

Idylwood



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Hello friends,

This month's message from me is a bit of a hodgepodge!

First: and this is a big one. Run, don't walk, to your calendar **RIGHT NOW** and mark **Columbus Day weekend, October 10-12, as our IPC Centennial Celebration**. We are taking the long weekend to celebrate IPC's first 100 years and look forward to 100 more! Read inside for the latest news---you will not want to miss it.

A **big thank** you to everyone who coordinated and attended our **annual congregational meeting**! Thanks to the session for leading table discussions, to Cara, Leslie and others for arranging lunch (thanks Kate and Willa for the cobbler!), and to all of you for your energy and ideas. I know the table discussion format was quite different from past years, but it allowed us to get feedback from as many people as possible.

As always, I **thank you for your support** in my part-time call at IPC, which allows me to speak and lead retreats in the wider church. I've got events coming up in Myrtle Beach and Kansas City, and preaching gigs at the NEXT Church National Gathering and the Festival of Homiletics (which some of us have nicknamed the Preaching Hunger Games). In terms of Sundays away this spring, I have one more Sunday away in March, then I'm in the IPC pulpit through the end of May. In June I will be at our denomination's General Assembly, serving as a commissioner from our presbytery.

Peace of Christ, MaryAnn

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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Lenten Sermon Series
Living the Questions: Mysteries and Wonder
in the
Gospel of John

The gospels are full of questions---questions posed to Jesus and asked by him, questions answered, and many questions left hanging. In this series we will immerse ourselves in stories of Jesus from the gospel of John. Specifically we will look at the questions at the heart of each of these stories and how they can lead us deeper into faith.

March 5 -- Ash Wednesday Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 9 -- Guest Preacher Bob Osman: "Beware the Ides of March"

March 16 -- John 3:1-17 Jesus and Nicodemus

March 23 -- John 4:5-42 The Woman at the Well

March 30 -- John 9:1-41 The Man Born Blind

April 6 -- John 11:1-45 The Raising of Lazarus

April 13 -- Palm Sunday (Guest Preacher Eric Koenig, Larrick Scholar)

April 18, 7:30 p.m. -- Good Friday Service

April 20 -- Easter Service of the Resurrection, 11 a.m. John 20:1-18

Prayer List

Joys

Emily Whitaker's sister Coni: cancer free!

Greta Wright: recent move to Greenspring

Osman family: approval of adoption dossier

Concerns

All those looking for work

Amy Moore's friend Tina: cancer

Cecilia Brammer, Linda Tang: grief

George Petras's aunt and uncle: assisted living

Osman family: adoption process

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.



March 5, 7:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, a forty-day period of self-examination.

During Lent, Christians make their way toward the drama of Holy Week, in which we remember the suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday and his resurrection on our highest holy day, Easter Sunday. On Ash Wednesday we begin our journey with a Service of Ashes. Join us.



March Dedication
Chancel Flowers

March 2

March 9 Happy Birthday Kate from her Mom

March 16

March 23

March 30 Ed Case wishes Rae Happy Birthday

IPC Celebrates 100 Years of Giving Thanks!!

The IPC anniversary/celebration committee received many good ideas at the Feb. 16 Congregational Meeting. **THANK YOU!** If you did not respond at that time, it is certainly not too late. Please call or e-mail Ed Case with your suggestions. Currently in the mix: oral history, scrapbook/slide show, church picture trivets, plates and notepaper, community carnival, reaching out to former members and friends, dinner party at an outside site, time capsule, IPC cookbook update and so much more.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Columbus Day Weekend 100 Year Celebration

Friday October 10 - Monday October 13

Specific events, times and locations to be announced

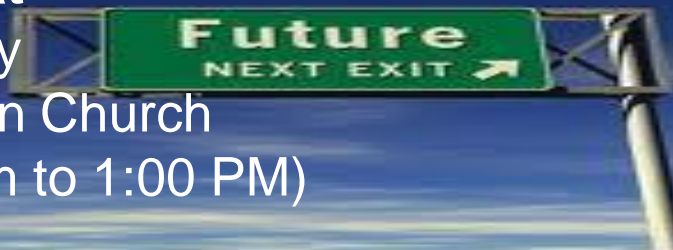


Adult Retreat

Sponsored by

Idylwood Presbyterian Church

Saturday, April 5 (8:45 am to 1:00 PM)



What do you want to be when you grow up?

*Have you reached a certain point in your life
and now are asking what is next?*

Are you...

longing to do something more with your life?

seeking deeper meaning for your life?

sensing that God might be spurring you to find new ways to use your gifts?

