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VIEWS FROM INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Give Thanks for the Youth of our church

Remodeled Youth area

IPC Youth love their new space! The addition of a kitchen and eating area, the alcove in the senior high room, and the new lighting are all awesome improvements. As our youth group continues to grow, the new space has become even more important. **At the beginning of last year, we had about 20 youth on a normal night of youth group. We now have over 40 youth on a normal night, and have over 80 youth involved through our small groups program.** Having a fun place of our own where we can all come together means a great deal to us.

Acolyte training Many of our youth in grades 9-12 serve as acolytes for our congregation. In September, another group completed training. If you are interested in acolyting in the future, please contact Penney Hartline at pphotline@mindspring.com

Youth on Foundation's Grants Team

A new and exciting program for the Youth has started this fall: **The Youth Grant Team.** This small group of Juniors and Seniors meets about once a week to learn about how the Foundation works, and even better, actually participate in the process. The Foundation has entrusted the youth with \$10,000 to grant to non-profits of their choosing (who have previously applied to the Foundation). The group is learning how to review grants, about different non-profits, and ultimately how to choose which programs they wish to sponsor.

New Website/Facebook IPC Youth now have their very own website! You can find all the happenings of the Youth Group at www.ipcyouth.org. This page can also be accessed through the main website by clicking on "Youth." The website includes upcoming youth events, pictures, and information--all in a style befitting our group.

82 Youth Signed Up for Small Groups

Our small group ministry continues to grow! This fall, we have more than 80 youth signed up to be in a small group. Grades 7-9 meet at the church, while Grades 10-12 are being hosted by the Grishams. The youth all eat dinner together, and then split into their small groups by age and gender. This is a great opportunity to dig deeper into our faiths and foster community.

Mission Work

The youth made mission work a focus during the last year, and aren't letting up any time soon! Most noteworthy has been the commitment to Whatley Elementary School, in North Avondale. Over the summer, youth completely redid the courtyard inside the school. Weeding, extreme grass cutting (now an Olympic sport) and painting ensued. Flowers and veggies were planted, a previously brown gazebo became brightly multicolored, and a fantastic mural was added to a once faded wall. Youth also helped prep classrooms for the academic year. Upcoming commitments include serving dinner at First Light, and perhaps most exciting, a Halloween Carnival for the Whatley STAIR participants. Keep an eye out for even more service opportunities as the year progresses.



Confirmation Area

Confirmation is in full swing once more. Our 9th graders gather each week during Sunday school to explore and grow in their faith, to learn what it means to be a Christian, and specifically what the Presbyterian tradition teaches. Class topics include: The Trinity, Sin and the Problem of Evil, Atonement, Holy Scripture, Being Presbyterian, and the History of IPC. Another favorite aspect is the "Ask the Pastor" day, coming up in November.



The Rev. Dr. Conrad Sharps

"Come to the table, for the Lord has prepared a feast of salvation... and you are an invited guest."

LIVING IN SERVICE TO OTHERS...

SUGGESTED FOOD

PANTRY ITEMS

October 2

Peanut Butter & Jelly

October 9

Non-food Items

October 16

Soups & Soup Mixes

October 23

Canned Meats

October 30

Rice & Beans

First Light Women's Shelter Items for October

Women's Large T-Shirts/
Night Shirts

Giving Thanks to God for meeting all our needs

He should never have mentioned how long we had enjoyed our current toaster oven in such close proximity to said appliance, because within three days it flamed out and died. Fortunately, I was nearby, and there was no damage except to my finger prints when I tried to remove the shell of its worthless carcass before it had fully cooled off.

The true challenge to the family arose the next morning as three of us stood rather dumb-founded at the counter, holding bagels that needed toasting. My wife and I grew up in an era before the rise of toaster ovens and therefore could rely upon prior experience to overcome this unfortunate state of affairs. We preheated the broiler on our oven, buttered the bagels, arranged them on a baking sheet and placed them under the red glow of the elements.

