

■ November 2019



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**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 5TH**
5:30-7:00 PM
IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Crafts, games, and worship
for all ages as we learn
about Peace, Joy, Love, and
other Fruit of the Spirit!

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The
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Presbyterian Church Est. 1906
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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday, November 10

“Showing Your Gratitude”

When we consider the many blessings in our lives, we become aware that our blessings far exceed our burdens. In gratitude to God, please present your 2020 Pledge Card during worship on November 20th. We have many exciting opportunities for ministry before us:

- An Inquiry Class starting November 3,
- A group working on Engaging Young Adults,
- Messy Church growing in attendance,
- Strong and vital missions that serve our local homeless population, our nearby School 57, the near eastside population, a new day care, as well as our longstanding mission to Mexico,
- A Thanksgiving luncheon (Sunday, November 24),
- A new transitional Associate Pastor starting in early 2020,
- Weekly Worship that includes great music, prayers and an ongoing wonderment that God’s message is relevant and vital in our lives.

For these and so many more reason, please make a strong financial commitment to the church in 2020. Thank you for all that you do to make IPC a place where God’s love is alive and well!



We are grateful for Robyn Dickerscheid's many years of service at IPC, teaching uncountable numbers of children in the Rambler Room.



**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME
ENDS
NOVEMBER 3RD!**

Give Thanks!

**Thanksgiving Feast
Sunday, November 24th
11:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

**Turkey, ham,
mashed potatoes,
rolls, and drinks
will be provided.
Please bring a side
dish, salad, or
dessert to share.**

**PICTURE DIRECTORY
WE'VE ADDED A DAY FOR
PHOTOGRAPHY!**

Now available for
scheduling is Monday,
November 18.

IPC members and IPC
friends can schedule your
photographs by going to our
website

(www.irvpresby.org)
and following the online
registration process.

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER:**Sunday, November 3**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

11:15 am, Inquiry Class, Parlor

6:00 pm, Caring and Sharing Group, Parlor

Tuesday, November 5

10:00 am, Star Quilters, Parlor

1:00 pm, 3B Exercise Class, Youth Room

5:30-7:00 pm, Messy Church

Wednesday, November 6

10:00 am, Men's Bible Study, Room 24

6:30-8:00 pm, Young Adult Meeting, Parlor

Sunday, November 10

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

11:15 am, Inquiry Class, Parlor

Monday, November 11

7:00 pm, Investment Club, Room 24

Wednesday, November 13

6:30 pm, Young Adults Pizza Church, Jockamo Pizza

Thursday, November 14

1:30 pm, Daytimers Circle, Parlor

Friday, November 15

12:00 pm, Voyagers Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

1:00 pm, Voyagers Program, Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 18

2:00-8:30 pm, Directory Photography Sessions, G-1

7:00 pm, Evening Circle, Welcome Center

Tuesday, November 19

1:00 pm, Alzheimer's Support Group, Parlor

7:00 pm, Trustees Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, November 20

10:00 am, Men's Bible Study, Room 24

Thursday, November 21

10:30 am, Thursday Circle, Youth Room

12:00 pm, PWC Gathering, Fellowship Hall

1:00 pm, PWC Program, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 24

11:15 am, Thanksgiving Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 25

1:30 pm, PWCCT, Parlor

Tuesday, November 26

1:30 pm, Circle Leader Bible Study, Parlor

6:30 pm, Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 28

THANKSGIVING--IPC OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 29

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Dear Presbyterians,

Many amazing things characterize Irvington Presbyterian Church, but one of its most amazing characteristics is its ability to keep the main thing, the main thing:

Some churches shake, rattle and roll when their boiler conks out. Not IPC.

Some churches "clear the decks" when a typo is found in the worship bulletin. Not IPC.

Some churches talk more and act less. Not IPC.

Some churches take themselves so seriously that they won't laugh. Not IPC.

Some churches fret and worry when their fairly new associate pastor accepts a call to another church. Not IPC.

This church understands that change is constant, but the primary purpose of the church remains the same. Serving God. That is why, I believe, this church has been a solid presence of Christian love in Irvington for 113 years. Though many things want to distract us from our purpose, at the end of the day we always call on the name of the Lord.

So, thank you IPC for keeping the main thing the main thing. As long as we keep our eyes focused on the One who created us and loves us, we shall not fear.

May Christ's peace abide in you,

Bob

We celebrate the baptism of Douglas Melvin Wicksall.

