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Good friends,

It's time to talk stewardship, which is not always a pastor's favorite topic. But "talking about stewardship" means talking about how God is moving through our congregation, bringing about Christ's peace through what we say and do, and how we are called to partner with God in that... and that *is* one of my favorite topics.

Our 100th anniversary celebration was a tremendous highlight for me, as I hope it was for you. Isn't it amazing: amid all the shifts in church and culture—amid all the changes our neighborhood has seen in the last century—our church has been steadfast, sharing the good news through word and deed. We do it in big and small ways.

And through it all we exercise servant leadership, loving one another in mutual service. We make the coffee, put out the cookies and cheese puffs, sing praise to God, care for the children, count the offering, reflect on scripture, inquire about that ailing family member, pray for the sick and the discouraged, and welcome the stranger.

Like many churches, IPC has not been immune to the economic challenges facing so many houses of worship. In recent years, IPC has relied on funds from our endowment, the Larrick Fund, to help meet our expenses. While we are blessed to have this resource, my hope is that as we grow and deepen our ministry, we can come to rely on this fund less and less. A vibrant church is one in which the members and friends share their resources deeply and from the heart.

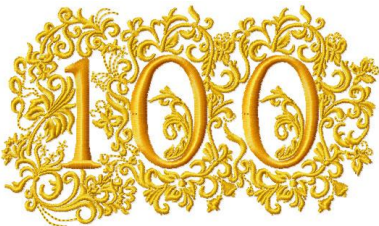
Robert and I will be increasing our pledge again this year. When I arrived at IPC we made a decision that we would tithe my income to the church. That means 10% of what I make goes right back to the ministry of IPC. On top of that, we give additionally to special offerings and other organizations we believe in. We haven't reached 10% of Robert's income yet, it's our goal and intention. It's not easy, while saving for college for three children and paying the bills. But we're committed to moving in the direction of deeper giving.

We do this because we believe that God is doing powerful, mighty things through the ministry of Idylwood Presbyterian Church. And we believe, in the words of Teresa of Avila, that Christ has no hands, no feet, no heart in this world, but ours. It is up to us... empowered by the Spirit, to share the good news through word and deed, through our time and our resources.

Will you join us? You will receive a pledge card in the coming days. Please make your commitment to Christ's ministry at IPC.

In thanksgiving...

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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Wolf Trap Holiday Sing-Along December 6, Saturday

Members of IPC are invited to take part in the **Holiday Sing-Along at Wolf Trap!** Join hundreds of voices on the stage, along with the President's Own Marine Band, as we share holiday favorites at this free event. Have you always wondered what backstage at Wolf Trap looks like? Here's your chance to find out. "Novice singers" are most welcome. Concert is at 4 p.m.; report backstage by 3 p.m. and enjoy the Christmas cookies, hot chocolate and other goodies. Let organist/choir director Amy Williams know if you are coming. This was a blast last year.

First Sunday "Study & Snack" After church - For All Ages!

This fall, we began a new gathering for study, conversation and fellowship. Plan to stay after church on the first Sunday of each month, when we will share in Bible study of the upcoming week's preaching texts.

Children will have a separate activity upstairs, with youth and adults learning together as a group. Sessions will be about 45 minutes and will be taught by MaryAnn Dana and other church leaders.

Folks are encouraged to bring a healthy "substantial" snack to share for this extended time of fellowship—something that curbs hunger but doesn't require a fork.

Examples: hummus and veggies/pita, cheese and crackers, trail mix, fruit.



Sunday, December 7
IPC Christmas Party
Join us at the Osmans' Home. Watch
for the time. Tentatively to start at
3:30 PM .



October & November Dedication Chancel Flowers

Prayer List

Joys:

IPC 100th anniversary

Concerns:

Dana Opp: nephew passed away
Greta Wright: upcoming surgery
Kate Untiedt: recovering from surgery
Linda Dono's aunt: passed away
David Morgan: back pain
Ed Hartz: Case's cousin
Doug Roark's friend Ken: stage 4 liver cancer
All those looking for work
Amy Moore's friend Tina: cancer
Cecilia Brammer, Linda Tang: grief
George Petras's aunt and uncle: assisted living
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.



October 5
Budny -- Happy Birthday,
Nancy!

October 12
Linda K. Tang -- for 100th
IPC celebration and
smaller (rear of church)
Would have been Linda &
Tom's 34th Anniversary

October 19
Yolande Miller -- Happy
Birthday to David,
Yolande, and Sibylle

October 26
Osman -- In celebration of
sweet Eric who would be
turning 14 this year!

November 2
Jane Duffield Happy
Birthday to Pauline
turning 91!!

