



Irvington Presbyterian Church

Fremont, CA

April 2014

## Sundays

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:15 a.m.

(Nursery and Children  
Sunday School During  
Service)

Irvington Chinese Pres-  
byterian Service: 10:15  
a.m.

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# Congregation Happenings

## Highlights for April

4th - Family Game Night  
5th - Evangelism Team Mtg  
6th - Pastor Larry - First Sunday  
Welcome Potluck Luncheon  
8th - Worship Committee  
10th - SIS  
10th - Mission Team Meeting  
11th - Couples Night Out  
12th - Work Party  
13th - Palm Sunday

15th - Ladies Out to Lunch  
17th - Maundy Thursday  
18th - Good Friday  
20th - Easter Sunday  
Easter Egg Hunt  
22nd - Deacons Meeting  
24th - Session Meeting  
26th - Swap Meet Spring  
Cleaning Event

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

**Fridays:** Men's Bible Study - Bay St  
Coffee  
Band Practice

**Sundays:** Journey Into Faith

**Wednesdays:** Band Practice  
Children's Choir, Adult  
Choir

## 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.

# Missions - The Heart of the Church

## SAVE THE DATE

IPC Mission Team is hosting Paul and Alice Ryon, missionaries with Christar, who will be educating us on "Getting to Know Your Indian Neighbor". This will be a two part experience for those attending. **Friday evening, 16 May**, we will be visiting a local Hindu Temple. Following the visit, you are invited to join us for a meal. The location and cost of the meal will be in the registration form which will be available shortly. Paul and Alice will continue their teaching on **Saturday morning, 17 May**, at IPC in the Social Hall followed by lunch and a question and answer session. There will be a small charge to cover the materials and luncheon. All details will be included in the registration forms which will be available shortly. Please see any member of the Mission Team for more information.



At the age of ten, **Leo** saw his dad, the biggest drug trafficker in the region, tortured and murdered. Years later, his father's legend lingers in the slum. Leo feels a sense of entitlement to his dad's legacy and a heavy burden to fill his shoes. His mom doesn't care what he does.

The first few times **Diego** came to Hope, he stayed only long enough to get a change of clothes and a hot meal before heading off to the streets in search of more crack cocaine. The last time the police dropped him off, he was skinny, beaten within an inch of his life, and still high. We are not a drug rehab facility, but there are no adolescent drug rehab programs here; so we welcomed him into the Hope family and gave him lots of love and lots of prayer. We're still praying.

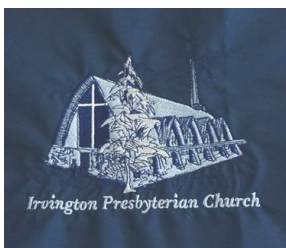
Last week, **Tamara** longed to hear her father say, "Happy birthday." She didn't. Forgotten by her father, she still wants the hole he left in her heart to be filled. He's not in her life, but we are. We celebrated with her, as we do for every child at Hope, and told her she is valued.

Each day as Phillip Smith looks at these kids and he asks, "Lord, how can we help them see their potential through Your eyes? How can they ever recover from what they have been through?"

It seems impossible, but over the last 20 years, we have seen it time and again: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17). Sometimes rising to the challenge seems exhausting. Impossible. We need patience to see the transformation take place little by little as kids trust us and our programs.

As Christ reveals himself, Leo now feels loved and like he belongs. Diego has been sober for three months; his cheeks are now a little chubby. He's the first to volunteer for hard work, seemingly understanding he has to channel his nervous energy. And Tamara is learning she has a heavenly Father who knew her in the womb, before she was born. One day she will be working, married, raising her family far from the streets like hundreds of our other graduates.

But as for today, please pray for patience and for us to rise to the challenge. Pray for *them* to rise to the challenge. Together, with God's help, we're transforming their lives and the lives of their future generations.



## Mission Team FundRaisers



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.



# WELCOME POTLUCK

A potluck to welcome Pastor Larry and Martha Thorson to be held on Sunday, April 6th, following worship service. Bring your favorite dish to share and get to know our new pastor and his family.



## Couples Night Out Friday, April 11th @ 7 pm



Calling all couples to join us in the McKowen room for a fun night of games and refreshments. Do you play Scrabble, Dominoes, or Sequence. Many other games too! Have a good card game to teach everyone? Please RSVP to Mary Lou Craig @ 510-396-3053. See you there!



## CHURCH WORK DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH AT 9:00 AM

We need "all hands on deck" for a church spring cleaning. Join us for work and fellowship as we get the sanctuary and grounds ready for Easter.

## IPC LADIES LUNCH

Tuesday, April 15 at 11:30am

Ladies - We're doing something different this month. We're having tea at the Fong's - 39548 Platero Place. Bring your favorite tea sandwiches, scones, salads or desserts to share. Plan on enjoying a great time of fellowship. RSVP to Joan Fong at (510) 432-1356.

