Irvington Presbyterian Church
Fremont, CA
March 2014

Sundays
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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Bible Studies

Men’s Bible Study - This class meets at Bay Street Coffee Roasting Friday mornings from 8 am to 9 am.

Women’s Bible Study - Women meet weekly in the McKowen Room. The theme is 102 fascinating Bible studies. Contact Betty Blizel for details.

Home Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Monday Bible Classes at Mary Ellen’s house. Contact Mary Ellen McKowen for additional details.
IPC Mission Team, would like to thank everyone for their support at our recent Valentine Italian Dinner. Thanks to all of you, our event was a success! The food was good, the fellowship was wonderful. After dinner we viewed a short video of the Prasad’s work with the Untouchables in India. The winners of the wonderful drawing prizes were then announced. Thanks to your support, the Mission Team was able to raise $958 towards a 2015 Mission Trip!

The Mission Team is excited about our new fundraisers. We are sure you enjoy the IPC Choir each Sunday. Now you can purchase a CD and listen to them at home, in your car, anytime you want! The Mission Team has made these affordable to all. You can purchase a CD for $5. In addition, we have beautiful IPC note cards for sale. Three different designs, with 10 cards and envelopes per box for only $8 per box. For the extra special gift we also have a wonderful Sherpa micro fleece embroidered throw for sale. Order yours today. Just see any member of the Mission Team and they will be happy to help you. All funds go into the Mission Fund.

Cleburne (Red) Stephens will be 100 years young on Saturday, April 12th. His birthday celebration will be the following day, Sunday. April 13th after worship. Small and funny gifts are welcomed. Let’s just make Red laugh and have a good time.
BASS CONVENTION

The annual Bass Convention is scheduled for March 6, 7 and 8 this year. It will be held at the Redwood Chapel, 19300 Redwood Road, Castro Valley. Carpooling is encouraged.

IPC has registered again this year. You are encouraged to go online (bassconvention.org) to review and plan which workshops and exhibitions that you would like to attend. You can express register by using the IPC Express Pass Code CNZHX.

There are many workshops and exhibits, find one that fits your interests. Some examples; Missions, CE, Worship, and Evangelism. Plus many more. Discuss with Lynnette Ariathuria, Joan Fong or David Wegener. See you at BASS

CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, AND KARAOKE:

Feeling the NEED to wear GREEN?

Corned Beef and Karaoke is arriving at IPC
March 15th at 6 PM
Mark Your Calendar!!

This year don’t invite, just drag along your neighbors. WHO CAN SING?? – we need more men in the Choir!

$5/each - $10/family - Signups in the Social Hall on Sunday, 9 March.
Want to help? – come to the E-team meeting on Friday, 7 March at 7 PM in the McKowen Room.

PER CAPITA

The per capita for the year 2014 is $35.15. This is the contribution that our church makes on behalf of each member to help with the costs of the Presbytery of San Francisco, Synod of the Pacific and the General Assembly, the national church body. If you want to add this to your offering, please write “per capita” on the envelope.

Tri City Free Breakfast Program – Clerk Highlights from Report submitted.
1. Statistics In January 2014, an average of 150 guests were served per day. Highest day in the month was 205 guests and 275 meals. Average meals were 203. Total January meals 2,841 meals (first and seconds) with 682 provisions. By comparison, December 2013 was an average of 160 guests served per day. Highest day in December was 192 guests and 275 meals. Average meals were 212. Total December meals 2,753 meals (first and seconds) with 655 provisions.
2. Funding – No update on closing the gap. Fund Balance as of 12/31/13 was $1,076.39. The TCFBP continues to operate at an un-sustainable deficit. We need to help TCFBP obtain online donations capability, and perhaps learn from other food programs.
3. Discussions - The TCFBP is the source of our property tax issues. Discussion regarding the possibility of TCFBP flying under the Presbytery flag need to be followed up.
4. Needs - The Breakfast Program is in need of coffee mugs, luncheon sized plates and forks. We seem to chip and break a few as we go along, so perhaps someone has extra that we could use. It’s a good time to do Spring Cleaning. Donations can be turned into the kitchen on Sundays or give to Mary Lou Craig or Jeane Garrett.
6. Next Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 11, 2014
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

 Christianity 101 Bible Class

"Do you want to know what the Bible says are the fundamentals for every Christian? Then come to the Christianity 101 bible class, started on Sunday, February 16, following Sunday service. It will be a 12 week bible class to include the following essential subjects:

The reliability of Scripture
The person and character of Jesus Christ
The Holy Spirit
Sin & Redemption
and More.....

