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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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The Session of IPC met last month and I asked each elder to say what the mission statement of our church meant to them. I was inspired by the responses. First of all, I was convinced that this was not a bunch of words on paper but rather an accurate reflection of an ethos, an outlook, a way of being church together that made sense to our leaders. Secondly, I was struck that most elders, when discussing this statement, naturally gravitated toward that last culminating call to “demonstrate the inclusive and expansive love of Jesus Christ.” They were able to offer specific example of what this looked like: helping a homeless person feel welcome on a Sunday morning, accommodating the idiosyncrasies of other members - however odd or eccentric, making room for the marginalized, and refusing to be judgmental by insisting “God loves them, too!”

It is good to know what a church is good at! I hope that, as we move forward as a congregation, we keep in mind the unique gifts God has given this particular portion of His body and seek to become the best we can at what we do. Maybe you have a story that captures the essence of our mission statement. Won't you share it with me?

As the month of November reminds us of that iconographic meal shared by native Americans and the aliens that floated into their world near Plymouth Rock, may we exercise Christ-like hospitality to all those our Lord loves. And we can start with a Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 22, after church, with our Korean friends from the afternoon congregation – Pilgrim-style!

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your shepherd.

Grace & Peace,

Norm



Sermons Upcoming

Nov. 1
Communion Sunday/All Saints
Day "Sanctity of Life"
Nov. 8
Care for the Planet
Nov. 15
Guest Preacher - Heather
Jones, Larrick Scholar
Nov. 22
Thanksgiving Sunday



Heather Jones

is a 2nd year M.Div student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Heather is from Montgomery, Alabama where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Huntingdon College in 2014. An avid reader, artist and lover of all things social-justice oriented, Heather hopes to find a way to fulfill God's call while mingling all of these things together. In May of 2016, Heather will be marrying Rhett Butler (yes, that is his real name) and they will continue to live in Richmond with their adorable dog Obi and the most popular cat on Union's campus, Mattie.

Prayer List

Joys:

Osman family new son

Concerns:

Virginia Morales: diagnosis of health 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

November Dedication Chancel Flowers

November 1: OPEN

November 8: Cheval and Dana Opp in celebration of the November 11 anniversary of Ruth O. and Richard D. Opp Jr.

November 15: In celebration of Hanna's 7th birthday and in memory of Joel's dad, William Cline.

November 22: OPEN

November 29: OPEN



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

Deacons' Corner

by Don Palmer

On behalf of the IPC deacons, I'd like to wish one and all a very happy and healthy month of November! And speaking of the deacons, you may be aware that there are only two active deacons and not the usual nine. The former deacons help out as much as we can, but there is still an need for help in order to do the things we hope to do.

I know, of course, that the people of IPC are already doing so much to enrich our fellowship here and that many of us have very busy lives with little spare time, but there are ways you can help the deacons that will take very little of your time. You do not have to be a deacon to do most of the things we do. (If you are a member of IPC and want to be a deacon, that would be outstanding. Just ask any current or former deacon, listed on your church bulletin, and we will be glad to take the steps to get you aboard.) Activities that require very little time and effort include greeting, taking the offering, setting up the coffee hour and helping to clean up after coffee hour.

There are other things you can volunteer for that will involve more time and effort, but the more people helping means that these will be easier and less time-consuming. For example, we visit those who cannot get to Church easily and try to provide rides to and from Church for those who need them. Both of these are very rewarding experiences. We also help at memorial services and special holiday services. Any current or former deacon will be glad to explain how you can help with any deacon activity when it fits into your schedule.

So, long story short, please consider being a deacon or volunteering to help us with the various things we do. We would greatly appreciate it and I believe you will be happy you did.

Blessings to all.



PC GIVINGS STATEMENTS UPDATE:

Please pick up your statements (for January-mid September) 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*



Anna	Dunlap	2-Nov
Jim	Sirbaugh	4-Nov
Florence	Wester	4-Nov
Bill	Rindone	5-Nov
Becky	Jacobs	8-Nov
Teo	Morales	9-Nov
George	Petras	18-Nov
Curt	Budny	25-Nov
Vicky	Rindone	29-Nov

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



Do you know a group that needs to rent a space?

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

1. Writing workshop by Hildie Block
2. Two different AA groups
3. ALANON meeting
4. Korean church

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



IPC Thanksgiving Pot Luck

**November 22
After Worship**

Bring your favorite dish, family and friends for a festive get-together after Worship Service. Let's share our joy and gratitude and our first Thanksgiving with Pastor Norman and his fine family: Elsie, Alicia, Abby and A.J.

Help with set-up and clean-up needed. Let's plan music and pictures to at the first IPC Luncheon of this colorful Season, reflecting our gratitude to God.

Please call or text input to Linda Tang, 571-835-5356

Our Korean congregation will join us



**Donate to Care Packages for
our College Kids**

Steve Dobbins is collecting donations for our annual Care Package to our College Kids. Check out the bulletin board for cards of needed supplies for donate funds.

stephen.r.dobbins@gmail.com

Save the Date

**IPC Christmas Party
December 12th**

We are blessed to have the Osman's hosting our annual Christmas Party again this year. Save the date and your favorite recipes for this joyous gathering.



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Comments or suggestion?
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