



Irvington Presbyterian Church

Fremont, CA

November 2014

Sundays

Greetings

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:15 a.m.

(Nursery and Children Sunday School During Service)

Irvington Chinese Presbyterian Service: 10:15 a.m.

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Dear Friends,

What's a Town Hall meeting? On Sunday November 16 we're having a Town Hall meeting after worship that includes a potluck lunch. I hope you can attend. A town hall meeting for our church is an opportunity to sit down with our elders and learn about the direction they're discerning for our church.

I want to remind you that a Presbyterian church is a church governed by volunteer "ruling elders" elected by the congregation for that purpose. We are not "pastor run." In contrast I as your pastor am called a "teaching elder" and my role is to teach God's Word in such a way that it equips you to make disciples and thus do the work of the ministry.

Our ruling elders presently meet once a month to pray, study and discern God's direction for our church. This summer we spent a Saturday morning together and an extra evening considering some options for the future of our church. While there are many things we like about our church the way it is now, we know it can't go on like this indefinitely. Our size and age will see to that. Besides there is a vast population outside our church walls who are not hearing the good news of Jesus Christ through our present programs. We know God has called us to proclaim his good news and make disciples of those who follow him. So changes must and will be made.

Come to the Town Hall meeting on November 16 and learn the direction we believe the Holy Spirit is leading us. Come with your questions and a generous, open mind. Our Session values your input. Let's have some family time and come together as a family to discuss our future. I look forward to seeing you.

Pastor Larry



Missions - The Heart of the Church

IPC Missions Team Invites You to Lunch!

Please join us on **Sunday, 23 November** as the Mission Team welcomes IPC supported Missionaries (currently on furlough in the US) who are reaching out to Muslims. Affiliated with the well known missionary organization, Interserve, they are currently serving Christ in Central Asia.

Our Missionaries will join us for worship service. Following the service, the Missions Team will host a luncheon where you can meet and get to know them. After lunch we will be able to learn more about their ministry through a short presentation they will provide.

This is an exciting opportunity to meet with people dedicated to fulfilling Christ's Great Commission (Matt 28 19:20) by reaching out to one of the largest and least evangelized people groups in the world.

We hope you will join us. Cost for the luncheon is \$5 each and sign ups are being taken during coffee hour after worship service. Or...call Mary Ellen McKowen.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS !

It is that wonderful time of the year when we can
all give a little to help many.

Bring your new, unwrapped gifts on **7 December**
and celebrate with us during worship service!

(You may bring wrapping paper separately if you like)

Gifts for children, teens or adults are always welcome. Gifts will be distributed by
Tri-City Volunteers to families in our community who may not otherwise
receive a gift this Christmas.



Would you like to learn more about IPC Missions or Faith Promise? Pick up a copy of one of our brochures in the narthex. We have a brochure that shows all of the Missionaries that IPC supports. In addition, we have put together a brochure to explain why IPC Missions is supported by Faith Promise. If you have any questions or would like more information or would like to serve on the Mission Team, please see Mary Ellen McKowen or any member of the Missions Team.

Reaching
out to the
World

Reaching
out to our
neighbors



Clebourne "Red" Stephens went to be with his Lord Tuesday, 14th November. Please pray for his family as they grieve their loss.

Congregation Happenings

Highlights for November

2nd - CE Meeting (?)
 6th - Worship Committee
 7th - Evangelism Committee
 9th - Congregational Meeting
 11th - Presbytery@Trinity, San Carlos
 11th - TCFBP Steering Committee
 11th - Veteran's Day
 13th - SIS
 13th - Missions Team
 13th - 15th - Organic Outreach Conference
 In Monterey

16th - Town Hall Potluck Luncheon
 18th - Deacon's Meeting
 20th - Ladies Out to Lunch
 20th - Session Meeting
 23rd - Mission Luncheon
 27th - Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed
 28th - Church Office Closed
 30th - Advent Sunday

DECEMBER

6th - Christmas/Winter Holiday Program
 7th - Birthday Party for Jesus

Mondays: Women's Bible Study - Women's Bible Study at IPC in McKowen Room
Home Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Monday at Mary Ellen McKowen's Home

Wednesdays: Band Practice

Fridays: Band Practice

Sundays: Journey Into Faith

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study - Women meet weekly in the McKowen Room. In September they will continue their study in "Jesus in The Psalms". If you would like to join, please check with Carol Lynn to see about a study book.

