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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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One of the in-jokes among pastors

is that many of us dread writing newsletter articles. Sad but true! It's not clear how many of you actually read them, and it's sometimes a challenge to come up with something original to say, especially on top of a new sermon each and every week. I've enjoyed a hiatus from the newsletter article for the past few months—we've still published the Panorama faithfully this summer, *thank you Cheval Opp!*—but I've let go of the front-page article during this quieter time of the church year. Especially now that I'm sending regular emails, this has been a nice break.

That said, the fall is here, with a number of things cooking here at IPC. This issue is chock full of "mark the date" material. Here are a few additional items I want you to know:

How to reach me:

I am always available by cell phone (703-795-1839) and email (pastor@idylwoodpresbyterian.org) — please get in touch anytime you need me. And here's my basic work schedule:

- Monday: day off
- Tuesday: work at the church
- Wednesday: work from home
- Thursday: work at the church
- Friday: study and sermon writing day, which will be wherever the Spirit is working :-)

Let's connect: I haven't said this recently, but I enjoy being connected with many of you on Facebook. Here's how I handle that: I don't make the overture to "friend" parishioners, just in case you want your Facebook interactions to be *clergy-free*... but I DO accept friend invitations from you! So let's connect. (In any case, you should "like" IPC's Facebook page, because we post announcements there.)

Pastors message continued.....

How about a retreat? As a reminder, I am a bivocational pastor, which means that I balance parish ministry at IPC with a vocation as writer, retreat leader and conference speaker. (You all have graciously given me one Sunday off a month in order to pursue this calling.) I would love for those two worlds to collide **Columbus Day weekend, October 11-13**, when I will lead the family conference at Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA. The topic will be my book, *Sabbath in the Suburbs*, and the retreat is open to families of all shapes and sizes. Find out more here: <http://www.massanettasprings.org/family-conference/>

OK, that's enough for this month. But don't stop here—there's lots more in the pages of this newsletter. Blessings and peace,

MaryAnn



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Joys:

- IPC youth heading to college: James Duffield, Sybille Miller, Sarah Rindone
- Maria Hoover: marriage to Dirk on September 7

Concerns:

- Fred Brammer: passed away August 18
- Betsy Case (Rae and Ed Case's niece): died in a car accident August 4
- Steve Allen: brother passed away
- Death of Margaret Iglehart, dear friend of Liz Freeman
- Emily Whitaker's sister Coni: cancer, caregiving for father
- Carol Shuh: pulmonary illness
- Doug Roark's former wife Diane: breast cancer
- Alison French: chronic illness
- Osman family, Tom and Linda Tang; Linda Dono's brother; Steve Allen's son; George Petras's aunt and uncle – healing and wholeness for all.

**August Dedication
Chancel Flowers**

Sept 1st – In memory of our sweet Jacob. The Osman's

Sept 8th - In memory of my dear sister, Sherry Strait – Jill McKibben

Sept 15th - In celebration of our new kindergarteners – Shawn & Jennifer

Sept 22nd - In celebration of Rachel's 11th birthday. The Osman's

Sept 29th – in memory of our beloved son Wally – Teo & Virginia



Thank You IPC!

As usual... You rock! In just a couple of weeks members and friends of our church helped put together all these backpacks overflowing with school supplies. The bags have been given to 20 kids at Lemon Road Elementary School. We will also be able to pass some excess funds through to the Power Pack effort which will benefit the same children. Thanks to everyone who took part in making this a huge success.

The Improvising God: God's Work in an Imperfect World A Sermon Series, September 8 - October 6

When a tornado strikes Oklahoma, a tragedy rocks a Newtown elementary school, or an earthquake levels Haiti, we all become theologians, for better or worse. If loved ones are spared, we rejoice that prayers were answered. But what about the prayers of those who did not survive? As Presbyterians, we proclaim God's sovereignty as one of our basic affirmations of faith... but what do we mean by that?



Are there more expansive ways to think about God's providence that take seriously God's love and also the reality of tragedy? We will tackle these and other big questions beginning September 8 and continuing through October 6. Scripture will be our primary conversation partner, along with theology, human psychology, literature, music and more.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Saturday, October 5 at 10 a.m.

Mikey, our resident deacon dog, invites you to bring your four-footed (or other) pet friend to IPC on Saturday, October 5 at 10 a.m. for a special service of blessing.



Marzipan hoping to join Mikey at blessing of the animals





Wholeness and Healing Service

Sunday, September 15
7 p.m.

Our quarterly service for wholeness Bring a prayer concern for yourself or others. Music, communion, a short message and prayers.

Next Book Group Meeting

Book group will be returning soon! Watch this space and/or the bulletin for information about the next book we'll be reading and the date.



T4: Thursday Theology Talk... on Tap

September 19, 7:30 p.m.
Lost Dog Cafe in McLean

Our monthly informal series on matters of faith resumes on. Come for a drink or milkshake, appetizer or dinner, or just good conversation. Topic to be announced.



Choir resumes this Sunday Sept 8th!

We'd love some new voices. Amy Williams does a great job picking great pieces that are fun to sing with just the right amount of challenge. See you at 9:45 for rehearsal. We will sing in worship for the first time on September 22, and every second and fourth Sunday after that.



Birthdays This Month



Richard Williams	4 Sept
Ceresa Haney	14 Sept
Julie Rickett	15 Sept
Sally Moore	19 Sept
Jim Shaw	20 Sept
Megan Dobbins	22 Sept
Rachel Osman.	22 Sept

From Myrtle Bales in Florida

When I'm sitting around the house, doing nothing else, I do write poetry. I'll send you one for the Panorama, if you'd like to use it,

Whippoorwills

Our house in the woods was a nightmare of sorts
Not many improvements had we
But there were lovely surprises in our back yard
That the realtor never did see.

