



**Irvington Presbyterian Church**

**Fremont, CA**

**June 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.

# Greetings

Dear Friends,

You are invited to San Francisco Presbytery's "Service of Installation" to install me as your next pastor Sunday night June 8 at 7:00 pm. I am very grateful for this opportunity to be your pastor. My wife will be in town for a class she's taking that weekend and will preach for us that evening. I hope you can attend.

These days I'm spending as much time as I can getting to know our elders, the church's history, what's happening and has happened in our beautiful city as well as working with our deacons to develop a regularly updated weekly list of those in our church who are shut-in. I realize you may still have on your "company manners" but so far everyone I've met has been really nice.

If you need to see me I'm available Mondays through Thursdays. Call ahead for an appointment. I'd love to meet with you. I'll be driving back to Hemet after worship on June 15 to attend my son's graduation from UC Riverside on the 16<sup>th</sup>. I plan to drive a rental truck back to bring our garage and attic things here and leave my truck temporarily there. Then on July 20 after worship I plan to fly back to Hemet and finish emptying our house and prepping it to be a rental. Martha and her dogs will join me then. Our son is looking for a middle school or high school teaching position and will move wherever he finds a job. It will be hard to say good bye to him but we know that life moves on.

I'm looking forward to getting out into the community and trying to get to know those who aren't worshipping God anywhere. My calling is to share the good news that Jesus Christ died for everyone so that we can all experience the forgiveness God has for us. No one is excluded from that plan. Let me know if you want to go with me. Thank you for the opportunity to do this.

Pastor Larry

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# Missions - The Heart of the Church

## Seminar: Getting to Know Your Hindu Neighbor

On Friday 16 May and Saturday 17 May Paul and Alice Ryon, long time Missionaries reaching out to the Hindus, shared their knowledge and experiences with us. On Friday evening a small group started out from IPC to visit a nearby Hindu Temple. The visit had been arranged by Paul and Alice and our Hindu neighbors welcomed us as we observed and had our questions answered. Following the visit we gathered at IPC for an Indian meal prepared by members of our congregation. A short discussion followed to share our thoughts and questions about the Temple visit.

Saturday saw a diverse and interactive educational session followed by a luncheon. With 900 million Hindus worldwide, 1 in 10 (13% of the population) are Hindus. In the Bay Area, Indians as a percentage of the population has increased significantly and stands as follows:

Fremont	18.08%
Cupertino	22.60%
Sunnyvale	15.52%
Santa Clara	13.64%

Paul and Alice are guided by Romans 15:20 - "It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation." Their goal is to share the Gospel in a culturally sensitive way; to allow Indians to keep their culture and for believers to remain in their community.

They demonstrated to us through role playing, videos, audience participation (including the singing of a Bhajan (worship song)) and sharing of their knowledge that they know and love Indian people. Hinduism is a spiritually oriented religion with a diversity of beliefs and practices and with a clear focus on salvation as the highest aim of human life. There is no simple canon of Scripture like the Bible. Paul and Alice's understanding of this and the Indian culture helps them achieve their goal. Their willingness to share this with us so that we may reach out to our Indian neighbors and witness in an appropriate way, was greatly appreciated.

Our seminar experience was enhanced by the attendance of two ladies from the Bay Area Interfaith Organization. They are Hindus and their insight and sharing was a valuable addition.

Paul and Alice are affiliated with the Mission Organization, Christar. Through Christar they have resources to draw upon. We encourage you to go online to [www.christar.org](http://www.christar.org) for the Hinduism Booklet—or contact any Mission Team member who will be happy to obtain one for you.

Christar intentionally focuses on prayer. They require every Missionary to have 100 daily prayer partners before leaving for the field. IPC's Mission Team prays for Paul and Alice, now based in San Jose, as they continue to reach out to Hindus. A useful resource is the Christar brochure "Praying for your Missionary; Getting beyond 'God bless the missionaries'" - ask the Mission Team for a copy of the brochure and please pray for Paul and Alice as they now start their outreach here in the Bay Area.

