

Idylwood



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Dear Idylwood Presbyterian Church Family:

First of all, I would like to thank your Pastoral Search Committee for choosing to invest in me as the next Stated Supply Pastor of Idylwood Pres.!

I have a lot to learn: about your congregation, about the lives of all you members, about your church, about the Falls Church community, and most importantly, what our Lord is up to at IPC. That last one should keep us ALL busy this year.

I will be starting on Sunday, August 30 with great anticipation and expectation. I would ask that you pray for me: for patience, for strength, and for discernment as to how to best lead this flock.

My main agenda for the first several months will be getting to know each of you. While large group settings have their own energy and inspiration, one-on-one encounters offer a much more personal view. I love doing lunches or coffee . . . or breakfast. Or just stop by and let's chat.

There are two things that most get my juices flowing in ministry: 1) watching people grow in their faith; and 2) seeing a church engage its community. Ministry involves many facets, but you'll probably see me lean in those directions.

And as I told your Search Committee, I love creative worship! I hope we can encounter the Lord in some meaningful ways on Sunday mornings.

Here's looking forward to God's mercy, grace, and love this coming year.

Blessings,

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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Family and Friends Celebrated Myrtle Bales Life At IPC, August 15th



*In Loving Memory Of
Myrtle Miller Wood Bales
November 28, 1919
March 11, 2015*

The Butterfly

To some He has come as a snow white dove
Dropping quietly down from the sky
But God came to me – and I know it was He –
As a beautiful butterfly.

How vibrant the hues, the dark and light blues
The wings, like His arms, outspread
The play of the light as the sun sought Him out
In my own geranium bed.

His magnificent presence filled all my soul
With peace I had never known.
He blessed me, refreshed me, and leaving, He left me
A grace that exceeded my own.

And now When I'm vexed, downhearted, perplexed
I look for some sigh, as before
That He's near me, will hear me, and tenderly cheer me
While I struggle along one more.

By Myrtle Miller Wood Bales

Prayer List

Joys:

Osman family new son

Concerns:

Greta Wright: health concerns
Ann Stuckey: medical concerns
Ian: infant friend of Maria Holsopple
The Case's: Ed Hartz and for the families of Martha Shuler,
Paul Jeffers and Bob Warhurst
Kennedy Ladd: infant friend of the Budny's
Doug Roark's friend Rob: cancer
Family of Christina Sejin Park
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
George Petras's uncle
Alison French: chronic illness
Linda Dono's brother -- healing and wholeness for all



**September Dedication
Chancel Flowers**

Sept 6

Sept 13 **Fred Brammer's Birthday**

Sept 20 **Celebration of Rachel's 13th
Birthday**

Sept 27 **In Loving Memory of Wally
Morales Flight Paramedic**

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

Rev. Norm Gordon joins IPC August 30

Rev. Gordon is a native of Gaithersburg, MD, and a life-long Presbyterian. After getting his Bachelor of Arts in English from Davidson College, NC, he became a PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer with the Church of Christ in Thailand where he taught English in a Christian school. Upon his return, he entered Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA, where he met his wife, Elsie, at the School of Psychology (Elsie is a Clinical Psychologist). He graduated in 1992 with Master of Divinity and was surprised to find God leading him to plant a church among Filipino immigrants in Los Angeles, a line of work he felt completely unqualified for and that necessitated utter dependence on divine grace. Eight years and much growth (personally and as a church) later, he and Elsie and two of their three kids, Alicia (16) and Abby (13), moved to West Monroe, Louisiana, to begin yet another church plant. A. J. (10) was born there. After ten years of church planting, the Lord called the family back to Norm's hometown church, Gaithersburg Presbyterian, where he has been an Associate Pastor for the last seven and a half years.

Norm's main occupation outside of ministry is nurturing, along with Elsie, his 3 girls through their school years. He is an avid runner, loves historical novels, enjoys watching heady movies with lots of character development, and on off hours can be found exploring cityscapes by foot, bike, or car. One of his many spiritual disciplines is taking his girls to the coffee shop religiously on his day off.

Norm is beginning a whole new call to bi-vocational ministry. In addition to pastoring the flock at Idylwood, he will be doing missional ministry outside the established church in the Central Montgomery County through an agency called Bridges (www.bridgesus.org).

He is very much looking forward to getting to know the Idylwood congregation and what God is up to in their midst.