Because it was a chilly morning, my wife and I were also able to relive one of those favorite of childhood memories. (It doesn't take much to make me happy.) Standing in front of the slightly ajar oven door we basked in the radiant heat as we rubbed our hands and rotated from facing the oven -- to facing away from the oven every few seconds. What came to my mind was the all too often over-sung campfire song: *"It only takes a spark to get a fire going....."*

It reminds me of the event recorded in scripture that details the time the resurrected Jesus met his disciples for breakfast around a campfire on the beach. Perhaps you may recall that the disciples had fished all night and caught nothing, when a stranger called out from the shore, *"Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some (fish)."*

When they did as he requested, they recognized that this was no stranger; it was Jesus who then told them to bring some fish in and have breakfast. We read in the gospel of John: *"When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.'* Simon Peter climbed aboard and

dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, but even with so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, *'Come and have breakfast.'*" (John 21:9-12a)

The risen Lord prepared breakfast for his disciples, but that's not all. He directed them vocationally – in that they were fisherman who had caught nothing until he showed them where they needed to place their nets.

"Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.'"

He also goes on to dramatically demonstrate his love and his forgiveness to Peter, whom he challenged with the task of feeding Jesus' sheep.

Whatever need we may have: biological, love, belonging, self-esteem, self-actualization (Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs), Jesus is prepared to meet those needs. We may not always recognize how Jesus comes to meet us (through the voice of a stranger on the beach, or in the power of sheer silence), yet come he does -- and the natural result is our Giving Thanks* to God for meeting all our needs.

Do you know what your needs are today? Are you hungry? Do you thirst? Are you in need of challenge or forgiveness? Good! Come to the table, for our Lord has prepared a feast of salvation.....and you are an invited guest.

* "Giving Thanks" is our Stewardship Theme for 2011



Look for this logo in the weekly Eupdate, on the IPC website, through directed mailings and on postings around the church.



Think **"thankfulness."** Pray fervently. And respond when asked to SHOW your thanks. It isn't always the AMOUNT of the response, but THAT you respond that allows God to bless and multiply all our collective gifts of thanks to our good Lord.

Upcoming Events at IPC

October 2 Choir Dedication Sunday
October 2, 9, 16 Officer training
October 3 STAIR begins
October 9 - Nov. 19 Fall Grace Groups
October 13 - 4th Quarter Fall trip to Mentone
October 23 IPC Fall Festival at Fresh Air Farm
October 30 Officer installation & Ordination
October 30 All Saints' Evensong
November 6, 13, 20 November Organ Series
(to be held at local churches while our new organ is being installed)
November 6 Isabelle Demers performs at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal
November 13 Christopher Houlihan performs at Reid Chapel, Samford University
November 20 Jeremy Filsell performs at The Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Vestavia Hills
November 27 End of Fall Term Sunday Classes
November 27 Advent Workshop & Worship
December 4 Fifth Grade Pageant
December 4 IPC Choir Christmas Concert
December 6 Presbyterian Women Holiday Luncheon
December 10 & 11 Holiday House Tour
December 18 Christmas Reading Dolores Hydock
December 18 Evening Prayer
December 22 Westminster Choir Christmas Tour
December 24 Nativity Service, noon
December 24 Service of Nine lessons and Carols, 4 pm and 6 pm Sanctuary
December 25 Worship but no church school classes

The Day School



The Day School staff embarks on a new school year with great enthusiasm. We look forward to a year of learning, playing and sharing God's love together with your children.

Activities are off to a smooth start within the Day School halls. It is good to hear the laughter of children and to see their eyes filled with excitement as they enter their new classrooms. We are having a wonderful time getting to know all of your children.

Students and teachers alike are excited about the new Day School technology including laptops, IPADs and IPODS for use in each classroom.

The Day School staff is pleased to welcome two new teachers this year. Mrs. Betsey Abernathy and Mrs. Jennifer Majors have joined the Infants/Toddlers/Older Toddlers team.

