



Irvington Presbyterian Church

Fremont, CA

January 2016

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.

Happy New Year 2016

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Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who helped make it special from decorating the Christmas tree, lighting the outside tree, the poinsettias in the sanctuary, the Christmas program "A Christmas to Believe In", the Grinch on the big screen outside in December, the Jesus birthday party gifts for the disadvantaged of our community and our Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols. It was a lot of fun and God blessed us with wonderful weather. Martha and I were very surprised, and very blessed by your generous Christmas gift to us on Christmas Eve. We appreciate and love you all very much. Thank you.

Now with Christmas behind us and the new year underway, I need to inform you that we have an early Easter to look forward to. An early Easter means an early start to the season of Lent, the six weeks leading up to Easter. I'm excited because that means I get to introduce you to the most powerful sermon series I've ever been a part of: the Jesus Creed.

For six weeks of Lent we will be studying, living, memorizing and sharing the Jesus Creed which says: "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as yourself." In addition to the six week sermon series, we will be offering weekly small groups at various times of the week where you can gather and learn more in depth how this great creed of Jesus will transform your life. We will do our best to work around everyone's schedule. **It all begins on Valentine's Day Sunday February 14. Get ready. The Jesus Creed is coming!**



Larry

Missions – The Heart of the Church

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

In December, the IPC Mission Team held its Annual Birthday Party for Jesus. All gifts received are donated to Tri City Volunteers who give them to members of our community who would not have a Christmas without their help. Once again the congregation of IPC showed their love and generosity in making this event an overwhelming success. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?

THE 10/40 WINDOW

(Graphically an area of the world 10°N to 40°N of the Equator)

Within this 10/40 window are:

- ◆ Most of the world's unreached peoples.
- ◆ Two-thirds of the world's population, although only one-third of the earth's land area.
- ◆ The 10/40 window outlines the heartlands of the major non-Christian religions of the world

Tribal, Hindu, Unreligious, Muslim and Buddhist.

- ◆ 865 million unreached Muslims or Islamic followers in 3330 cultural sub-groupings.
- ◆ 550 million unreached Hindus in 1660 cultural sub-groups.
- ◆ 150 million unreached Chinese in 830 groups.
- ◆ 275 million unreached Buddhists in 900 groups.
- ◆ 2550 unreached tribal groups (which are mainly animistic) with a total population of 140 million.
- ◆ Forming a smaller -- though important -- unreached group are the 17 million Jews scattered across 134 countries.
- ◆ Eight out of ten of the poorest of the world's poor enduring the world's lowest quality of living.
- ◆ Only 8% of the world's missionary force and 0.01% of the income of the world's Christians.
- ◆ Of the 55 least evangelized countries, 97% of their population lives within the 10/40 Window.

Facts about the Worlds Least-reached or Un-reached people groups:

- ◆ Over two billion people live in these unreached people groups and every day some 66,000 of them perish without having heard the Gospel. That is about 26 million a year.
- ◆ Of the world's 16,000 Major People Groups, 6880 (having 2.1 billion persons) are considered **Un-reached** - though Christian work occurs among most of them.
- ◆ 60% of unreached people groups live in countries closed to missionaries from North America. (primarily in the 10/40 window)
- ◆ There are 7,559 people groups (of the 16,000) with fewer than 10,000 individuals, in addition there are 932 for which no population has been reported (but the population is probably small). For all these small groups, the total number of individuals is less than 20,000,000 meaning that 53% of the 16,000 people groups contain only a tiny fraction of the world's population.





Congregation Happenings

Highlights for January

5th - Special Session Meeting
 7th - Worship Committee
 7th – Annual Reports Due to Clerk
 8th - E-Team Meeting
 9th - Polity Training Class
 10th - CE Committee Meeting
 13th - Buildings & Grounds Committee Mtg
 14th - SIS Meeting
 14th - Missions Team Meeting
 14th - TCFBP Steering Meeting
 18th - Martin Luther King Day

19th - Ladies Out to Lunch @ Black Bear Diner
 19th - Deacon Meeting
 28th - Session Meeting

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4th - Worship Meeting
 5th - E-Team Meeting
 9th - Presbytery at Noe Valley in San Francisco
 10th - Ash Wednesday
 15th - Presidents Holiday
 28th - Town Hall/ Congregational Annual Mtg.

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

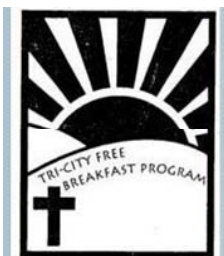
Wednesdays: Band Practice
 Choir Practice

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.



