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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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Forgive (Merriam Webster)

transitive verb

1.1 a : to give up resentment of or claim to requital for *<forgive an insult>* **b :** to grant relief from payment of *<forgive a debt>*

2.2 : to cease to feel resentment against (an offender) : pardon *<forgive one's enemies>*

In the post-Easter season, one of the ways we have been living into the life-giving resurrection of Jesus Christ is by allowing the truth of Romans 8:2 to become real for us:

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death."

In the last six months, I have found the congregation of Idylwood Presbyterian to be one of the most gracious and generous groups of people I've met; their genuine acceptance of individual differences and peculiarities is a model for diversity and should be emulated. As one member responded recently upon encountering the eccentric behavior of another member: "... and God loves him, too!" This inclusiveness is a gift from God!

The fallout from this generosity, which is minor but needs to be noted, is that when someone does something that really truly hurts or offends us, we don't always know how to respond. We find it easier to 'suck it up' rather than confront, communicate, or try to reconcile. Let's face it: toleration is a lot easier up front than confrontation. If we can bury hard feelings, then we don't have to see them played out in public; we have more control over them.

But it is the burying of feelings that fosters the resentments, grudges, and long-term isolation that can hurt us more in the long-run. Learning how to be both honest and conciliatory is one of the marks of a spiritually mature congregation. What do you need to share with another member? What do you need to get off your chest? How can you do it in a constructive and non-destructive way?

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I have been encouraged by the honest and soul-searching conversations surrounding our latest sermon series "When We're Wronged" which we have shared at our [now Post-] Lenten Small Group meetings. Indeed, members have been willing to uncover deep hurts and emotional wounds, and getting them out in the open has been a healing process for us all. Thank you, Small Group attenders, for blessing me!

I hope that as we continue to be reminded of the Father's reconciliation with us that the Son of God brought through his death on the cross we might live into avenues of reconciliation within our congregation. Thank you for sharing the journey with me. Here's to the prospect of seeing Jesus in our midst!

Your pastor,
Norm



Installation of Deacons and Elders

Larrick Scholar with kids



Prayer List

Joys:

Irene, Cecilia's friend: clean bill of health!

Concerns:

Carol Shuh: eye surgery

New officers: Jane Duffield, Bob Osman, Dana Opp and Carol Shuh

Shawn Carpenter's aunt: aggressive cancer

College students heading back to school

Anne Stuckey: medical concerns

George Petras' uncle

Kennedy Ladd: infant friend of the Budny's

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

Ann McCleary: health concerns

All those looking for work

Alison French: chronic illness

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

Sermon Calendar

8-May	Mother's Day
15-May	Pentecost Sunday
The Church on Fire	
22-May	Trinity Sunday
Which Person of the Trinity Don't You Get?	
29-May	Memorial Day Weekend
5-Jun	Psalm 1
12-Jun	Psalm 19
19-Jun	Father's Day
26-Jun	Psalm 33



Our very own Jazz musician!!!



Lenten Study Group

April 3 Opp – In remembrance of Cheval's father, Robert Hue Force, birthday

May 1: Linda K Tang - In memory and honor of my dear (late) husband Tom's birthday, May 9 (1919)

May 8: Linda Dono - In honor and remembrance of the 99th birthday of Linda's father, Louis Dono.

May 15: Julie Tutwiler - In celebration of Scott Henning's graduation from Clarkson University and Keith Henning's graduation from the University of Virginia.

May 22: Osman - In celebration of Micheal's 10th birthday.

May 29: Duffield - In celebration of Joey's 18th birthday.

June 5: Yolande Miller - In celebration of David' and Yolande's 27th anniversary.

June 12: Linda Dono - In honor and remembrance of the June 16th birthday of Linda's mom, Margaret Dono.

June 19: OPEN

June 26: Cline - In celebration of Nancy's birthday.

July 3: OPEN

July 10: Osman - In celebration of Jacob's 12th birthday.

July 17: Case

July 24: Cheval and Dana Opp - In celebration of the July 22 birthday of Dana's father, Richard D. Opp Jr.

July 31: Cheval and Dana Opp - In celebration of a July birthday. In celebration of Cheval's mother Troy L. Force.

Chancel Flowers

On the Upton room bulletin board you will find a flower sign up sheet for 2016. 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

Kate Untiedt putting a team together!

Date- Saturday, April 30th

Run for the Children 8K Race and 3K Run/Walk Spring 2016

Fairfax CASA invites you to the sixth annual Run for the Children 8K Race and 3K Run/Walk. Stay tuned for updates. Be a part of this special event – raise awareness and much needed funds to support CASA volunteers as they advocate for abused and neglected children in our community.

Run. Walk. Donate. Every child deserves a happy childhood.

View pictures from past events in our [photo gallery](#).

For more information, please visit www.fairfaxrunforthechildren.com.





March & April 2016

Kate	Untiedt	10-Mar
Dave	Dunlap	6-Mar
Timothy	Caracciolo	5-Mar
Martha	Bentzen	5-Mar
David	Morgan	10-Mar
Steve	Dobbins	13 Mar
David	Wolfe	14 Mar
Sharon	Caracciolo	19-Mar
Carol	Shuh	29-Mar

Samuel		
Benjamin	Jacobs Carpenter	2-Apr
Jennifer	Jacobs	7-Apr
Bryan	Dobbins	14-Apr
Leslie	Osman	15-Apr
Diana	Asare	23-Apr
Peter	Caracciolo	24-Apr

Cara	Dobbins	2-May
Sara	Whitaker	4-May
Emily	Whitaker	5-May
Tom	Tang	9-May
Naomi	Wolfe	10-May
Kathleen	Budny	13-May
Joey	Duffield	21-May
Julie	Largay	24-May
Bill	Hylton	28-May
Victoria	French	29-May

Bob	Osman	1 Jun
Virginia	Morales	4-Jun
Linda	Tang	4-Jun
Dana	Opp	6-Jun
Ed	Case	8-Jun
Carmen	Garcia	15-Jun
Carrie	Alesbury	18-Jun
Ann	McCleary	18-Jun
Nina	Shaw	21- Jun

Amy is working hard to get our birthday list accurate.
If we miss a birthday or the date is wrong.
Let her know! admin@idylwoodpresbyterian.org

Deacons Corner

The Deacons have been busy given that there are just two of them (Jane Duffield and Bob Osman). In recent weeks they have provided relief funding for two individuals in need. They have also set operational guidelines for what the Deacons will be responsible for and received session approval. Since we have only two Deacons and even though Jane and Bob are giants in our small church they will need help to accomplish some duties and will ask for help on occasion. Please help when asked!!!!
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Third Sunday Musicians
2016

January 17th Braeared Chord

February 21
Ken Smith

March 20 Rocky Jackson

April 17 Jesse Palidofsky

May 15 Grace Under Pressure

Treasurer's Corner

A few items of interest to the congregation:

- The status of pledges up to Sunday 20 March 2016.
 - Total pledged: \$85, 284
 - Pledges due: \$19, 680
 - Pledges received: \$20, 446
 While the pledge s look good as of 20 March in the last few weeks incoming resources have fallen off.
- Choir loft chairs have been ordered to replace the pews. This will allow more flexibility for music programs. The chairs should be delivered by 1 June and were funded by the Larrick Fund.
- The 2016 NCP per capita (General Fund) and Benevolences (Larrick and Deacons Fund) have been forwarded.
- We have purchased replacement LED lights for much of the sanctuary and hope to have them installed soon. We are also looking at replacements for the main lights which will also be LED

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