

■ September 2020

Irvington Presbyterian Church presents...

# Starry Night Cinema

Admission cost is a canned or non-perishable food item for the ICAN Food Bank.

Feel free to bring snacks. No alcoholic beverages, please.

The movies will be shown in the east parking lot, so bring your chairs or blankets for seating.

Saturday, September 19th  
"Frozen 2"

Disney  
**FROZEN II**

The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

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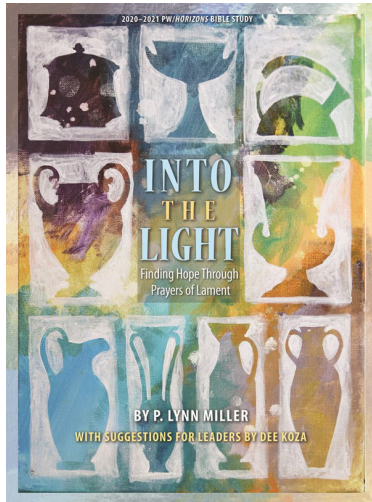
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## PW BIBLE STUDY

*Coming soon!*

Though our Presbyterian Women will not be meeting in person for quite some time, their annual PW Bible Study will still be available to them...and to everyone. This year, Rev. Heimach will lead the Bible Study by recorded video and post the videos on the IPC website. Each month a new lesson will be posted, and everyone will have access to the recordings.



This year PW/ Horizons Bible Study is "Into the Light: Finding

Hope Through Prayers of Lament." Each lesson will focus on an aspect of lament found in scripture. While we all navigate through the pandemic, economic decline and social upheaval, the spiritual discipline of practicing lament can provide relief and hope to us. Whether you are a regular PW member or just interested in learning more about lament, please look for these videos on the website.

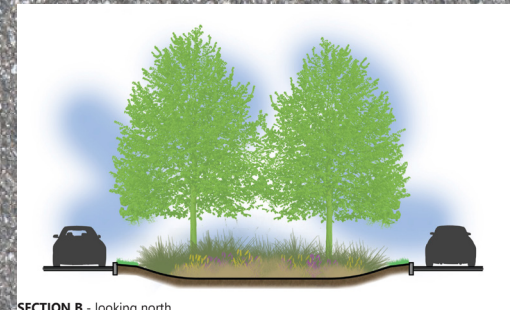
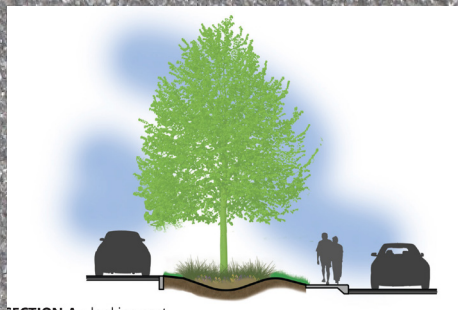
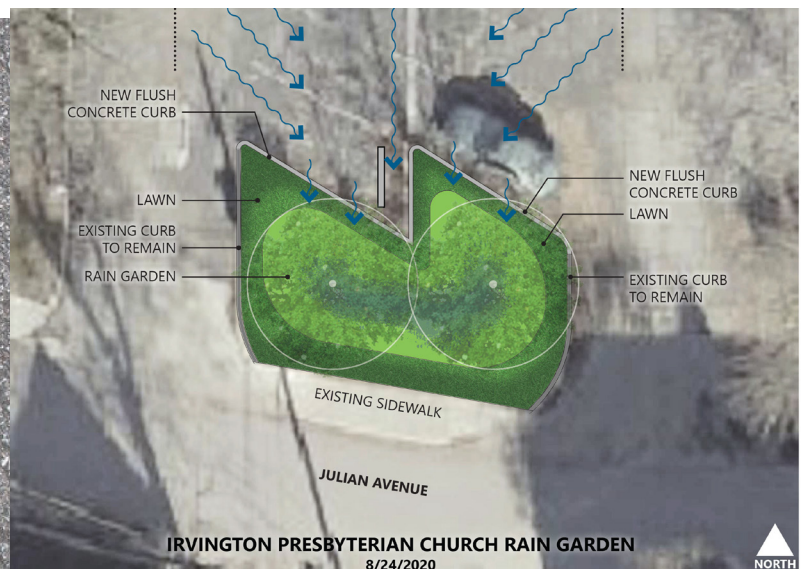
Anyone can order single issues of the Bible study by calling Gail McNierney at 317-861-3967.

