



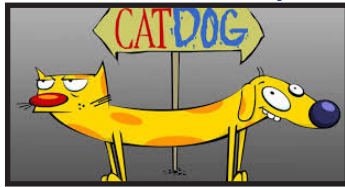
TIME CHANGE
Don't forget the time
changes on
Sunday, November 3!

Come worship with us at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday!



IT'S CAT-DOG MONTH!

The 90s produced some pretty spectacular(ly-questionable) television that shaped the young minds of millennials. One of these cartoons told the story of conjoined twins, Cat-Dog. One end was the head of a cat; the other the head of a dog. (Don't ask about biology, their parents, genetics, nor survival; it was funny, we went with it.) Obviously, they were of two differing minds and went through life feeling the tug of one another's desires, and chaos would often ensue.



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Why is this odd image stuck in my mind? Because November is the Cat-Dog of months for the Church! We are in the final weeks of our Church liturgical year and soon we will run out of "Sundays after Pentecost." In worship, we will consider another story of a strong woman of the Old Testament—Ruth—and will then consider what Christ said about "the end" and how near it might be. That will bring us into Thanksgiving! Around the building and in the work of our various programs and committees, you will start noticing the year-end rhythms arising: Mission Committee will be getting ready for various year-end opportunities to give to our neighbors; the IAC is preparing their holiday activities, and our bells and choir is building up their festive repertoire. You can join us in hanging garland and ribbons at the end of this month as we get our facility ready for Advent and for the holiday tours and seasonal visitors that will be meandering in, around, and by the Church. And November also marks our season of Stewardship, year-end giving, and new year planning! We will be considering what is going well, where our needs are, what the needs of our community appear to be, and how we plan to use our financial gifts to address all of the above.

We are wrapping up and yet getting ready! November marks a new church year: Advent and Christmastide

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A BIG thank you to YOU!

The second Irvington Halloween Festival Wellness Fair was a huge success. We had a 100% increase in participation with over 200 people having the opportunity to learn about local services and ways to improve their health. Our neighbors were thrilled to win fire blankets, first aid kits and bicycle helmets. Besides receiving lots of "swag" from our partners, our neighbors also received a tasty bag of apples.

Our partner, Versiti, was very happy with a 20% increase in the number of folks who gave the life-giving gift of blood, and Community Hospital East was busy with a 40% increase in administering lots of flu shots. We also collected 50lbs of expired and unwanted medications which will be disposed of properly and not contaminate our water and soil.

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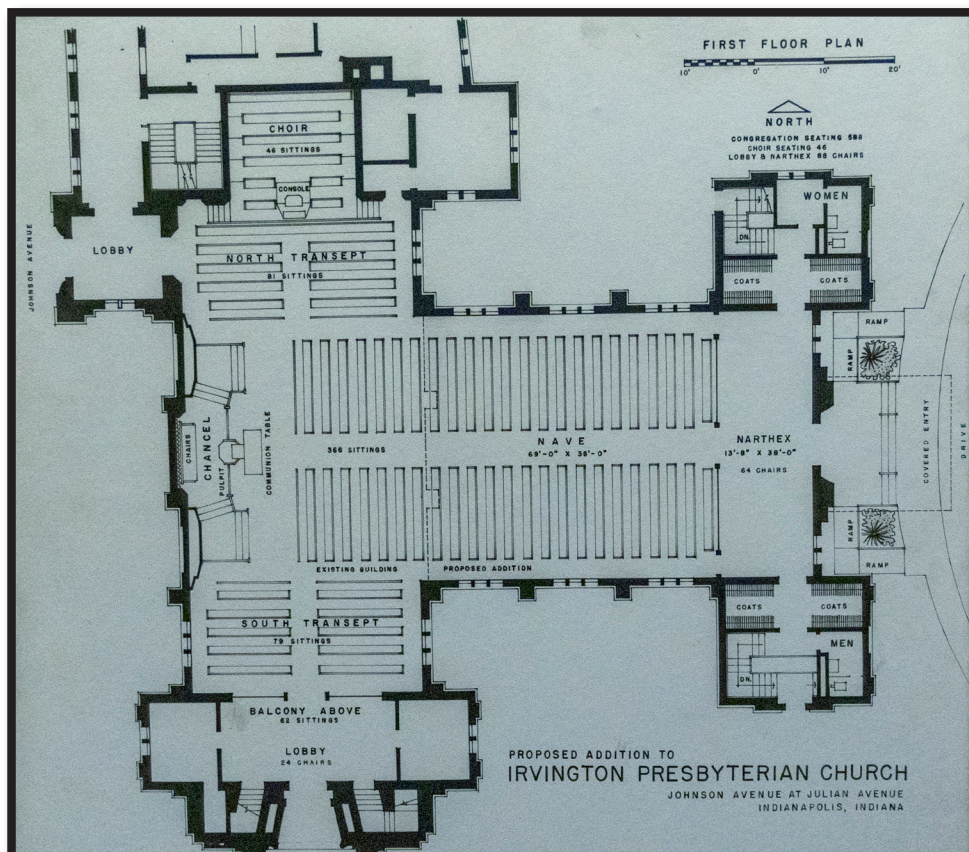
THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN NOVEMBER

