

# Idylwood



# PANORAMA

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### Between the Parades

***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 always find it difficult to write an Easter message before we have actually made our way through Lent and Holy Week. They tell me that the cherry blossoms will be out as scheduled early in April, but that's so hard to imagine this year. The snow at the end of my driveway just melted away in the rain that fell last weekend. My crocuses are just now blooming, and the daffodils aren't nearly ready yet. Like a child waiting for Christmas, I can't wait for Easter; but, like all parents, I need every moment of the time set aside for making the preparations. Coming to the joy of Easter without walking all the way through Lent seems somehow insincere. I need to feel something of the despair of a world with no Easter, before I can truly appreciate the joy of that empty tomb.

On Sunday we will remember the excitement of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, and then the children will be out of school and many of you go away for that Spring Break vacation. When I was a kid we got out of school for "Clean-up Week." There was always serious cleaning up that needed to be done after a long winter with coal fired furnaces in Chicago. I don't remember anyone going on a vacation that week. There was a lot of work to do; and everyone had to help. There's a lot for us to do between Palm Sunday and Easter. Christians are called to do some serious soul searching this week. Don't miss the opportunity to clear out any debris that may have accumulated in your lives this year and to feed your spirits with worship and prayer.

On Friday night, we will gather to hear a solemn reading of the passion story as we darken the sanctuary and remember the emptiness and despair of Good Friday. I will be preaching on Psalm 22, the one Jesus quotes from the cross. "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me."

When the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they couldn't imagine that their world could ever be put back together again. A few nails and a cross had snuffed out all their hope and the future seemed lost. But they were wrong. Our God would not leave us abandoned and forlorn. Our God could never leave us without hope, without a Savior. When they had hoped beyond every hope, God amazed them all with an empty tomb. Christ is alive and the Body of Christ continues to restore hope in a weary world. Let us be those Easter people. We hope you will join us for a joyful Easter celebration on April 5, but the Easter parade will be so much more meaningful if you have finished your preparations and walked all the way through Holy Week. Come along for the whole journey.

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He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!

*Diane*

April 5. Mark 16:1-8. The Women at the tomb  
April 12 John 20: 19-31. Doubting Thomas  
April 19 Luke 24:36-48. Walk to Emmaus  
April 26. John 10:11-18. Good Shepherd  
May 3 John 15:1-8. I AM the Vine  
May 10 John 15:9-17. Commandment to love one another  
May 17. John 17: 6-19. Jesus' last prayer--for us

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE:** *This Sunday, March 29 at 11:00 am*

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** We will worship at 7:30 pm on Friday, April 3, to observe Good Friday.

**HUNTING FOR EASTER EGGS:** Easter is fast approaching and, as is the tradition here at IPC, we will have an Easter Egg hunt for the children following service on Easter Sunday. Please consider "stuffing" a dozen (or more!) plastic eggs. And, it doesn't have to be candy. Great ideas in the past have included erasers, coins, tattoos, rings, etc. Use your imagination. And... you don't have to buy eggs... we have plenty from years past which are out for grabs.

## Prayer List

### Joys:

Osman family new son  
Installation of Nancy Budny & Steve Dobbins

### Concerns:

Family of Myrtle Bales  
Carol Shuh's father Lewis: passed away  
Dirk Holsopple: tests  
Joel Cline's mother: ill  
Nominating committee: for discernment for their work  
Bob Osman: recovering from surgery  
Nancy Budny: recovering from foot surgery  
Steve Allen: health concerns  
Vicki Robb, friend of Nancy and Curt Budny: cancer diagnosis  
Ann McCleary: health concerns  
Greta Wright: upcoming surgery  
Kate Untiedt: medical concerns  
Suzanne Meloeny (surgery for breast cancer), Ed Hartz: Ed and Rae Case  
All those looking for work  
Cecilia Brammer, Linda Tang: grief  
George Petras's aunt and uncle: assisted living  
Alison French: chronic illness  
Linda Dono's brother -- healing and wholeness for all.



## April Dedication Chancel Flowers

### 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

Save the Dates – more details to come!

**May 16th** – IPC Spring Sale – start collecting those gently used treasure that you are willing to part with and plan to come and see what special items await you!

**July 10th-12th** – IPC Lake Retreat – we have reserved the Lakeview Lodge and will be sure to have the floatables and fishing rods ready.

Coming soon to IPC a discussion



What is the World's BIGGEST dirty little secret  
you ask?

The fact that  
748  
MILLIONPEOPLE  
ON OUR PLANET DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO  
SAFE, CLEAN DRINKING WATER.



Thanks to our members who  
Supported the  
Falls Church Homeless Shelter

Don Palmer  
Jim Cullum  
Julie Tutwiler  
Doug Roark  
Cheval 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](mailto:chevalforceopp@gmail.com).



Samuel Benjamin	Jacobs Carpenter	2-Apr
Jennifer	Jacobs	7-Apr
Bryan	Dobbins	14-Apr
Leslie	Osman	15-Apr
Peter	Caracciolo	24-Apr



### Rides

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

### *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!





**Myrtle M. Bales member (#120) joined IPC in April 1954**

### **Where were you born?**

I was born in Northeastern Pennsylvania, about eight miles from Scranton. This is the anthracite region – where the hard coal is mined. My mother already had five sons and she was hoping for a sixth. So she was disappointed, but those great brothers of mine were just delighted. They have always been my closest friends and strongest supporters. Eight years later my mother did have a sixth son – and he was the most beautiful baby! I can remember the first time she let me hold him in my arms and walked! There were three girls, one of whom died as an infant. All my brothers and sisters have died and I am the only survivor of that big family. If I could live my life over I would still want to be born into the family of those six gentle men.