We found that after the sun went down
And bedtime was drawing nigh
Somewhere out there a whippoorwill friend
Sang his full-throated lullaby.

As a child wants a parent to tuck him in bed
It soothes him and quiets his fear
So the song of the whippoorwill topped off my day
"Pleasant dreams", "All is well", "God is near".

The years have flown by and I have grown old
I don't know what life now holds in store
But if only *I could at the end of my days*
Be whippoorwilled to sleep just once more.

Myrtle M. Bales

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

Rides

If you need a ride to church please call **Don Palmer** before 6pm on Friday
Home: 703-888-0854.
Work: 703-258-1220



THE DEACONS CORNER

By Don Palmer

On behalf of all the IPC deacons, I'd like to wish everyone a healthy and happy September. For the month of September, I will be the deacon in charge of setting up communion, greeting and ushering, and the coffee hour. If anyone would like to help with greeting, please call me at my office, 703 258-1220, or at my home, 703 888-0854.

Speaking of the coffee hour, if anyone wants to do a coffee hour, especially for a special occasion or holiday, just let the deacons know in advance if you can to avoid duplication of efforts.

While the following information is not deacon-related, I thought I could use this space to make one last pitch about the 3-ring notebook binders that are available at my office for free. These are notebooks that were used as exhibit binders for trial and hearings and never picked up after the cases were closed. In most cases, they were only used once and are in various sizes and very boring colors such as: white, dark blue, gray and black. I know that younger people might prefer brighter colors or pictures on their notebooks, but lawyers almost never file exhibits in lime green notebooks. I am retiring from my current jobs at the end of September and just wanted to let everyone know that if they need any notebooks to let me know soon.

That's all for this month, enjoy the change of season.
Blessings to all.

Deacon Duty Roster: Sept. – Don, Oct. – Doug, Nov – Don, Dec. – Cheval with all.



Flat Jesus at Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York



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!

Flat Jesus has a path to anywhere from here but think he will head to Portlandia as it is only 5 blocks away.



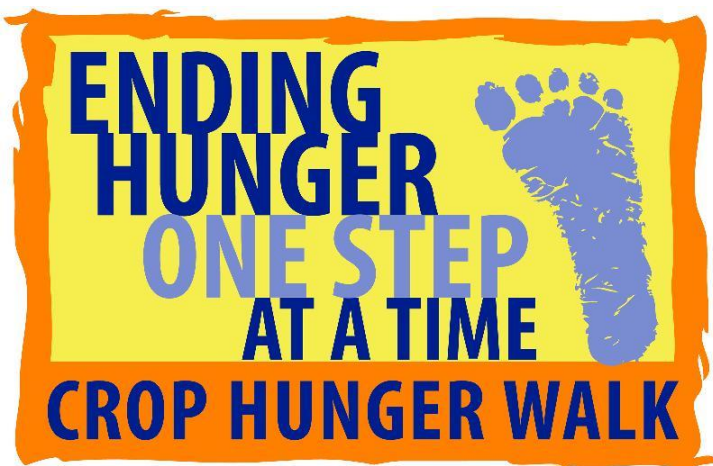
Bone Marrow Registry Drive

IPC will be sponsoring a bone marrow registry drive November 24

This November marks the two-year anniversary of Jacob Osman's bone-marrow transplant. Although his transplant was successful and gave him almost a year of life, Jacob succumbed to Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) on September 1, 2012.

IPC will be sponsoring a bone marrow registry drive November 24 to honor Jacob's memory and to help other people receive the gift of life. It's easy to register—fill out some paperwork and receive a cheek swab. Find out more at www.BeTheMatch.org.

We need everyone's involvement to make this drive a success. We need volunteers ahead of time and on the day of the drive. We need folks to invite their friends and neighbors to come get "swabbed." We need people to help us raise some funds to offset the cost of the processing. We need you to join the registry if you have not already done so. Watch this space for details.



For the 9th year, Vienna's faithful and caring walkers will pound the pavement together at the annual CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk sponsored by Church World Service on Sunday, November 10, 2013. Registration is at 1:15 and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. E-mail questions to: info@viennacropwalk.org.

In addition, the leadership team is seeking individuals who are willing to help with organizing this very fun day. Specifically, we need someone to handle publicity (pre and post) and fundraising/door prize solicitation. Many hands make light work, and this leadership team is exceptional to work with! Interested? Betty Rahal betty.rahal@verizon.net

Emily Whittaker sent in FJ from her mother's memorial service.
Juanita Hall Roberts - 91 years old.



Flat Jesus and Dana Opp in Hudson, NY historic estate garden gate.



Flat Jesus in KY picking apples after my mothers memorial service



Flat Jesus when her memorial marker was installed in KY

Lunch: \$10 per person
Prepayment required by
September 13
For more information: call 703-506-2199 or
email info@scmafc.org
September 19, 2013 LUNCH n' LIFE
Please call office (703-506-2199) to
register. Then fill out and mail this form with
payment of \$10 per person.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ Tel: _____
Email: _____

No. of Reservations: _____ x \$10 = Total Enclosed _____

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of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church
Mail to: Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church
1205 Dolley Madison Blvd McLean, VA 22101



Lunch n' Life

Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 12:00

Sponsored by

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church,
1724 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, VA 22101

Join us for lunch and Q&A with

Ric Edelman

Four times named Barron's

#1 Independent

Financial Advisor in Virginia.*

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