We will delve into the scriptures, discuss them and answer questions on what it means to be a Christian. Lay Pastor Nick McClure will be leading the class.

INTERNET STUDY: IPCINTecclesia@AOL.COM
ECCLESIASTES STUDY
MEN and WOMEN.

We will study The Book of Ecclesiastes, One Chapter a week; twelve chapters in all. Lessons began in February.

Ecclesiastes written by King Solomon who has seen and done it all and realizes all is meaningless. Twelve Chapters: 1. Everything is meaningless. 2. Pleasures are meaningless. 3. A time for everything. 4. Oppression, toil, friendlessness. 5. Fulfill your vow to God. 6. Gifts from God. 7. Wisdom. 8. Obey the King. 9. A common destiny for all. 10. Death and folly. 11. Invest in many ventures. 12. Remember your Creator while you are young.

( Below from "Living on the Ragged Edge" by Charles Swindoll about Ecclesiastes.)

"The good life--the one that truly satisfies--exists only when we stop wanting a better one. It is the condition of savoring what is, rather than longing for what might be. The itch for things, the lust for more--so brilliantly injected by those who peddle them--is a virus draining our souls of happy contentment. Have you noticed? A man never earns enough. A woman is never beautiful enough. Clothes are never fashionable enough. Cars are never nice enough. Houses are never big enough. Relationships are never romantic enough. Life is never full enough.

Satisfaction comes when we step off the escalator of desire and say, "THIS IS ENOUGH" What I have will do. What I make of it is up to me and my vital union with the Living Lord."

Each week you would receive an E-Mail. No questions, just reading. If you would like to comment, respond by clicking "REPLY ALL" at the right side of the E-Mail.

The verses will be printed out using the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible. This will be followed by commentary from Matthew Henry. Matthew Henry (1662-1740 was an English commentator on the Bible and a Presbyterian Minister.)

F.U.N. SINGLES

The next single’s group meeting will be Sunday, April 3rd at 5:00pm in the McKowen Rm.

The next singles outing will be on Sat. March 22nd. We will be going to Palo Alto to view the Elizabeth F. Gamble Gardens. After enjoying a sack lunch in the gardens, we will tour the American Heritage Museum to view inventions and technology of a bye gone era. The current exhibit is the history of television. Meet in the IPC parking lot at 9:00 am to carpool.
1) **Opening Prayer** by Moderator Randy Young at 11:45 a.m. immediately following the end of the worship service.

2) **Declaration of a Quorum** to hold the Meeting by the Clerk of Session at IPC, 10 members present constitutes a quorum at this time. There were 62 members present and 25 non members present.

3) **Pastoral Call**: The Pastor Nominating Committee recommended the election of the Rev. Dr. Larry Dean Thorson to be the Senior Pastor of Irvington Presbyterian Church, effective April 4, 2014, with the terms of the call as stated below which is within the approved budget of IPC for 2014.

   - Cash Salary $42,500
   - Housing Allowance $22,500
   - Utilities Allowance n/a
   - Supplement for Social Security Tax n/a
   - EFFECTIVE SALARY = SUBTOTAL ABOVE CASH AND HOUSING $65,000
   - Full medical, pension, disability and death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions 35% of Cash and Housing $22,750 paid by the church

Other Benefits:

   - Deferred Compensation / 403b annuity (Pastor Elective) n/a
   - Paid vacation leave of 28 work days per year which may include 4 Sundays included
   - Paid continuing education leave of (two) (2) weeks annually per Presbytery Min included
   - It is understood the following expenses of ministry will be reimbursed through an accountability plan:
     - Auto / Travel Expense per Presbytery of San Francisco up to $1,500
     - Study Leave / Continuing Education / Professional Expenses Reimbursement allowance / ARP includes such professional expenses as travel, continuing education, parking, tolls, professional books/journals, dues to professional organizations, business meals, purchase and maintenance of clerical garments. Study Leave / continuing education allowance of $500 per week may be accumulated carried over up to three years max.
     - Moving allowance, one time expense, reimbursement account $10,500
   - Total Package $100,750

Moderator held a forum for the congregation to ask questions to the PNC and to the candidate.