## PARKING LOT & MORE

After receiving six bids from asphalt repaving contractors, the Board of Trustees and Session approved Dorsey Paving, Inc. to repave the west parking lot of the church, starting on September 15. The repaving will be paid for in a three-way split between:

- The IPC Endowment,
- Church investments,
- A parking reserve fund of the trustees.

Session also approved establishing a rain garden in the island between the entrance and the exit of the parking lot off Julian Avenue. The parking lot will be sloped so that the majority of the rain run-off water will soak into the rain garden instead of being carried into the street and the sewer system, eventually going into the river. Session sees this as a great "green" solution that prevents the seepage of chemicals from the asphalt into the river system.



## Dear Presbyterians,

Rally Day this year will be a bit different, to say the least. Imagine a Rally Day without children running/walking in the halls, without a nursery, without Sunday School, and without a Coffee Hour of donut holes, coffee cake and little crunchy orange fish snacks.

So, we can wring our hands and whine about poor, poor pitiful us, or we can take up the challenge and do something different on Rally Day.

For instance, how about:

- Joining Christ's Café on Zoom. 45 minutes of discussion about important issues of faith and life. Christian education did not end when the pandemic began. So, join us.
- Calling an IPC family with kids and asking how they are doing.
- Calling Amy Studabaker and joining our virtual choir. Amy could even make me sound like a Ten-Star Tenor. Go ahead and try it.
- Offering to lead a Sacred Space moment in worship. You could even video yourself and send it to Craig. Heck, I'll even teach you the hand motions.
- Weeding around the church. Weeds didn't stop growing when the pandemic began.
- Buying some Fair Trade chocolate like you have been planning to do ever since March. It is September, you know.
- Sending our Live Stream worship links to friends or family members who are just sitting around on Sunday morning. Evangelism didn't stop when the pandemic began. (Are you getting the idea here?)

Rally Day can be every Sunday this September. Shake up yourself and do something different than you have been doing since March.

Remember, God and church didn't stop when the pandemic began.

In Christ's peace,



## IPC FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Finance Committee and Session are greatly encouraged that during these uncertain times that the congregation has stayed consistent with their contributions. In fact, as of the end of July, the congregation is ahead in their giving pattern, \$133,737 compared to a budget expectation of \$125,667. With these contributions and lower expenses due to the closing of the building for so long, the church budget shows a surplus of \$56,188 in July, compared to a July 2019 deficit of \$36,354.

Of particular interest to some (namely, Rev. Heimach), the Year to Date electricity expense is only \$4061 which is \$3500 less than forecasted. Solar panel electricity production continues to provide a good measure of this savings.

The Pandemic Relief fund is at \$7,238 and is available to IPC members who have financial needs due to the economic decline caused by the pandemic. Congregation members can contact either pastor for more information about this.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the church during this difficult time!

### IPL Usage and Cost

Month	Kwh Usage 2016	Kwh Usage 2017	Kwh Usage 2018	Kwh Usage 2019	Kwh Usage 2020	Cost 2016	Cost 2017	Cost 2018	Cost 2019	Cost 2020
1/13-2/11	9280	8400	7040	6640	6080	\$ 1,089.23	\$ 931.11	\$ 788.97	\$ 724.92	\$ 662.57
2/11-3/14	8960	7680	5760	5360	6480	\$ 1,111.65	\$ 845.46	\$ 687.89	\$ 623.38	\$ 693.23
3/14-4/12	6800	7760	5280	5440	4240	\$ 787.44	\$ 862.08	\$ 625.17	\$ 630.76	\$ 459.99
4/12-5/11	8720	9360	8560	5440	2480	\$ 1,010.38	\$ 1,014.38	\$ 962.24	\$ 623.38	\$ 254.11
5/11/-6/13	15360	16720	15040	9600	5360	\$ 1,549.41	\$ 1,662.15	\$ 1,556.70	\$ 976.42	\$ 590.36
6/13-7-13	18160	19280	16800	17200	15360	\$ 1,813.10	\$ 1,922.76	\$ 1,793.74	\$ 1,660.44	\$ 1,452.42
7/13-8/14	20880	20160	15360	19680	13840	\$ 2,053.52	\$ 2,004.89	\$ 1,650.57	\$ 1,881.32	\$ 1,321.41
8/14-9/13	19360	15120	11040	14080		\$ 1,902.96	\$ 1,611.91	\$ 1,173.81	\$ 1,374.20	
9/13-10/12	11680	13600	9520	12240		\$ 1,291.73	\$ 1,446.78	\$ 1,027.53	\$ 1,210.01	
10/12-11/10	8240	8080	5920	5600		\$ 971.51	\$ 921.58	\$ 685.67	\$ 623.30	
11/10-12/13	9040	7440	7440	6160		\$ 1,062.12	\$ 836.49	\$ 820.74	\$ 661.14	
12/13/16-1/13/17	8640	7680	7680	6400		\$ 954.16	\$ 859.51	\$ 818.33	\$ 681.90	
							\$ 14,919.10	\$ 12,591.36	\$ 11,671.17	\$ 5,434.09



