



**Irvington Presbyterian Church**

**Fremont, CA**

**November 2015**

## Sundays

Bible Study 8:45 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

(Nursery and Children Sunday School During Service)

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

Dear Friends,

November is when we typically hear the word “stewardship” thrown around a bit. Pledge cards asking for your commitment to our Lord and his church here in Fremont will be or already have arrived in your mailbox. This is when we talk the most about money in church. But I look at our church and I think we’re pretty good givers. There’s always better giving churches but there’s always better everything somewhere. I want to thank you for being so faithful and helping us pay the bills. God has also been very faithful to us as well.

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It may not look like it but we’ve added 13 new regular worshippers on Sunday mornings since late summer! That’s something like 12% growth in a short amount of time. How? Was it our new worship leader and her dynamic voice? Partially. Was it our colorful signs that Russ rotates out front of the church? Partially. Was it our summer church picnic? Yes, partially. Was it friends bringing friends. Not so much yet, but I expect that will lead to future growth. To me it seems God is just bringing people to us and that feels good. As you’ve heard me say many times, I believe there are 500 people within a short bus ride of our campus who need what we offer on Sunday mornings and they just don’t know it yet. Our job is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. When those God draws to us arrive they will see a group of people in love with their God and with each other. What better witness is there?

So this month ask yourself “do I love the Lord my God with all my heart, mind, soul and strength?” And does my financial commitment to this church reflect that? Write a number down of what you believe you can give next year and each day for a week this month present it to God in your quiet time. Listen for God’s response as you are quiet before Him. Then rejoice and present your pledge card to the church on Stewardship Sunday November 15 and rejoice that you get to participate in the work of our great God! Thanks so much for giving.

Larry



# Missions – The Heart of the Church

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### Faith Promise for Missions – Fulfilling Our Role in the Great Commission

Last month we explained how faith promise works. (In simple terms this means that Missions is not allocated a percentage of the overall Church Budget, but raises finances separately). We also covered why faith promise is important and show it again below because this represents the heart of missions:

#### **Why Faith Promise is important**

Missions giving is one way in which each of us, at IPC, fulfills our role in the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20). Christ's command is to "make disciples of all nations". Some of us are called to be Missionaries, witnessing for Christ around the world (some to unreached peoples in difficult places). Those of us not called into the Missions field witness for Christ here at home and provide a support role to those in the field through prayer and finances.

The IPC Missions Team encourages each of us to:

pray for both the Missionaries in the field and the local mission outreaches we support and support IPC Missions financially through Faith Promise Giving to the Missions General Fund.

#### **How Can I Participate in Faith Promise for Missions?**

Pray for God's direction – to discern the amount of the commitment. Pray also for God's enabling help to fulfill that commitment.

Obeys God's voice.

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.

Be faithful to give as God enables you.

When Stewardship asks for your General Giving Pledge, also provide your Faith Promise amount for Missions.

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  
Mustapha Baksh  
Bonnie Nichols  
Jenni Pellot

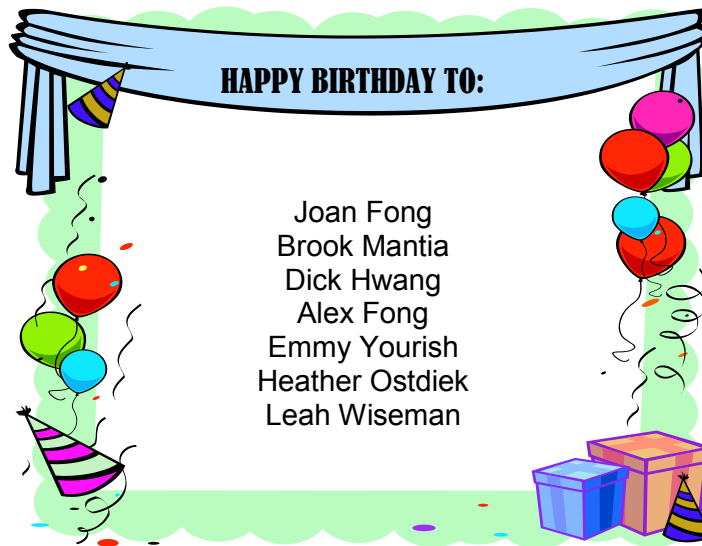
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## TRI-CITY VOLUNTEER FOOD BARREL

Tri-City Volunteers (TCV) was founded in 1970 by a group of community members who saw a need for better food security in the tri-cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City. They are a non-denominational, non-profit organization that provides food assistance and low cost clothing and household items to the residents of Alameda County. TCV provide emergency grocery assistance to almost 6,000 low-income local families every month. Many of the clients are under-employed, or are facing unemployment due to disability, a lack of relevant work skills, or other barriers. Clients can expect to receive healthy, nutritious food twice a month. Item availability is based on donations and the season. Surplus food items from the US Government and Alameda County are donated to TCV. Fresh produce comes from local farmers and businesses.