Home Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Monday Bible Classes at Mary Ellen's house. Contact Mary Ellen McKowen for additional details.

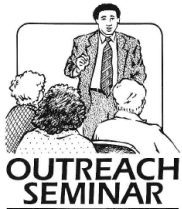
UPCOMING EVENTS

FUN SINGLES!

Singles meeting will be **Sunday**, Nov., 2nd at 5:00 p.m.



COUPLES CLUB: Thursday, November 6, 2014 - Porky's Pizza Palace. Join the couples group for a fun evening of Pizza and fun listening to the Banjo Band in which Sue & Bill Acquino are members. Meet in the IPC Parking Lot for carpooling @ 6:15 or call Mary Lou Craig, 510-396-3053 for your RSVP. Hope you can join us!



ORGANIC OUTREACH CONFERENCE **THURSDAY NIGHT – SATURDAY MORNING NOV. 13-15** **SHORELINE COMMUNITY CHURCH** **2500 GARDEN ROAD MONTEREY CA**

Learning to share God's love naturally with the people in our life. Cost: \$116 for the conference. Talk to Pastor Larry about it for more details or read about it on the web: www.organicoutreach.com.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There will be a meeting **Nov. 9th** after worship to elect Elders and Deacons for 2015.

TOWN HALL MEETING AND POTLUCK has been rescheduled for Nov. 16 after worship. Come to hear the update on the direction of our Church. This is will be an informative meeting. Be sure you attend this meeting!

IPC LADIES OUT TO LUNCH: Come and join us for lunch at La Casita on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 11:30 am. Please contact Bonnie Burger at 510-468-4656.

SAVE THE DATE
December 6, 2014
Christmas Program



Donate Peanut Butter

The collection team collected over 173 lbs. of peanut butter on Saturday despite the rain. But by Tuesday, the total was 267 lbs. which eclipses last year's 206 record lbs. **THANK YOU FREMONT for MAKING a DIFFERENCE.**

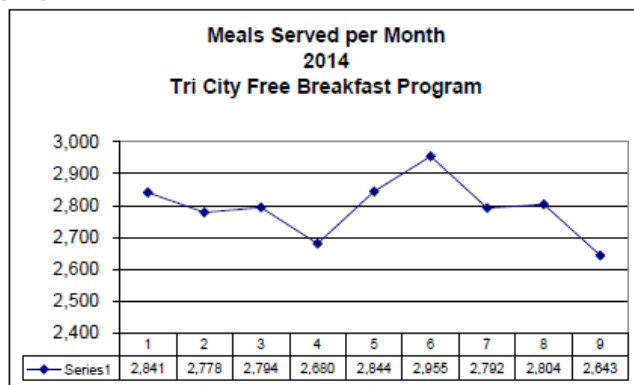


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Gomes
Elementary
School

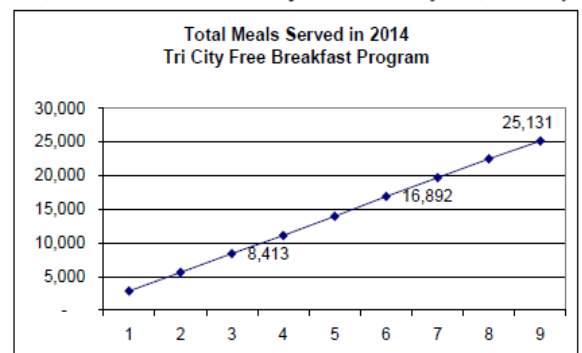


Wayne and Sue made a difference.