4) **ELECTION**: Electors passed out written ballots to members, collected them, and tallied a vote of 61Yes and One No to elect the Rev. Dr. Larry D. Thorson to be pastor. Electors were Mary Ellen McKowen, Pat Jeffries, Dave Wegener and Heather Ostdiek. Non members were given an opportunity to voice their opinion using a different colored advisory ballot. Their tally did not count towards passing or denying the motion. Non member friends voted 20 Yes, zero nays.

5) **DISMISSAL OF THE PNC** – It was moved, seconded and approved to dismiss the Pastor Nominating Committee with gratitude and appreciation for their work, conditionally upon the installation of Pastor Thorson. Additional steps leading to the installation will be Presbytery San Francisco and Presbytery San Gabriel approving the call. The Pastor Nominating Committee was Ron Fong (chair), Lynnette Ariarthurai, Brook Mantia, Peter Bade and Mary Lee Starkel.

6) **CLOSING PRAYER** by the Moderator at 12:32 pm., followed by a welcome reception in the social hall for Pastor Larry Thorson and his wife, Rev. Martha Thorson.

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**IPC LADIES LUNCH**

**Thurs., March 20th, 11:30 AM**

We will meet at **11:30 on Thurs., March 20th** at Jack’s Brewing Company, 39176 Argonaut Way, Fremont Hub. We will look forward to seeing you! Our contact person is Bonnie Burger . Call 510-468-4656 if you are coming.
Minutes
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, February 9, 2014
Irvington Presbyterian Church Social Hall

1) Opening Prayer by Moderator Randy Young at 11:53 a.m.
2) Declaration of a Quorum to hold the Meeting by the Clerk of Session At IPC, 10 members present constitutes a quorum at this time. There were 35 members present. We also had 13 non members and four youth present too.
3) Election and Installation Elder - Nominating Committee presented Kathy Jeffries to the Elder Class of 2014
   i) Candidate was voted into office unanimously.
   ii) Installation and Ordination per Book of Order W4.400 happened immediately thereafter, thus concluding worship service.
4) State of the Church / Annual Report by Moderator and Clerk of Session.
   i) Highlight Notes and Questions noted were
      a) There is no perfect pastor and there will be adjustments
      b) The budget had assumed no staff vacancies. The 2013 surplus instead of a deficit, stems from the unfilled Youth and Family Ministries Director from April; from the Senior Pastor vacancy from September on; and the new Hispanic church rental starting in the summer. These three factors turned around the budget. The 2014 budget plan calls for using some of the 2013 surplus.
      c) We started paying $10,000 in property taxes starting in the fall due to a dispute
      d) Session deliberately did not hire an interim pastor. Everyone stepped up. We need to continue to step up and serve one another when the new pastor comes.
      e) Acknowledgement of the hard work of the Pastor Nominating Committee
   ii) Moved Seconded and Unanimously Approved Acceptance of the Annual Report
5) Corporation Meeting
   i) Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Approved the Election of the 2014 Corporation Board Officers:
      a) Lynnette Ariathurai; Secretary – Dave Wegener; Treasurer - - Kathy Jeffries
      b) Nominations from the Floor - none
      c) Appreciation expressed for the outgoing 2013 Corporation Officers Trustees President Lynnette Ariathurai, Secretary Ron Fong and Treasurer Helen Jorgensen
   ii) Noted future Corporation meeting to amend the charter and bylaws for property tax exemption purposes
6) Congregation At-Large members for Nominating Committee
   i) Nominations from the Floor solicited for the three 2014 Nominating Committee At Large members. Jackie Rockett, Mary Lee Starkel and Joe DiMaggio were nominated from the floor.
   ii) Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Approved Jackie Rockett, Mary Lee Starkel and Joe DiMaggio, as the three At-large members of the 2014 Nominating Committee.
   iii) Expressed appreciation for the 2013 At Large Members Jackie Rockett, Joe DiMaggio and Betty Blizel
   iv) FYI Footnote: The Chair of Nominating Committee is Elder Heather Ostdiek. The Deacon Representative is Alexis DiMaggio.
7) Deacons - appreciation for the deacons who coordinated, cleaned and setup the event as kitchen crew
8) Any Other Business – none noted.
9) Closing Prayers by Moderator at 1:03 p.m.

Minutes by Ronnie L. Fong, Clerk of Session
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