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Sabbath Rest and Delight

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Spiritual Formation: Encouraging the Practice of the Presence of God in Our Daily Lives

Formation is as important as *information* in the life of the disciple. In other words, the experience of God is the perfect complement to the knowledge of God. Through retreats, classes, special services, small groups and devotional literature, this small work group helps IPC members develop practices that enhance spiritual growth and encourage the practice of the presence of God in our daily lives. Many of these practices are classic spiritual disciplines that are found in ancient and modern contemplative traditions. For more information about the work of this group, please contact Lucy Turner at 933-3706 or lturner@ipc-usa.org.

Members of the IPC Spiritual Formation Group are: Linda Askins, Ruth Bean, Rusty Boyd, Alice Christenson, Barry Delozier, Alan Head, Debbie Medenica, Janet Ort, Caryl Privett, Valerie Watson and Lucy Turner.

Sabbath Rest & Delight: A Weekend Retreat Nov. 19-21

IPC's Spiritual Formation Group will sponsor a weekend retreat Friday, November 19 through Sunday, November 21 at the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman. The Spiritual Formation Retreat, titled "*Sabbath Rest and Delight*," will be led by **Sister Mary McGehee**, a published author who is on the staff at the retreat center.

Are you old enough to remember quiet Sunday afternoons at home when the rules were more about what you couldn't do rather than what you wanted to do? You may remember "blue laws" which restricted business hours on Sunday and honored the time when church services were held and families were together.

Times have changed. But has our need for time with God changed? Or do we see the results of sacred neglect in the fraying of human life?

Maybe you can't remember a time when the mall wasn't open on Sunday and the movie theaters weren't filled. Maybe your soccer team always played on Sunday, and family time meant being at the field or in the car on the way to the game. Maybe you wish the times hadn't changed or changed so much.

God told us to "remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." Remembering and keeping the Sabbath can be a time both of rest and delight. God meant the observance of this holy time to be good for us, not a chore or a source of guilt when we neglect it or Him.

This retreat will be a time to rediscover the beauty of the Sabbath as we learn more about honoring the time and resting with God in our modern world.

This retreat is for adults—men and women—married or single. Come as a couple. Come alone. But come!!

Time: Begins Friday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.
(Friday dinner not provided);
Ends Sunday, November 21 at 12:30 p.m.

Location: Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center
Cullman, Alabama

Cost: \$165.00 private room/person
\$115.00 double room/person
Cost includes room + meals:
Sat. — Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Sunday — Breakfast & Lunch

**** REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 1 ****
Registration available through IPC website with Paypal or turn in registration form with your check (made payable to IPC) to Congregational Care.



The Rev. Dr. Conrad Sharps

Building Upon the Labors of Others

In the year 324, the emperor Constantine had a basilica built over the tomb where St. Peter was buried following his crucifixion in 64 A.D. Even then, St. Peter's basilica was a favored destination of religious pilgrims. St. Peter's today stands above the original basilica and is technically known as the *New* St. Peter's Basilica. I think this is interesting considering that its construction began in 1506 and took 120 years to complete. St. Peter's remained the largest Christian Church in the world until 1989 when another church's square footage surpassed it. But it is hardly size that makes St. Peter's special.



Consider for example the time it took to build the "New Basilica." If the average span of a worker's career was 20 to 30 years, then it took between four and six generations to begin and finish the building of St. Peter's that we know today. There were, for various and sundry reasons, over 35 architects that oversaw this project, including Michelangelo who designed the high dome. He died, however, before it was completed.

My point is simple. The vast majority of workers, laborers, craftsmen, architects and clergy that made the creation of St. Peter's their vocation never saw its completion. They built upon others' labors and trusted that when they were gone, others would follow who would build upon theirs.

