

# Idylwood



# PANORAMA

## Newsletter of Idylwood Presbyterian Church

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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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### Discerning the Mission of the Church

I want to be sure our membership is aware of a process your Session began back at the beginning of the year.

There was a lot of angst over two major property concerns: 1) how to reconfigure the back side of the church such that folks could walk into a nice entrance of the church; and 2) how to utilize the manse in a productive way.

Since either one of these could involve a major capital campaign, we decided that before we invested the congregation so heavily into any such project, we need to have a long-term rationale. Something more than just "let's make things look nicer" or "well, we have to use it for something." A rationale that ties into something higher. A vision plan for how God wants to use IPC for His purposes in the community. That way, if funding falls through, if the will of the congregation changes, if circumstances change, we still have a solid vision to fall back on; we don't start back at square one.

So we found a resource from our denomination called "Starting New Initiatives: A Discernment Process." We began the process in February. The 'process' is essentially three modules:

- 1) Over the course of ten months, the Session begins each Session meeting with an hour-long discourse which involves prayer, the study of Scripture, reflections, homework, etc. all centered around questions of identity, purpose, and connection with the community.
- 1) Sometime this Fall, the conversation widens out to a larger pool of thought leaders in the church and a vision begins to emerge of specifically how God wants to use IPC to bless this community; at this point, we hope, the future of the manse and other building considerations will become more clear.
- 1) We set about to fulfill our vision utilizing the resources of the whole congregation; this becomes a church-wide project.

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Already, we have gained significant insight into questions like “What is IPC all about?” “How do we do mission best?” “What do we need to learn about our community?” etc. While tedious, the process allows us to move closer and closer to what we believe God’s will for IPC might look like.

As you anticipate joining the process at some point next year, please pray for your Session (Leslie Osman, Kate Untiedt, Carol Shu, Dana Opp, Shawn Carpenter, Steve Dobbins). We need your prayers! And thank you for allowing us to dream!

Grace & Peace,

Norm

## SAVE THE DATE

THANKSGIVING DINNER AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY, NOV. 20

**Micheal Robert Osman adoption is final!!! -  
celebration chocolate chip pan cookies**





# IPC 2016 Retreat

August 19-21



*Thanks to the Osmons for another great gathering.*



## Mentoring at Lemon Road Elementary

Lemon Road Elementary school is in need of committed, compassionate and eager volunteers for our student mentoring program. We ask for a full year commitment of at least 45 minutes per week providing support, encouragement, motivation and wisdom to identified students in grades K-6.

Mentoring makes a HUGE difference in the lives of our youth and helps them to build resiliency, make positive choices, avoid inappropriate behaviors, and reach their goals. Teachers report that students paired with a mentor make huge academic and personal social gains.

It is truly a mutually enriching relationship. Many mentors state they enjoy working with the students just as much if not more than the students enjoy working with them! Our students eagerly await their weekly visit from their mentor; the smile on their face when their mentor enters the room is priceless! Even if they feel the world is against them, they find comfort and strength knowing their mentor is there for them. Truly...mentors make a difference!

How do I begin?

FCPS requires all persons interested in working with our students complete a background check and fingerprinting. This is offered free of charge at our headquarters in Falls Church. We provide training, coaching, ideas for mentoring and full support throughout the school year with your special mentee. All you need to have is a loving heart and an open mind.

***All interested persons, please contact Jane Duffield, [duffield4j@msn.com](mailto:duffield4j@msn.com) for more information and or to express your interest.***

Thanks!

**CASA race May 2016 at Fairfax Courthouse. 12 Flock members- IPC raised more than \$1100 to support abused and neglected children of Fairfax County**



I'm so proud of us!!! Tiny IPC .... Wow we sure raised a lot! For a church of 60+ members-- look what we did! 12 of us ran or walked. Yeah to Rachel and Steve for running! And to folks who got up much earlier than they usually do (Willa, Jane... More) -- way to support a cause. I just love that when we come together for "a mission"--we go all out!

Heartfelt Thanks for supporting a cause so near and dear to me!

Next year, see if we can get my mom to wear a big prairie bonnet and hold a shepherd's crook-- to bring in the sheep! What a hoot that would be!!

Thanks again. ***WE DID A GOOD THING INDEED!***  
***Love to one and All***

***Submitted by Kate Untiedt***



## **Falls Church 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sunday, October 30**

CROP Walk to End Hunger - The 3rd annual Falls Church CROP Walk is scheduled this year for Sunday October 30. The CROP Walks are neighbors walking together to raise money to take a stand against hunger in our world. Some 2,000 communities across the country take part each year to raise money to alleviate hunger and provide disaster and other assistance both locally and internationally.