Day School Open House – Thursday, October 6, 2011

DEPARTMENTS

Worship

The Rev. Dr. Conrad Sharps,
Pastor, Head of Staff
 933-1830

Music & Fine Arts

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

Education

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Christian Education 933-3732

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

Aly Butts, *Director Youth Ministries*
 933-3734

Nate Sell, *Assistant Director*
Youth Ministries 933-3708

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

The Rev. Dr. Richard E. Pyburn
 The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Wade
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New Member Coordinator
 Nancy Skinner, 933-3703

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 933-3709
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IPC Foundation & Director, Finance,
 933-3705

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IPC Day School

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Honoring Loved Ones with Advent/Christmas Flowers

Following IPC Holiday Houses, we as church members have the opportunity to glorify God and beautify our sanctuary, chapel and parlor while honoring or remembering loved ones. During Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, many people may be so honored or remembered and their names included in the special Christmas Eve worship bulletin. If you would like to join other church members in honoring loved ones and special people in your lives, you may make a contribution (at your discretion) payable to IPC and marked "Advent/Christmas Season Flowers." When you mail or bring your check and form to the church receptionist's desk, please include the names(s) of the person(s) honored and note whether it is a memorial or honoraria.



The names of those honored will be included in the special Christmas Eve worship bulletin. Deadline is Monday, December 5 for Advent/Christmas Flowers. Forms at receptionist's desk and on website. Send to Nancy Skinner. **3**

BOOK REVIEW GROUP DATE CHANGES



Please note that the correct dates for the fall meetings of the Book Review Group are Mondays, October 3, November 7, and December 5.

Birmingham Men's Club John Archibald, a noted Birmingham News reporter and columnist, will serve as keynote speaker for the October 24 meeting of the Birmingham Men's Club. The meeting will begin with a Social Hour at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, followed by the program at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall. Cost of the luncheon is just \$8.00. Please call Jeannine Usher for reservations (933-3694).



Holiday House

2011

Holiday House 2011...The Tour, as always will offer you a chance to "Get out of old ruts."

Like any tradition that has been going on for many years, it is always good to do a frank assessment of where we are and what the future holds for the Holiday House Tour at IPC. And this year was no different as we had just such a discussion. Those who have been involved know that it is a lot of work and planning. But the Holiday House Tradition is about more than raising money. I have heard that said time and time again from volunteers and tour participants!

Tradition, a warm cup of tea, hospitality

It is a tradition that brings our members together year after year. It is about men parking cars and sharing laughs in the December cold and wind. It is about tour participants from Birmingham and surrounding communities bringing new participants to the wonderful homes. It is about the awe and beauty of the church sanctuary fully decorated, and the hospitality of a warm cup of tea. And it is about the generosity of the people that open up their homes to the community.

Robert Hill and I recently talked about all the people in the congregation that we had met through the annual tour. I realized how close I had become with so many people as a result of this event.

Good cause, meeting new friends, holidays

It is truly part of God's plan when you have the opportunity to volunteer for a such a good cause while meeting new friends and fellow Christians at this wonderful church. The excitement of the holidays and the hospitality of the friendly faces that you experience on the tour tells me that we are doing something worthwhile.

So for all of you who plan to attend this year's Holiday House Tour, you are in for a real treat! Included on the tour is the beautiful modern home of Katharine and Bryson Edmonds, IPC members and grandson of Dr. Henry Edmonds, our founding pastor. In the upper right on this page is a reprint of an article that appeared in the Birmingham newspaper in the early 1950s with Dr. Edmonds' comments about the Holiday House Tour, and the inspiration to "get out of old ruts."

