

# Idylwood



# PANORAMA

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Hello friends,

I am sitting in the backseat of a car on my way to Chapel Hill, North Carolina with three other pastors. I promised my newsletter article to Cheval before she leaves for Paris, so here I am on my laptop as we zip down 95!

As many of you know, I will be with The Well, a group of Presbyterian preachers that's been meeting since 2008. We come together for a week of scripture study--the "cost of admission" is two six-page papers about assigned scripture texts that will come up on the calendar in the coming year--which means we come away with sermon ideas for 36 Sundays of the coming year. But we also spend a lot of time gabbing about ministry, sharing our lives, eating good food (plus scotch and cigars, on the part of *some anyway...*) and laughing. I like to say that I laugh more during The Well week than any other time of the year.

Clergy groups are vital in ministry. Because pastoral ministry involves a lot of caring for others, it's important to get away for rest and renewal. The Presbyterian Church requires that churches offer four weeks of vacation and two weeks of study leave for pastors, and strongly encourages a sabbatical every seven years or so. But actually, we all need times of renewal. We all live in a very busy area of the country.

*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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I know many of you work long hours in demanding jobs. Plus you have family, friends and pets to care for, volunteer responsibilities and more.

So I'm curious: what is your "Well"? Who are your people who can always be counted on to make you laugh and feel good? Do you have a group or family members that you make sure to get together with regularly? As your pastor, I would love to know who those special people or occasions are. They are truly gifts from God.

And you all are a gift to me!

One last thing... our group also has a contest each year, complete with trophy, for the person with the most unbelievable (yet true) ministry story. I'm happy to say that I've never won that trophy. Thank you for being so good to me... :-)

Peace,  
MaryAnn

The **Treasurer's corner** will return in the June issue with IPC financial facts of interest to us all.



## Prayer List

### Joys

MaryAnn Dana: candidate for vice moderator of Presbyterian Church (USA)

Osman family: adoption moving forward

### Concerns

Osman family: trip to Ukraine

Doug Roark's friend Ken: stage 4 liver cancer

Heather Case: recovering from surgery March 26

April Case Underwood: broken leg

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.

## May Dedication Chancel Flowers

**May 4 Frank and Vicky Rindone** In memory of Rev Dr. & Mrs. Erwin Zinger

**May 11 Dana Opp** In celebration of mothers, grandmothers, surrogate moms, and other influential women observed by the ones that love them.

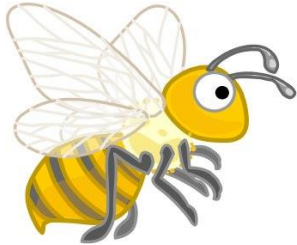
**May 18 Maria Holsopple** In honor of Maria finishing her Masters

**May 25 Jane Duffield:** Joey's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday (May 21st)

## 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](mailto:rdopp3@gmail.com)

## *What do you want to be when you grow up?*



## *Thanks to everyone who made our retreat possible.*

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

**Retreat Leader -- David Rich**

Several weeks ago, about 10 IPC members took part in a Saturday retreat with retired Presbyterian pastor David Rich. David took us through a number of exercises in which we considered our individual gifts. Here are a few reflections from that event:

- I appreciated the opportunity to get to know folks better. We often define ourselves by "what we do" and it was interesting to see what people have done and what other people might think they would be good at.
- I was impressed by the commitment that folks have to feeling that they need to be doing something. I was particularly struck by Virginia's comment that "there is so much to be done and I can't do it all" - or something to that effect. Sometimes we are so overwhelmed by all that needs to be done that we find it hard to begin to do anything (particularly true of housecleaning). This is an aspect of my life that I particularly have a hard time with. I deal with all the little things, but can't come to grips with the big things.





## Rocky Jackson, Guitarist, Third Sunday Artist

Rocky Jackson (Lead vocals, Rhythm guitar, Harmonica): Rocky's earliest musical memory was watching his uncles sitting around on Friday night picking and drinking. Once he heard "Jumping" Gene Simmons rockabilly version of Haunted House, he knew he wanted to play and sing. He was accepted into the Northern Virginia Symphonic Choir and the music program at NOVA performing in the choir, madrigals and the chamber group while picking and singing in bluegrass bands, The Ides of March, Fresh Cut Grass and various garage bands.