November 9
Cheval & Dana Opp on
Ruth O. Opp & Richard D.
Opp Jr anniversary
11/11/1942

November 16
Joel Cline on Hannah's
Birthday and in
remembrance of Joel's
father William Cline

November 23
Given by Yolande Miller

November 30
Given by the Larrick fund

Chancel Flowers

On the Upton room bulletin board you will find a flower sign up sheet for all of 2014. Some Sundays have been signed up for but many remain unclaimed. Won't you volunteer to provide flowers for one or two Sundays or perhaps more?? I think you would agree the Falls Church Florist provides us wonderful beautiful flowers for the Chancel each Sunday and a very reasonable price of \$30 which includes delivery. Please sign up today and indicate to what honor that you dedicate the flowers too. Every Sunday that is not sponsored comes out of the Larrick fund and is indicated "To the Glory of God". We are also still looking for someone to manage the flower effort if you are at all interested please contact Dana Opp rdopp3@gmail.com



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T4: Thursday Theology Talk... on Tap
November 13, 7:30 p.m.

1690 Anderson Road
 McLean, VA 22102
 703-356-5678



Topic is "How do we decide?" We will talk about how we make decisions (the churchy word is "discernment") and what resources our faith provides to help us make



Join the Choir
 This Season

Our choir is a friendly group and we welcome all singers. You do not need to read music, just enjoy the fellowship of other singers. The choir meets before church at 9:45. We would love to have you! Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Thanks for all the Great
 Donations to our College
 Students Care Packages.



Book Group Returns 2015!

Our book group will resume in January, We will discuss **Marilyn Anne Robinson's Lila** and **Ann Patchett's** book of essays called **The Story of a Happy Marriage**. Watch this space for dates!

Book Club



Rides

If you need a ride to church please call **Don Palmer** before 6pm on Friday
 Cell: 571-232-0335.



Deacon's Corner

On behalf of the IPC deacons, I'd like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy month of November, 2014. And on this 100th anniversary month, I'm going to stray off my normal assigned topic of what the deacons are doing and allow myself to reminisce about my 37 years here at IPC.

I started attending IPC with my parents in 1977 after graduating from college. This was before Jim became pastor. We had an interim pastor whose real name I can't recall, but his nickname was "Lucky". Then we had Jim, Lisa and now MaryAnn. We have been richly blessed with our fine pastors and guest pastors. Over the years, I've met many wonderful people here and have heard inspiring words from the pastors. I've also enjoyed marvelous music from our own choir and many guest musicians. Of course, I've had lots of good food and fellowship here, too.

Being a deacon has been a large part of the blessing that I've received from IPC. I would urge anyone to take advantage of the opportunity to be a deacon if asked. All of us on the board of deacons are excited about the anniversary and we hope to help with it as much as possible, including providing rides to the dinner. Feel free to talk to any deacon if you have any questions about the anniversary or anything the deacons do.

By Donald Palmer



Anna	Dunlap	2-Nov
Jim	Sirbaugh	4-Nov
Florence	Wester	4-Nov
Megan	Moore	5-Nov
Bill	Rindone	5-Nov
Becky	Jacobs	8-Nov
Teo	Morales	9-Nov
Lisa	Jefferies	15-Nov
George	Petrus	18-Nov
Curt	Budny	25-Nov
Myrtle	Bales	28-Nov
James	Dana	28-Nov
Vicky	Rindone	29-Nov

Birthdays This Month

The Deacons are working hard to get our birthday list accurate.

If we miss a birthday or the date is wrong. Let us know!





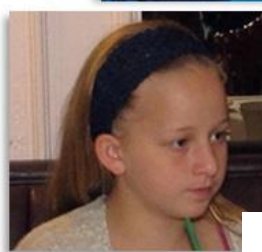
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Third Sunday Musicians

Paschal Jam

An eclectic string band that puts a modern acoustic spin on many folk rock and traditional gospel and contemporary Christian songs, while interlacing strong melodic harmonies over the instrumental mix. Paschal Jam performs at a variety of venues during the year, both church and secular, including St. Peters in the Woods, Burke Presbyterian Coffee House Service, Coyote Grille, Burke and Vienna CROP Walks, Wesley Methodist, and Zabb Thai restaurant. A toe-tapping, sing-along good time is guaranteed for all!



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Thanks to all of the Congregation For all you Do!



I am honored to be in our congregation.

This picture is just one example of all the things our congregations does to keep our church moving forward.

How can we thank everyone?

Just that way, when you see the lawn is mown and the bushes trimmed, thank someone, when the light over the door is replaced, thank someone, when there is fancy coffee after church, thank someone, when the toilet gets fixed, thank someone, when flowers grace our service, thank someone, when you get a birthday card, thank someone, when you enjoy the choir, thank someone, when you enjoy guest musicians, thank someone, when the bills are paid on time, thank someone, when we have special treats after service, thank someone, when the donation plate money gets counted and deposited every Sunday, thank someone, when the heat or air is turned on in time for events, thank someone. when the sidewalk is shoveled in time for service, thank someone. Need I go on?

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