In addition to the Edmonds, the other homeowners so far include: Rebecca and Ben Fulmer, and Betsy Brown. We also are offering as a bonus this year a free ticket to the **Birmingham Home and Garden (BHG) Inspiration Home** to tour this home on the final two days of the BHG event. This home is full of ideas from various vendors, several of whom are IPC members/designers. All of these homes will graciously open doors to the 1,200 or more people who will come through the Holiday House Tour that has been a part of our Church for 62 years. I hope to see you there as a participant or volunteer!
Beth Adams, IPC Holiday House Chairman

Good Morning

DR. HENRY M. EDMONDS

On Saturday of last week I went the rounds of the Holiday Houses of the Independent Presbyterian Church. I said when I first heard of that plan: "People don't want to see houses. That's bound to be a flop." But the smart women, who conceived the idea knew more than I did. People thronged the church and the houses, driving in from nearby places — Arab, Tuscaloosa, Oneonta, Bessemer.



The church was beautiful, parlors home-like, refreshments delicious; and men and women alike, particularly women, are interested in the new developments in building and furnishing houses. And, of course, the Christmas decorations are charming and cheering.

I was interested intensely. Of course, the new houses are one-story, but that is only the beginning. Kitchens are out—they are living-rooms now. And their furnishings are out. Stoves, refrigerators, sinks, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers are sunk into the walls and everything paneled. And in the rooms the outside is invited in. True even in the older houses. You look out on flowers, trees, lawns, through glass walls. You sit at breakfast and there are the mountains or

glades down through the trees. Graceful terraces are much used too. In European and Latin-American countries people have lived out-of-doors for a long time through the use of patios, enclosed courts, high walls about their gardens. We are developing new ways of living out-of-doors.

Always learning. I salute the church for its Holiday Houses; and the owners, who open their houses, forgetting trouble, expense and risk to carpets and furniture, that we young people, contemplating building or change, may get new insights into beauty, convenience, charm or just a chance to get out of old ruts.

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And this for Christmas:

"God is, not was;
He speaks, not spoke."

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He speaks, not spoke."

Dr. Henry Edmonds

IPC Presbyterian Women — We hear you!

The PW (Presbyterian Women) Fall Kick-off Event was so much fun! More than 100 women of all ages enjoyed the beautiful sunset, got a preview of the upcoming Holiday House tour, learned about the fall study groups, and mainly enjoyed the fellowship. More events are in the planning!

Thanks to all who took time to fill out the PW Interest Survey about the programs, topics and activities of interest. The PW Coordinating committee meets this month to plan next spring's programs, and this data is most helpful.

Mark your calendars now for the Christmas Brunch on Tuesday, December 6, and the Holiday House Tour on Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11. This year's Christmas Brunch will offer holiday decorating tips and include a preview of the Holiday House tour. The Holiday House tour raises more than \$20,000 each year for missions such as the Children's Fresh Air Farm, Presbyterian Home for Children, First Light and many others. **More than 100 volunteers are needed for two-hour hostess shifts, and thousands of homemade cookies are needed for the tea. If you haven't already volunteered, we need you!**

Contact Beth Adams at 871-9570 to help with the Holiday House tour and Cindy Keller at 967-5444 to help with the PW Christmas brunch. For more information about getting involved in other PW events, contact Melissa Brisendine at 995-8340 or Cathy Delozier at 822-4270.

*By Melissa Brisendine, Moderator,
Presbyterian Women*

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

A BRIEF RETURN TO THE GREAT HALL

The trucks are about to be loaded in Iowa with the Schreiber Memorial Organ, and our good friends and construction partners at Brasfield & Gorrie have ordered two towers of scaffolding and rigging equipment with a 25-foot-long trolley beam that Dobson needs to install our new organ. At a recent meeting to coordinate this final stage in our multi-year project, we determined that we could possibly reduce the time it takes to install the "big pieces" (some elements of the façade are over 20 feet tall and must be hoisted over the top of the choir loft to be placed) if we allow the workers continued access to the Sanctuary through the weekends for four to six weeks.