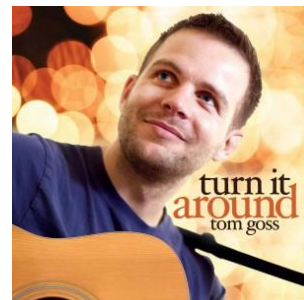
If these questions jump out at you, then this retreat might just be for you -- an opportunity to pause and reflect on your life/work experience, identify your unique skills and important values, and listen for and discern direction in a caring and supportive environment.

Retreat Leader -- David Rich

David has designed and led a wide variety of workshops including life/work planning, career exploration, retirement planning and "What is Your Mission in Life". He trained with Richard Bolles, author of "What Color is your Parachute". He is a retired PCUSA pastor and is the husband of Deborah McKinley, the pastor of the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean. David and Debbie live in Vienna.

Third Sunday Guest Musicians – March 16 – Tom Goss

Tom Goss never set out to become a guitar-toting, power-pop prodigy with a national fan base. A Catholic kid from Kenosha, Wisconsin, Goss had set his sights on one day becoming a priest. In 2004 this path took him to Washington, DC where he entered the seminary. Things didn't go as planned and Goss eventually put down the collar and picked up the guitar. It should come as no surprise then that the music he makes is a mix of internal struggle and hopeful spirit. Goss earned his chops in the DC coffee shop scene and has since traipsed across the country (both on his own and with his band) in his trade-mark flip flops to spread his easy-going gospel.



Goss' music often gets compared to acoustic-pop peers such as Jason Mraz and Jack Johnson but it is his lyrics that have propelled him to serious singer/songwriter status. While radio-ready, full of hooky melodies and plenty of romance to go around, Goss' music reaches out to those looking for something deeper than your standard love song. A track off his second album, "Back to Love," called "Lover" (a song that hit heavy rotation on MTV's Logo) features a video that tells the story of a soldier killed in Afghanistan while his partner waits at home. The video stars servicemen who were discharged under the recently abolished "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Goss' outspoken stance and his personal life (he married his husband Mike in 2010) have earned him a considerable following in the gay community, but his music appeals to anyone with a taste for power-pop and an appreciation for meaningful lyrics in the singer/songwriter tradition.

Welcome Jim Cullum to membership!

The session of IPC joyfully received Jim Cullum into membership at our February meeting. Jim comes to us from Burke Presbyterian Church, where MaryAnn formerly served as associate pastor, and has been visiting with us for more than a year. Jim is already a part of the IPC community through singing in the choir, attending the summer retreat at the lake, and he will soon be installed as a deacon. He works as an independent IT consultant.

Welcome Jim!



**T4: Thursday Theology
Talk... on Tap**
March 14 , 7:30 p.m.
1690 Anderson Road
McLean, VA 22102
703-356-5678

Our monthly informal series on matters of faith resumes on. at the Lost Dog Cafe in **McLean**. Come for a drink or milkshake, appetizer or dinner, or just good conversation. Topic to be announced.



Sunday, March 2, after church
The End of Your Life Book Club
by Will Schwalbe.

Everyone invited to join, even if you have not read the book! Light refreshments served.

Birthdays This Month



Rides

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

Treasurer's corner



Dave	Dunlap	6 March
Timothy	Caracciolo	5 March
Martha	Bentzen	5 March
David	Morgan	10 March
Kate	Untiedt	10 March
Jonah	Cline	13 March
Steve	Dobbins	13 March
David C.	Wolfe	14 March
Sharon	Caracciolo	19 March
Carol	Shuh	29 March

eGiving

We (IPC) will now accept EFT donations, electronic fund transfers, also known as direct debit. You just fill out our form with your banking information and let us know how much you'd like to give each week or month. If you are interested in doing this **please see Dana Opp for the form to fill out authorizing the church to do this**. Several folks have signed up for this and it is working well for them!!!

• WHAT IS ELECTRONIC GIVING (EGIVING)?

Electronic Giving is the term used to describe automatic methods for making contributions on a regular basis without the need to write checks, carry cash or prepare envelopes. Direct Debit Giving is the original and most popular form of electronic giving.

• STOCK GIVING

We now have the capability to accept stocks that you may want to donate. Stock giving supports both the donor and IPC. If you have stock that has appreciated significantly you may gift it to IPC and be relieved of paying capital gains as well as a charitable donation. We have several members/donors who are using this as a means to give to the church. **If you are interested in doing this please see Dana Opp for details.**

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 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

EASTER Flowers

Easter flowers this year will be a choice of **White Lilies 6 ½" Pot, 1 Plant 6-8 Blooms @ \$12 each** and/or **Red Germaniums at 4 ½" Pot @ \$5 each** with gold foil covering. Won't you volunteer to help provide some of these beautiful flowers to celebrate our lord's resurrection? Please look for an order form available between Sunday March 2 and Sunday April 6 contact Dana Opp rdopp3@gmail.com.

