinner. The plan is just a chance to see each other in person and catch up on life.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Monday, July 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the IPC parking lot for a fun evening of fellowship. Women of all ages are welcome and please feel free to invite a friend to join us – the more the merrier! Contact Kathy Moorhead if you have any questions.



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WHAT'S THE BUZZZZZZZZ?

The IPC honeybees are bee-sily doing their thing behind the mowing garage. Though out of sight and generally out of mind, we anticipate some delicious IPC honey is being produced in the hive. Thank you to chief beekeeper, Meryl Stuckey, for supervising the bees!

TOMATOES, TOMATOES

The IPC Garden will soon be filled with lush, juicy tomatoes ready for the picking. These tomatoes will be harvested and given to the ICAN Food Pantry for distribution.

