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Idylwood Presbyterian Church is a welcoming Christian congregation. Thankful for God's grace and enlivened by the Holy Spirit, we aspire to demonstrate the inclusive and expansive love of Jesus Christ to neighbors near and far.



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Today is the first day of November, my favorite month of the year. I love the last burst of color on the trees before the muted tones of late autumn set in. I love the calm before the "storm" of December, with its flurry of activity and the pre-Christmas crush. And I love Thanksgiving---by my reckoning the most spiritual of all our national holidays.

Thankfulness is the basis of our life as Reformed Christians (that's the stream of the church that Presbyterians belong to). We don't worship God and accept Christ as savior in order to get to heaven. Rather we follow Jesus out of gratitude for God's grace that is already ours to claim, beyond our "earning" and even our understanding. And we have much to be thankful for at IPC.

Just in the last couple of days I have read some wonderful affirmations of our church---of *you all*. One person wrote: *"Without a doubt, IPC has been the most welcoming and supportive church community I have ever been a part of. I joined IPC during a difficult transitional period in my life... and I don't think I would have been able to get through it without all of you."*

Another wrote simply, *"You know, IPC is this tiny little church but sometimes we pack a roar!"* Yes we do! Here are some highlights of our life together from 2013: Journey to Jerusalem presentations and health focus; A Place at the Table hunger documentary; CROP Walk for hunger relief; support of Falls Church Community Service Council; new organist/choir director and increased numbers in choir; successful fundraising drive for new hymnals; second Blessing of the Animals; a new day-long leadership retreat for deacons, elders and transformers; third annual summer retreat at the Osman's; first full year of Power Packs for hungry children in our own community; increased use of the Upper Room children's worship area; prayer retreat during Lent; Thursday Theology Talk... on Tap; "Flat Jesus" summer fun; book group meetings, including one in which we hosted the book's author; hosting a concert and dinner for a youth choir from Rochester NY; numerous memorial services ably and compassionately coordinated by deacons; nine members of IPC attending the family conference at Massanetta Springs; and the upcoming Health Fair and Bone Marrow Drive.

What does God have in store for us in 2014? No doubt many of the above ministries... plus a glorious celebration of our 100th anniversary, a new men's ministry including a men's breakfast and possible retreat, and an exciting effort to renovate our facility so that our church building can reflect the openness, warmth and hospitality that is abundant in its people.

Blessing of the Animals



All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,

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None of this can happen without the energy of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to support the work of the church. Part of that support comes through our financial resources. Our family supports a variety of religious and philanthropic organizations, but our commitment to the church is absolute: we tithe (10%) my salary directly to our congregation. This year we are hoping to increase our gift by at least 15%, because we believe in what IPC is doing in our community and the lives that we touch.

This year I want to get set up for automatic withdrawals through our treasurer! But in the meantime, every time I write that check to the church, I think about the beautiful music that touches our hearts on Sunday morning, whether through choir, organ or the guitar and voice of a guest musician. I think about the conversations and laughter around the table at Lost Dog during T4. I think about the healing tears that are shed during our Wholeness Services. I think about the child who will have a power pack tucked into her backpack on Friday afternoon so she is not hungry over the weekend, or the senior citizen who will receive a hot lunch and a smile from our Meals on Wheels volunteers.

And I am grateful. I hope you, too, will have an Attitude of Gratitude this month, as you consider your support of IPC in 2014, our centennial year. Please let Dana Opp, our treasurer, know of your commitment to our ministry and life together.

Happy Thanksgiving... all month long.

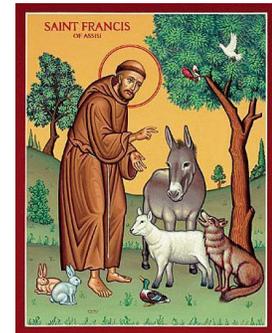
Worship at IPC

November 10: Haggai 1:15b-2:9

November 17: Psalm 98, Guest Musician, Jesse Palidofsky

November 24: Guest Preacher, Larrick Scholar, Eric Koenig

December 1: First Day of Advent



November Dedication Chancel Flowers

Nov 3rd To the blueness of the sky, the whiteness of the clouds and the warmth of the sun. - Yolande Miller

Nov 10th In celebration of Richard D. & Ruth Opp and US Marine Corps birthday. - Cheval & Dana Opp

Nov 17th In celebration of Curt & Nancy Budny's 37th wedding anniversary.

Nov 24th In memory of Shawn's father, Buddy Carpenter – Shawn & Jennifer

Concerns:

- Willa Untiedt's brother Jack: passed away
- Roy Robertson, Rae Case's cousin: passed away
- Cecilia Brammer, Linda Tang: grief at death of husbands
- Virginia Morales's sister-in-law: passed away
- George Petras's aunt and uncle: recent move to assisted living
- Osman family: adoption process
- Emily Whitaker's sister Coni: cancer treatment
- Carol Shuh: pulmonary illness
- Doug Roark's former wife Diane: breast cancer
- Alison French: chronic illness
- Linda Dono's brother;
- Steve Allen's son -- healing and wholeness for all.



