

THE UPDATE

SPECIAL HOLIDAY EDITION



INDEPENDENT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2018

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

- 1 IPC Choir Fruit Sales Nov. 1- 25
- 4 Litany of Saints, 8:45/11 am worship
Organ Recital Series begins. *See back*
- 5 Youth Grant Team Presentation, 5:30 pm, Room 305
- 11 2nd Sunday Lunch, 12 pm, Great Hall
2nd Sunday Supper, 6 pm, Highland Hall
- 14 Final Fall Wednesday Night Dinner/Class
- 18 Harvest for Hunger Drive Ends
- 22- 23 Thanksgiving. Church Offices Closed.
- 25 Christ the King Hymn Festival, 8:45/11am
- 29 Christmas Flower Deadline

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

November 7 and 14

Dinner: 5:15- 6:15 pm. Class: 6:15- 7:15 pm
Menu/classes online at: ipc-usa.org > connect

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

- 14 Service Project (K-6), 6:15 pm, First Floor
- 18 Children's Choir sings during 11 am worship

Questions? Stacy Pulliam, 933-3690

YOUTH EVENTS

- 11 NO Youth Group
- 14 Final Fall Wednesday Night
- 18 Westminster Choir sings during 11 am worship
- 25 NO Youth Group

Questions? Emily Frandsen, 903-0211

FOR THE ADULTS

- 5 Recess Volunteer Training, 9- 11 am, Highland Hall, RSVP to Pat Flowers, pflowers@ipc-usa.org or 933-3723
Cancer Support Group, 12 pm, G39
- 6 4th Quarter Trip to Madison, GA. RSVP to Connie Logan clogan@ipc-usa.org or 933-3694.
- 12 Guild, 10 am, Rooms 305/306
- 14 MOMs (Ministry of Mothers), 6:15 pm, Room 104
- 19 Circle V, 10:30 am, Away
Beer & Hymns, 7 pm, *New Location! TBA*
- 25 Special Sunday School speaker Dr. Jeff Leonard of Samford University, 10- 10:50 am
- 26 Birmingham Men's Club with Steve Sewell of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, 10:30 am- 12 pm, Great Hall. Cost: \$8. RSVP Connie Logan 933-3694.
- 27 4th Quarter Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Bottega Cafe. RSVP to Connie Logan clogan@ipc-usa.org or 933-3694.
Session, 5:30 pm, Room 305/306
- 29 Presbyterian Women's Holiday Luncheon with guest Margot Shaw of FLOWER Magazine, 11:30 am, Great Hall. Cost: \$10. RSVP to Lea Anne Hardy, lhardy@ipc-usa.org or 933- 1830

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SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

HONOR LOVED ONES THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Remember and honor loved ones by making a Christmas Flower Contribution by November 29. We'll include their names in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin. Envelopes are included in this Update. They are also available at the receptionist desk. Mail donations to the church or return to the receptionist desk. Contact: Lea Anne Hardy, lhardy@ipc-usa.org, 933-1830.

HIGHLIGHTS

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Sundays, 4 pm, Sanctuary

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

HARVEST FOR HUNGER

End Sunday, November 18

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

PW HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 29, 11:30 am

Join IPC women and guest speaker Margot Shaw, FLOWER Magazine founder/editor for lunch. *RSVP required.*

SAVE THE DATE

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 Recital Series since 1965. Programs are free as a gift to the community.

Nov. 4: Caroline Robinson, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pittsford, NY

Nov. 11: Jan Kraybill, Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Kansas City, Missouri, USA, and Community of Christ, Independence, Missouri

Nov. 18: Dongho Lee, Providence United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC and First Presbyterian Church, Belmont, NC

Nov. 25: Damin Spritzer, University of Oklahoma and the Cathedral Church of Saint Matthew in Dallas

Childcare is available.

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



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 29, 11:30 AM

To kick off the Holiday Season, the women of the church will host a Holiday Luncheon in the Great Hall. Margot Shaw, Founder/Editor of FLOWER Magazine will be our guest speaker. All women are invited to this annual Presbyterian Women Holiday luncheon.

Cost: \$10

RSVP online at:

ipc-usa.org > connect > sign up links



WAYS TO GIVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Less than 60 days before Christmas Day. Honor the birth of the Christ-child by being a blessing to others this holiday season. Here are some ways to get involved:

- Donate non-perishable food items for IPC Food Pantry through the Harvest for Hunger Food Drive underway until November 18.
- Buy tickets to the Holiday House Tour December 8- 9. Cost: \$30 Tickets available at the receptionist desk or online ipc-usa.org > connect
- Serve as a Holiday House host. Contact: Hallerin Hill, hhill@ipc-usa.org
- Bake cookies for Holiday House tea. Contact: Jo Self, Jorebel205@aol.com
- Park cars at Holiday House. Contact: Rusty Boyd, boyd.rusty@gmail.com
- Honor loved ones by making a Christmas Flower Contribution by November 29. Contact: Lea Anne Hardy, lhardy@ipc-usa.org, 933-1803.
- Purchase fruit and support the mission of the IPC Choir from November 1- 25. Order online at ipc-usa.org > connect. Contact: Barb Fillmer, bfillmer@ipc-usa.org, 933-3700
- Make a gift to the Giving Tree from December 2- 23. Contact: Susan Clayton, sclayton@ipc-usa.org
- Volunteer at the Advent Workshop on December 2 from 4:30 - 7 pm. Contact: Stacy Pulliam, spulliam@ipc-usa.org, 933-3690

