



CORNERSTONE

Jesus Christ, the living cornerstone
and you are also living stones,
built into a dwelling place of God
in the Spirit.
- Eph. 2:20-22 I Peter 2:4,5

Irvington Presbyterian Church

Fremont, CA

December 2013

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 December

Mondays: Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays: Band Practice
Children's Choir, Adult
Choir

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

Sundays: Journey Into Faith

5th- Worship Team Meeting

6th - Church Alive Meeting

12th - SIS

12th - Mission Team Meeting

14th - Christmas Concert

15th - Congregational Meeting

15th - C.E. Meeting

17th - Deacon's Meeting

19th - Session Meeting

24th - Christmas Eve Service

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.

Missions - The Heart of the Church



**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE
HOPE UNLIMITED
30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR HOPE**

Sunday, 3rd November, was the final day of Hope Unlimited's 30 Days of Prayer for Hope. On that day they celebrated Adoption, Fostering, and Orphan Care that reveals God's heart. You, and thousands of others around the world, have raised your voices to speak for one purpose - to see children's lives transformed. You have made a lasting difference in the lives of children. It doesn't have to end today!

As we go forward, remember these daily verses:

A father to the fatherless ... is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families ... **Psalm 68:5-6**

WE REMEMBER GOD'S LOVE FOR US, ONCE ORPHANS OF SIN.

In the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'children of the living God.' **Romans 9:26**

AND SO WE MIRROR THIS LOVE IN TANGIBLE WAYS.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress. ... **James 1:27**

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 **8 December** and celebrate with us during worship service! (You may bring wrapping paper separately if you like) Gifts for children 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.



DEACON NEWS AND REQUESTS



COORDINATOR NEEDED: A coordinator is needed to schedule volunteers to bring snacks for the fellowship time after church each Sunday in the Social Hall. Snack providers are lined up through January so someone is needed to begin with February. Please contact your deacon or Bonnie Burger if you are interested.



Poinsettias will again be available for purchase in December to decorate our sanctuary during Advent. There will be sign-ups after church the first two Sundays of December. The purchase price will be \$8.25.

Christmas Concert & Reception



Join us on Saturday, 14 December at 4:00 PM for our Annual Christmas Program. Please invite your friends and family to help make this a special evening.

The Church Alive Committee will host a reception following the Christmas Concert. Please join us for cookie, nut bread and finger foods.

If you would like to contribute cookies or special treats, please contact Darlene Neesham.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS



The drains from the patio are plugged up and causing a problem exiting the sanctuary when it rains. We thought it was just due to accumulated debris from the pine trees and hired a plumber to clear it out. But the plumber discovered that half of the drain line between the sanctuary and the street had collapsed due to age. The estimated cost to fix this is \$6,000. If God has blessed you with the ability to help pay for a PIPE share of the repair, then please mark it to the RENEWAL building fund.

We are pleased to announce that as of 1 December we have collected \$5,275. Thank you for your generosity.

TRI CITY FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM



Make A Difference Day Peanut Butter Collection Drive was Saturday morning October 26th from 9-12. They raised 209 pounds of peanut butter which was more than last year.

In October 2013, an average of 178 guests were served per day. Highest day in October was 205 guests and 275 meals. Average meals were 239. Total October meals were 3,148 meals (first and seconds) with 729 provisions.



2014 GIVING ENVELOPES

Your 2014 Giving Envelopes will be available for pick-up beginning 15 December. Please be sure to stop in the Narthex and pick yours up before leaving on Sunday. This will save the Church postage. Thank you!

SESSION NOTES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

1. Actively contacting candidates to fill nine (9) elders and six (6) deacons for Classes of 2014 and 2015 and 2016. They are currently finalizing nominees.
2. There will be a Congregational Meeting on December 15th to elect the new officers.

STEWARDSHIP:

1. Stewardship Potluck—Thanksgiving and sharing of pledge cards - approximately 70 people attended - thank you to those who attended. If you were unable to attend the potluck, pledge cards were mailed to you. Final date to turn in your pledge cards is December 15th.
2. Christmas Joy Offering will be taken on December 1st.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

1. Progress is being made. PNC has been active evaluating candidates through PIFs, Sermons and Interviews. Website has over 900 views by candidates as of 15 November.
2. Otherwise the PNC is still under a cone of silence with respect to progress.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Boy Scouts will not recharter. They will be leaving Boy Scouts of America for Trail Life, a Christian conservation scouting group. Assets of the troop are owned by IPC, but will be given back to the boys. We are asking them for a donation for the facility for their time here.
2. IPC Facebook page is pretty active - <https://www.facebook.com/irvingtonpres>
We continue to get significant reaches into Iran, Mexico, Holland and Indonesia as well as Fremont. Please tell folks to LIKE our page.

F.U.N. SINGLES

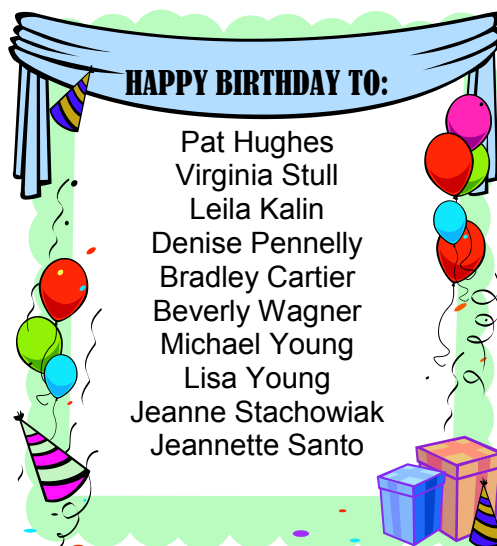
IPC F.U.N. Singles meet the first Sunday of the month at 5.P.M. in the McKowen room. We invite all singles to join us. A good time is had by all! Our next meeting will be on January 5th.

The December meeting was on December 1st in the McKowen Room. We had a wonderful time exchanging a Christmas ornament, sharing cookies and enjoying each others fellowship.

We hope to see all of you Singles join us in the New Year! We will be planning more exciting events!

Anniversary Celebrations:

David and Leah Wiseman
Mustapha and Kamroon Baksh
Pat and Kathy Jeffries



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:15 AM COMMUNION SUNDAY- ADVENT STARTS	7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMENS BIBLE CLASS		7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE 7:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	7:00 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING	7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MENS BIBLE STUDY 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE 7:00 PM CHURCH ALIVE MEETING	
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Please note: December 27 is the deadline for the January 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!

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. 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.