In light of these considerations, the current plan is to have a regular Sunday in the Sanctuary on October 2, with communion, and then return to the Great Hall for Sunday worship beginning October 9 until the 'heavy lifting' is complete. After we return to the sanctuary, the tuning and 'voicing' of the instrument will continue for several months, but will not affect our worship in the Sanctuary. God continues to bless this congregation with wonderful options of beautiful and sacred spaces for worship and the proclamation of the Gospel. Let us continue to give God our thanks and praise!

Rev. Bobbie Epting, Associate Pastor

Choir Dedication Sunday is October 2.

This year, we will be celebrating ALL choirs at the 11:00 service on Sunday October 2, 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.



Monday, October 10, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.
 You're all invited to welcome the new instrument to the church!
 We will have a blessing for the organ as we "sing it into the sanctuary"!

The truck with the first pieces of the new organ will be here on **Monday, October 10** to begin unloading at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come to the church and help us welcome the new instrument by either carrying something in or just cheering us on as we begin the wonderful process of installing the organ. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime event for our church. We will have a blessing for the organ by singing it into the sanctuary! Come one, come all!!

Dr. Jeff McLelland, Director Music and Fine Arts

NOTE: The 2011 IPC November Organ Recital Series will take place at neighboring churches while the Schreiber Memorial Organ, built by the Dobson Organ Company, is being installed. *All are invited! See website for all the details: www.ipc-usa.org/organrecitals*

IPC NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES, 4:00 p.m.

November 6 *Isabelle Demers* performs at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church

November 13 *Christopher Houlihan* performs at Reid Chapel, Samford University

November 20 *Jeremy Filsell* performs at The Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Vestavia Hills

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS HAVE RESUMED!

Now is the perfect time to join the choir.

IPC is blessed to have highly trained musicians who offer a fantastic music education for FREE. Singing is a skill that can be used for a lifetime and is just one more way that God can be glorified. Call Jeff McLelland (933-3701) for more information about which choir is best for you! **See website for details.**

In October What's Cooking?



IPC Wednesday Night Dinners

SALAD BAR, ROLLS, CORN BREAD, & DESSERT FOR EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

OCTOBER 5

FRIED CHICKEN
 MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY

GREEN BEANS

Children:

CHICKEN FINGERS
 MASHED POTATOES
 GREEN BEANS

OCTOBER 12

FAJITAS, TACOS
 REFRIED BEANS
 MEXICAN RICE

Children:

TACOS

OCTOBER 19

BEEF TIPS WITH RICE & GRAVY
 FRIED OKRA
 BAKED APPLES
 STEAMED CARROTS

Children:

HOT DOGS
 CHIPS

OCTOBER 26

CRISPY ONION CHICKEN

ROASTED VEGETABLES

ROSEMARY POTATOES

Children:

CHICKEN SANDWICH
 FRIES

*Kim Martin,
 Director,
 Food Service
 IPC*

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

Dear Church Family,

As I reflect on the 2011 IPC Summer Learning Program, it is impossible to adequately thank this congregation for the many ways that each of you helped to make our second year a tremendous success. Thanks to your generosity with your time, talent and treasure, we offered a wonderful program to these very deserving children. The test scores show that our children made gains of one month in math and two months in reading. Considering that typical summer learning loss is one to two months, these students will enter the fall term two-four months ahead of where they would have been without the program.

In addition to addressing summer learning loss, we met the health needs of the children by serving two healthy meals and a snack daily and getting plenty of exercise with outdoor play and physical education. Professionals taught the Red Cross Water Safety Course, UAB's Too Good For Drugs, and Trauma Prevention Safety. UAB's School of Optometry completed eye testing, and followed up with a report on their findings. Spiritual development was fostered through Chapel services, with lessons being reinforced throughout the day, especially in community time, in music, and in arts and crafts. Chapel had a positive effect on self-esteem and behavior issues as did our discipline system, in which the children earned visits to the camp store and their field trips through good behavior.