## Swap Meet Sat. April 26, 2014

Please gather all those things you do not use or need anymore, gently used items for the swap meet. This is not a money raiser, just finding new homes for things before they get donated to Tri-City Volunteers.

You can bring your things beginning at 8am Sat. April 26th and we'll be there until 4pm.

Our own Joan Fong had this idea and some of us thought it was a great plan. Lets make it happen.

# 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.

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## YOUTH & FAMILY



Easter Egg Hunt for kids, preschool through high school, following Easter service on Sunday, April 20th. Come and have some fun!

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**BASS Convention** - 4 of our church members attended BASS Convention this year to learn about church ministry. Thank you to everyone who attended.

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**PRESCHOOLERS:** Helen Jorgensen is leading preschool teaching on Sunday morning with Bible stories.

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## FAMILY GAME NIGHT



Family Game Night is Friday, April 4th 6 - 9pm. Families of preschoolers, grade school kids and teens are welcome for pizza dinner and playing some favorite board games. Dinner will be at 6pm, followed by board games. Games will be for preschool through adults. Come and enjoy -- bring the whole family. We look forward to seeing you there!

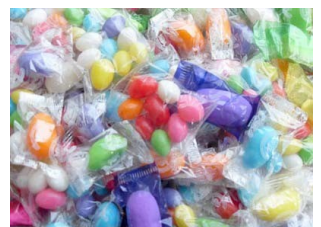


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## Help Fill the Eggs



We need your help in filling Easter eggs. Bags of empty plastic eggs are available for you to pick up on Sunday, April 6th in the Narthex - then you fill them with treats and return to the church on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Eggs can be filled with candies, toys or coins. All candy must be wrapped. We prefer candies that will not melt in the sun. Please help us make a fun day for the kids.





# 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.



## JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

### 100<sup>th</sup> YEAR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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



**Karaoke**

**Photos**



**MARCH**

**15th**



## F. U. N. SINGLES

### The Singles Trip to Palo Alto

It was a beautiful spring day to visit the Elizabeth F. Gamble Gardens and the Museum of American Heritage. The garden was beautiful with the tulip beds, snapdragons and other flowering plants in bloom. The wisteria arbor in bloom was quite pretty. The stately oak tree and picnic tables provided us a perfect spot to eat our picnic lunch.



Bonnie Burger and Mary Ellen McKowen with a Friend at the museum.

After lunch, we went to the museum to see the display of television history. It was quite interesting to see some of the very earliest of televisions made and to read about the history of the making of the television. This display was quite complete including the setting of a living room from the 1950's showing the comfortable chairs, the television, and the TV tray with the TV dinner in its original tray on it. There were also interesting displays of artifacts from by-gone eras that some of us remember. We then walked through the garden at the museum before returning home.

# SESSION NOTES

## 1. DEACONS:

- A. The new moderator of the Board of Deacons is Dawn Lunn.
- B. The Deacons are looking for someone to assist with lifting the coffee pot on Sunday mornings. If you are available to help, please contact Dawn.
- C. Sunday Snacks - Still need a Snack Coordinator

## 2. FINANCES:

- A. One Great Hour of Sharing will be taken the four Sundays prior to Easter.

## 3. WORSHIP:

- A. Maundy Thursday Service will be a Joint choir service with Centerville Presbyterian at Centerville
- B. Good Friday Service will be a drama, The Last Words, at IPC.

## 4. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

- A. Work Party on April 12th
- B. Annual Fire Marshall Inspection conducted and completed.

## 5. EVANGELISM:

- A. Ministry Faire—Sunday, March 2nd - was well attended
- B. Corned Beef Cabbage & Karaoke - Saturday, March 15th - 75 people came, 16 were guests and not part of the IPC family.



### Tri City Free Breakfast Program .

**Statistics:** In February 2014, an average of 166 guests were served per day. Highest day in February was 205 guests and 280 meals which was higher than December. Average meals were 232. Total February meals 2,778 meals (first and seconds) with 522 provisions distributed and 53 children served.

b. Fund Balance as of 1/31/14 unknown. No cash donations in February. Two in-kind gifts given, but the City of Fremont reimbursed the program \$13k.

c. Facebook page – <http://bit.ly/tcfbpFB> reached 48 Likes. Over 130 people seen posts



d. Newsletter posted online at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3tSu4SIMVDTTm5zRU1sS2pLUXM/edit?usp=sharing>

### TRI-CITY BREAKFAST PROGRAM - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Tri-City Breakfast Program is looking for eager men and women to help the community by volunteering to serve hot meals to low-income individuals and families. We are in IPC Social Hall, every Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Choose 1, 2, or 3 days. Your choice from 5 am to 9 am; choose your time. If for setting up, come early @ 5 am., or just for serving and cleaning up, come in @ 6:45. We're desperately in need of volunteers. Contact Rich Dobertstein @ 510-688-8823 or Mary Lou Craig @ 510-396-3053. See you there!!!