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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. LIKE us on our FACEBOOK page:

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

Share events, make comments, keep in touch with friends





## Congregation Happenings

### Highlights for June

3rd - Presbytery @ Berkeley  
 5th - Stephen Ministry Training  
 5th - Worship Committee  
 8th - Installation of Pastor by Presbytery  
 12th - Evangelism/Church Alive Committee  
 12th - SIS  
 12th - Mission Team Meeting  
 13th - Couples Fellowship (To be confirmed)

14th - 21st: 221st General Assembly in  
 Detroit, MI  
 15th - Father's Day / Trinity Sunday  
 16th - 18th: Pastor on Leave (So. Cal)  
 17th - Deacons Meeting  
 19th - IPC Ladies Out to Lunch  
 22nd - CE Committee  
 26th - Session Meeting

**Mondays: Women's Bible Study**—on summer  
 break until September—see below.  
**Home Bible Study**—2nd & 4th Monday  
 at Mary Ellen McKowen's Home

**Fridays:** Men's Bible Study - Bean Scene  
 Cafe

Band Practice

**Sundays:** Journey Into Faith

**Wednesdays:** Band Practice  
 Adult Choir

## Bible Studies

**Men's Bible Study** - This class meets at Bean Scene Café, Friday mornings from 8 am to 9 am.

**Women's Bible Study** - Taking a summer break starting in June. 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

## F. U. N. SINGLES

The Fun Singles met in the McKowen Room on 1 June at 5:00 pm for their monthly meeting. Next meeting is the first Sunday of July.

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### IPC LADIES LUNCH

The next IPC Ladies Out to Lunch is tentatively scheduled for 19 June. Please check the Sunday Bulletin for information as to the location and time of the lunch. Information was not available when the Cornerstone was published.

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### COUPLES GROUP

The Couples Group at IPC is planning an afternoon out on **Sunday, July 13th at 2:30 pm.**

#### *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*

Newark Memorial High School, Stage 1 Theater  
39375 Cedar Blvd, Newark, CA

Price: Senior (62+): \$24 each (including processing fee)

Group Rate: \$22 each (including processing fee)

Please RSVP to Mary Lou Craig, 510-396-3053 by **June 29th** so she can purchase the tickets. She will need a check for \$22 per person so she can reserve the proper amount of tickets.

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### MORE COUPLES GROUP



The Couples Club will be having dinner at **Porky's Pizza Palace** at 1221 Manor Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94579 on **Thursday, June 12**. They have a banjo band that plays old favorites from the past. For car pooling, meet at the IPC Parking Lot at 6:30, where we'll take off. All are welcome, so call Betty Blizel at 510-656-2241. We're told that one of our favorite harmonica players is part of the band!!!

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### STEPHEN MINISTRY

**Stephen Ministry** is a one on one caring ministry to help people in times of transition and loss. If you are already a Stephen Minister or would be interested in a ten week training course to become one, you're invited to attend an informational meeting **Thursday June 5** at 6:00 in the McKowen Room.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR SAVE THE DATE!!!

You will want to definitely mark your calendar and save this date! The **IPC Annual Picnic** will be held on **Saturday, 9 August**. Plans are still being made, but this year's picnic will definitely be one you will not want to miss! Bring you family and your neighbors and join us for all the fun and fellowship.



# MISSIONARIES' PRAYER REQUEST

Last month we published a short article in the May Cornerstone entitled "Five Prayers for Missionaries Overseas". As a result of this article, we received a request to publish the following prayer request from Larry and Valerie Bockus, who are well known to many members of our IPC congregation.



Hi - This is Larry & Valerie Bockus. We have worked with a tribe of Indians in the jungles of South America for 38 years, & are supported by you kind folks. Why 38 years? We had to learn their language & culture, attend to the medical needs of thousands of Indians, translate the New Testament, & establish churches.

Due to the political situation, we cannot be specific on details. I was jailed once, & really prefer not to repeat that experience!

