

THE UPDATE

SPECIAL HOLIDAY EDITION



INDEPENDENT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2019

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

- 3** Litany of Saints, 8:45/11 am worship
Organ Recital Series begins. See PG 2
- 4** Youth Grant Team presentation, 6 pm,
Room 306
- 18** Christmas flower deadline
- 20** Final Fall Wednesday Night dinner/class
- 24** Christ the King Hymn Festival, 8:45/11am
Harvest for Hunger Drive ends
- 28- 29** Thanksgiving. Church offices closed.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

November 6, 13 and 20

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

Menu/classes online at: ipc-usa.org > connect

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

No special events this month

YOUTH EVENTS

Confirmation parent meeting TBD

- 10** Veteran's Day weekend. NO activities.
- 17** Youth Pantry Stock, 3- 6 pm, Away
- 20** Final Fall Wednesday Night

Questions? Isaac Toney, 933-3732

FOR THE ADULTS

- 4** Book Review Group, 10 am, Room 307
Cancer Support Group, 12 pm, G39
- 5** The Social Justice Book Club, 5:30 pm, Clubhouse on Highland
- 7** Community Garden Party, 6:30 pm, Clubhouse on Highland
- 10** Circle II, 6:15 pm, Green Room in Highland Hall
- 11** Guild, 11 am, Chapel
- 12** Circle I, 8:15 am, GH1
- 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
- 21** Presbyterian Women's Holiday Luncheon featuring architect Bobby McAlpine, 11:30 am, Great Hall. Cost: \$15. RSVP online or to Lea Anne Hardy, lhardy@ipc-usa.org or 933- 1830.
- 25** Birmingham Men's Club with Lynn Kurtts, a backyard bird specialist, 10:30 am- 12 pm, Great Hall. Cost: \$8. RSVP Connie Logan 933-3694.
- 26** 4th Quarter Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Bistro 218. RSVP to Connie Logan clogan@ipc-usa.org or 933-3694.

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SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bark Party Celebrating Highland Park Community Garden

Construction for the Highland Park Community Garden is officially underway in Rushton Park. Celebrate the opening with our neighbors at Clubhouse on Highland on Thursday, November 7 from 6:30- 8:30 pm. There will be self-guided garden tours, live music, and food. The event is free but donations will be welcome.

HIGHLIGHTS

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Sundays, 4 pm, Sanctuary

IPC welcomes four organists for the annual recital series. *Schedule on PG 2.*

PW HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 21, 11:30 am

Join IPC women and guest speaker Bobby McAlpine for lunch and book signing. *RSVP required.*

HARVEST FOR HUNGER

Ends Sunday, November 24

Non-perishable food drive for IPC Food Pantry ends and will be dedicated during 8:45/11 am and 5 pm worship.

CHURCH LIFE

Dear IPC Congregation,

Each of the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee has a deep love for our Independent Presbyterian Church and a love and respect for all of our members. It is important to us for all of you to know, especially at this time in the life of our church, that we, the PNC, understand and appreciate that the congregation is depending on us to select a minister to come to IPC to lead, heal, unify, preach the gospel, and minister to all of us! We are honored to have been nominated and elected by the congregation to serve in this important capacity, and pledge to work together, prayerfully and diligently towards following God's will for our church. Our founder, Dr. Henry M. Edmonds, guides us forward even today in his October 9 prayer in Beginning the Day.

"Father, it is Thy will we seek. For Thy will is larger and better and richer than ours. We would not draw Thee down to us but lift ourselves up to Thee. We would not convert Thee to our wills but convert ourselves to Thine."

Although our work is confidential, we want to hear your thoughts, concerns and recommendations. Please contact us at our private email address at IPCpastorsearch20@gmail.com. You will also be receiving information soon, through the mail about participating in a church wide independent survey that will serve as a valuable tool for the PNC's search.

Finally, please pray for all of us, for each other and for our church as we begin this very important spiritual journey. We are excited about the challenge and opportunity that lies ahead and appreciate the love and support that we have already received from so many of you!

Faithfully yours,
Teresa T. Pulliam, Chair PNC

Beth Adams
Wendell Allen
Sandy Bean Jr.
Brandon Demyan
Susan Dulin
Betsy Holloway
Robert Posey
George Taylor III
Oliver Willaims III
Emily Wykle



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ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM 2020 ANNUAL PLEDGES

In the letter to the church in Ephesus, Paul writes, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:4-6) As we enter the stewardship season, we encourage you to think upon these words, ponder them, pray about them and consider how all of us together can live out this oneness in God who is truly above all and through all and in all.

It's also time to complete your 2019 pledge so we can keep fulfilling the mission of the Lord here at IPC. Thank you!

Pledge online at: ipc-usa.org > give > 2020 annual giving

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 21, 11:30 AM

To kick off the 70th Annual Holiday House Tour, the women of the church will host a Holiday Luncheon in the Great Hall. Architect Bobby McAlpine will be our guest speaker. He will be signing copies of his book, "The Home Within Us." All women are invited to this annual Presbyterian Women Holiday luncheon.

