

Island Presbyterian Light

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- * Mary Orr, Chair Mission & Service
- * Gail Hepner, Chair of Administration & Personnel
- * Gene Doven, Chair of Fellowship & Hospitality
- * Kae Berry, Chair of Worship & Sacraments
- * Debbie Loven, Chair of Christian Education
- * Bob Himes & Ray Ziembinski, Chairs of Buildings & Grounds
- * Don Stewart, Chair of Stewardship & Membership
- * Mary Orr, Chair of Nominating Committee
- * Bob Himes, Chair of Deacons

Office Hours:
9:00 am - 3:30 pm.
Tues - Thurs

Pastor's Office Hours:
9:00 am - 12:00 pm.
Mon - Thurs



Pastor's Thoughts January 2012

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Last October 23ed, 69 members and friends of this church family stayed after worship and took a national church survey about our congregational life together as compared to other churches throughout the country. We were offered this opportunity because we are one of the growing congregations in the Presbyterian Church over the past few years. This information will be used by our denomination to help churches to see what vital congregations are doing to help build up this part of the Body of Christ called "Presbyterian". Our IPC officers will also be using this fascinating information about our local church in order to shape our plans for the coming years as to just where God is leading us into the future.

The following is a summary of some of the information from this survey:
55% of our members are over 65 years of age;
38% are 45-64, and
8% are 25-44 years old.
30% of us are former Methodists;
29% from Presbyterian backgrounds;
8% Episcopal; 8% Roman Catholic;
and 6% Lutherans or Baptists.
55% of IPC members are retired.
59% are female;
41% are male.
68% of us have a college or other advanced degree.
93% are Caucasian; 6% are Hispanic.
87% believe that the Bible is the Word of God, interpreted historically and culturally, according to the Church's teaching.
10% of us believe that the Bible is to be taken literally, word for word.
91% of us voted in the 2008 Presidential election!
When asked what are the three most important values for this congregation, we responded:

1) Sermons,
2) Traditional worship and music, and
3) Communion and a sense of community caring.
81% of us experience inspiration during worship.
79% of us have a strong sense of belonging to this church family.
86% of IPC members feel that their spiritual needs are being met.
51% of us have invited a friend or relative to worship.
8% of us give over 10% to the church.
46% give over 5%.
88% of IPC members believe that the pastor is a good match.
70% believe that IPC has a clear vision, goals, and direction on into the future and are committed to them.
Your session will be looking at the other details and information from this survey, as we begin to form a new "Mission Statement" for IPC, and continue the process of discerning what God's future will hold for this church family. The whole congregation will become a part of this process over the course of the coming year, as we together make decisions that will lead us in building upon our strengths, and also growing some new ministries and missions that will help us to continue to do God's will for this church.
The year 2012 is going to be an exciting year for this congregation. I look forward to serving with you as together we continue to grow this part of the Body of Christ known as Island Presbyterian Church!

Shalom,
Rick

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[This month at Island Presbyterian Church](#)

All Church Pot Luck 1-11-12 @ 6:30

Session Meeting 1/23 @ 5:45



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January Birthdays

Rick Mills 2nd
 Jim Thompson 2nd
 Wayne Lucas 5th
 Sandy Clark 7th
 Ted Turner 8th
 Marynelle Davis 8th
 Everett Browning 11th
 Leo Wells 11th
 Laurell Browning 12th
 Jim Alexander 13th
 Gail Hepner 16th
 Karen Koutsoumaris 19th
 Wayne Stamper 20th
 Morgan Thomas 20th
 Clark Needham 23rd
 Linda Sherry 24th
 Emily Turner 25th
 Don Gentry 26th

January Anniversaries

Troy & Colleen
 Graham 9th
 Brian & Sharon Crieg
 25th
 Don & Marilyn Stewart
 27th



We apologize if we have forgotten anyone in the birthday and/or anniversary listing. Please let Nicole know so we can add you to our list!

Stewardship and Finance - Financial Report

In the month of November 2011, we had expenses that totaled \$18,194 and income that totaled \$16,264. The result is that IPC is in the red by \$1,930 for the month.

For the year 2011 as of November 30, we have had expenses of \$182,803 and income of \$188,208 for a gain of \$5,405 for the year so far.