November 24
Bring in Fresh Produce
for Knox Food Pantry

The Falls Church Community Service Council, Inc. (FCS), established in 1969, is a coalition of churches and human service organizations in the greater Falls Church area. FCS maintains a food pantry at Knox Presbyterian Church which provides non-perishable and fresh food to clients in need.



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A few words from: Linda K Tang
 To express my sincere appreciation and deep affection for you and your many cards with caring messages regarding Tom's sudden passing on September 23rd. I miss him and always shall; I'm grateful for you and your support and encouragement.
 Bless you

Treasurer's corner

Can You Count?

Each Sunday, two members of the church count our morning offering. This allows the administrative work of the church to be shared and alleviates the workload of our volunteer treasurer. If you are on our team but haven't counted for a while, we need you! Would you like to learn? Talk to Dana Opp, church treasurer, for a short training. It's an easy way to serve IPC and usually takes 25 minutes or less each time.

eGiving

We (IPC) now have the capability to enable egiving. This allows you to designate a regular amount for the church and have it debited directly from your bank account automatically if you so desire. If you are interested in doing this please see Dana Opp for more details.

Birthdays This Month

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| Anna | Dunlap | 2-Nov |
| Jim | Sirbaugh | 4-Nov |
| Florence | Wester | 4-Nov |
| Megan | Moore | 5-Nov |
| Bill | Rindone | 5-Nov |
| Becky | Jacobs | 8-Nov |
| Lisa | Jefferies | 15-Nov |
| Annemarie | Collat | 16-Nov |
| George | Petras | 18-Nov |
| Curt | Budny | 25-Nov |
| Myrtle | Bales | 28-Nov |
| James | Dana | 28-Nov |
| Vicky | Rindone | 29-Nov |



Rides
 If you need a ride to church please call **Don Palmer** before 6pm on Friday
 Home: 703-888-0854.
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THE
DEACONS CORNER

On behalf of the IPC Board of Deacons, I'd like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy month of November, 2013.

This month, I'm pleased to report that the good people of IPC donated \$203.00 at the October friendship breakfast to the "Stand Proud" organization in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We are always amazed at the big generosity of our little church. We hope everyone enjoyed the breakfast as much as we did.

On a more somber note, the deacons were proud to be able to help with the memorial service for Tom Tang. He was a remarkable man and will be greatly missed. Many people came for the service, some from hundreds of miles away. Both our parking lot and the manse driveway were full. We had to put about ten cars on the grass. I counted a total of fifty-one cars. We were lucky that at the time it has not rained for several so that the ground was as hard as the pavement for parking.

Speaking of cars and driving, I know that many of us will be on the road or in the air before and after Thanksgiving, so let me wish safe travels and blessings to all.
 By Don Palmer



Over the past several years, renowned photographer Finbar O'Riley visited Stand Proud sites in Kinshasa, Goma, and Bunia, and his powerful images provide a window into what the organization is all about. Here's a small selection:



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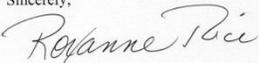
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Dear Friends at Idylwood Presbyterian Church:

Thank you for your generous donation of 100 pounds of food in support of Food for Others. Please know that we are truly grateful for your kindness, and your belief in what we are doing—and delighted that you chose to make a difference in our community by supporting our programs.

As you know, your contribution will be utilized to provide free food to individuals and families in need of help in Northern Virginia. Your donation helps make it possible for our staff and volunteers to feed hundreds of hungry people every week-night at our warehouse and at sites in 16 low-income neighborhoods. We also provide bulk food to over 25 smaller food pantries, shelters, and other community-based programs that rely on us for help collecting and storing food. Our newest program aims directly at elementary schoolchildren who get little to eat between Friday's school lunch and Monday's school breakfast. Our Power Pack Program gives a nutritionally balanced package of weekend meals to these children – helping them eat, which helps them to learn. Your support makes all this happen!

We will continue our commitment to fighting hunger in our community and your faith in us, as well as your support of our programs, means so much. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

 Roxanne Rice
 Executive Director

Food for Others is a 501(c)(3) organization and this letter acknowledges that no goods and services were provided to you for your contribution.

A thank you to David Morgan and all the volunteers that make Food for Others a success in our community. 100 pounds of food this year has gone to food pantries and directly to schoolchildren!

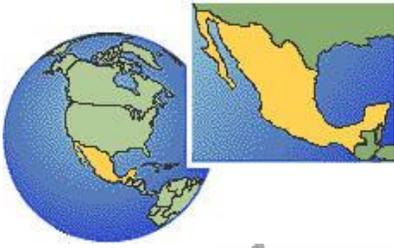


Thank you Doug Roark for tables in the nursery.