The scripture that rushes to mind comes from Paul's letter to the church in Corinth: *"By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."* (1 Corinthians 3:10-11)

A question that I believe we must ask ourselves from time to time is, am I being faithful to the vision of the Kingdom of which Jesus Christ is the foundation and cornerstone? How easy it is to forget in our labors, our careers and our passions that we are building upon that which others provided us, and those who follow us cannot build upon anything other than what we have left for them.

Are we then joyfully and with patience and foresight accepting our role in building what is eternal – what in our earthly existence we can never fully comprehend except with eyes of faith and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit? Whether you are an architect or doctor, nursery volunteer or lawyer, banker or teacher, you have a very important role in the building of a holy temple wherein the people of God can live and worship by the Spirit. Let us, therefore, come together, take up our tasks, prepare for the next generation and look forward with joy to the glory of God's everlasting church.

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you, too, are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."

(Ephesians 2:19-22)

" We are building upon that which others provided us. "

LIVING IN SERVICE TO OTHERS...

SUGGESTED FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

- October 3 Peanut Butter & Jelly
- October 10 Non-food Items
- October 17 Soups & Soup Mixes
- October 24 Canned Meats
- October 31 Rice & Beans

- First Light Women's Shelter Items for October
- Women's Large T-Shirts/ Night Shirts



Responding in joy and faithfulness, please reply by **Sunday, November 7** to this year's important **Annual Stewardship Appeal and Capital Campaign**. You may send in your pledges to the church or place your pledge envelope in the Sunday offering plate. Thanks be to God who has *"Blessed us in order for us to be a Blessing to others."*

With thanks,
The Stewardship Committee and
Capital Campaign Committee

Upcoming Events at IPC

DEPARTMENTS

Worship

The Rev. Dr. Conrad Sharps, *Pastor*,
933-1830

Music & Fine Arts

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland,
Director, Music and Fine Arts
933-3701

Education

Paul Romjue, *Director*,
Christian Education 933-3732

Cindy Coulter, *Director*,
Children's Ministries 933-3708

Aly Butts, *Interim Director*
Youth Ministries 933-3734

Congregational Care & Counseling

The Rev. Ms. Lucy Turner, *Associate Pastor; Director, Congregational Care*
933-3706

The Rev. Dr. Richard E. Pyburn
The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Wade
Counseling Associates
Dr. Pyburn: 933-3698
Dr. Wade: 933-3695

New Member Coordinator

Nancy Skinner, 933-3703

Community Ministries

The Rev. Ms. Susan Clayton, *Associate Pastor; Director, Community Ministries*,
933-3709
Dale Head, *Assistant Director, Community Ministries*, 933-3726

Finance

James Wooten, *Executive Director, IPC Foundation & Director, Finance*,
933-3705

Stewardship & Development

The Rev. Ms. Bobbie Epting, *Associate Pastor; Director, Stewardship & Development*
933-3729

IPC Day School

Jason Turner, *Director, Day School*,
933-3687

Administration

Libby Kidd, *Director, Operations & Administration*
933-3704

President of Congregation

Rupert Bodden, Jr. 942-8676

Vice-President of the Congregation

William W. Horton 419-5139

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IPC CAREER ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Unemployed? Underemployed? Need to change careers? **IPC is offering Career Assistance Services at the church Monday and Wednesday evenings by appointment only beginning Monday, October 4.**

IPC member **Deb Baragona, MS, LPC, CDMS**, is a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor with over 20 years' experience helping people overcome obstacles to employment or find more satisfying work. She has volunteered her time and expertise to provide career assistance services at no charge to IPC members under the direction of Lucy Turner in Congregational Care and Counseling. **To make an appointment, contact Jeannine Usher at 933-3694.**



IPC Fall Festival Offers Fun for Kids of All Ages!

IPC's Partners Committee has scheduled our **annual Fall Festival for Sunday, October 24, from 4:30 -7:30 p.m.** at the Children's Fresh Air Farm. The exciting activities

include a blue grass band, chili dinner, hayride, bonfire and much more. Registration forms are available now at the church and on the website...and you can even use Paypal to pay! Cost is \$7.50/adults and \$4.50/children. **Deadline to register is Thursday, Oct. 21.** Contact Cindy Shaw (933-3696) or Jeannine Usher (933-3694).