Total Mission Funds Raised and Donated as of December 30, 2011
 \$15,721.80



Good News from the Mission Ministry:

The Mission Ministry of IPC is very pleased to report that the total funds given to mission beyond ourselves in 2011 came to \$15,721.80. Thanks go out to all of you who helped by so generously giving of your time, energy and financial resources to help make this mission giving possible!

Installation/Ordination of Church Officers Sunday, January 15th

New Deacons and Elders will be installed/ordained in the worship service at 10:00am on January 15th. These new officers, and those who are continuing on in service throughout the new year will begin their official duties on that Sunday. Please plan to be with us in worship that day, to thank those who have served over the past years, and also welcome the new officers to their leadership ministries with this congregation.



**Annual
Reports due
January 15th**

All annual reports from the various leaders of this congregation over the past year are due in to the church office by January 15th. Our secretary will be putting the whole report together so that it will be ready for distribution to all members on Sunday, February 5th. The annual meeting of IPC will be held on Sunday, February 12th following the 10:00am worship service.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

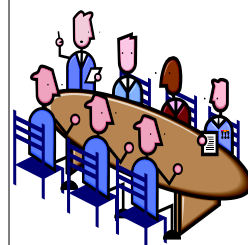


**COME JOIN US ON
JANUARY 11TH, AT 6:30.**

**GOOD FOOD AND FRIENDS IS
GREAT WAY TO BRING IN
THE NEW YEAR AND TALK
ABOUT NEW THINGS FOR
2012!**

**SO BRING A FRIEND ALONG
WITH YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY, AND DON'T FORGET
A DISH TO SHARE!**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL
THERE!!**





Men's Fellowship

Meets on
January 9th
@ 6pm.
Come Join Us!



Fellowship Refreshment Schedule 2012



January 1	Fellowship
January 8	Bells
January 15	Presbyterian Women
January 22	Worship
January 29	Missions
February 5	Stewardship
February 12	Choir
February 19	Weekday Prayer Groups
February 26	Fellowship

March 4	Adult Sunday School Buildings and Grounds
March 11	Men's Fellowship Personnel
March 18	Education
March 25	Adult Sunday School Missions
April 1	Choir
April 8	Fellowship
April 15	
April 22	
April 29	

If there is a schedule conflict, please communicate with other members of your group or leaders of another group of any changes.

IF A GROUP SWITCH IS REQUIRED, please let GENE DOVEN know and ensure the Sunday Bulletin reflects the change. It will be the responsibility of the group requesting the change to resolve the change and ensure the date is covered.

Encourage members not in any group to participate.

And HOC groups are encouraged! Please communicate with the group you want to assist and make a note on the roster posted in the Kitchen .

****Remember participation is VOLUNTARY****

Music Notes For January

Our Choir rehearsals will resume again Jan 8th and Bells resume rehearsals on January 4th. This is a great time to become a part of either ensemble. Our bell group could use one or two more players, You do not have to know how to read music. We have a system to help you with that. If you can count to 4, you can be a part of this fun group of ringers. We rehearse at 5:30p on Wednesdays.

Our Choir is welcoming back some dear old friends this season, but there is always room for more. As we look forward to the Lenten and Easter seasons we have some Wonderful music in mind to share in worship. This is the perfect time for you to "Try Us Out." We meet about 11:15 after worship most all Sundays. Hope to see some New Faces in the New Year of 2012!





Kyle
Cool
Scout



Church
Crosses



Timon's Ministries Vegetable Garden Eagle Project

An ecumenical outreach ministry for the homeless and needy families in Corpus Christi.

Giving folks a hand up, not a hand out.

I am Kyle Breen, an aspiring Eagle Scout of Troop 949,
I built yard crosses, in white paint or clear varnish,
To raise money for my Eagle Scout Project
\$20 minimum donation each

My Eagle project is building 2-20'x4' irrigated raised bed garden plots

So the clients at Timon's can grow their own vegetables

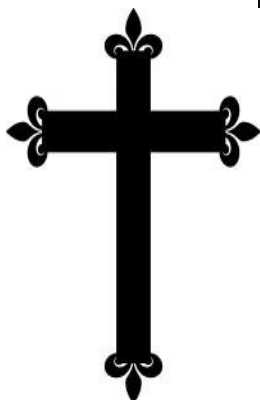
Please Contact me at: Kylecool13@yahoo.com
Or 361-949-9373

To support this project

Thank you for your Support!!!!