The relationships built with IPC members and CFAF staff were a great impetus for positive behavior and increased self-esteem. The enrichment was enhanced by the field trips to area attractions, including the Living River Retreat, the Birmingham Zoo, the McWane Center, Birmingham-Southern's Ecoscape and Museum, the Avondale Library, Vulcan, the Railroad Park, and the American Village. Each child graduated from the program with their school supplies for the upcoming year, a new uniform, and a voucher for new shoes. New scholars were given a story Bible.

A returning camper's parents sent me the following thank you note: **"Once again, your church has shown a great amount of love to our child. She was fed triplefold – mind, body, and spirit. We are very thankful for all you have done. May God bless and keep you in all of your ways."**

Well done, good and faithful servants!

Love in Christ, **Gini**

Gini Williams Children's Fresh Air Farm Director
Independent Presbyterian Church

Bread Ministry to IPC Visitors



Would you like to bake bread for the Bread Ministry to IPC Visitors? We take loaves of fresh, homemade bread to people who have visited with us in worship.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy Skinner (933-1830).

Welcome back, Lucy! A note from Lucy...

As my sabbatical began I wondered if I could make it for three months without the daily structure provided by my work. I hadn't had a summer vacation since I was a child. We all know how long ago that was! I soon found a new routine that included more time for rest and prayerful reflection, more time for reading related to my faith and vocation—not to mention more time to play and cook and visit with friends and family.

Mercifully, toward the end of summer I began to feel the need to be at work again. While I was away, I was always mindful of your pastoral and spiritual needs, but late in August I very much wanted to be engaged in the pastoral care ministry of the church. Yes, I missed you. I missed talking, worshipping, studying, serving and laughing with you.

Thank you for the time apart. Thank you for welcoming me home. My phone numbers haven't changed: (O) 933-3706 (C) 541-6848.

Lucy

Rev. Lucy Turner, Associate Pastor



LIBRARY NOTES

Walter Brueggemann's *Disruptive Grace*, edited by Carolyn J. Sharp, is a collection of addresses delivered by Brueggemann from 2002 to 2009 to audiences in seminaries, universities, and gatherings of church leaders and preachers. In her introduction Sharp says "Brueggemann urges us to be candid and courageous...to be unsettled and disrupted by the grace of God's Word," to be repentant, for "only then can we learn to live in wholehearted obedience to God."

God in the Dock is a collection of 48 essays and 12 letters written by C.S. Lewis between 1940 and 1963 for a wide variety of publications. In response to one critic, Lewis writes "My task was that of...turning Christian doctrine...into language that unscholarly people would attend to and could understand." Editor Walter Hooper says of Lewis, "He has probably got more orthodox Christianity into more heads than any religious writer since G.K. Chesterton."

In *Traveling Light*, Max Lucado uses the words of Psalm 23 as inspiration for reflections in which he urges us to come to God and release the burdens of life – fear, hopelessness, guilt – which he says we were never intended to bear.

Does God Know How to Tie Shoes?, written by Nancy White Carlstrom, is only one of the questions asked by little Katrina in this lovely story dealing with the questions children have about God. The vivid illustrations by Lori McElrath-Eslick follow Katrina through her day exploring God's beautiful world.

The Library Committee

4th Quarter Lunch Bunch

Join us & celebrate Fall!

Tuesday, Oct. 25

12:00 noon

**Bongiorno Italian Restaurant
Crestline**

Call Jeannine Usher (933-3694)
for reservations, then meet us at
Bongiorno on the 25th!



Parents' Night Out: Kicks Off Friday, October 7 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Parents, we know your schedule is crazy ... so we'd like to help. One Friday night each month, IPC sponsors a Parents' Night Out at IPC (PNO), where we have experienced caregivers and fun activities for the kids. Parents' Night Out kicks off on Friday, October 7, and the hours are: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Cost is \$7.00 per child, and PNO is available for kids up to age 10. Register on the IPC website or fill out a card and put it in the PNO box near the reception desk or contact Jeannine Usher to make your reservation. Deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 7, at 12:00 Noon.