In September 2014, an average of 150 guests were served per day. Highest day in September was 165 guests and 235 meals. Average meals were 150. Total September meals 2,619 meals (first and seconds) with 366 bags of provisions distributed and 20 children served.



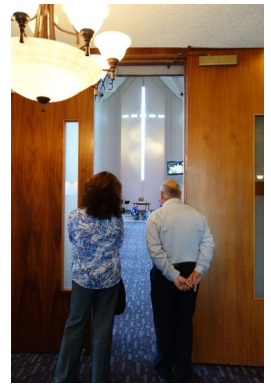
Year to Date – 25,131 meals served in the first three quarters of 2014. Project 32,000 annually.



MORE OCTOBER HAPPENINGS



Sonal Patelia, Chimanlal Macwan, Daxesh Patelia, Rupal-Amis Christian



Social Hall

Free Breakfast served
Mon. Wed. Fri. 7 to 9 am by
Tri City Free Breakfast Program

Worship (Spanish) Sundays 5:30pm

Ping Pong (Chinese) Wednesday 7 pm

Mission Peak Chamber Singers Tue. 7 pm

Rooms 7 & 8

AA Groups Mon. Wed. Thr. 7 to 9 pm

Mandarin Worship Services 10 am Sunday



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Worship Services

10:15-11:30 a.m. Sundays English

1:30 p.m. Sundays Spanish

Here is a map of the church grounds to help you locate the location and time for various events held at IPC.

MISSIONS – THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

Understanding Faith Promise Giving

Faith Promise Giving is more than just a method of raising money for Missions. It is a Faith Commitment and Faith is central to the Christian life. As Stewardship approaches and IPC considers its budget for its ministries in the upcoming year, please prayerfully consider your Faith Promise for Missions:

How to Make a Faith Promise for Missions

1. Pray for God's direction – to discern the amount of the commitment. Pray also for God's enabling help to fulfill that commitment.
2. Make a realistic assessment of your situation. This is not a contradiction. E.g. If you have just entered the workforce and have thousands of dollars of student loans, it isn't realistic to make a Faith Promise of \$10,000. Though a Faith Promise can be fulfilled in unexpected and miraculous ways, that isn't the norm.
3. If God is strongly directing you to make a Faith Promise that seems unrealistic, make it and trust that God will enable you to fulfill it.
4. Obey God's voice.
5. Trust God completely that he will enable you to give more than you think you can give and at the same time meet all your personal needs.
6. Be faithful to give as God enables you.
7. When Stewardship asks for your General Giving Pledge, also provide your Faith Promise amount for Missions.
8. Each week mark your Giving Envelope with the amount you are giving for "Missions".

Remember, a Faith Promise is between an individual and God. The commitment is "As God enables me I will be faithful to give". You will not be called on the amount if you cannot meet it.

For further information, the Mission team has prepared a brochure with Frequently Asked Questions. This can be found in the Narthex or feel free to ask any Mission Team member:

Mary Ellen McKowen – Chair
Bonnie Nichols
Sonal Patelia

Peggy Handono
Teresa Oliver
Jenni Pellot

SHOP AMAZON FOR HOPE



**HOPE UNLIMITED FOR CHILDREN
MONTHLY UPDATE**

You can now support the children of Hope Unlimited by shopping on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com)! Each time you shop on [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com/smile), a special section of [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), 0.5% of the price of your purchase goes to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile has all of the same products, prices, and service as Amazon.com plus the opportunity to help our kids! Start today by choosing "Hope Unlimited for Children" as your charity of choice at smile.amazon.com.

Trunk or Treat




Thank you to everyone who participated in Trunk or Treat. If you were there, you know all of the effort put into the planning and setting up of this event was well worth every minute spent. Our goal was 100 people and we exceeded our goal! YEAH! We had 60 kids and at least 40 adults who signed up with contact information at registration. Although the adult count was higher, because one parent would sign in, but not necessary the other adults with the children, we did not get an exact count on the adults. Many of the families consisted of preschool and grade school kids. We sold 128 plates of food, including to the volunteers and church members who chose to purchase lunch. As you will see from the many pictures on these pages, our guests had a good time, the volunteers were positive about the experience and the event was a great success. Thanks Be To God!