- The church office will be closed Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day.
- The church offices will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

From the Archives...

"PLANS FOR NEW EAST ENTRANCE"

One of the most fascinating things we found in the History Room during the past year—plans to change the sanctuary. WHOA! The Irvington company Wilbur Foster Architects created a plan that would have changed the Sanctuary to run east and west with a new entrance addition on the east side.



As you can see in the drawings, the new entrance in the current parking lot was lovely and large. 'Very different from our current East Door. And yet, that addition would have changed Architect Merritt Harrison's gorgeous sanctuary design (1928) as we know it.

AGAIN, we are asking for input from our IPC family. No date was found for these drawings. We don't know WHY these drawings were sought and submitted. In another box we found a photo of a 1954 Canvass Committee members photo of 12 IPC men. Are these the members who sought a new design???

We love seeking/searching/digging for answers to the history of our building!! Let us know if you know the facts! And, finally, remember that it is HUGE to document each change in an organization for the sake of history!!

Frank Hurdis
and Sheri
Patterson

IPC History Room
"diggers"



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Our partners and neighbors shared some of their thoughts on the event. “Today was very well planned and implemented. I felt very festive and taken care of, so fun!” “Thank you so much for your generosity.” “Volunteers were especially nice and helpful.” “5 Stars, especially the Apple Queen.” “What a great group of people.” “Such a friendly church!” We overwhelmingly learned that both partners and neighbors are planning to attend again next year.

With these and more positive responses, we can say that the Wellness Fair was well received by our partners and neighbors alike. Well done!

Justice Advocacy Team



IPC THANKSGIVING PITCH-IN



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are when we celebrate the coming of our Savior, despite the leaving of the calendar year. We're coming and going; closing out and getting ready; grateful for what has been and hopeful for what will be; life is pulling in both directions; we're in that liminal space.

Then again, isn't that how life seems to always go? We want one thing, but feel obliged to do another. We agree with one political candidate's perspective on social issues, but sympathize with another's stance on fiscal management. We know that getting exercise is healthy, but taking a nap on a dreary fall day is just so enticing. Finding a balance, or working hard to propose a solution that integrates the best of both worlds, is often difficult and sometimes impossible (you only get one vote, after all; and it's hard to exercise while napping... if I knew of a way to do both, I'd be practicing!).

