

Idylwood



PANORAMA

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Friends,

Moving seems to be in the air: while a young boy is moving into the Osman family, the Budny's move into their new home, and Don Palmer waits to move back into a refurbished condominium, the Gordons are looking forward to moving into our new home in Germantown, MD.

Moving is a lot of work. Whenever you take the place you 'land' at the end of the day and turn it upside down, it can be traumatic. But one of the blessings of moving is the necessity of taking inventory of what you own and asking, what stays and what goes? In each case, we must ask ourselves, does this need to be preserved or can I let go of it? Oftentimes the packrats and the neat-freaks clash on deciding what fits in each category. It's not an easy task.

Fortunately, Idylwood church is not moving (thank God!). Nevertheless, as your new pastor gets acclimated, I get to ask the question, what stays and what goes? IPC has a 100 year legacy full of wonderful traditions, legacies, and practices. These have shaped the lives and identity of this church for decades. Some will need to continue for years to come. Others maybe not.

Let us as a congregation be about discerning what stays and what goes. In each case, let us ask, is this what God is calling us to? Is this a part of His plan? Will this help us be the congregation that demonstrates the love of Christ or will it detract us from that goal? Please pray for IPC as we discern God's will for this time.

One tradition that will not disappear is our weekly gathering every Sunday morning. Let us each commit to finding our part in this regular celebration of the Lord's presence and power in our lives. How would you like to contribute?

God bless each one, Pastor Norm

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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Sermons Upcoming

Oct. 4

World Communion Sunday "One World, One Reign"

Oct. 11

The Role of the Nation

Oct. 18

The Resident Alien

Oct. 25

Reformation Sunday "Calvin's Reform in Geneva"

Nov. 1

Communion Sunday/All Saints Day
"Sanctity of Life"

Nov. 8

Guest Preacher - Heather Jones,
Larrick Scholar

Nov. 15

Care for the Planet

Nov. 22

Thanksgiving Sunday



Friends:

I'm on chapter 3 of the Frank Waters' "A History: The Idylwood Presbyterian Church" and the depth of roots that Idylwood has in this community is truly breathtaking - and the church hasn't even been built yet!

I get the same response when I talk with each of you and learn of your love for this church and all that it has meant to you.

So Cheval Opp, our Panorama editor, and I have a favor to ask: we'd like to publish a list of all the responses of members and friends to this question:

"What does IPC mean to me?"

Can you answer that in a word, in a sentence, in a paragraph, in a poem, in a story? We'd like to hear it. You can email your reply to me at this email address (admin@idylwoodpresbyterian.org). It doesn't have to be long - just the first thing that pops into your head. We'll collect them and publish them in the upcoming Panorama. Thanks for your help!

I continue in gratitude for the honor of serving you as pastor.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Norm

October Dedication Chancel Flowers



Oct. 4 - Given by Norm and Elsie Gordon in celebration of the ministry of Idylwood Presbyterian Church

Oct. 11 - Given by Linda Tang in loving memory of her late husband, Thomas C. Tang, and their October 12, 1980 wedding.

Oct. 18 - Given by Jim and Jane Duffield in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Oct. 25 - Given by the Osmans in celebration of their sweet Eric.

Prayer List

Joys:

Osman family new son, Micheal

Concerns:

Greta Wright: health concerns

Anne Stuckey: medical concerns

The Case's: Evelyn Comer, Rae's Aunt, health concerns.

George Petras' uncle

Ian: infant friend of Maria Holsopple

Kennedy Ladd: infant friend of the Budny's

Family of Myrtle Bales

Steve Allen: health concerns

Vicki Robb, friend of Nancy and Curt Budny: cancer diagnosis

Ann McCleary: health concerns

Kate Untiedt: medical concerns

All those looking for work

Alison French: chronic illness

Linda Dono's brother -- healing and wholeness for all

Chancel Flowers

On the Upton room bulletin board you will find a flower sign up sheet for 2015. 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". Please contact **Julie Tutwiler** bhenning5@verizon.net

PC GIVINGS STATEMENTS UPDATE:

Please pick up your statements (for January-present) after service this Sunday. If you prefer to have your statement mailed to you, then please e-mail **admin@idylwoodpresbyterian.org** and Amy will be sure to send that out.

We (Amy Moore, the counters and Dana Opp) have tried to properly identify where the donations that you have so graciously provided for the Lord's work. To that end please review your individual statement with a keen eye towards making sure we have not made an error. If you believe that we have made any errors please help us correct this with the following information:

- 1) Sunday given date
- 2) Check date
- 3) Check number
- 4) Check amount
- 5) Special instructions requested (special offering such as Deacons fund one of the 5 special offerings we supported last year or an identified "Memorial fund")



In the future, we will try to ensure that we get quarterly statements out to make things a bit easier on all of us.

If you have issue(s) with your statement PLEASE e-mail Amy (admin@idylwoodpresbyterian.org) and/or Dana (rdopp3@gmail.com) so that we may respond as quickly as possible.

*Sincerely and Peace,
Amy Moore
the counters
and Dana Opp*



Do You Know a Group that
Needs to Rent Space.

IPC currently has several groups using
our space and we would like to find
more.

1. Writing Workshop by Hildie Block
2. Two AA Meetings
3. ALANON Meeting
4. Korean Church

Let Cheval know if you think you have a good
candidate. chevalforceopp@gmail.com.

Greta	Wright	6-Oct
Gregory S.	Galloopoulos	8-Oct
David	Miller	8-Oct
Nancy	Budny	9-Oct
Caitlin (Caity)		
Lewis	Dawson	9-Oct
Yolanda	Miller	10-Oct
John	Elliott	11-Oct
Sibylle	Miller	13-Oct
Will	Whitaker	16-Oct
Linda	Dono	17-Oct
Pamela M.	Wolfe	21-Oct
Jesse	Shaw	25-Oct
Anne	Stuckey	28-Oct

The Deacons are working hard to get our birthday list accurate.
If we miss a birthday or the date is wrong.
Let us know!

Third Sunday Guest Musicians – **October 18 Paschal Jam**



Paschal Jam is 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, singalong good time is guaranteed for all!

Welcome to our new Osman, Micheal
Congratulations, Rachel, Leslie and Bob



Lana Heath de Martinez is one of our two Larrick scholars for 2015-2016 school year. Lana is a final level student who has managed to complete her studies while also getting married and having two children. She has been interning at Virginia Peace Policy Institute and has been a strong voice for justice on the Union Presbyterian Seminary campus. We were blessed that she and her family were visiting nearby and worshiped with us.



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"Lana Heath de Martinez,

One of two 2015-2016 recipients of IPC's Larirck Scholarship for seminary studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, and her husband, Alfredo, and two children. Lana and her family worshiped with us on Sept. 27; she will be back to preach sometime in the Spring of 2016. They are members of the East End Fellowship in Richmond, one of the 1,001 New Worshipping Communities of the PCUSA."



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