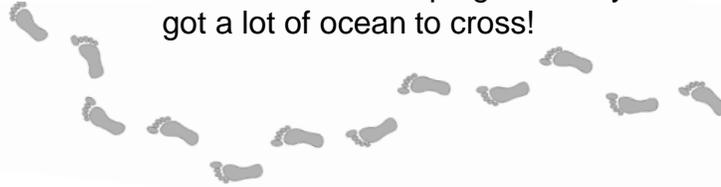
Thanks Richard Williams and Dana Opp for new lights in the office.

Thanks Bob Osman for leaf and yard clean up.



We made it to Jerusalem... and we made it to DRC — let's keep going!

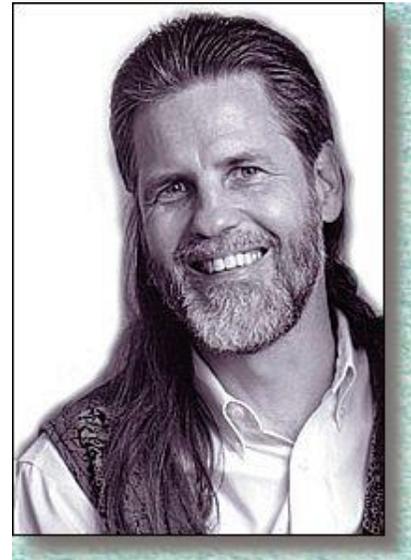
Now that the hot days of summer are behind us... it is time to get up and get active again. So, we're leaving DRC and heading over to Mexico to share some stories and memories with Virginia Morales. Start keeping track of your steps or miles again – we've got a lot of ocean to cross!



Jesse Palidofsky Third Sunday Musician November 17th

Over the years, pianist, guitarist and vocalist and songwriter Jesse Palidofsky has shared his music at the National Theatre, on the Hudson River sloop Clearwater with Pete Seeger, at festivals like Common Ground on the Hill and the Washington Folk Festival, and at the Kennedy Center and the Smithsonian National Folklife Festival with the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation.

He has sung one-on-one with hundreds of terminally ill patients in hospices and hospitals, and also led singing for groups of a thousand people or more, performed for conferences of clinical psychologists, as well as for inmates at the Detroit House of Correction and at the maximum security prison in Salem, Oregon



A Note of Appreciation

I send the IPC congregation my gratitude for a meaningful, memorable Service and Reception for Tom on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 11am.

The last of his generation and oldest IPC member @ 80, Tom will be missed by many. You warmly welcomed our family and longtime friends, served from as far away as NY State, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and North Dakota and, and all of whom spoke highly of IPC.

Especially for the spiritual leadership of Rev MaryAnn Dana, Pastor (assisted by Rev. John Sirbaugh, IPC Pastor Emeritus) the inspiring music of Choir & Director/Organist, Amy and soloist Linda Dono, and the Deacon Ceresa Haney, Don Palmer and Steve Allen, do I give sincere thanks.

Buried in Clover Leaf Memorial Park, Woodbridge, New Jersey next to my Parents (Tom and Dad, both mechanical Engineers and active leaders in ASME), at 12 noon on Friday, 09.27.13, at a graveside service with extended family and longtime friends, led by family friend Rev. Melchior Van Hattem, Tom's life-journey ended with dignity and as part of the very caring IPC congregation.

With sincere appreciation, Linda K. Tang 10.21.2013



Heath Fair and Bone Marrow Registry November 16 10am-Noon



You all know how special Eric and Jacob Osman are. They touched us in life, and they continue to touch us even though they are no longer with us. We at IPC are putting our faith in action and honoring Eric and Jake through a bone marrow registry drive.

It's easy to join the **bone marrow registry**: just fill out a form and have the inside of your cheek swabbed using a special kit. We've received the training and we've got the kits. All we need are folks to show up. Please stop by on the 16th and get swabbed, or better yet, sign up to volunteer that day. The Transformers are planning this event, but it is not a Transformers event. It is an IPC event!

That day we'll also have fantastic door prizes, **flu shots for children and adults** (\$25 with insurance reimbursement paperwork provided), **games for kids**, **guest speakers about allergy/asthma** and the **Affordable Care Act**, **stress tests**, **blood pressure screening**, and much more. But the cornerstone of our event is the registry drive.

But MaryAnn, you say. I'm already part of the registry. Others of you may be outside the age guidelines for the registry. **You can still help.** Please take a moment right now to contact friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

Several years ago a man in his 40s joined the registry. He ended up being Jacob's donor. The person you invite to join the registry could give someone else the gift of life. You just never know. Please help us get the word out today.

Blessings,
MaryAnn

Guest Speakers



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