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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.

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

Share events, make comments, keep in touch with friends



APRIL 2014

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Please note: April 25 is the deadline for the May issue.*

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

or mailed to:

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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!

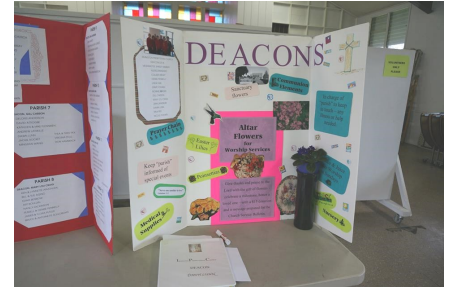
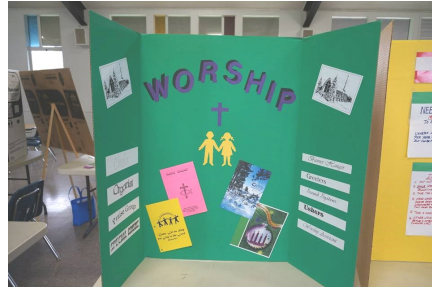
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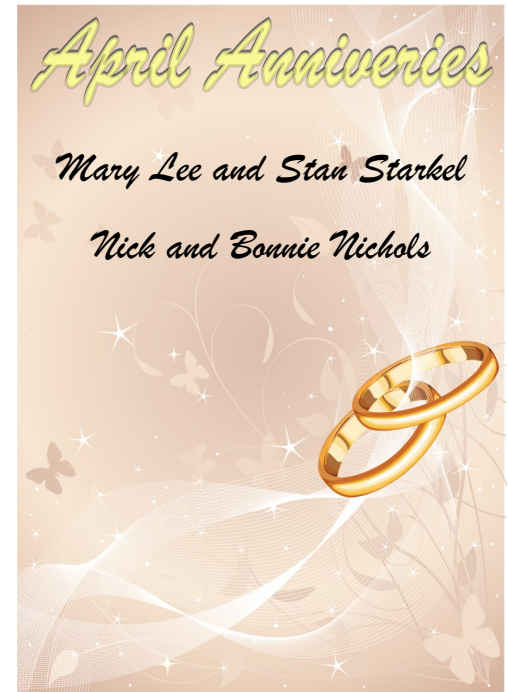
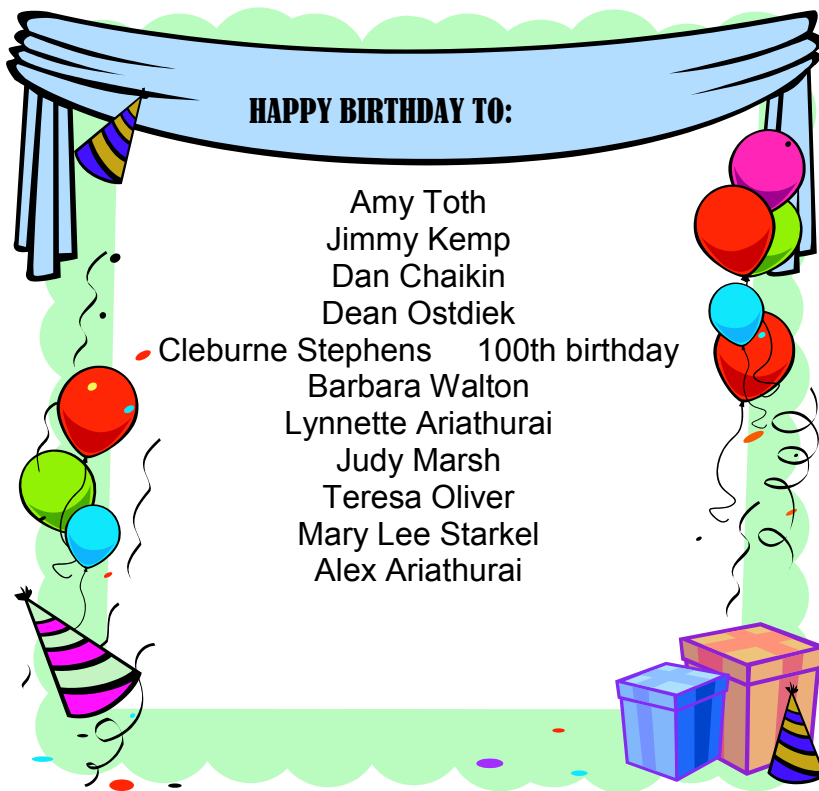
# CORNER BEEF, CABBAGE & KARAOK



# MINISTRY FAIRE







IPC Mission Team with Alice Ryon



IPC Mission Team



IPC Mission Team with Paul & Alice Ryon



Pastor Cully Anderson (30 March)