Welcome to the Gordon Family



Abby (13), Elsie, A. J. (10), me, Alicia (16)

Jacob's Backpack Brigade

Jacob's Backpack Brigade - Another Year of Success!!

A big "thanks" to everyone who participated in Jacob's Backpack Brigade 2015. Thanks to everyone's generosity with supplies, money and time... we are going to be able to outfit *more than* 17 kids for the 2015-2016 school year. I say "more than" because we have extra supplies and backpacks that will go to kids who start after the beginning of the year.

We are also grateful to Eagle Bank for its generous donation and we look forward to expanding our efforts to Kilmer Middle School next year!

Our church may be small in number but this is another example of just how large we are in heart and in community reach.

The Osman Family

Pastor Emeritus, Leonard B. Sirbaugh led the August 14 service in memory of Myrtle M. Bales IPC member (#120) who joined IPC in April 1954. Family and friends fondly remember her service, humor and elegance.



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.



Williams	Richard	4-Sept
Haney	Ceresa	14-Sep
Rickett	Julie	15-Sep
Moore	Sally	19-Sep
Shaw	Jim	20-Sep
Dobbins	Megan	22-Sep
Osman	Rachel	22-Sep
Shaw	Rachel	24-Sep
Caracciolo	Daniel	28-Sep
Collat	Justin	29-Sep

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

IPC Retreat at Osman's Lake House



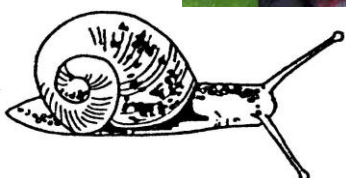
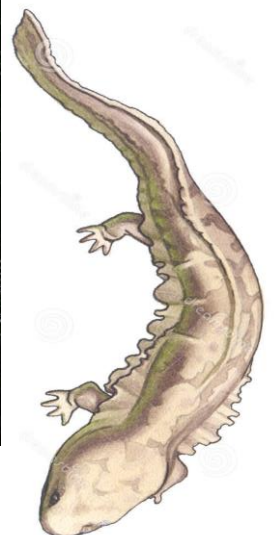
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Thank You
Bob and Leslie
Osman and
everyone who
made such a
fun time.



September 2015



Lemon Road School Power Packs Continue this School Year

IPC members continue to lead the community project of power packs for local elementary school-aged children. Initially, we prepared the packs and donated them to Food for Others to distribute as they saw fit. A year ago, with the assistance and encouragement of **Leslie Osman and family**, we partnered with Lemon Road Elementary School and began delivering the packs directly to the school.

The meal packs are designed to give children who receive free or reduced school meals several meals over the weekend. The packs are distributed by the school counselor, Ms. McKinney, discreetly on Friday afternoons. The contents provide two breakfasts and two dinners, plus snacks.

The packs consist of 10 items: a Chef Boyardee microwaveable meal, (long-shelf life) milk carton, cereal, a fruit juice pack, a vegetable juice pack, instant oatmeal, pretzels, potato chips, macaroni and cheese, and a fruit cup.

David Morgan managed the initial agreement with Lemon Road Elementary. He is supported in the pack production by **Richard Williams, Julie Tutwiler, Barbara Steinbeck, and Ceresa Haney**.

We regularly receive feedback from Lemon Road Elementary that the power packs are well-received by the students, who look forward to picking them up on Friday afternoons.

We would like to thank all IPC members for supporting this important community mission. We also wish to recognize the special contributions of Jennifer Jacobs and family for their monthly contribution of milk for the packs and Virginia Morales for her ongoing generous financial contributions. If you would like to contribute to this community service project [contact any of the participants](#).



IPC is full of Deacons and although we are hoping to have more volunteers for the formal ranks of the "Deacons", I for one take heart when the spirit moves our members to visit those who can not join us on Sunday. Thanks to all of the kind hearts in IPC. Cheval

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Dear Deacons,

I visited Anne Stuckey on June 21st and again July 26th. She has moved from the Powhatan Nursing Home to the address above. (The new place takes her insurance.) Anne continues to be in good spirits, but had nothing definite on coming home again. Linda Tang got the address from me just now and hopes to visit or send a card. Anne's cell phone is 703-309-5453. ManorCare also allows dogs to visit, so I took Riley with me and we all had a nice time.

Carol



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