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THE CARILLON

HIGHLIGHTS from the Annual Congregational Meeting

In his report, Rev. Crawford asked the question, "What story are we telling ourselves about the church?" He named "The Story of Decline," "The Story of Reshuffling," and "The Story of New Life and Health," all of which may describe the current reality of Irvington Presbyterian. After describing the opportunities and challenges facing the church, Rev. Crawford issued a call to live more deeply as a community of faith in the upcoming year and invited the congregation to more civic engagement and participation.

HOLY COW REPORT

Elder Bill Bayer shared the summary report of the Holy Cow Congregational Assessment. Irvington Presbyterian is "where all churches want to be," scoring high in the categories of satisfaction and energy. In comparison to the prior assessment in 2019, the report reflects significant movement in a number of areas: including moving from a church in "recovery" mode, to a "transformational" church; as well as from a church very rigid in its ways, to one that is adaptable and flexible. The church expressed a desire to serve the community by building coalitions with partners outside the church, to develop ministries for those broken by life circumstances, and to adapt ministry opportunities for greater accessibility given the pace and schedule of their lives.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A tentative overview and timeline of the water remediation and prevention work was also shared with projects ranging from drainage and re-grading, to re-pointing and stain-glass restoration.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Elders: Rob Graafland and Ashley Wood

Deacons: Ernestine Glenn, Barb Hanna, and Nancy Hertz



ECUMENICAL ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

On **Wednesday, February 14th** at 7:30pm, IPC will host a shared worship with St. Barnabas Episcopal, Aldersgate United Methodist, and Ardsley United Methodist.

* INTRODUCING the newest members of IPC *

The Amenta & Pilch Family

(Matt Amenta, Holly, Edie and Arlo Pilch)



Matt and Holly met 12 years ago as crew members on the set of *The Place Beyond the Pines* in Schenectady, New York. Holly introduced Matt (a lifelong Roman Catholic) to the Presbyterian faith community when they married in 2016 at the Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison, WI. Since then, they have expanded their family with daughter Edie (6) and son Arlo (3) and moved from Brooklyn to Dobbs Ferry.

Today, Matt still works in film and television as a property master and Holly founded Rivertown General, a local source for environmentally sustainable and equitably manufactured goods and sundries on Main Street in Dobbs Ferry. We are so grateful to be welcomed into IPC's congregation and are looking forward to continuing to share in its mission of worship and service.

The Cooper Family

(Danielle, Josh and Max)

We joined IPC after meeting Reverend Blaine and discussing our desire to raise our child in a religious environment that we both felt connected to. After attending our first service, we knew we were in the right place.

IPC is such a warm welcoming community. We feel so lucky to be a part of it. Having Max attend Sunday school has been such a blessing. He loves going to church on Sunday and attending services. Our family has made strong connections in our short time as members and are looking forward to what the future holds for us at IPC.



The Reddy Family

(Erin, Jai and Serena)



The Reddy family relocated to Irvington in September of 2022, after starting their life together in Brooklyn.

Erin has worked as an event planner for 20+ years in the luxury space, focusing on social events and weddings. Her events have taken her around the world a few times, to destinations all over the Caribbean & Europe as well places as far as Qatar, the Maldives, Indonesia, and South Africa.

Jai Reddy, is in first grade at Dows Lane, and loves to build Legos, loves all sports, and especially watching football with his dad, Pranay. Serena Reddy is in pre-K at Alcott, and enjoys her Spanish class, dance and gymnastics classes.

Erin grew up in a strong Methodist household in Texas, and wants her children to grow up in a Christian environment. We felt so welcomed by IPC community from the very beginning and look forward to meeting new members.

The Wood Family

(Josh, Ashley, Davis, George and Nolan)

The Wood family has gratefully received a warm welcome at IPC. Having relocated from the DC area three years ago, the process of finding a new church home has marked a significant transition for us. We are thrilled about connecting with this new faith community.

Josh, employed in the financial sector in the city, and Ashley, our family manager, eagerly anticipate fostering connections within the women's and men's ministries at the church.

The three Wood boys—Davis (9), George (6), and Nolan (3) - enjoy playing basketball, reading, piano, and travel.



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Irvington Presbyterian Church is called by Jesus Christ to glorify God in worship through word and song, grow as disciples through study, engage in mission to the world, joyfully extend hospitality and fellowship to all and, with God's help, to allow the Holy Spirit to work through us.

We seek to be a place of healing, where individuals can feel safe and find sanctuary from their own hurts, and can then turn that healing spirit outwards, to help others. We believe God is calling each of us to ministry, and we seek to be a place where each member will feel helped and supported in discovering their gifts.



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