Honoring Loved Ones During Advent Season

Except on Communion Sundays, every week we see an arrangement of flowers or greenery on the communion table. As you see in the bulletin each week, these flowers not only glorify God with their natural beauty, they also serve as memorials to loved ones, as given by an individual or family. During Advent many people may be so honored, because of the array of flowers and greenery that decorate our sanctuary, chapel, parlor, and even the outside of the church beginning the week of Holiday Houses, December 11 and 12.

If you would like to join other church members in honoring or remembering loved ones this Advent season, please make your **contribution payable to IPC and marked Advent Season Flowers**. When you send or bring your check to the church, please include the name(s) of the person(s) honored and note whether it is a memorial or honoraria. **The names will be included in the bulletin for Sunday, December 12. Deadline for Advent memorials/honoraria is December 5.** Call Nancy Skinner (933-1830) for more information.

4TH QUARTER FALL ADVENTURE IN MENTONE!

**Thursday, October 14
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Join IPC's 4th Quarter group as they travel to Nancy Skinner's and Libby Kidd's beautiful mountain retreats in Mentone, Alabama, for a fun-filled day trip on Thursday, October 14, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Explore Mentone, enjoy a delicious luncheon at Nancy's with dessert afterwards at Libby's.

Cost is \$15.00, which includes transportation and lunch. Call Jeannine Usher at 933-3694 for reservations.

October Lunch Bunch... Going to the Gardens!

The 4th Quarter's Lunch Bunch group will enjoy a meal and the view at **The Garden Café at the beautiful Botanical Gardens** for our October event. Please join us on Tuesday, October 26, at Noon. Call Jeannine Usher at 933-3694.

Dr. Natalie Davis Speaker for Men's Club in October

The Birmingham Men's Club's next luncheon meeting will be **Monday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m.** The keynote speaker will be **Dr. Natalie Davis, Public Opinion Expert & Political Science Professor at Birmingham-Southern College**, who will discuss the upcoming elections. Reservations, contact Jeannine Usher at 933-3694.



From the Music Suite

Choir Dedication Sunday is October 3.

This year, we will be celebrating ALL choirs at the 11:00 a.m. service, which includes the IPC Choir, the Westminster Choir (grades 7-12), the Te Deum Choir (grades 3-6), and the Junior Choir (grades 1-3). **Join us for this festive service and, as always, we appreciate your prayers and support of the Music program of IPC.**

NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Since 1965, over 150 artists representing the finest talent from the United States and Europe have performed on our organ for the November Organ Recital Series at IPC. In this 46th and last year for the Aeolian-Skinner organ, we continue that tradition with three wonderful recitals. Each recital takes place at 4:00 p.m. and all programs are offered as a gift to the community. This series is partially funded by the generosity of the late Mrs. Myrtle Jones Steele to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Mr. William Calvin Steele, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace Jones.

Sunday, November 7, 2010, 4:00 p.m. LUDGER LOHMANN Stuttgart, Germany



Ludger Lohmann studied organ with Marie-Claire Alain, Anton Heiller and Wolfgang Stockmeier and was the winner of several international organ competitions, namely competition of the ARD (Association of German Broadcasting Corporations) Munich 1979 and Grand Prix de Chartres 1982. Since 1983, Lohmann has been a professor for organ at Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst. He has made concert tours throughout Europe, Northern and Southern America, Japan, and Korea, and has several recordings with music from 16th to 20th centuries. A central part of his activities is teaching talented students from all over the world in his Stuttgart organ class. As guest professor and teacher of masterclasses, he visits music academies and universities in many countries. He is a regular faculty member of the two most prestigious academies of Haarlem (The Netherlands) and Göteborg (Sweden), where he also contributes to the university's organ research project (GOArt) as a senior researcher.