Tri-City Free Breakfast Program

**FREMONT BANK FEEDS BREAKFAST
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

TCFBP

November 2015:

- Served 1,903 guests
- Served 2,817 meals
- Provided unknown bags of provisions
- Volunteer hours: 580

Year to Date 2015:

- 22,432 guests served
- 31,895 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

The Tri City Free Breakfast Program (TCFBP) received a generous \$5,000 holiday grant from the Fremont Bank Foundation to help feed those in need.

"This helps a lot towards getting us out of our current deficit", said Board President Jeane Garrett. "We will serve over 32 thousand free breakfasts this year, 100% done by volunteers and financed completely by donations from generous individuals and organizations."



Julie Moore (2nd from left) of Fremont Bank Foundation delivered a generous holiday grant check of \$5,000 to Tri City Free Breakfast Program which was received by Board Members (L-R) Brook Mantia, Jeane Garrett and Gerlinda Mardirosian. Photo by Ron Fong.

Julie Moore said "Fremont Bank Foundation is overjoyed to support the Tri City Free Breakfast Program and other food programs during this holiday season.

People interested in helping donate or volunteer with the TCFBP should contact TriCityFBP@gmail.com or leave a message at 510-657-3133 or learn more on the Facebook page at <http://bit.ly/tcfbpFB>.

Have you heard about the \$5,000 Matching Grant received from the Despeaux Good Works Fund at the East Bay Community Foundation? Individual contributions to TCFBP made between December 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016 will be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by this grant, up to \$5,000. Matching dollars are only for individual donors.



Watch for the **SOXBOX** in the Narthex during the month of January. The IPC Mission Team is taking donations for new pairs of white sox to be used by the Tri City Free Breakfast Program. Whenever possible, white unisize tube sox are preferred. If you cannot get out to purchase some new white sox, Jenni will be in the Social Hall following Sunday morning service to take collections to be used for purchasing these sox. If you have any questions or want more information, please speak to any member of the IPC Mission Team.

LADIES OUT TO LUNCH

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



Tuesday, January 19th

Black Bear Diner

5035 Mowry Avenue, Fremont

510-796-8000

MEMORIES FROM IPC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Brook Mantia expressed her thoughts on this wonderful program that says it all:

"We shared the Christmas story to a full house tonight, with music, singing, dancing, spoken word, and the cutest little angels you ever did see, with their wings & little halos. OMG you should have been there! "A Christmas to Believe In" was written & directed by our beloved Pastor Monica who brought the house down with her soulful rendition of "What Child Is This." I hope someone got video!"



**The Value of Persistent
Prayer is not only He
will hear us but also we
will finally
hear Him.**



The Presbytery of San Francisco and it's Education Center

Invite you to a Presbytery wide

“Polity Training Class”

(Elder, Deacon, Pastors and other leaders)

Building Transformational Leaders for the 21st Century

this all day class will use resources developed by Teaching
Elder Kamal Hassan and used by a number of our
congregations for polity training.



The class will be taught by Rev Kamal Hassan

Saturday, January 9, 2016 10am – 4pm

@ The Presbytery of San Francisco's Education Center

545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94707

(across from El Cerrito High School)

COST: (Grace Economics: pay what you can afford)

RSVP: revshad@gmail.com or register on the day of the classroom

* The workshop will have support for Spanish and Mandarin language speakers if needed*





This is a wonderful opportunity for church leaders in our Presbytery to not only learn from Kamal Hasssan but from each other as we spend a day together learning what it means to be the church of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition.



OUR FACILITATOR: Rev. Kamal Hassan is the Pastor/Teaching Elder at the Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church in Richmond California, a position he has held since 2008. He was the 2014 Moderator of the Presbytery of San Francisco. Prior to coming to Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church, Rev. Hassan spent 30 years in his first career as an educator, teaching at all levels from elementary school to university. His innovative and transformative work in the classroom was the centerpiece of an article entitled, “Raising the Critical Consciousness of African American Students...A Portrait of an Exemplary African American Male Teacher,” that was published in Howard University’s Journal of Negro Education. We are excited to present this educational event for church leaders

*“ Our Mission is to Celebrate, Nurture & Serve
our Communities by our Life Together in Christ ”*



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
8:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM WORSHIP, COMMUNION & CHILDREN'S CHURCH	7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	TBD SPECIAL SESSION MEETING 6:30 PM SESSION SMALL STUDY GROUP	7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP 6:00 PM PRAISE GROUP PRACTICE 7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	ANNUAL REPORT DUE TO CLERK 7:00 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING	7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 7:00 PM E-TEAM MEETING	10:00 AM POLITY TRAINING (EL CERRITO)
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Please note: January 24th is the deadline for the February 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. 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.