4th Quarter Returns to Mentone October 13!

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch & transportation)



The 4th Quarter group will return to Mentone **Thursday, October 13**, for a fun-filled day trip, which will include another delicious lunch, a tour around to take in the Fall leaves....and a chance to relax and visit with your IPC friends. Participants will have the chance to enjoy lunch at Nancy Skinner's Mentone home, an open house at Nancy Stetler's and dessert at Libby Kidd's during this now-annual event.

For reservations, contact Cindy Shaw (933-3696) or Jeannine Usher (933-3694)....but remember, space is limited, so make your reservations now!

Our annual **HARVEST FOR HUNGER FOOD DRIVE**

begins on Sunday, October 16 ~ World Food Day. Grocery bags with lists of suggested food items will be distributed that day after both services.



Please take a bag home, fill it up, and return it to the church any time between October 16 and November 20, HARVEST FOR HUNGER Sunday, when our collected food will be dedicated. This food will be used in our IPC Food Pantry to feed people in need. Thank you so much for your great willingness to help others.

"Come you who are blessed by my father ... for I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 24:35

IPC Fall Festival Sunday October 23 Fresh Air Farm 4:30-7:00 p.m.



The Partner's Committee invites you to the Fall Festival Sunday, October 23, at the Children's Fresh Air Farm. Events will include a delicious chili dinner, Blue Grass band, hayride, bonfire and roasting marshmallows, games for the kids and more. Deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 21, at noon.

Register online at:

www.ipc-usa.org/fallfestival

or get a form at IPC & send to Jeannine Usher.

All are invited!! Come join the fun!!

IPC AT FIRST LIGHT IN OCTOBER

The meal schedule for the First Light Women's Shelter is set for October. Please check for your dates and alert group members as soon as possible! If for some reason you are unable to accept the date assigned to your group, please arrange a swap for that date and notify Betsy Middlebrooks (933-3731 or bmiddlebrooks@ipc-usa.org) to let her know the change. Remember to plan for sixty meals and to serve at 6:30 p.m. Don't forget that many of the guests at First Light have dietary restrictions, including diabetes, high blood pressure, etc. Planning meals that are healthy and nutritious is beneficial to all of us! If you are able to volunteer to spend the night that week, please contact Susan Clayton at sclayton@ipc-usa.org or at 933-3709. **Thanks so much for your help and dedication!**

IPC Dates: October 2-8, 2011

- Sunday, October 2—Youth
- Monday, October 3—Women's Church School Class
- Tuesday, October 4—Tapestries I and II
- Wednesday, October 5—Advanced Class/The Way
- Thursday, October 6—Faith Builders
- Friday, October 7—New Members Group
- Saturday, October 8—Seekers/Highlanders



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Sunday Children's Chapel

Sunday Children's Chapel

Who Attends: Children 5K through 2nd grade; parents are always welcome

When: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings

How it works: Children attend 11:00 a.m. worship service with their parents. During the singing of the second hymn, children Kindergarten through 2nd grade will follow the acolyte down the aisle out of worship to the Children's Chapel, which is located in the Edmonds Chapel off the parlor. Parents are always welcome to attend Children's Chapel service with their children! Children leaving worship who are 4-years-old or younger will be taken downstairs to stay with their Worship Care classes.

What it is: Children participate in their own worship service in the Chapel with children in the 2nd grade responsible for performing key worship roles, including reader, usher, and acolyte. Reverends Susan Clayton and Lucy Turner rotate leading the worship service. The structure of the service provides an opportunity for children to interact with the clergy during the daily Bible lesson and prayer requests, and learn to use the Bible and hymnals located in the pews.

Goal: Our goal for Children's Chapel is to provide an environment where young children can begin to explore and learn the value and joy of worshipping together as a church family. Come join us!

*Thank you to our volunteer organists and parent helpers
who make Children's Chapel possible!!!*