Sunday, November 14, 2010, 4:00 p.m. JEFF R. MCLELLAND & THE IPC CHOIR

Featuring the scripture of Psalm 94, this concert will premiere a new major anthem *"The Lord is my refuge"* by composer Grayston Ives of Oxford, England.



Also commissioned for the occasion is a hymn text *"God of Judgment, We Implore You"* by Thomas Troeger of the Yale Divinity School. To end the program, Dr. McLelland will perform the titanic *Sonata on the 94th Psalm* by 19th century composer Julius Reubke.

Sunday, Nov.21, 2010, 4:00p.m. ALAN MORRISON Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, Penn.



Alan Morrison is recognized as one of America's premier concert organists, and his concert appearances in some of the most prestigious organ concert venues in North America emphasize his achievements as a performer and the respect Mr. Morrison has gained in the concert organ world. He has the distinct honor of having been chosen by his peers to perform for four national conventions of the American Guild of Organists and has won top prizes in numerous competitions, among them the Silver Medal at the Calgary International Organ Festival and First Prize in both the Mader and Poister National Organ Competitions. As a recording artist, Mr. Morrison has recorded ten critically acclaimed CD's for Gothic Records, ACA Digital Recording and DTR. These and other concert performances are regularly featured on NPR's *Pipedreams*, *Performance Today* and on radio stations throughout many countries. On television he has been featured on two episodes of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* and on Georgia Public Television in a performance of the Shostakovich Piano Concerto #1. In May 2003, he was selected to appear along with Itzhak Perlman and Yo-Yo Ma for the Fred Rogers Memorial Service, telecast live from Pittsburgh's Heinz Hall. At the age of 33, Mr. Morrison was appointed Head of the Organ Department at the world renowned conservatory, The Curtis Institute of Music. He is in his 15th year as College Organist at Ursinus College (Collegeville, PA.) and is Adjunct Assistant Professor of Organ at Westminster Choir College of Rider University. He is a graduate of both The Curtis Institute of Music and The Juilliard School of Music.

Living in the Spirit

PRAYER CAMP II

"A DAY WITH THE PSALMS"

Presented by
the Spiritual Formation Group of IPC

DATE: Sunday, October 17, 2010

TIME: 2:00-6:00 p.m.

(Come walk the Labyrinth as early as 1:30)

LOCATION: Children's Fresh Air Farm

WORKSHOPS: Singing the Psalms
Praying the Psalms
Guided Meditation
Centering Prayer

COST: FREE!

No advance registration required

WHAT TO BRING: Your Bible & a notebook

Refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions about the Prayer Camp, you may call any member of the Spiritual Formation Group:

Linda Askins, Ruth Bean, Rusty Boyd,
Alice Christenson, Barry DeLozier, Alan Head,
Debbie Medinica, Janet Ort, Caryl Privett,
Lucy Turner and Valerie Watson.

Directions to Children's Fresh Air Farm (CFAF):

From Birmingham, Take I-65 South to Alford Avenue exit; turn right. Go to the end of Alford Avenue [1 ½ miles], turn right onto Tyler Road, then immediately turn left onto Valley Street. Go to the end of Valley Street [1 mile], turn left onto Park Avenue. The entrance to the Fresh Air Farm is approximately ¾ of a mile on the left.

Seekers

Seekers, a newly revised church school class for married couples and singles ages 30-40, is studying *Four-Dimensional Jesus* by John Timmer this fall term. Led by Burch and Jim Barger, Jim Bussian, and Dr. Tom Rains, this class encourages participants to see Jesus through the eyes of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

"We can benefit from the multiple perspectives and different accounts of the Gospel of Jesus Christ found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John if we read them together as one multi-dimensional portrait." Jim Barger

Read the rest of teacher Jim Barger's wonderful reflections on this study in the IPC *E-Update*.

