

THE UPDATE



INDEPENDENT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2019

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

- 1 Happy New Year! Offices closed.
- 2 No Wednesday chapel.
- 6 Sunday and weekday classes resume.
- 13 Ordination/Officer Installation
2nd Sunday Lunch, 12 pm, Great Hall
2nd Sunday Supper, 6 pm, Highland Hall
- 27 Focus on Faith speaker The Rev Dr. Serene Jones, 10 am, Highland Hall, and guest preacher at 8:45 and 11 am worship.
Evensong, 4 pm, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Dinner: 5:15- 6:15 pm. Class: 6:15- 7:15 pm
Menu and classes online at: ipc-usa.org > learn > adult-christian-education/wednesday-nights

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

- 9 Children's musical rehearsals start. Wednesdays 5:45- 7:15 pm, Rooms 111 & 113. RSVP online. Parent meeting on January 9, 5:45 pm, Room 113.
- 27 5th/6th Grade visit Temple Emanu-El, 10 am- 11:45 am. Meet in Room 111.

Questions? Stacy Pulliam, 933-3690

YOUTH EVENTS

- 18-21 Winter Retreat, Gatlinburg, TN. Registration required.
- 20 MLK Weekend. No Sunday programming
- 27 Confirmation Class, 10 am, Room 105

Questions? Emily Frandsen, 903-0211

FOR THE ADULTS

- 7 Cancer Support Group, 12 pm, G39
- 9 MOMs (Ministry of Mothers), 6:15 pm, Room 104
- 15 Scotland Mission Trip Interest Meeting, 5:30 pm, Room 305
- 21 Beer & Hymns, 7 pm, The Grill at Iron City
- 22 4th Quarter Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Bottega Cafe. RSVP to Connie Logan clogan@ipc-usa.org or 933-3694.
- 28 Birmingham Men's Club with Friends of Rickwood Field executive director Clarence Watkins, 10:30 am- 12 pm, Great Hall. Cost: \$8. RSVP Connie Logan 933-3694.

Please check the calendar posted at the top of ipc-usa.org > connect > calendar for ministry team meetings and groups that meet more than once a month.

To learn more about groups, go to ipc-usa.org > connect > groups

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

RESOLVE TO LEARN, GET INVOLVED WITH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Make a resolution to take a class or join a group at IPC this January. Sunday school classes return January 6 at 10 am. Wednesday dinner and classes are back January 9. Weekday classes begin returning over the next two weeks. Check the Christian Education brochure or website for dates for specific classes.

New! The Theological Reading Group lead by Rev. Brian Lays will meet twice a month beginning January 10 from 7- 8:30 am to discuss theological readings from assigned books.

New! Couples are invited to join Dr. Stewart Jackson for a marriage class on Sunday mornings in February and March. The class will include a retreat to the Children's Fresh Air Farm. Open to newlyweds through couples with children.

Focusing on your health? Hit the reset button in Rowena Macnab's yoga classes for 8 weeks starting January 8 with beginner basics. Class meets in Room 301 on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm and Thursdays at 8:30 am.

To learn more about classes, go to ipc-usa.org > learn

HIGHLIGHTS

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

Wednesdays, 5:45 pm, Room 111

Children K- 6th Grade can "Step Right Up" and join this theologically-enriching musical. Cost: \$20 Sign up online.

GUEST DR. SERENE JONES

Sunday, January 27

The Union Theological Seminary president will be morning guest preacher and guest speaker at 10 am. See back.

EVENSONG

Sunday, January 27, 4 pm

Organ recital with Melanie Couch, All Saints Episcopal Church, Homewood.



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SAVE THE DATE

48TH ANNUAL RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL: JAZZ AND THE ARTS FEBRUARY 3- 10

Sunday, Feb. 3: Birmingham Museum of Art (BMA)
Jazz Brunch, 12- 1:30 pm, followed by art lecture
with Curator Kate Crawford at 1:35 pm

Monday, Feb 4: *Jazz Influence on Music* lecture with
WBHM's *Tuxedo Junction* host Bart Grooms at 7
pm in Great Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 5: *The Lord is Heavy: Can Jazz and
Religion Jam Together?* lecture with religion and
American Culture NC State Professor Dr. Jason
Bivens in Great Hall

Thursday, Feb. 7: New Orleans Themed Religious
Arts Festival Banquet at 6:30 pm with Jazz Trio.

Friday, Feb. 8: Avante Vocal Jazz Ensemble concert
at 7 pm in Highland Hall

Sunday, Feb. 10: Jazz Mass at 5 pm worship service
in Highland Hall

**Events are free, except for brunch and Religious
Arts Festival Banquet. Reservations required.**

Details: ipc-usa.org > connect > calendar



GUEST PREACHER THE REV. DR. SERENE JONES SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Focus on Faith looks forward to welcoming
The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, the 16th
president of Union Theological
Seminary, to IPC on Sunday, January
27. She is the first female to lead the
181-year-old seminary. She is also the
Johnston Family Chair for Religion and
Democracy and the author of several
books, including *Trauma and Grace*.

Dr. Jones will serve as guest preacher
during the 8:45 and 11 am worship
services. She will preach than speak
as part of our Focus on Faith speaker
series in Highland Hall at 10 am on
"Call it Grace" using text from Romans
8:38- 39. The Wonder Years/Topic
Class will be reviewing some of her
writing beginning January 6. All are
welcome!

Learn more about Dr. Jones:
ipc-usa.org > connect