This year your Missions Team is partnering with TCV to fill a barrel with non-perishable food items that will be added to the food bank. A barrel will be located in the narthex from November 3 through November 17. The last day for donations will be Monday November 16. When making a donation, please use the TCV recommended food list that can be found on the table in the narthex.



# Congregation Happenings

## Highlights for November

1st - Mission Muslim Awareness Seminar & Luncheon  
 1st - Singles Fellowship  
 5th - Worship Committee  
 6th - E-Team Meeting  
 8th - Hope Unlimited Orphan Sunday  
 10th - Presbytery Meeting - Oakland First  
 10th - TCFBP Steering Committee Meeting  
 12th - SIS Meeting  
 12th - Missions Team Meeting  
 14th - Church Day of Prayer  
 15th - CE Committee Meeting  
 17th - Deacon's Meeting  
 18th - Ladies Out to Lunch (BJ's Brewery)

19th - Session Meeting  
 25th - Set up Christmas Tree  
 26th - Thanksgiving  
 27th - Decorate Tree  
 29th - Advent Begins

### December

5th - Worship Committee Meeting  
 6th - E-Team Meeting  
 12th - Christmas Holiday Program  
 13th - Birthday Party for Jesus  
 17th - Session Meeting  
 25th - Christmas

**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

**Tuesdays:** Men's Breakfast Fellowship

**Wednesdays:** Band Practice  
 Choir Practice

## Bible Studies

**Sunday's Bible Study** - 8:45 am in the McKowen Room. Please come in and join us!

**Women's Bible Study** - Women meet weekly in the McKowen Room. 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.



**TCFBP**

#### September 2015:

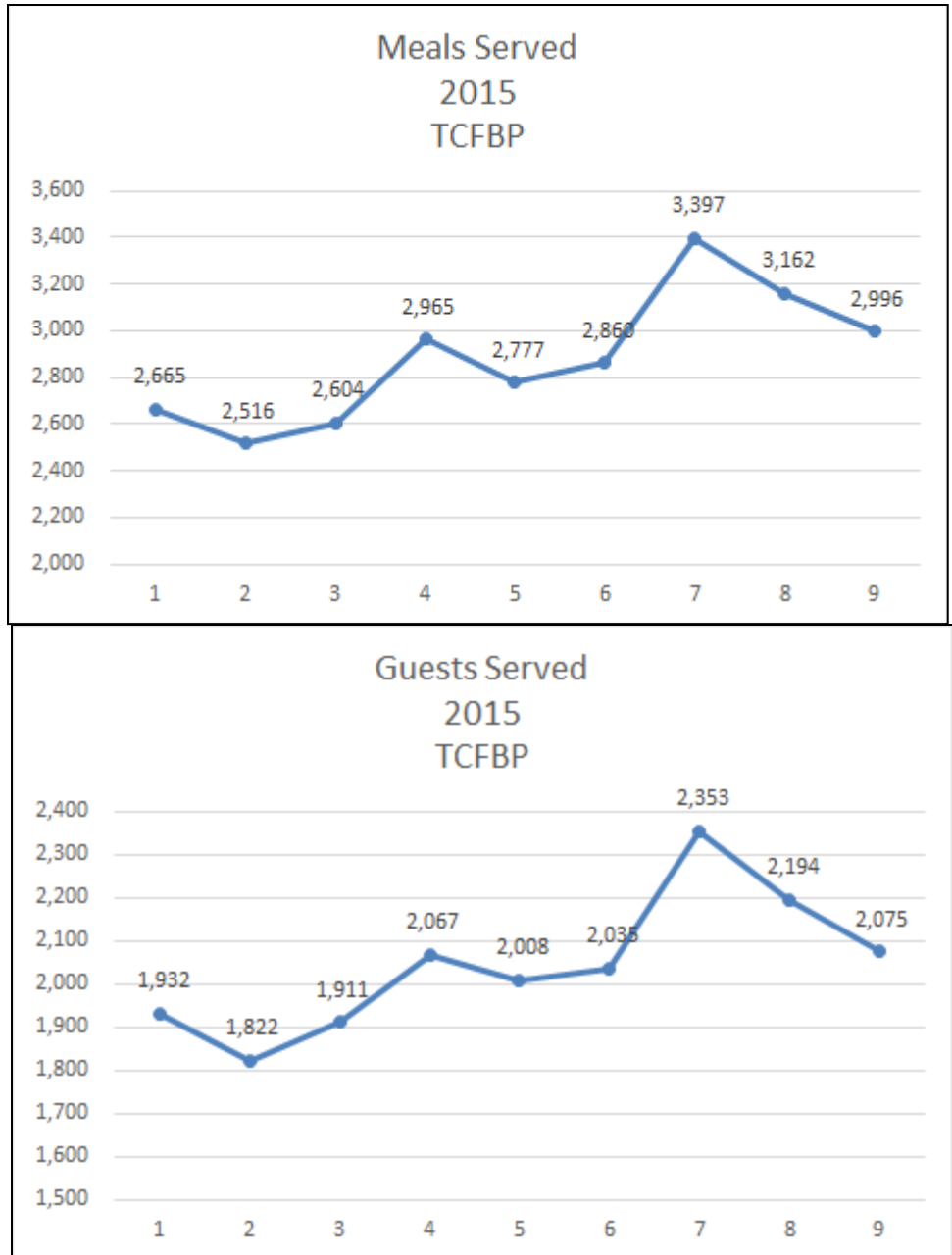
- Served 2,075 guests
- Served 2,996 meals
- Provided 200 bags of provisions
- Volunteer hours: 581