IPC is look looking for walkers and those to support the walkers with monetary donations. For more information, **contact Jane Duffield at [duffield4j@msn.com](mailto:duffield4j@msn.com) or visit <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/fallschurchva>**

### **OCTOBER 16 GUEST MUSICIANS – THE BRAEDED CHORD:**

The Braeded Chord is an acoustic duo that truly offers something for everyone. Their music strikes a universal chord, with its inclusion of multiple genres for all generations. Performing songwriters Sharon Dennis (guitarist) and Doris MacDonald (keyboard) write and perform original songs and give a twist to familiar music. From thought-provoking contemplative to upbeat zany, from children's music to rocking worship, from blues-infused gospel to fun sing-alongs, the Braeded Chord is more than entertaining. Each performance is tailor-made for its intended audience. They weave melody that is sometimes haunting, sometimes driving with lyric palettes ranging from funny to profound. The musical partnership of The Braeded Chord began while the two were performing in the contemporary praise band of a local Baptist Church in Northern Virginia, and soon extended throughout Virginia, with tours to Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Texas, Michigan, Hawaii and as far away as Kenya and Haiti. They have released six CDs and received several recognitions for their songwriting and performance, including seven WAMMIE awards for Best Inspirational/Gospel Duo and Best Inspirational/Gospel Recording.

### **Work is being done to finalize a plan for the Rudyard side of the church!**

There is a small group led by Steve Dobbins and Bob Osman who have asked members at IPC for their thoughts and idea to make the Rudyard Street entrance to the church more inviting to increase its use. These ideas have been put into a draft form but we welcome any and all ideas to make the path from the parking lot to the side entrance and the side entrance more inviting. If you have additional thoughts or ideas, please let Steve Dobbins know. Steve can also be reached at [stephen.r.dobbins@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.r.dobbins@gmail.com). Submitted by Dana Opp

### IPC GIVINGS STATEMENTS UPDATE:

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 statements will be emailed by the end of October and mailed to those who don't do email. Please review your individual statement with a eye towards making sure we have not made an error to this date. In the near future we hope to be instituting a new financial system that will enable us to track giving more in real time and allow you to log in a check your giving and other church attributes. Stay tuned and ask Dana Opp if you have questions. 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

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")

Submitted by Dana Opp.



## 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

**August 7: Cheval and Dana Opp - In celebration of Dana's Mother, Ruth O. Opp August 10 birthday.**

**August 14: Case – In honor of their grandson Case Bryan Underwood born July 27, 2016.**

**August 12: Duffield's – In loving memory of Jane's parents Hardin and Peggy Ann Cox**

**August 28: Open**

**September 4: Ted and Virginia Morales – In loving memory of our beloved son Wally.**

**September 11: Cecilia and Eric Brammer – In loving memory of Fred Brammer on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**

**September 18: Osman - In celebration of Rachel's 14th birthday**

**September 25: David and Pamela Wolfe - In loving memory of David's mother Anne Wolfe**

**October 2: Kate Untiedt – Happy birthday Dear Willa**

**October 9: Linda Tang - In memory and honor of my October 12 anniversary**

**October 16: Open**

**October 23: Osman - In celebration of Eric's 16th birthday**

**October 30: Open**

**November 6: Collat - In loving memory of Annemarie Wendt Collat**

**November 13: Cheval and Dana Opp - In memory of Ruth O. Opp and Richard D Opp Jr Nov 11 wedding anniversary**

**November 20: Cline – In memory of Hannah's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday and remembrance of Joel's Father passing**

**November 27: Open**

**December 4: Open**

**December 11: Open**

**December 18: Congregation dedicated Poinsettias**

**December 25: Congregation dedicated Poinsettias**



Cara	Dobbins	2-May
Sara	Whitaker	4-May
Emily	Whitaker	5-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
Patti	Dickey	1-Jul
Lorraine	Watt	3-Jul
Christa		
Leigh	Galloopoulos	6-Jul
Sarah	Rindone	7-Jul
Allison	French	8-Jul
John	Hanna	8-Jul
Joyce	Dorris	11-Jul
Nathan	Budny	12-Jul
Steve	Allen	13-Jul
Cheval	Opp	14-Jul
Sara	Hanna	15-Jul
Christina	French	16-Jul
Isaac	Asare	17-Jul
Frank	Rindone	31-Jul

Shawn	Carpenter	19-Aug
	Jacobs	
Lucy	Carpenter	22-Aug
	Jacobs	
Bonnie	Carpenter	22-Aug
Rae	Case	31-Aug
Laura		
Grace	Goldberg	31-Aug
Richard	Williams	4-Sep
Julie	Rickett	15-Sep
Ceresa	Haney	14-Sep
Sally	Moore	19-Sep
Jim	Shaw	20-Sep
Megan	Dobbins	22-Sep
Rachel	Osman.	22-Sep
Rachel	Shaw	24-Sep
Daniel	Caracciolo	28-Sep
Justin	Collat	29-Sep
Greta	Wright	6-Oct
Terrassa	Asare	7-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 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](mailto:admin@idylwoodpresbyterian.org)

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**Fall 2016**

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