### **What role in your life has given you the most pleasure?**

I've been thinking this over and this is a hard decision to make. I've enjoyed the whole thing so much and I've learned so much in each stage of my life. The grandmother state was fun, but there have been so many pleasures all along. Both of my husbands and I enjoyed square dancing and we made so many friends in this way. We lucked out in our choice of location to live. On a nice quiet dead end street – and I've seen the babies where were born right here grow up, go away to school, get married and have children of their own – and I've been involved with all of them.

## **In Memory of Myrtle M. Bales 28 November 1919 to 11 March 2015**

**It is a sad sweetness to share this interview from May 2010. Always elegant and funny, we will miss Myrtle.**

One of my neighbors had an open house celebrating my birthday the week before my daughter had a birthday luncheon for me and several of the neighborhood men helped my carry my loot home – wine, flowers, plants, candy, as set of pretty teacups, tec.

### **What did you like best when you first joined IPC.**

When I began coming to Idylwood Presbyterian Church, it was just a dinky little church building. We actually enter through the door behind where the organ is now and we walked along in back of the pews which faced the present parking lot! There was no organ there at the time. For years we had piano music.

The Hughes family, Sanford and Ellen (she sometimes played the organ) and all their children Sanford, Roger and Connie were loyal supporters. The two Sanfords (father and son) dug a pit in the present day parking lot and erected one of those little buildings, which then was our "facility".

The woman of the church still put on church suppers – they carried water from home to cook the food and then to clean up.

Did you think you would be a member so long, since April 1954?

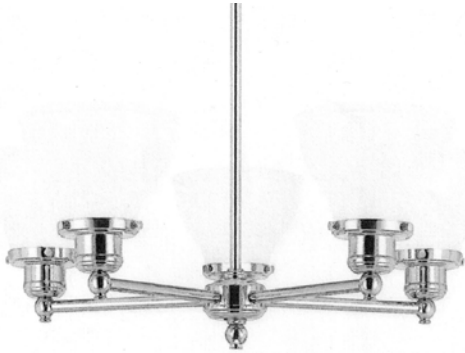
No – I didn't think I'd be alive that long.

What is the biggest change you like since you joined in April 1954?

The biggest change that I see – and like very much – is the involvement of so many young people. For years I happened to be the Chairman of the Nominating Committee and I always tried hard to see that young people were elected to the Board of Deacons and the Session. And we do have capable young career people, and their children, involved in the life of the church. This is good news!

If you had one wish for our congregation what would it be?

I think my best wish for our congregation is coming true right now, with Rev. MaryAnn at the helm. It's just great to see new members joining, the congregation growing and everybody working together. I hope she stays with us and helps us continue to grow.



## Let there be new lights

The self appointed group of Carol Shuh, Shawn Carpenter, Leslie Osman, Dana Opp and others meet on Sunday march 15th to look at samples of fixtures that may be appropriate for the Sanctuary. We have attached those samples to an email to the congregation. We solicit your comments as soon as you might be able too.

Our simple criteria for the 4 hanging fixtures one of which is broken is as follows:

1. NO Glass in the fixture
  2. Simple lines
  3. Preferably Black
  4. Easy to maintain (cleaning and changing light bulbs)
  5. 6 lights of 60 watts apiece
- a. Note: a nominal 60 watt incandescent bulb = 800 lumens, therefore any other lamp (e/g/. LED) should have at least 800 lumens) More information about our new confusion modern light bulb selections may be found at <http://lumennow.org/>
- b. Color temperature between 2700K and 4100K see <http://lumennow.org/will-all-new-light-bulbs-have-a-blue-hue/> for some information is desired

The effort here is to get comments on the fixtures themselves. **If you would like to receive the email with all of the potential candidates, contact Dana Opp at [rdopp3@gmail.com](mailto:rdopp3@gmail.com)**

We also discussed replacing the two fixtures in the ceiling under the balcony with some standard "CAN" fixtures that would be flush with the ceiling surface. Comments are also requested on this approach



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## Deacon's Corner

On behalf of the IPC Board of Deacons, I'd like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2015.

Now begins a new year, IPC's 101<sup>st</sup>, full of promise and opportunities. And, like all years, 2015 will be a year with changes and surprises. This was certainly true on January 4<sup>th</sup>, when we learned of MaryAnn's decision. It seems like only a few months ago that MaryAnn joined us. It's hard to believe that it's been five years, but it has been five wonderful years. MaryAnn's sense of humor, patience and kindness have made it a pleasure for us deacons when we worked with her. I have many fond memories, as I'm sure the other deacons do.

I have enjoyed her fresh ideas and informality during the worship services, which were always joyful and thought-provoking. There are far too many examples to mention here, so I will only briefly mention a few.

I recall one time that MaryAnn used the exact number of words in her sermon as in Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. This was not only a thoughtful tribute to our greatest president, but it also created the unusual sensation of leaving church that Sunday thinking “the sermon was too short!” And personally, I was honored to hear MaryAnn read from one of my “Deacons' Corner” article as part of her sermon one Sunday. We have also enjoyed the special evening services around Easter and Christmas.

We also appreciate her and Robert singing in the choir. And I cannot fail to mention their three wonderful children who have enlivened our Sunday mornings. So much to miss, so little time left.

The deacons would like to wish MaryAnn and her family the very best in all their future endeavors and hope they return often to visit us. We are grateful for the happy memories of the last five years and wish there could have been 20 or 30 years more, but we must trust that God knows what is best and will guide us through this change.

Blessings to all. *Don Palmer*

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