## MEXICO MISSION

The cancellation of the Irvington Halloween Festival has eliminated our chance to raise funds for our annual Mexico mission fund. Or has it?



During October, the Mission Committee invites people to contribute to the Mexico Mission fund what they would have spent at the Fish Fry. Though your \$10 or \$20 fish dinner last year was good incentive to donate, the memory of it is still good incentive to donate. The added incentive is a Special Encore performance of Wednesday Night Live on Wednesday, October 28 at 7 p.m. The WNL show will focus on the Mexico mission over the past 20 years and include interview with Mexico alumni and a special music presentation.

Please remember our brothers and sisters in Reynosa and assist us in assisting them. Thank you for all your contributions!

## LEARNING TREE FOR SCHOOL #57

IPC you have done it again!!! This year was the 14th year for collecting school supplies. It certainly was different this year due to the Covid-19 virus, but you came through to support School #57. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the children, parents, and staff. You provided pencils, erasers, markers, crayons, pencil boxes and so much more for the students at School #57. Thank you for assisting our neighborhood children in starting this school year ready to learn.

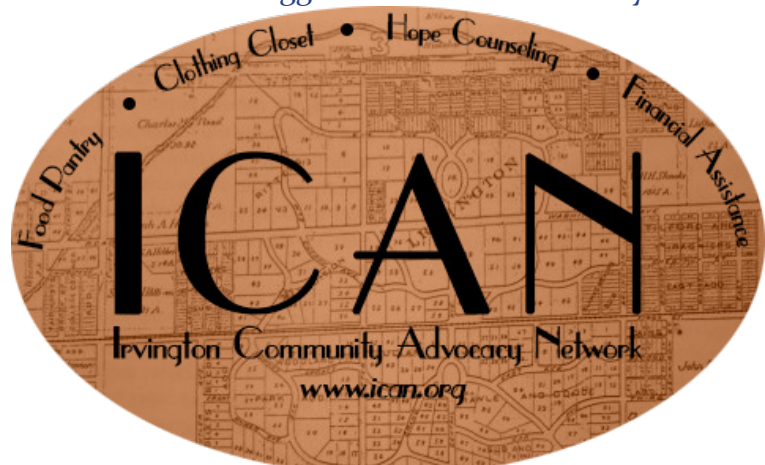
**LEARNING TREE**  
*Thank you!*  
**The Mission Committee**  
*thanks everyone who contributed school supplies to School 57 this year. Special thanks to Kathy Moorhead for spearheading the effort to assist the children and teachers.*  
*Thank you, Kathy!*



## ICAN FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

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

- Bars of soap
- Soup
- Sanitizing wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Canned Fruit
- Kleenex
- Cereal
- Mac n' Cheese
- Tuna
- Paper grocery sacks with handles



## THE COMPLETE PIANO SONATAS

All concerts are live-streamed on Sundays at 7 p.m. from the Eidson-Duckwall Recital Hall. For complete program details, including program notes and bios, go to <https://www.butler.edu/jca/beethoven>

### September 20, 2020 Op. 7 in E-flat Major

Tiantian Liang, Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music  
Op. 78 in F-sharp Major ("À Thérèse")

Meghan Bartsch, Butler University  
Op. 81a in E-flat Major ("Das Lebewohl")

Hamilton Tescarollo, Purdue

University-Fort Wayne  
Op. 79 in G Major ("Cuckoo")  
Geoffrey Stemen, Butler University

The joint recital will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN at 10/04 at 3pm Indianapolis Time.