Cost: \$15

RSVP online at:
ipc-usa.org > connect > sign up links



NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES SUNDAYS, 4 PM, SANCTUARY

More than 160 artists from the United States and Europe have performed for the IPC November Organ Rectial Series since 1965. Programs are free as a gift to the community.

Nov. 3: Johann Vexo, Cathedral of Notre Dame, Paris.

Nov. 10: Charles Tompkins, Furman University, Greenville, SC

Nov. 17: Amanda Mole, Rochester, NY

Nov. 24: Todd Wilson, Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, OH

Childcare is available.

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

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

- 1** IPC Choir Fruit Sales end
Giving Tree, Dec. 1- 22
Special class with Dr. Jeff Leonard, 10 am, Rooms 305/306
- 8** Christmas Concert, 4 pm, Sanctuary
2nd Sunday Supper, 6 pm, Highland Hall
- 14-15** Holiday House. *See section to right.*
IPC Choir Fruit pick up, Highland Hall
- 15** Storyteller Dolores Hydock, 10 am, Highland Hall
- 24** Noon Nativity Service, 12 pm, Sanctuary
Service of Nine Lessons & Carols, 4/6pm, Sanctuary
Offices close at 12 pm.
- 25** Merry Christmas! Offices Closed

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

- 1** Advent Workshop, 4 pm, First Floor
- 11** Children (K- 6) sing at First Light, 5 pm
- 24** Noon Nativity Service, 12 pm, Sanctuary
- 29** NO Sunday School
- Questions? Stacy Pulliam, 933-3690*

YOUTH EVENTS

- 1** Youth Parent Meeting, 10 am, Youth Rooms
- 15** Youth Christmas Party, 6 pm, Away
- 21** Westminster Choir Christmas Tour, 8 am
Questions? Isaac Toney, 933-3732

FOR THE ADULTS

- 2** Book Review Group, 10 am, Room 307
- 3** The Social Justice Book Club, 5:30 pm, Clubhouse on Highland
- 8** Circle II, 6:15 pm, Green Room at Highland Hall
- 9** Cancer Support Group, 12 pm, G39
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70th ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE

On the eve of the first Holiday House Tour in 1949, IPC Founding Pastor Dr. Henry M. Edmonds wrote, "People don't want to see houses. That's bound to be a flop." He later changed his mind after seeing the people who travelled to Birmingham for the tour. Now 70 years later, homeowners are still decorating their homes and welcoming guests to raise money for local ministries. Several homes will once again open their doors Saturday, December 14 from 10 am- 4 pm and Sunday, December 15 from 1- 5 pm.

Proceeds from the sale of each \$30 ticket will help the Children's Fresh Air Farm, STAIR and First Light Shelter. Tickets provide access to each of the homes via shuttle from the IPC parking lot, as well as tea inside the Great Hall.

Tickets can be purchased online at ipc-usa.org now or at the church reception desk beginning December 1.

Make this IPC tradition part of your own holiday traditions by donating your time.

- Sign up for a two-hour host shift in one of the homes.
- Bake small homemade cookies for the Holiday House tea. Please seal them in airtight containers and deliver to the Great Hall by Friday, December 13. Email Judy Feagin judybess@charter.net if you can help.
- Help pay for tea sandwiches by making checks out to "IPC Holiday House" and mailing to Lea Anne Hardy at IPC, 3100 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35205.
- Assist with shuttles by contacting Rusty Boyd at boyd.rusty@gmail.com.

HIGHLIGHTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 8, 4 pm, Sanctuary
Celebrate the holidays with the Christmas Concert featuring IPC Music & Fine Arts director Dr. Jeff McLelland's setting of *Gloria*.

HOLIDAY HOUSE

Saturday, December 14, 10 am- 4 pm
Sunday, December 15, 1- 5 pm
Tour three beautifully decorated homes and IPC while helping local ministries.
Tickets: \$30 *See above.*

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24, 12/4/6pm
Honor the birth of the Christ-child. Services begin with the family-friendly noon nativity and conclude with Services of Nine Lessons & Carols. *See back.*



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CHRISTMAS EVE AT IPC

Noon Nativity Service

Tuesday, December 24, 12 pm
Join us for this celebration of the nativity of our Lord. Children will be invited to the front of the sanctuary during this family friendly service.

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Tuesday, December 24, 4 pm & 6 pm
Doors open for the 4 pm worship service at 3 pm. Arrive early to get a seat for one of these beautiful services that include a candlelight procession.

Childcare is available for all Christmas Eve worship services.

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



GIVING TREE

DECEMBER 1- 22

Give the gift of assistance this Christmas. Honor someone with a gift made in their name to Children's Fresh Air Farm, First Light, Greater Birmingham Habitat for Humanity, IPC Food Pantry/Social Services, Mwandu Mission, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance or STAIR. You will receive a card from the charity to send to the person whom you are honoring with the gift.

Cards will be available at the receptionist desk beginning Dec. 1 and in the parlor following Sunday morning services in December. Online form will also be available.

More information online at:
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