Come join this group as it continues to explore this fascinating topic! **Seekers meets at 10:00 on Sunday mornings in room 304.** For more information, contact Cindy Shaw at 933-3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org or Betsy Middlebrooks at 933-3731 or bmiddlebrooks@ipc-usa.org.

Tradition

with a twist!



The Presbyterian Women

Christmas Luncheon will be a **BRUNCH** this year! **It is Tuesday, November 30, at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall.** At 11:30, after the brunch, the Junior League Chorus will present a program of holiday music. Childcare is provided. Please make checks in the amount of \$10.00 payable to IPC.

NOTE-- RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY
NOVEMBER 19.



Ready to Be Inspired?

Grace Groups, our stimulating and inspiring small group ministry, offer a great way to get more connected at IPC and grow in your faith. This year's Fall session will begin the week of October 10 and end November 20. Grace Groups help participants grow spiritually through Christian study, prayer and interpersonal relationships in an intimate Christ-centered environment. Registration is going on now through Sunday, October 3. You may also call Cindy Shaw (933-3696) to register. The study guide for this session is the book *Practicing Our Faith*.

REGISTRATION:

Through Sunday, October 3, 2010

FALL SESSION: October 10 – November 20

**In October
What's Cooking?**



**IPC Wednesday
Night Dinners**

- October 6**
Meatloaf
Mashed Potato
Casserole
Pinto Beans
Cornbread/Roll
Salad Bar/Dessert
Children:
Corn Dogs
Mac & Cheese
Curly Fries
Dessert
- October 13**
Red Beans & Rice
Fried Okra
Steamed Carrots
Baked Apples
Cornbread/Roll
Salad Bar/Dessert
Children:
Chicken Sandwich
Chips
Dessert
- October 20**
Grilled Maple
Chipotle Pork Chops
Smoked Gouda Grits
Steamed Broccoli
w/Parm.Cheese
Swt Potato Biscuits/
Roll
Salad Bar/Dessert
Children:
Pizza
Corn on the Cob
Dessert
- October 27**
Stuffed Chicken
Marsala
Angel Hair Pasta
Green Beans
Salad Bar/Dessert
Children:
Chicken Fingers
Mac & Cheese
Green Beans
Dessert

LIBRARY NOTES

Bible Babel, by Kristen Swenson, is described by Walter Brueggemann as "A confident, well-paced, well-informed, and accessible guide to Bible basics and biblical literacy." Swenson's aim is "to offer basic knowledge needed to comprehend arguments and answer vexing questions about the Bible, appreciate artistic and literary references, and interpret the most talked about book of all time."

Walter Brueggemann writes in his preface to **An Unsettling God: the heart of the Hebrew Bible** "...it is clear that the Old Testament offers categories of interpretation and guidelines for life that are rich and contemporary in their force." He goes on, "the big idea of this book is that the God of Israel is a God in relationship" and then describes for us four "partners" and God's dialogue with them.

In **Jesus Before Christianity**, Albert Nolan invites readers to put aside preconceived ideas and assumptions about Jesus and try to see and understand him through the eyes of his contemporaries in first-century Palestine, "the man as he was before he became the object of Christian faith." In this 25th anniversary edition, Nolan asserts that what he wrote then is as relevant, perhaps even more so, as when it was first published.

William Stacy Johnson has written **John Calvin, Reformer for the 21st Century** in which he offers a "clear and fundamental study of Calvin's insights as a primer for those with little or no knowledge of his work." Johnson presents an understanding of Calvin's role in the development of today's Christian faith and of his continuing impact not only on the church but on society in general.

Birmingham writer Gin Phillips' novel **The Well and the Mine** is described as "a novel of warmth and true feeling." It is set in Carbon Hill, northwest of Birmingham, in the early 1930s. Fannie Flagg in her introduction says "This story doesn't so much re-create a place as it does a life—lives, really—a town and a family full of hopes and oddities and hidden fears."