## BAPTISM COMING!

Our first pandemic baptism is scheduled for

September 20 when Scott and Emeline (Hansen) Thompson will present Caroline Elizabeth Thompson for the sacrament. Caroline was born April 4, 2020. Congratulations to all!



### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy goes to the family of IPC members,  
Dorothy Hayes, who died July 27, 2020  
Jan Roberts, who died August 10, 2020  
Paden Storms, who died August 24, 2020

## MUSIC NOTES

**THANK YOU** to our wonderful members who provided special music this summer, especially under our unique circumstances. We loved seeing you make music from your homes, and we are so appreciative of the encouragement and inspiration it provided to the rest of our congregation. We love the musicians of our church!

Amy Studabaker  
Choir, Handbell, and Children's Choir  
Director

**ADULT CHOIR AND HANDBELLS** will begin meeting once a month for fellowship and virtual music planning. See Amy's emails for details. If you are interested in being a new member of the chancel or handbell choir, please contact Amy at [amystudabaker@gmail.com](mailto:amystudabaker@gmail.com).

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will also have some upcoming activities. Though we will not plan to meet in person, our young singers can help to contribute to our upcoming virtual choirs. We've gotten so much enjoyment seeing the kids weekly singing in our gathering and closing songs for sacred space, but we may be due for an update on the videos we made in March. If you would like to participate, and you are not on Amy's Children's Choir email list, please send Amy an email: [amystudabaker@gmail.com](mailto:amystudabaker@gmail.com).



## BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADERS

Bibles for third graders will be delivered with October's boxes, and we ask that recipients please send us a picture of their child with the Bible so that we may acknowledge them during worship. If you have a third grader in your life (or an older child who has not yet received a Bible from the church), please email Carolyn Lesmeister at [clesmeister@irvpresby.org](mailto:clesmeister@irvpresby.org) if you have not yet done so.

## OCTOBER FAITH AT HOMEBOXES

October's Faith at Home box will focus on prayer, featuring easy ways for your family to incorporate prayer into your daily lives. If you have not been receiving boxes and would like to, or if you have been receiving boxes and would like to skip October's, please email Carolyn at [clesmeister@irvpresby.org](mailto:clesmeister@irvpresby.org).

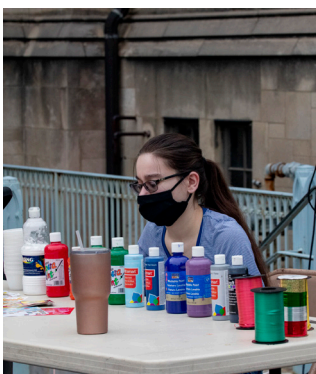
## PWC--NO MUMS THIS YEAR

As with all the many changes this year, the PWC has decided not to have their annual Country Fair and Mum Sale this October. Hopefully, next year at this time we will be looking forward to seeing you as usual for the wonderful time of fellowship.

--Betty Thomas

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who provided recordings for our Compassion Camp VBS-at-home experience: Amy Studabaker, Hannah Braun, Jenni Heimach, the Harris family, MaryBeth & Theo Duggal, Aerial Lewis, and Rev. Maureen Wilson. You really helped make the experience come to life! The videos will continue to be available in the IPC CE Facebook group, so anyone who hasn't had a chance to watch them yet may do so at any time.





## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Hannah Braun on becoming a aunt and Elisa Griffin on becoming a grandmother. William Terry Dotson was born on August 27. Parents are Kathleen Braun and William Dotson.



## PARKING LOT PICNIC

Our parking lot picnics have been a great way for us to catch up with each other so we're going to do it again. We will be following social distancing recommendations and meeting at the church parking lot on Monday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. 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, September 21st 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.



## DECEMBER RADIO SHOW CALL OUT

If you are interested in participating in the IPC Christmas Carol Radio Show on December 12th. Please contact Maureen Wilson. Planning is still in the works logistically with the possibility of remote filming or a live stream performance.

## VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PLAY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

We are working on a virtual Christmas play for Christmas Eve, since we will probably not be able to do our usual in-person skits. If you are interested in helping put that together, or if you know your family would like to participate, please email Carolyn Lesmeister at [clesmeister@irvpresby.org](mailto:clesmeister@irvpresby.org). Planning will happen in October and participating families will have a few weeks in November to complete their parts so that we can have everything to Craig by early December for editing and production.

## ICC IS OFFERING ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Resource tips from The Center for Congregations. Looking to find out more about how other church communities are getting along? The Center for Congregations is offering several free online workshops with a wide range of topics on congregational life. You can learn more at <https://centerforcongregations.org>

**ATTENTION VOYAGERS:** Your cruise has docked it's time to disembark. Like almost everything else in life today we are putting our next cruise on hold indefinitely. You are on our favorite passenger list and will be notified as soon as we can safely schedule another voyage.

Stay well and call a friend and plan for your next voyage.

Lois Dillon

Ship Captain

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible study meets in person the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. They meet at 10 a.m. in the church parlor. Masks and social distancing is required. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions about this group, please contact Pat Durkin at 317-899-0263.

## FINDING HOPE IN COVID

Over the last 6 months we have experienced many adjustments and changes to our everyday lives. And most of it has been centered around being alone and isolation from family, friends, and our social activities.

At first, it didn't seem this would last for long. I don't know how you felt when you heard the stay at home order announced but I felt a little relief. Now maybe I won't be so tired, and I can get some rest.

I didn't have get up as early since I didn't have to travel to work. I just had to walk to the other room. The biggest challenge was figuring out all of the virtual meeting applications. Keeping just my head in the screen because I was in my pajamas and where is the mute button. It was a different type of world.

At the same time, my brother was in the hospital waiting for a heart transplant. Then a call out the blue from my sister that my brother-law had been admitted to ICU and she was told to quarantine for two weeks! Quarantine? What did that mean? The next call was my brother-in-law was now on a ventilator. What in the world is going on? Now COVID-19 is not just on the news, it is in the my family. It is scary and prayer without ceasing is in order. 1 Thessalonian 5:17

At this point, my days are filled with trying to navigate working from home daily and virtual meetings while receiving text updates on my two brothers. Each week we are learning of people we know dying from this horrible virus. By the third week I am drained and feeling alone. How do I cope? Spending time in the Bible and prayer helped me keep my sanity. My Lent study was about the attributes of God. I needed the reassurance of God's Faithful covenant.

I worried about my brothers being alone in the hospital without family being present. How can we encourage them and help them return to full health if we couldn't see them? I prayed for angels to be at their side. I prayed they would regain their strength and feel our prayers. I felt this was the best I could do considering the circumstances. I had to have hope. Then I read Psalm 33:10-22

My summary thoughts were and still are ...My hope during COVID-19 is in God the ruler over all the inhabitants of the earth and He will restore us. His love is unfailing. I am grateful God has restored the health of my brothers. And now 6 months later my hope is in God alone.

### PSALM 33

*10The LORD frustrates the plans of the nations  
and thwarts all their schemes.*

*11But the LORD's plans stand firm forever;  
his intentions can never be shaken.*

*12What joy for the nation whose God is the LORD,  
whose people he has chosen as his inheritance.*

*13The LORD looks down from heaven  
and sees the whole human race.*

*14From his throne he observes  
all who live on the earth.*

*15He made their hearts,  
so he understands everything they do.*

*16The best-equipped army cannot save a king,*

*nor is great strength enough to save a warrior.*

*17Don't count on your warhorse to give you victory—  
for all its strength, it cannot save you.*

*18But the LORD watches over those who fear him,  
those who rely on his unfailing love.*

*19He rescues them from death  
and keeps them alive in times of famine.*

*20We put our hope in the LORD.*

*He is our help and our shield.*

*21In him our hearts rejoice,  
for we trust in his holy name.*

*22Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD,  
for our hope is in you alone.*

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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.

*The past months have been hard on a lot of us. I wanted to keep by corner lighthearted this month. I read an article on how a young man was home schooled. My mother taught me religion "You better pray that will come out of the carpet!" My father taught me travel, "if you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week." My father taught me logic, "Because I said so, that's why." My mother taught me love, "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you are not going to the store with me." My mother taught me foresight, "Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you are in an accident." My father taught me irony, "Keep crying and I will give you something to cry about."*