Douglas was baptized on October 27th. Douglas's parents are Melissa and Don Wicksall and his grandparents are Bo and Terry Melvin



November Pizza Church gathering for Young Adults (18-35ish) will be Wednesday, November 13, 6-7:30 p.m. at Jockamo Pizza in Irvington. Pizza will be provided, thanks to a grant from the Center for Congregations! Childcare is available at the church. Contact Aerial Lewis if you would like more information on any of these events (alewis@irvpresby.org).

INQUIRY CLASS

What is a Presbyterian?

Visitors to IPC will, hopefully, find our worship to be meaningful and the congregation to be friendly and excited to see them. However, they may wonder about the what being a Presbyterian is all about.

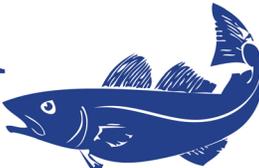
Following worship, on Sundays, November 3rd & 10th, Rev. Heimach will lead an Inquiry Class to answer this very question. The class will be held in the Parlor, starting at 11:15 a.m., and all visitors (as well as IPCers who need a refresher course) are invited to attend.

Those who wish to join IPC and become a Presbyterian will be received in worship on November 17th.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

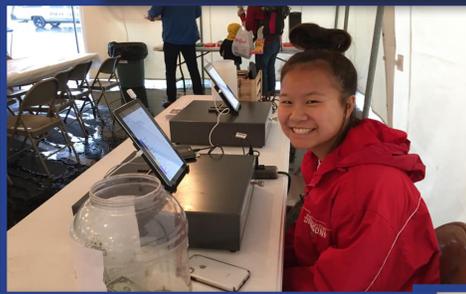
We are collecting sunglasses, reading glasses and safety glasses for our trip to Mexico. We have a box in the welcome center to put them in.

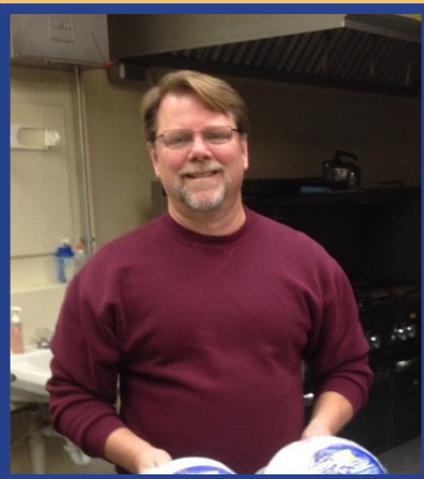
Fish Fry



October 25th
October 26th

Irvington Presbyterian Church
55 Johnson Ave, Indianapolis





IPC HIRES A SEXTON

For centuries, the term “sexton” referred to a person charged with keeping a church and parish buildings prepared for meetings, caring for church equipment, and performing related custodial duties. Starting in November, IPC is bringing Joe Dial onto the church staff to serve as our new IPC Sexton. The Noble Center, led by Crew Chief and IPC member, Jackie Cox, will clean the church on Mondays, and Joe will provide custodial services on two other days of the week.

We thank the Noble Center for serving as our primary custodial contractor for many years. Now, we look forward to having Joe on staff to serve as our new sexton!

MUSIC SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

The month of November, the chancel choir and handbell choir get to celebrate a composer we adore, Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992). On November 17, we are singing and playing a favorite composition by this tuneful writer, “Hymn of Promise.”

Written in 1986 in honor of Sleeth’s husband who was just diagnosed with cancer, the message of this song has resonated

with many people, enough so to give it a spot in our hymnal (#250).

The last verse reads, “In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death is resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.”

Natalie Sleeth has a second hymn in our hymnal, “God of Great and God of Small”



(#19), another hymn with a simple but powerful message and a very singable tune. These are earmarks of her writing, making her a favorite for choirs everywhere. Our chancel choir sang one of her most popular compositions last Easter, “Joy in the Morning,” along with a brass chorus. Also among her 180 compositions is one you hear and sing each week at the conclusion of Sacred Space with our children, “Go Now in Peace.” We celebrate the wonderful life Natalie Sleeth led, and we appreciate her contributions to sacred music this month!

Amy Studabaker
Music Director

WESTMINSTER CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Believe it or not it is time to start preparing for one of IPC’s favorite Christmas traditions, the Westminster Christmas Baskets. We have been asked to supply 300 cans of **baked beans**, 300 packages of pasta and 600 cans of tuna for this year’s event. We are also collecting hats, mittens and gloves for the Mitten Tree. These items will also be going to Westminster. Please be sure to bring your baked beans, pasta and tuna along with your Mitten Tree items by Sunday, December 8th.