Chrissie's Shell, written by Brooke Keith and illustrated by Mary Bausman, is a charming tale which will help young children understand that God loves us as he has made us and that we do not have to be like others to be someone special.

The Library Committee

PLANNING AHEAD...

One of the most peaceful locations at IPC is the bench beside the waterfall urn in the new section of the Columbarium. The sound of water, the beauty of God's creation, the proximity to loved ones and to the places where we worship Christ all contribute to a Peace that "passes all understanding."



Photo by Paul Romjue

If you would like to secure a niche in the Columbarium, both singles and doubles are available. Please contact Marsha Harbin at 933.3715 to select your location and discuss details.

Section	Number Sold	Number Remaining	Price
Cloister			
Single Niches	58	8	\$1,250
Double Niches	154	None	N/A
New			
Single Niches	3	3	\$3,300
Double Niches	48	114	\$4,200

* Prices include the niche, urn(s), and engraving of urn(s) and faceplate

Join the **IPC Immigration Work Group**, beginning Wednesday evening, October 13, for a five-week study and discussion of immigration, the Church, and the Bible. In the introduction to our study guide, **Strangers in the Land**, the authors ask these questions: "How do we discuss the fears and legitimate concerns raised by increased immigration?," "How do we respond biblically to the call for immigration reform?," and "How can we respond to larger systemic issues that may have given rise to the need for immigration reform?" We will look at six major biblical statements in addressing these questions, share true stories, and give personal reflections as we try to become more knowledgeable, as Christians, to better understand the immigrants who live and work among us."

Oct. 13-Nov. 17, Room 305

Plans for Worship Services in the Great Hall

To God be the Glory in all our music, worship and mission. IPC's identity is bound within the glorious worship of Christ in our sanctuary. We will be "relocating" that same reverence and glorious worship to another sacred space in God's house for 2011.

At the end of 2010, we will close the sanctuary for major repairs and for the old organ to be removed and the new organ to be installed. Beginning January 2, 2011, we begin worshipping in the Great Hall at three services on Sundays. We hope to be back in the Sanctuary before Advent.

Here are some details for worship in the Great Hall:

- There will be three services each Sunday morning in the Great Hall: 8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; and 11:00 a.m.
 - The services will be identical to the services we now have in the Sanctuary.
 - As in our usual Sunday services, we will be led in worship by the IPC choir accompanied by Jeff McLelland on an organ in the Great Hall.
 - The congregation will be facing east (toward the large window) in the Great Hall. There will be a shade over the window to block the glare, but we will still see the stained glass cross and the outdoor view through the surrounding clear glass.
 - Communion will be served on the first Sunday of every month. At the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. services, we will receive communion by intinction. This is one of several traditional ways of participating in the sacrament. It simply involves receiving a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. We already receive communion by intinction at the noon Chapel Service every Wednesday, during the annual Maundy Thursday evening service, and for other special services. The congregation will go to the front row by row and approach the chancel area where a minister and an elder will have the bread and the cup for you. After taking communion, you may return to your seat by the side aisles.
- At the 11:00 a.m. service, Elders will serve communion by passing the bread and cup as we do now.**
- Church School for all ages will be held from 9:30–10:30 a.m.
 - Children's Chapel will be at 11:00 a.m.
 - Between services, there will be an extended time for fellowship in the Parlor.
 - A sound system will be set up in the Parlor for those who prefer to sit there during the worship services.
 - Elevators located near the receptionist's desk will take people to the Great Hall. Worshippers entering from this direction will be entering from the rear and will not disturb the service.

If you have any questions, call the church 933-1830.