COME TO THE TABLE

2019 ANNUAL PLEDGES

The invitation to Come to the Table is still open. Your annual pledge is the acceptance of that offer. It's more than a financial commitment to share in the funding of IPC's annual budget. It's also a sign of trust in church leaders called by God, an expression of faith to help spread the gospel and an act of devotion to show your love for God. Please prayerfully consider how you may share in God's call to IPC.

It's also time to finish out your 2018 pledge so we can keep offering the wonderful ministry mission of the Lord here at IPC. Thank you!

Pledge online at:

ipc-usa.org > give > 2019 annual giving

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

- 2** Giving Tree begins
- 8-9** Holiday House. *See section to right.*
IPC Choir Fruit Pick Up, Highland Hall
- 9** Fifth Grade Christmas Pageant, 10 am, Highland Hall
2nd Sunday Lunch, 12 pm, Great Hall
2nd Sunday Supper, 6 pm, Highland Hall
- 16** Storyteller Dolores Hydock, 10 am, Highland Hall
Christmas Concert with Brass and Organ, 4 pm, Sanctuary
- 23** Giving Tree ends
- 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

- 2** Advent Workshop, 4:30 pm
- 5** Children (K- 6) sing carols at First Light
- 9** Fifth Grade Christmas Pageant, 10 am, Highland Hall
- 24** Noon Nativity Service, 12 pm, Sanctuary
- 30** NO Sunday School

Questions? Stacy Pulliam, 933-3690

YOUTH EVENTS

- 2** Volunteer at Advent Workshop, 4:30 pm
- 9** Exam Party, 6:15 pm, Highland Hall
- 16** NO Youth Group
- 19** Youth Christmas Dinner, 6- 8 pm. Moe's Southwest Grill (Mtn. Brook Plaza)
- 22** Westminster Choir Christmas Tour, 9 am
- 23** NO Youth Group
- 30** NO Youth Group

Questions? Emily Frandsen, 903-0211

FOR THE ADULTS

- 3** Book Review Group, 10 am, Room 307
Cancer Support Group, 12 pm, G39
- 17** Birmingham Men's Club with Junior League of Birmingham Chorus, 10:30 am- 12 pm, Great Hall. All are welcome to attend. Cost: \$8. RSVP Connie Logan 933-3694.
Circle V, 10:30 am, Away

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HOLIDAY HOUSE

Decorations will be hung by chimneys with care in hopes that you will once again be there. The families of Val and George Holman, William McClure, and Alice and Bob Schleusner invite you inside their homes on Saturday, December 8 from 10 am- 4 pm and Sunday, December 9 from 1- 5 pm.

Celebrate the holidays and raise money for educational programs benefiting women and children. Proceeds from the sale of each \$30 ticket will help Independent Presbyterian Church ministries, like the Children's Fresh Air Farm, STAIR and The Open Door's basic literacy, GED and English as a Second Language programs. Tickets provide access to each of the homes, as well as tea inside the Great Hall at Independent Presbyterian.

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

We hope you will make this IPC tradition part of your own holiday traditions. Please consider donating your time. Here's how you can help:

Sign up for a two-hour host shift in one of the homes.

Pull out your favorite Christmas cookie recipe or one from the IPC cookbook and bake small homemade cookies for the Holiday House tea. Please seal them in airtight containers and deliver to the Great Hall by Friday, December 7. Email Jo Self at Jorebel205@aol.com if you can help.

Help pay for tea sandwiches by making checks out to "IPC Holiday House" and mailing to Haller Hill at IPC, 3100 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35205.

Park cars at Holiday House by contacting Rusty Boyd at boyd.rusty@gmail.com

HIGHLIGHTS

HOLIDAY HOUSE

Sunday, December 8, 10 am- 4 pm

Sunday, December 9, 1- 5 pm

Tour three beautifully decorated homes and IPC while helping local ministries.

Tickets: \$30 See above.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 16, 4 pm, Sanctuary

Celebrate the holidays with the Christmas Concert with Brass and Organ. The concert will feature Poulenc's *Gloria*.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, 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

Monday, 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

Monday, 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.

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GIVING TREE

DECEMBER 2- 23

All Consider making donations to charities as Christmas gifts this holiday season. You will receive a card from the charities to send to those you are honoring with the gift. Charities include: IPC Social Services and IPC Food Pantry, Children's Fresh Air Farm, STAIR, Mwandu Mission in Zambia, First Light Shelter for Homeless Women and Children, Greater Birmingham Habitat for Humanity, Heifer Project International, and Bread for the World.

Look for the Giving Tree in the parlor following worship services on Sundays and on Wednesdays from 11 am- 2 pm.

More information online at:
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