KIDS CLUB



Kids Club, the after-school Bible Club, at Hirsch Elementary started again on Sept. 29th. This collaboration of several churches in the area is in its seventh year. Currently Jeanette Ollison, Barbara Walton and Carol Lynn are helping to teach these young people about the love of Christ. We sing praise songs, learn bible verses and do crafts while getting to know these kids. Currently we have about 50 kids each Monday and if you ask any of the volunteers if we would give it up, you would hear, "No Way".



HOMework CLUB

Once again the Homework Club is in full swing at Hirsch Elementary. There are three of us who meet Tuesday after school to help some 4th, 5th and 6th graders with their homework. We have a teacher present most of the time, but we are the ones who take attendance and make sure the students keep focused. We enjoy the inter-action with the students and are always looking for any one who has a couple of hours on Tuesday from 2:30 to 4:00 to help these students succeed in their school work. For further information contact Carol Lynn at 510-797-7993.



Have you checked out the IPC FACEBOOK page? If not, please check us out today. There are some great pictures and videos of the various Sunday services and fellowship gatherings. In addition, it is a great way to keep up with the upcoming events at IPC. LIKE us on our FACEBOOK page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Irvington-Presbyterian-Church/116256295065982>

Share events, make comments, keep in touch with friends



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH COMMUNION SUNDAY</p> <p>12:00 PM CE MEETING (TBD)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST</p> <p>9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST</p> <p>6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:15 PM COUPLES CLUB AT PORKY'S PIZZA</p> <p>7:00 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST</p> <p>2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE</p> <p>7:00 PM EVANGELISM COMMITTEE</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MTG</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST</p> <p>9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY AT MCKOWENS</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VETERANS DAY</p> <p>PRESBYTERY @ TRINITY, SAN CARLOS</p> <p>7:00 PM TCFBP STEERING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST</p> <p>6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE</p>	<p>13</p> <p>ORGANIC OUTREACH CONFERENCE- MONTEREY</p> <p>4:00 PM SIS (SHE IS SAFE</p> <p>5:00 PM MISSION TEAM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>ORGANIC OUTREACH CONFERENCE MONTEREY</p> <p>7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST</p> <p>2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE</p>	<p>15</p> <p>ORGANIC OUTREACH CONFERENCE- MONTEREY</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH MISSION SUNDAY</p> <p>TOWN HALL POT LUCK LUNCH</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST</p> <p>9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM DEACON'S MEETING</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST</p> <p>6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:30 AM IPC LADIES OUT TO LUNCH</p> <p>7:00 PM SESSION MEETING</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST</p> <p>2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23/30</p> <p>9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH MISSION LUNCHEON (23RD)</p> <p>ADVENT SUNDAY (30TH)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST</p> <p>9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY AT MCKOWENS</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST</p> <p>6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE</p>	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>29</p>

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Please note: November 25th is the deadline for the December issue.

All articles are to be emailed to nicholsb@earthlink.net

or mailed to:

Bonnie and Teresa at P. O. Box 48, Shingletown, CA 96088

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email or phone at (530) 355-8685 or (510) 821-1072 (leave message and we will call you back).

The Cornerstone keeps current and past congregation members informed of all activities at IPC.

Pictures are always welcome.

Your timely submissions are appreciated!

Do you HAVE A COMPUTER?

If you answered yes, IPC has three exciting news items for you!

1. LIKE us on our FACEBOOK page:
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Share events, make comments, keep in touch with friends.
2. Visit our website at www.irvingtonpres.com. It is updated with all events and news. We will also be posting the Cornerstone to the website so you can read it there also.
3. If you have provided us with your email address, check your in-box for your electronic copy of the Cornerstone.