#### Year to Date 2015:

- 18,397 guests served
- 25,942 meals served
- Meals & guests YTD are about the same as last year

**Volunteers** - continue to be lean in number. They need more to help cook and serve on Monday-Wednesday-Friday mornings. If you can help one day a week or one day a month, one hour or two hours or more, then please contact Rich Doberstein at (510)-683-8823 or email [rich.dare2dream@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rich.dare2dream@sbcglobal.net)

# Tri-City Free Breakfast Program



## MISSION TEAM POT LUCK LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 1ST

## Understanding & Reaching Out to our Muslim Neighbors

On Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> we will be joined by Pastor Allen who will share his knowledge of Islam and how to reach out to our Muslim neighbors.

Please join us for worship and afterwards for a pot luck luncheon and presentation by Pastor Allen. Following the presentation there will be time for Pastor Allen to answer any questions you may have.

So please bring your favorite dish and join us on November 1<sup>st</sup>!

# KID'S CLUB

Kids Club started in September at Hirsch Elementary School. Last month we informed you that Harbor Light is no longer assisting in the important ministry. We are thankful for all the materials that were provided by Harbor Light are being given to us as we continue.( i.e. sports equip.,bibles, bins with markers, pencils, crayons etc.)

The members from IPC that are involved are: Carol Lynn, Jeanette Ollison, Mary Lee Starkel, Darlene Neesham and Pastor Larry. They ask for your prayers that we receive the requested financial support from the other churches, Fremont Community & Bridges. They, however, are not in the immediate area as we are.

Stay tuned as we move forward and continue to pray for this ministry of bringing the knowledge of Jesus to K through 6th graders at Hirsch.

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## LADIES OUT TO LUNCH



Come and join us for some wonderful fellowship and a fun luncheon:

Wednesday, November 18th

**BJ's Brewery**

5699 Mowry Avenue, Newark

510-456-3750

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## GATHERING FOR PRAYER NOVEMBER 14th

The IPC E-team is sponsoring a circle of prayer on Saturday, November 14th, 2015 in the McKowen room at Irvington Presbyterian Church. It is open to all in the community who wish to bring their joys and concerns to the Lord. We will begin at 10 am and continue for one hour. The Prayer Leaders will have suggestions for prayer if needed. If you are unable to attend in person but have prayers to share please let the Prayer Team know and they will bring them to the group .



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On 25 October a Congregation Meeting was held and the following members were voted in as Deacons and Elders. The Installation and Ordination is scheduled for 22 November.