Last February, I (Larry) went to South America for 5 weeks. The political situation & worlds highest crime rate were a concern, but by God's grace all went well!

For 2 weeks I was able to meet with the beloved Indians, who came out of the jungle to a town. We made corrections on the Bible lessons that I had prepared while in the US. (see "Making corrections" pic) The rest of the time, I spent printing up the Bible lessons, & Scripture in their language.

Praise the Lord, there are over a 100 established churches now, with their own pastors. About half of these churches are demonstrating an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, evidenced by their excitement & love of the unlovely. Unfortunately the other churches are not evidencing these fruits of the Spirit. **This is a prayer request....**



Valerie & I want to thank each of you for your prayers & financial support for this work!

Larry & Valerie Bockus

## Mission Team Fund Raisers



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.



# CONGRATULATIONS 2ND LT. THEODORE FONG, U.S. ARMY, AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY

Ron and Joan Fong had the opportunity to go to West Point this past week to attend Teddy's graduation. It was an incredible experience for them. Teddy was recognized as a honor graduate (31 out of 1103) and was given his B.S. Diploma in Math by President Obama. After some additional training in Oklahoma, his initial posting will be a deployment to Japan as part of his eight years of military service.



**The White House** @WhiteHouse 3h  
"To the class of 2014, I congratulate you on taking your place on the Long Gray Line." —Obama at @WestPoint\_USMA



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## JUNE 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:15 AM COMMUNION SUNDAY	<b>2</b> 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST	<b>3</b> PRESBYTERY @ BERKELEY	<b>4</b> 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE 7:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:00 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING	<b>6</b> 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MENS BIBLE STUDY 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH 7:00 PM INSTALLATION OF PASTOR BY PRESBYTERY	<b>9</b> 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 7:00 PM MCKOWEN HOME BIBLE STUDY	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE 7:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>12</b> 4:00 PM SIS (SHE IS SAFE) 5:00 PM MISSIONS TEAM MEETING 7:00 PM EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>13</b> 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MENS BIBLE STUDY 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> <b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH MISSION SUNDAY	<b>16</b> 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM DEACONS MTG	<b>18</b> 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE 7:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>19</b> 11:30 AM LADIES OUT TO LUNCH	<b>20</b> 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MENS BIBLE STUDY 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	<b>21</b>
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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Please note: June 27 is the deadline for the July 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:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Irvington-Presbyterian-Church/116256295065982>  
Share events, make comments, keep in touch with friends.
2. Visit our website at [www.irvingtonpres.com](http://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.



# SESSION NOTES

- A. Pastor has done some calling on parishioners and visitors. He served home communion to Jackie Rockett. He is still working with the deacons to get a complete list of homebound and shut-ins.
- B. Vision 2014 - Inviting & Building Relationships: Discussed and challenged one another on how we are intentionally reaching out and connecting with people.
- C. Nominating Committee: Plan to nominate candidates during June - August with the goal to elect officers in October; officer training in September, so that the holiday season is not impacted by work.
  - 1. **Call** of officers who hear God's heeding to be an elder or deacon.
- D. Building & Grounds: Removed the dead Linden Tree in front of the Social Hall. Kiosk has also been demolished and removed. A step stool has been provided for the deacons closet.
- E. Communications: Facebook Page - items posted regularly. Noted @Easter, pictures had 54 likes, but



## Tri City Free Breakfast Program .

**Statistics:** In April 2014, an average of 155 guests were served per day. Highest day in April was 170 guests and 242 meals. Average meals were 207. Total April meals 2,680 meals (first and seconds) with 590 provisions distributed and 50 children served.

Facebook page – <http://bit.ly/tcfbpFB> reached 48 Likes.



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

Tri-City Free 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!!!

## Happy 80th Birthday



Happy 80th Birthday Jean Landrum!



Celebrating  
with her  
grandson  
and  
great grand-  
sons.



# Seminar: Getting to Know Your Hindu Neighbor



Paul & Alice Ryon  
Teaching