You are invited to attend the basket packing on Friday, December 13th. They will have pizza at 6:00 p.m. and we will begin packing baskets at 6:30 p.m. This is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit and IPC always has a large group attending.

IPC GOALS:
600 cans of tuna
300 cans of baked beans
300 packages of pasta

If you can’t make it Friday night, Westminster still needs your help on Saturday, December 14th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. You would be helping to distribute the baskets and assist the families.

So in the next few weeks, please think of Westminster and pick up some baked beans, pasta and tuna for the baskets; and gloves, mittens and hats for the Mitten Tree. If you would prefer, you may make a donation, please designate in the memo section of your check for Christmas Baskets. Let’s share the joy of Christmas with our neighbors.

TEACHING AND LEARNING IN WORSHIP (PART 2)

Last month I wrote about the ways in which everyone in church can be teachers for our children, regardless of whether or not we do so in a formal way.

In Part II this month, I am excited to share a few of the ways in which everyone in church can be learners by reversing roles and appreciating what children can teach us about worshipping and living a life of faith.

OBSERVATION

Everything is brand new to children, so everything is fascinating. Young children notice the smallest details and always want to learn more!

They bring this same knack for close observation to worship. Though it may not seem like they are “paying attention” in the traditional sense, when children are looking all around the sanctuary during church, they are noticing all sorts of details the rest of us might miss: crumbs on the floor, changes in decoration, the relocation of furniture. And they want to investigate with as many of their senses as they can! What can you notice for the first time in church? What is different this week?

QUESTIONING

Where was God before the universe was made? What is

nothingness? Why does God let people die? These are just a few questions that IPC’s children have posed to us recently. Take a minute to think about how you might answer them. Asking questions is a central part of growing in faith, and children have no reservations about sharing what’s on their minds. Follow their lead by thinking of the hardest question you can during worship.

JOY

Children are wired to feel joy and don’t feel the same inhibitions around expressing it that many adults do. While we may not consider it “appropriate” to run, skip, jump, or dance in the sanctuary, children have no such concerns. Rather than be annoyed by such behavior, adults can choose to honor it for the expression of pure joy that it often is. While we might not be skipping up to communion ourselves, how can we tap into our own inner joy at all that God has done for us – and find a way to show it?

Worship is one of the few truly intergenerational events that most of us experience, and we all have so much to teach – and learn from – one another!

Carolyn Lesmeister

Christian Education Coordinator



Irvington Roots and Wings - Child Care Ministry of Irvington Presbyterian Church would like to thank so many of the church members, friends and family for their continued support

of this important mission. That support has been monetary, but also includes the donation of supplies, time and talent.

If anyone would like to continue to show support for the childcare ministry you can register for AMAZON SMILE so that .5% of your purchases is donated directly. You can visit smile.amazon.com (using your existing Amazon account) and choose Irvington Presbyterian Church as the charity.

You can also share this information with family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.

Thank you!
Pat Lewis



PW COUNTRY FAIR UPDATE

The PWC Country Fair was a great success. We appreciate all the support shown in so many ways to make it all possible. This fund raiser will assist several organizations here in the community as well as elsewhere.

Thank you,
Betty Thomas

FAMILY PROMISE – Overnight at IPC!

During the week of November 10th, the Irvington churches will once again host homeless families overnight at IPC. Each church takes turns supplying an evening meal and driving the Family Promise van to and from the day center. Our day is Sunday, November 10 and we need:

- Someone to pick-up the families on Sunday in the van;
- A woman and a man to stay overnight at the church on Sunday night, sleeping on portable cots;

If you wish to volunteer, please contact our IPC liaison, Kaitlin McDonald at kmcdonald.indy@gmail.com, or call the church office.