- i) Deacon Class of 2016 Colleen Ridley\*, Russ Pennelly, Peggy Handano
- ii) Deacon Class of 2017 Mary Lou Craig\*
- iii) Elder Class of 2016 Kathy Jeffries \*
- iv) Elder Class of 2018 Dave Wegener, Ron Fong\*

\* Extension of existing term

\*\* New Officer to be ordained



# A Hello From A Former Member

Matthew and Caitlin were married in Dallas on 5/30. Their uncle, Jeff is a Presbyterian minister and performed the ceremony (that's Jeff in the picture). Their dad Wayne, passed away in December 2008.

All our children were born while we were at Irvington and even though we have moved away, you share a special place in our heart.

Some of you even gave blood that Matthew used when he had serious surgery as an infant.

I thought you might enjoy this picture to see how things have turned out for home. He's a civil engineer and met his darling Caitlin in church!!

I pray for you often and treasure the 14 years we spent as members there.

Gale Bridgeman



## 390 POUNDS of PEANUT BUTTER!!!!



Tri-City Free Breakfast Program does make a difference at the Annual Fremont Make A Difference Day! A total of 390 pounds of peanut butter was dropped off in the IPC parking lot by many of our neighbors. For more information and pictures, please visit the Tri-City Free Breakfast Program Facebook page.



Left picture is the Kids of Islamic Center of Fremont who came to donate.

Right picture is Mr. Naseer Irfan and family - they wanted to MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>8:45 AM</b> BIBLE STUDY 1 <b>10:00 AM</b> WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH <b>11:45 AM</b> POTLUCK LUNCHEON & GUEST MISSION SPEAKER <b>TBD</b> SINGLES FELLOWSHIP	<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST <b>9:30 AM</b> WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY		<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST 4 <b>8:00 AM</b> MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP <b>6:00 PM</b> PRAISE GROUP PRACTICE <b>7:00 PM</b> CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>7:00 PM</b> WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST <b>7:00 PM</b> E-TEAM MEETING	
<b>8:45 AM</b> BIBLE STUDY 8 <b>10:00 AM</b> WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH & HOPE UNLIMITED ORPHAN SUNDAY	<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST 9 <b>9:30 AM</b> WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY <b>7:00 PM</b> MCKOWEN HOME BIBLE STUDY	<b>TBD</b> PRESBYTERY MTG. - OAKLAND FIRST <b>7:00 PM</b> TRI-CITY FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE	<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST 11 <b>8:00 AM</b> MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP <b>6:00 PM</b> PRAISE GROUP PRACTICE <b>7:00 PM</b> CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>4:00 PM</b> SIS (SHE IS SAFE) <b>5:00 PM</b> MISSIONS TEAM MEETING	<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST 13	<b>10:00 AM</b> CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER 14
<b>8:45 AM</b> BIBLE STUDY 15 <b>10:00 AM</b> WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH MISSION SUNDAY & INSTALL/ORDAIN NEW OFFICERS <b>12:00 PM</b> CE MEETING	<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST 16 <b>9:30 AM</b> WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	<b>7:00 PM</b> DEACONS MTG 17	<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST 18 <b>8:00 AM</b> MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP <b>11:30AM</b> LADIES OUT TO LUNCH <b>6:00 PM</b> PRAISE GROUP PRACTICE <b>7:00 PM</b> CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>7:00 PM</b> SESSION MTG 19	<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST 20	
<b>8:45 AM</b> BIBLE STUDY 22 <b>10:00 AM</b> WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH	<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST 23 <b>9:30 AM</b> WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY <b>7:00 PM</b> MCKOWEN HOME BIBLE STUDY		<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST 25 <b>8:00 AM</b> MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP <b>6:00 PM</b> PRAISE GROUP PRACTICE <b>7:00 PM</b> CHOIR PRACTICE <b>TBD</b> CHRISTMAS TREE SET UP		<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST 27 <b>TBD</b> DECORATE CHRISTMAS TREE	
<b>8:45 AM</b> BIBLE STUDY 29 <b>10:00 AM</b> WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH ADVENT BEGINS	<b>7:00 AM</b> FREE BREAKFAST 30 <b>9:30 AM</b> WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY				<b>UPCOMING DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:</b> 5th - Worship Committee Meeting 6th - E-Team Meeting 12th - Christmas Holiday Program 13th - Birthday Party for Jesus	

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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:  
<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.org](http://www.irvingtonpres.org). 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.