

THE UPDATE

SPECIAL LENT EDITION



INDEPENDENT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 2019

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

- 1 VBS/BTMP sign up opens for members
- 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 pm, Great Hall. Cost: \$7
- 6 Ash Wednesday Service, 12 pm/6:30 pm
- 10 2nd Sunday Lunch, 12 pm, Great Hall
2nd Sunday Supper, 6 pm, Highland Hall
- 16 Ordination for Mary Sellers Shaw, 2 pm
- 17 Children's Musical, 10 am, Highland Hall
- 20 Final Wednesday Night dinner/class
- 31 Evensong, 4 pm, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Dinner: 5:15- 6:15 pm. Class: 6:15- 7:15 pm

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

- 1 VBS (June 3- 6)/ BTMP (June 3-7) registration for members
- 3 SHINE (K- 6) on March 3 & 10, 6 pm
Extended Atrium (Level I & II), 10 am- 12 pm
- 9 Musical rehearsal, 9 am- 12 pm, Highland Hall
- 10 Seder (K- 6), 10 am, First Floor
Acolyte Training, 12- 1:30 pm, Sanctuary
- 17 Children's Musical, 10 am, Highland Hall

Questions? Stacy Pulliam, 933-3690

YOUTH EVENTS

- 15- 16 Lock in, 7- 11 pm, Away
- 24- 30 Spring Break. No programming.
Questions? Emily Frandsen, 903-0211

FOR THE ADULTS

- 4 Book Review Group, 10 am, Room 307
IPC Foundation Lunch & Learn: Surviving Domestic Violence through Faith, 11:30 am, Great Hall. Cost: \$10. RSVP to Lisa Holloway, 933-3725
Cancer Support Group, 12 pm, G39
- 8 Cyber Seniors ID Theft Prevention Workshop with Wells Fargo, 11 am, Rooms 305/306. Open to all. RSVP to Connie Logan, 933-3694.
- 10 Grace Groups begin. Studying *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine. Cost: \$13 Contact: Cindy Shaw, cshaw@ipc-usa.org
- 11 Guild, 10 am, Chapel
Church Officer nomination deadline
- 13 MOMS (Ministry of Mothers), 6:15 pm, Room 304
- 18 Circle V, 10:30 am, Away
Beer & Hymns, 7 pm, The Grill at Iron City
- 19 Session, 5:30 pm, Rooms 305/306
- 25 Birmingham Men's Club with Alabama Veteran's Memorial Park Founder Della Fancher, 10:30 am- 12 pm, Great Hall. Cost: \$8. RSVP Connie Logan, 933-3694.
- 26 4th Quarter Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Galley & Garden. RSVP to Connie.
Deadline to submit Guild interest forms.

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SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

GLORIFY GOD BY JOINING THE GUILD

The ladies of the Guild prepare the sanctuary for worship and serve as hostesses for weddings, funerals, baptisms and Holiday House. Members meet at 10 am on second Mondays. New members agree to a five-year term and to serving on two committees. Interested? Please fill out a form. Return it to the box next to the elevator by **Tuesday, March 26.**

HIGHLIGHTS

LUNCH AND LEARN

Monday, March 4 at 11:30 am

The IPC Foundation and One Place will host a panel discussion about domestic violence. **RSVP required.** See *inside*.

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

Sunday, March 17 at 10 am

Join us in Highland Hall for "Step Right Up" - a musical with circus characters all striving for the glory of God. See *inside*.

EVENSONG

Sunday, March 31, 4 pm

Organ recital with Cathy Shelton, First United Methodist Church, Birmingham.

SAVE THE DATE

THE ADVENTURES OF DAVID BIBLETIMES MARKETPLACE

JUNE 3- 7, 8 AM- 2:30 PM

Campers (completed Grades 1-5) and Tribal Assistants (completed Grades 6- 12) are invited to join us as we share in "The Adventures of David." Be an apprentice in the marketplace and learn crafts such as pottery, tie dying and jewelry making. Additional activities include drama, worship, games, and swimming. Sign up for fun week at the Children's Fresh Air Farm!



BLAST OFF TO MARS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 3- 6, 9 AM- 12 PM

Children (completed 3K- Kindergarten) will discover the wonders of God's universe on an adventure that's out of this world. The journey "To Mars and Beyond" takes off from IPC's ground floor.

Member registration opens March 1. Public registration begins April 1.

Register at: ipc-usa.org > connect > calendar



STEP RIGHT UP SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 10 AM

Witness remarkable acts of strength, patience, trust, kindness and joy. Children in K- 6th Grade have been rehearsing for months. Now, it's time for you to join them under the big top in Highland Hall for a circus-themed musical with songs adapted from Scripture featuring an authentic circus band. All are welcome.



WAYS TO SERVE THIS LENTEN SEASON

Commemorate Jesus' sacrifice during this Lenten Season of prayer and penance.

Here are some ways to carry out Christ's ministry over the next 40 days:

- Support IPC's Boy Scout Troop 28 and enjoy dinner at the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30 pm in the Great Hall.** Tickets are \$7 and help the Scouts cover dues and the cost of camping gear, summer camp and high-adventure camp.
- **Become a regular donor to the IPC Food Pantry.** This is a wonderful service opportunity for all ages, especially families, and can be the first step toward a lifetime of service.
- **Honor a loved one by making an Easter lily contribution.** Envelopes are enclosed in this Update. They are also available at the reception desk. Please return them to IPC by Tuesday, April 2.
- **Share God's love and help neighbors-in-need by donating to One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, April 14.** A special collection will be taken during all worship services. The funds will help provide relief to people affected by natural disasters, food to the hungry, and resources to the poor and oppressed.
- **Help the Easter bunny prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13 at the Children's Fresh Air Farm.** Interested? Contact Stacy Pulliam, spulliam@ipc-usa.org.