The solution is rarely clear, but it is best sought with others. We are a people whose faith provides two solutions to living in a world of liminal spaces: First, we believe that, as God speaks to and through each of us who gathers together, we are able to collectively discern the will of God for us. As we share perspectives and thoughts, as we listen to points well-made and concerns duly-discussed, God's Spirit of discernment can move our hearts and can stir within us to find a faithful way forward. The second is through the family of faith who supports us. There are liminal spaces that are not meant to be discerned; they are meant to be traversed: when a couple is preparing to be wed or when they await their first child; when a church is exploring its vision for ministry and discerning its call; or in these months of transitioning from one season to the next. These are spaces of change and liminality that must be traveled, and they are times when we can rely on the wisdom and experience of one another. Change always brings some level of anxiety, but having a community that surrounds us—a family of faith who cares for us—makes the journey bearable and can even help that transition through the "Cat-Dog," push-and-pull, almost-but-not-quite seasons of life be fruitful!

Grateful for opportunities to grow with you through these "Cat-Dog" days,

Save the date:
The Annual IPC
Thanksgiving Pitch-In
is on Sunday, December
1st after Worship in
Fellowship Hall. Turkey,
ham, mashed potatoes,
gravy, and dinner rolls
will be provided. Bring
a labeled side, salad, or
dessert to share.

IN MEMORY OF
Mildred "Millie" Lemen
June 7, 1931 - October 15, 2024
The sympathy of the congregation
is extended to Millie's sister, Lillian
Beavers, and to all her friends and
family.



We were able to donate
Men's jeans, pants,
t-shirts, LOTS OF SOCKS,
several men's new and
gently used shoes, 15
new wallets and a bag of
women's clothing. We will
continue to collect all of
these items.

Clean underwear can
provide a sense of dignity,
self-esteem, and well-
being. We will ALSO
collect NEW underwear for
Men and Women.

Any size!

You can put items to be
donated in the bin located
in the area next to the
Parlor.

THANK YOU AGAIN!
JACKIE COX
coxjackie3@gmail.com
317-726-9142

Living
In
Fellowship
Together

LIFT CHRISTMAS PARTY & COOKIE EXCHANGE

December 2nd

Do you need to take a breath from the hectic pace of holiday preparations? Are you looking for some fellowship, fun and relaxation? You're invited to the LIFT Christmas gathering. Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will be having a combined gathering on Monday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Parlor.

We will gather for our annual Christmas party and cookie exchange. It is perfectly fine not to participate in the cookie exchange. This is not to add one more thing to your to-do-list. For those who wish to exchange cookies, please bring a large batch of your favorite cookie. Women of all ages are welcome and please feel free to invite a friend to join us. Mark this date on your calendar for a fun evening of fellowship together. Please bring a snack or beverage to share. We will be collecting feminine hygiene products for Westminster. Contact Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) if you have any questions.



WARM UP THEIR WINTER!

BRRRRR!!!!!! It's getting cold out there! With that in mind, it's time for a long-standing tradition at IPC. The Mission Committee's Mittens, Hats, & Scarves Tree will make its annual appearance for the month of November. Your donations for the Tree will help Westminster Neighborhood Services children during these cold months. We look forward to seeing the Tree decked out with your contributions. Let's warm up their winter!

Jenny Giddens, Mission Committee Chair



*Hanging
of the
Greens*

beautiful sanctuary for the Advent Season. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Moorhead at 317-430-3402.

Are you ready to get into the Christmas spirit? Please join us on Sunday, November 24th immediately after worship, to prepare our

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in our Senior Sunday Series! If you would like a copy of the materials used in this series, please contact Rev. Wilson.



Believe it or not it is time to start preparing for one of IPC's favorite Christmas traditions, the Westminster Christmas Basket collection. Collections will be from November through Sunday, December 8. If you would prefer, you may donate by Vanco or check, please designate in the memo section for Christmas baskets. Please put it on your calendar. More info will be forthcoming very soon!

Join us at Westminster Neighborhood Services (2325 E. New York Street) on Friday, December 13th at 6 p.m. to assemble the baskets. Please feel free to bring a friend or two to kick off this holiday season! It is a lot of fun!