## Sunday, April 6, Kate and Will, her nephew 2nd Annual Crime Victims Walk and Vigil in Fairfax.



After the 5k walk at dusk, candles were lit and Kate address the crowd along with many others honoring victims of crimes. Kate said, " Good Evening. I am Kate Untiedt , a guardian ad litem- attorney representing children and teens. I'm here ON behalf of all guardian ad litem and attorneys in the Fairfax Juvenile Court AND my church--- Idylwood Presbyterian Church, which has made helping children and teens a priority. God Bless the victims of child abuse- physical abuse and sexual abuse. Their names I cannot say! I hold them in my heart. GOD knows who they are. God, please bless them and keep them in the palm of your hand. Thank you."



T4: Thursday Theology  
Talk... on Tap  
May 15, 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 will be "**Emotional Labor and Deep Acting**." What is that, you ask? Come and find out!



**Sunday, May TBD, after church**

Book: At Home in Mitford by Jan Karon  
Everyone invited to join, even if you have not read the book! Light refreshments served.



Thank you Jane Duffield for organizing our  
Third Sunday Musicians



Braided Cord singers in April  
**Sharon Dennis and Doris MacDonald**  
**Weaving Life, Faith and Fun into Song**

And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him;  
and a threefold cord is not quickly broken. **Ecclesiastes 4:12**



Julia Child would be proud of Willa Untiedt



Easter egging it. Top left  
the Jacobs-Carpenter  
crew, bottom left the Dana  
girls and above James  
Dana holding up his catch



## Deacons Corner



### The Perfect Church

I think that I shall never see  
A church that's all it ought to be;  
A church whose members never stray  
Beyond the straight and narrow way;

A church that has no empty pews,  
Whose pastor never has the blues,  
A church whose deacons always  
deak,  
And none is proud, and all are meek;

Where gossips never peddle lies,  
Or make complaints or criticize;  
Where all are always sweet and kind,  
And all to other's faults are blind.

Such perfect churches there may be,  
But none of them are known to me.  
But still, we'll work, and pray and plan,  
To make our own the best we can.

--Author Unknown

Don Palmer returns to this corner in June



### Rides

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

Naomi	Wolfe	10-May
Kathleen	Budny	13-May
Joey	Duffield	21-May
Julie	Largay	24-May
Bill	Hylton	28-May
Victoria	French	29-May

## Birthdays This Month



The kids selected these two images.  
Donations/loans of art supplies such as drop cloths, paint,  
brushes would be greatly appreciated.



## The Upper Room gets a mural!

Each week, following the children's time, the children of the congregation are dismissed to the Upper Room, our sanctuary balcony. From there the children are able to hear the service, but also take part in hands-on crafts, read books, and generally move around a little more than they can in the pews.

Nancy Cline will be overseeing a special project to put some mural images on the walls of the Upper Room--the session joyfully approved this project at the last session meeting. Nancy has been communicating with an artist, Kate Cosgrove, who has graciously given us permission to reproduce her work free of charge.

Nancy will be outlining the images of biblical scenes, then children (of all ages) are invited over the next several weeks to fill in the color. No artistic abilities required! All are welcome.



## Deacons Palm Sunday Brunch

Present and Past Deacons Honored  
Fellowship & Food & Fun



Idylwood Presbyterian Church



**Massanetta Springs**  
CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER



**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/>



**Mark your calendars for**  
**Sunday, October 12**  
**IPC Centennial Celebration Dinner**  
**at**  
**Marco Polo in Vienna**

**Watch this space for details, and other activities to celebrate our 100th anniversary, but make sure this celebration is on your calendar!**



**Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)**

**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](http://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.



SERMON PODCAST: Sermons are now available via download at <http://idylwood.sermondrop.com/sermons>. We are also listed in iTunes: search for "Idylwood Presbyterian Church" under Podcasts, hit "subscribe," and have each week's sermon loaded automatically onto your various listening devices. For those of you who read sermon manuscripts – they will be back soon!

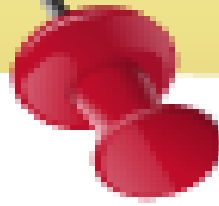


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**May 2014**

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