LUNCH AND LEARN

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 11:30 AM

For survivors of domestic violence, faith can be a tremendous resource. In fact, studies show that victims of abuse often reach out to faith leaders first when seeking assistance. When congregations partner with community agencies, churches can be a place of support and healing for survivors and their children.

Join the IPC Foundation for lunch in the Great Hall and learn more about domestic abuse, local resources in the Birmingham community, and opportunities for ministering to families impacted by violence. A panel discussion will feature One Place. All welcome.

Cost: \$10. Please contact Lisa Holloway to RSVP at lholloway@ipc-usa.org or 933-3725.

APRIL 2019

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

- 1 Public VBS/BTMP sign up opens
- 2 Easter lily flower deadline
- 11 Three Hermits Opera, Sanctuary, 7 pm
- 13 Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am, CFAF. Light lunch follows.
Three Hermits Opera, Sanctuary, 3 pm
- 14 Palm Sunday, 8:45/11 am worship, Sanctuary, and 5 pm, Highland Hall
Confirmation, 11 am worship, Sanctuary
Second Sunday Lunch, 12 pm, Great Hall
Second Sunday Supper, 6 pm, Highland Hall
- 18 Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm, Sanctuary
- 19 Good Friday Service, 12 pm, Sanctuary
Church offices close at 12 pm
- 21 Easter Sunday Services at 8/9:30/11 am, Sanctuary and 5 pm, Highland Hall
- 28 STAIR Sunday
Evensong, 4 pm, Sanctuary

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

- 7 Preparations begin for God's Gifts Program (Grades 3- 6)
- 13 Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am, CFAF
- 14 Palm Parade
- May 5** God's Gifts Program, 10 am,
Questions? Stacy Pulliam, 933-3690

YOUTH EVENTS

- 7 Confirmation Luncheon, 12 pm, Great Hall
- 14 Confirmation, 11 am worship, Sanctuary
- 21 Easter Sunday. NO classes or Youth Group
- May 5** Youth Sunday in all services & Senior recognition, 11 am worship
Questions? Emily Frandsen, 903-0211

FOR THE ADULTS

- 1 Book Review Group, 10 am, Room 307
Cancer Support Group, 12 pm, G39
- 3 Deacons Roundtable on addiction. Dinner at 5:30 pm. Panel discussion from 6- 7 pm. Cost: \$5. RSVP online or to Connie.clogan@ipc-usa.org or 933-3694 by Monday, April 1.
- 8 Guild, 10 am, Chapel
- 15 Circle V, 10:30 am, Away
Beer & Hymns, 7 pm, The Grill at Iron City
- 22 Birmingham Men's Club with President of Marion Military Institute Col. David Mollahan, 10:30 am- 12 pm, Great Hall. All are welcome to attend. Cost: \$8. RSVP Connie Logan 933-3694.
- 23 4th Quarter Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Bricktops. RSVP to Connie Logan clogan@ipc-usa.org or 933-3694.

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SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

THREE HERMITS OPERA

The IPC Choir and UAB Opera are bringing Stephen Paulus' one-act opera to Independent Presbyterian Church. The opera is based on a short story by Russian author Leo Tolstoy about three monks who live on an island alone in prayer and contemplation. A bishop travelling the ocean hears about the hermits and visits them to learn more about their search for salvation. He discovers the men are simple-minded and ignorant of the Lord's Prayer, so he sets about teaching them the prayer.

The opera will be performed inside the Sanctuary on **Thursday, April 11 at 7 pm and Saturday, April 13 at 3 pm**. It features minimal scenery, soloists and instruments. The IPC Choir will sing. The entire performance runs 1-hour. It is free and open to the public.

HIGHLIGHTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 13, 10 am, CFAF

The hunt is on at the Children's Fresh Air Farm. Light lunch will follow. See *back for details*.

THREE HERMITS OPERA

April 11 & April 13, Sanctuary

The IPC Choir along with the UAB Opera will bring the Stephen Paulus opera to IPC's sanctuary. See *above*.

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 21

Celebrate the resurrection of Christ at 8 am, 9:30 am and 11 am in Sanctuary, as well as 5 pm in Highland Hall. See *back*.



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SAVE THE DATE

EASTER AT IPC

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am- 12 pm
Bring your families out to the Children's Fresh Air Farm for a hunt at 10 am followed by a light lunch.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Palm Sunday
One Great Hour of Sharing
Confirmation, 11 am worship

Children will lead Palm Procession at 10 am. Palm crosses made by the Guild will be available.

Also, One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected in worship to assist those affected by natural disaster or in need of medical care or food.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Easter Sunday
Christ our Lord has risen! Celebrate with us during worship at 8, 9:30 and 11 am in the Sanctuary or 5 pm in Highland Hall.



For details go to: ipc-usa.org > connect > calendar

DEACON ROUNDTABLE: WHEN NOBODY BRINGS A CASSEROLE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 5:30- 7 PM

Co-founder of the Moore Institute and the Addiction Research Foundation, Steve Moore, will speak then lead a discussion about the truth about addiction. He'll touch on overcoming bias and facing the disease with compassion. Steve believes everyone can experience a more meaningful and fulfilled life.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm in the Great Hall. A discussion will follow from 6- 7 pm. This is a conversation for everyone.

RSVP by Monday, April 1 online or to Connie Logan, clogan@ipc-usa.org or 933-3694.