***"I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Psalm 122:1***

IPC Hunger Work Group once again is planning its

annual ***Giving Tree season***, which is a time for supporting several local, national, and international groups to help needy people as an alternative to gift-giving. ***This year's giving opportunities include the IPC Food Pantry, the Children's Fresh Air Farm, First Light Shelter for Women and Children, Heifer Project International, Bread for the World Foundation, STAIR of Birmingham, Habitat for Humanity, and the Mwandi Project.***

This year there is a ***new opportunity*** for those who wish to make donations to any of these groups for a total of \$100 or more (based on a donation of \$10.00 or more per name on the list): a member of the IPC Hunger Work group will send an addressed card to the people on your mailing list. Your gifts are tax-deductible and will allow the work of these special ministries to continue to serve locally, nationally, and internationally. Look for order forms for this special offer and enjoy the Giving Tree beginning the first day of Advent. For more information, contact the Hunger Work Group at 933-1830.



Holiday House Tour 2010



The tour list is filling for the 61st annual Holiday

House Tour, to be held ***December 11 and 12.***

This year's tour will feature **Independent Presbyterian Church** with its special holiday decorations and its rich history, along with the following locations:

- **Brownie and Barry Evans, 3000 Dundee Circle 35213**
- **Guesthouse of Frances and Miller Gorrie, 54 Country Club Boulevard 35213**
- **Pat and Billy Hiden, 50 Randolph Road 35213**
- **Libby Lassiter and David Ball, 33 Ridge Drive 35213**
- **Ellen and Jim Walker, 59 Matthews Road 35213**

Tour hours are 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tea will be served in the Great Hall during the tour, with the IPC Te Deum choir performing Saturday at 2:00.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this year's tour, please contact Amy Morse, 870-3728, Beth Adams, 871-9570, or Betsy Middlebrooks, 933-3731.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

"Wednesday Nights at IPC" ROCKS!

Please join us when you can!

Dinner with your family:

The dinner line opens at 5:00 and reservations must be made by noon Monday. Call Nancy Skinner at 933-1830 to reserve a place for dinner. **CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE.** DINNER PRICES: Adults and Youth (12-18)--\$8.00 nightly; Seniors (65+)--\$5.00 nightly; Salad bar without dessert--\$5.00 nightly; Salad bar with dessert--\$6.00 nightly; Children (preschool)--\$3.00 nightly; Children (5-11)--\$4.00 nightly; family maximum \$25.00 per night.

Children's Choirs:

Te Deum choir 4:30 to 5:30 – Grades 3-6

Junior choir 5:30 to 6:00 – Grades K-3

Contact Beth Middleton at 933-3675

ROC/K Bible Study (6:00 – 7:15):

Preschool – Room G08 (ages 3 & 4)

Grades K-4 –Gather in Rm G20; pickup on 1st Floor

Grades 5-6 – Room 108

ROC/K Fall Mission Opportunities:

September 22 & 29 – Jones Valley Urban Farms –
Seed to Plate Field Trip

October 20 – Children's Fresh Air Farm

December 1 – First Light Shelter Sing

IPC Children

Fourth Grade Study - *Exploring the Bible*

The fourth grade Sunday school class spends the year studying the old and new testaments of the Bible. This is also the year that special emphasis is place on bible skills. The fourth graders will participate in a **Bible retreat on Sunday, October 24**. They will learn about the Bible, practice looking up passages, learn how to use a Bible dictionary and concordance, and play games geared toward sharing what they have learned.

As a part of the emphasis on bible skills, **the fourth graders will receive gift Bibles from the congregation on Sunday, November 14 during 11:00 worship**. All fourth graders are encouraged to participate in the Bible retreat and be present on November 14 to receive their Bibles.

IPC Play Date: Fun in the Park!

IPC's Partners group is sponsoring a Play Date in Rushton Park on Wednesday, October 6, at 4:00 p.m. Moms, bring your children and enjoy an hour of relaxing before the church's Wednesday night dinner and activities begin. No reservations are needed, just drop in at the park and have some great Mommy & me time with your kids! For more information, contact Cindy Shaw at 933-3696.