Deacons Corner — By Don Palmer

On behalf of the board of deacons of IPC, I'd like to wish everyone reading this a very happy and healthy month of March, 2014. Also, best wishes for a warm and pleasant spring. As far as I'm concerned, spring can't be here soon enough!

This month, I want to express my **sincerest gratitude** to all who helped out with our week of supplying and provisioning the homeless shelter in Falls Church in late January. We were lucky not to have any major snowfall or ice storm during our week of coverage, but it was a cold winter week. We kept the shelter supplied for all its needs for breakfast and snacks. Their dinners were provided by others and thanks to IPC, they had everything else they needed also. We had volunteers for every night and even a back-up ready to pitch in if needed.

Whenever I bring groceries to the shelter, I get a healthy dose of gratitude to have a warm place to live and I pray that all those seeking shelter soon have a permanent place to live as well. It would be wonderful if homeless shelters were not necessary, but as long as they are needed I'm glad that IPC and other churches, organizations and individuals are there to help. Thanks again to everyone who participated!



Regional Leadership Gathering

Dana, Ceresa, MaryAnn and I attended the Metropolitan DC regional gathering of Next Church on Saturday, Feb. 22 at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. It was truly an inspiring, exciting and exhausting day. Next Church is a network of leaders within the Presbyterian Church (USA) who believe our church of the future will be more creative, agile, collaborative, and diverse. As churches attendance is lessening, Next Church endeavors to creatively increase church attendance. How? By serving as a catalyst for new mission work and supporting strong leadership. We learned about a special after school program for 5-6th grade girls, Lunch for the Soul (a program that feeds then ministers to the day laborers of Herndon), and Urban Farming on unused church land (fruit trees planted by a teen mission with local school children picking the fruit and giving to local shelters and food banks). I left with my head swirling with ideas and two questions for serious contemplation :

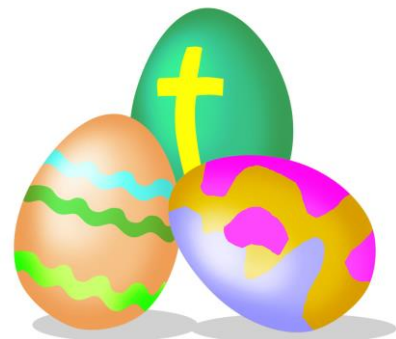
1. What breaks God's heart in our neighborhood?
2. Is crisis a gift from God to reform?

Kate Untiedt

MaryAnn is co-chair of NEXT Church, which is a Presbyterian organization seeking to encourage vital, creative ministry in our congregations.

Deacons Easter Lunch April 20th

Join the Deacons
after
Easter Service
For
Fellowship & Food





**Presbyterian Men's Conference
2014 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian
Men's Conference, July 18-20, 2014
at
Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference
Center, Harrisonburg, VA.**



Our time will be Christ centered and bible based on the theme "Following Jesus" (Matt 28:18-20), for the renewal of all men to better know Christ, and live as spiritual leaders in church and community. Featuring Neal Presa, Tommy Burleson, Bobbi White, Don McKim, Kevin Long, and Jocelyn Thompson. For more information: <http://www.midatlanticmen.org/>



The **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** Run for the Children will take place Saturday, May 3rd, 2014 in Old Town Fairfax. There is an 8k (4.25 miles) race and a 3k (1.25miles) run/walk. IPC will have team running and walking. Please visit www.FairfaxRunForTheChildren.com. Application are available on-line and on the church bulletin board. The map of the running and walking course is on-line. I've been told that the steep hill is not part of this year's running race course. This is a FUN and POWERFUL way to help abused and neglected children right here in Fairfax County. Walk... Run... Donate... Volunteer. Please join MaryAnn and Kate--- let's have fun and make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable children.

SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 12, 2014

**A STEWARDSHIP
ROUNDTABLE EVENT**



How to Train a Stewardship Team

The Stewardship Team of Hudson River Presbytery will share the story of how they were formed, how they trained 80 of their 85 congregations with basic stewardship practices, and the curriculum and resources they created.



National Presbyterian Church
Stone Hall
4101 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

10:00 am – 12:30
includes lunch

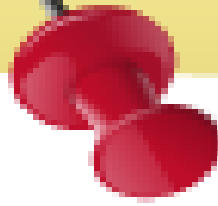


Souper Bowl
★ SUNDAY ★

Thank you IPC

Your \$234 in donations to the Super Bowl Sunday has been added to the School Power Packs fund.

IPC Calendar is on-line at
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"IPC Events Calendar"
SERMON PODCAST: Sermons are now available
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manuscripts – they will be back soon!



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Get well Cecelia!



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