Dear IPC,

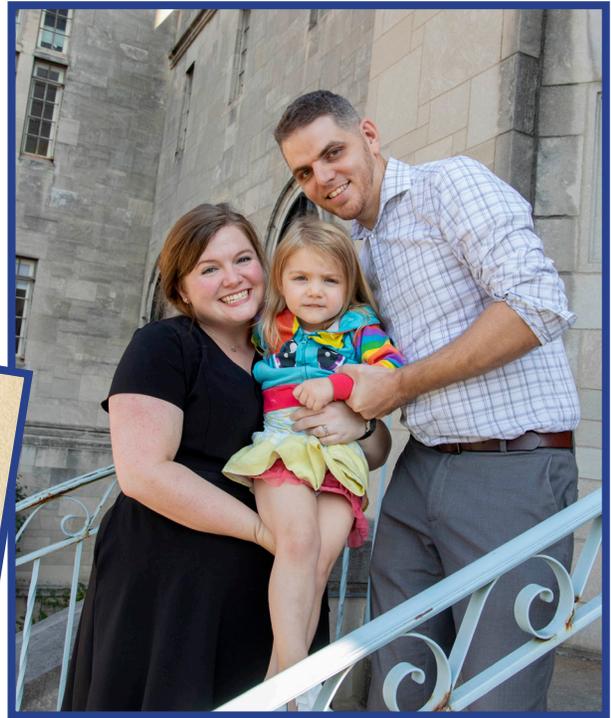
Thank you, thank you, thank you, for all your kindness and well wishes in my final days at IPC. I am grateful for all of you and your loving expressions of care and gratitude. Though I am no longer serving as your pastor, I continue to pray for you. As Paul wrote in Philippians 1:3-5, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."

May the peace of Christ be with you, always.

Chelsea



Photo credit: Bill Voiles



Best wishes and Godspeed to Chelsea, Blake, and Lydia as they continue their journey in Elizabethtown, KY.

Living
In
Fellowship
Together

SAVE THE DATE -
December 9th,
LIFT Christmas Party & Cookie Exchange

Due to the holidays, LIFT will have a combined gathering on Monday, December 9th at

6:30 pm for our annual Christmas Party and Cookie Exchange. Watch for more details in the December newsletter.

Please contact Kathy Moorhead if you have any questions.

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming Events:
(Third Monday of Each Month)

- January - January 20 - TBA
- February - February 17 - TBA



L.I.F.T. learns about spinning from Linda Decker, October 21st, 2019
Photo credit: Kathy Morehead

IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME!



On Thursday, November 21, Bob and Jenni Heimach, will present a travelogue of Bob's sabbatical journey through Greece and England, at 1 p.m. following the PW luncheon.

Even if you're not a PW member, you are invited to see the sights and hear about their trip.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PWC GATHERING

DATE: Thursday, November 21

TIME AND PLACE: Lunch at 12 noon, Fellowship Hall

COST: \$7

All are invited to attend!

Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 18.

SENIOR MATTERS

3b (Body, Brain, and Beliefs) is an exercise class for ages 55 and older focusing on: building flexibility, strength and balance; challenges to increase memory and problem-solving skills as new brain cells grow; and time to recall beloved scriptures with devotionals and “scripture in motion.”

We are doing lightweights, aerobic and strength training. Exercise improves circulation and keeps the brain & body healthy. Come Join Us to Learn More. We meet every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Youth Room. If you have questions please, contact Denise Harrington at 317-509-7085.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month on the 2nd flr. in room 24 at 10 a.m. The dates are November 6 and the 20. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Patrick Durkin. All are welcome.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Homebound communion is always available, as we believe it is important to incorporate the whole body of Christ into our sacramental life together. Communion will be served next in worship on Sunday, November 24. If you are unable to be at worship and/or would like to receive Homebound Communion, please contact Rev. Heimach (356-7225 or rheimach@irvpresby.org).



IPC SENIOR CONSULTANT DENISE HARRINGTON

Denise is here to answer questions, supply information and referrals. If you have questions about Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Caregiving, Rehabilitation Therapy, Estate Planning, Grief, Probate and Guardianship or need a referral for Elder Law, please contact Denise at 317-509-7085 or dharringtonipc@gmail.com.

SENIORS GONE WILD FALL 2019



VOYAGERS

Voyagers WILL have a meeting on November 15, noon lunch, program TBA later.

Call Karen Harding, 317-353-2407, if you would like to come for lunch.

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Alzheimer's Support Groups for Caregivers continue to take place here at IPC monthly on the 3rd Tuesday in the parlor at 1 p.m.

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JACK'S C O R N E R

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in Canada, U.S., some of the Caribbean Islands and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Similarly named festival holidays occur in Germany and Japan. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the

for peace, and the endeavors of Native Americans. For centuries, Thanksgiving Day has been associated with prayers in church and home. People offer various mealtime prayers during the day. It is a time when mankind thanks God for all His blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States, and around the same part of the year in other places. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religion and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well. The Thanksgiving legacy has been alive for hundreds of



years, the customs we see in our homes today remind us of ancient celebrations of harvest, thankfulness