Jenny Giddens, Mission Committee Chair

HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

A Christmas Decorations Open House with FIVE families participating will be held on SUN 12/8 from 4-7 p.m.

There are four church members' homes AND one of our school families too! One home will have live music, and another will have treats. Funds raised by this tour will go directly to Irvington Roots and Wings, our childcare ministry, to enable ongoing quality care and education. We will celebrate SIX years in February!

Tickets are \$25 each or \$40 for two. Children 12 and younger are free. Tickets can be purchased through the IPC website (irvpresby.org): Go to "Giving Online", Homes for the Holidays, "Donate". Please indicate the amount you pay and how many tickets you are purchasing. Please DO NOT share on any social media. This event is reserved for church members/close friends/family and school families/close friends/family.

Tickets (with a map) will be distributed closer to the tour to those who purchased online by the end of November.

In November, there will be a sign up for the two time slots to ride the church bus. Joey Hewett has agreed to be our bus driver, weather-permitting.

Homes for the Holidays
A Christmas Decorations Open House
Sunday, December 8 from 4-7 p.m.

ONLY \$25 PER TICKET

HOMES

FOR THE

HOLIDAY



SUNDAY • 4-7 P.M.

12.8.24

GREATER IRVINGTON

HOSPITALITY ON ELECTION DAY

Irvington Presbyterian Church (IPC) is proud to be one of the busiest voting sites in Indianapolis. To show our appreciation for the site workers and our neighbors who come to vote, we will be offering light snacks and refreshments in Fellowship Hall from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Election Day. This is a non-partisan event, and all are welcome to participate in extending hospitality. If you would like to help with this effort, please reach out to Rev. Wilson for more information.

Are you ready to get into the Christmas spirit?

Please join us on Sunday, November 24th immediately following worship to prepare our beautiful sanctuary for the Advent Season. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Moorhead at 317-430-3402.



It was great to see Sarah Calder at the Worship Service on Sunday, October 20th

Finance Committee update on member contributions needed to support the work and ministry of IPC:

Budgeted through August:
\$193,333

Received through July: \$170,299
Member Contribution
YTD Gap: (\$23,034)

Current YTD gap to eliminate budget deficit:
\$25,840

We are thankful for your contributions.

Your support of the ministries of IPC is essential.

Thank you for all you do for IPC!

NOVEMBER YOUTH SCHEDULE

November 3
5:30 Youth Group

November 10
5:30 Youth Group

November 17
5:30 Youth Group

November 22-24
PYOCA Fall Retreat

November 24
No Youth Group

December 1
5:30 Friendsgiving

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the parlor at 10 a.m. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Steve Payne. All are welcome.

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. This Bible study is led by Rev. Wilson. All are welcome!

Alzheimer's Support Groups for Caregivers continue to take place here at Irvington monthly on the 2nd Tuesday in the parlor at 1 p.m.

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We trust in the hope of the Christ Child, the perfect gift, for whom we prepare a way so he can prepare a way for us to know the fullness of God's love.

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LEADERSHIP, PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 22

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JACK'S O R N E R

We all take fast food restaurants for granted, but when did it get popular. Ancient Rome had takeout restaurants called Thermopolia. Bread, soup, and meat vendors have been in the streets

for seems like forever. It started in large eastern cities with automats where rows of window compartments had food that you could buy. The first in the U.S. was 1902 in Philadelphia. Then Times Square in New York in 1912. In 1916 a cook named Walt Anderson made batches of small square hamburgers. These sold for 5 cents and were called Sliders. In 1941 his fourth location was put into a small white building that looked like a castle and White Castle was born. A restaurant in Dallas, TX called Pig Stand serving BBQ,

had carhops so you didn't have to get out of your car. Drive-thru restaurants became popular and still are. Car hops are becoming a thing of the past, but drive-throughs are at all fast-food restaurants.



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