We would like to Thank all the counters that donate their time every Sunday to count and deposit the collection made for that day!



IPC on Facebook and the Web

IPC continues to be on Facebook , and the number of visits to our church web site continues to grown . If you have not yet visited our up-dated IPC web site, be sure to check it out soon. You will find wonderful pictures of our VBS program in July, and a copy of the church newsletter and calendar. Pastor Rick's sermons go up every week, so that you can listen if you missed worship that Sunday, or you can tell a friend to go to the site and take a look/listen. There is a page for prayer requests, and also a page for more information about the congregation. Our IPC web address is: www.islandpresby.com

Adult Sunday School Class-January 8th

The 8:45am Sunday morning class for adults will resume meeting weekly in the annex on Sunday, January 8th. On the 8th and the 15, we will view a CD about the life and teaching of John Calvin. Throughout the month of January and February, we will then use a take-home study booklet about John Calvin, and his influence on the formation of the Presbyterian Church. Rick Mills will be leading this class, and you are cordially invited to attend. Study books are available in the church office.



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Sunday Schedule

(September - April)

Sunday School: 8:45 am
Worship Services: 10:00 am
Fellowship 11:00 am.

For more information, contact
the church office at
361-949-8770.



Timon's Ministries

10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78418
361-937-6196

"Making a Difference"

E-mail: timonsministries@sbcglobal.net

Website: timonsministries.org

Hours of Operation: 10:30 am – 1:30 pm Monday – Saturday

Mission:

As people of God we seek to help those in need and in crisis situations with food, shelter, clothing and guidance, in hopes they are able to return to the workforce for long term success.

Goal:

To build and sustain a comprehensive Community Resource Center with a Christian Philosophy of caring for and giving to people in need.

Timon's Wish List

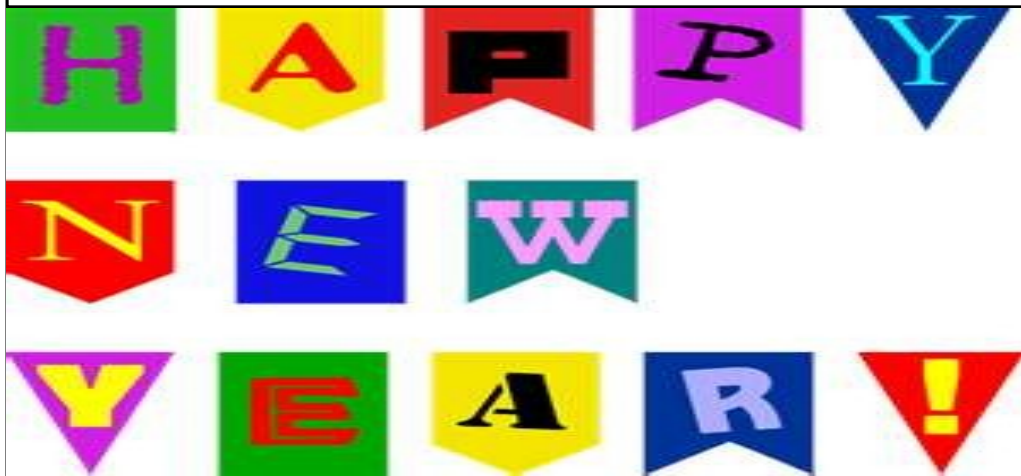
Razors, Deodorants, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, soaps and shampoos, travel sizes would work great!

Small pop-top food items like: Spaghetti's, beans, weenies, soups (ramen noodles, non-perishables, serving-sized crackers & cheese, etc.

Drop them off at Timon's at 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
(between HEB and Pizza Hut).

And, of course, **Cash is always welcome!**

Thanks and Blessings from your Timon's friends.



IPC Mission Statement

We believe we are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through thought, word and deed. God calls us to:

- ◆ Minister to the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, neighborhood, community, and the world.
- ◆ Enrich families and youth through nurturing and educational programs.
- ◆ Offer a variety of styles of worship for individuals of all ages.