

Towerbell

INDEPENDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JULY / AUGUST 2019

From Music Director Jake Briggs:

**SPECIAL CONCERT ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, AT 7PM AT
IPC, BY COMPOSER AND PIANIST TOM MCDERMOTT**

“Mr. McDermott is not simply a follower of tradition or a repository of old tunes. He composes within his wide-ranging idiom with a knowledgeable feeling for his sources and a sense of humor.” -*John S. Wilson, New York Times, 1986*

“To single out one New Orleans jazz musician for being talented and likeable is absurd. But, not long after moving here, Margaret and I were at a night club with friends when Tom McDermott, a thin, sandy-haired man, shuffled up to our table...A few minutes later, McDermott took the stage, sat down at the piano, and set it on fire. He can do anything. We’ve heard him play ragtime, ‘trad jazz,’ swing, choros from Brazil, musettes from France, and any number of other genres. He doesn’t just play tunes, either. He writes his own. How many other American musicians are writing musettes, for heaven’s sake?...We have all of Tom’s CDs, so when we’re shuffling our iPod through our stereo, it seems that every third song is being played by Tom McDermott. That’s fine with us.” -*Dan Baum, New Yorker.com, May 23, 2007*

“Tom McDermott’s unique piano style can be described as New Orleans hijinks with a classical strut. His CD *All the Keys* adventures through a grab-bag of musical worlds with harmonic sophistication, wit and rhythmic energy. The result is original and fascinating.” -*Stuart Isacoff, Piano Today*

“****Four Stars. Tom McDermott has steeped himself in ragtime and early jazz styles for most of his career...Danza emphasizes what Jelly Roll Morton termed the ‘Spanish Tinge’ of early jazz, drawing from Brazilian choro and Argentine tango as much as the pre-Dixieland repertoire.....Uncluttered by horns and drums, the charm of trad jazz comes to light in this collection.”-*Todd Jenkins, downbeat, January 2004*

Calendar

- **Aug 4**—Sunday Worship with Communion
- **Aug 6**—Piano Concert (Tom McDermott)
- **Aug 7**—Knit Wits, Wed. Evening Bible Study
- **Aug 11**—Sunday Worship, Board of Session meeting (*re-scheduled*, reports due 8/7), Board of Deacons meeting
- **Aug 11**—Blessing of Animals
- **Aug 13**—Investment Committee and P&F Committee meetings
- **Aug 14**—Wednesday Evening Bible Study
- **Aug 18**—Sunday Worship
- **Aug 21**—Knit Wits, Wed. Evening Bible Study
- **Aug 23**—Community meal at Bethany Presbyterian Church
- **Aug 25**—Sunday Worship
- **Aug 25**—RISE AGAINST HUNGER event
- **Aug 28**—Wed. Evening Bible Study

Worship Activities

Rev. Hudson's sermon titles and scripture selections for the first 3 Sundays of August are provided below:

8/4 *Self!*

Hosea 11:1-11; Colossians 3:1-11;
Luke 12:13-21

8/11 *By Faith ...*

Isaiah 1:1,10-20; Hebrews 11:1-16;
Luke 12:32-40

8/18 Isaiah 5:1-7; Hebrews 11:29-12:2;

Luke 12:49-56

Rev. Hudson will be away for 2 weeks in late August / early September, attending an annual training for transitional ministry.

Rev. Edwin Stern will be the guest preacher on August 25. And yes, he is Joe Stern's brother!! Rev. Stern, a retired Presbyterian minister, lives in Zanesville, Ohio. He is a graduate of Wooster College and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. As a young man, he spent some time touring the country as a performer with the Covenant Players. Over the years, Rev. Stern has served a number of churches in Ohio and, when he was doing post graduate studies at Princeton University, he served a church in New Jersey.

On September 1, IPC welcomes **Rev. Luke Choi** back to the pulpit. Although IPC normally celebrates communion on the first Sunday of the month, communion will instead be served on September 8 when Rev. Hudson has returned from his study leave.

September 8 is RALLY DAY, the first day of Sunday School. The PNC is hosting a potluck salad & dessert luncheon following church.

Rev. Luke Choi will be leading us in worship again on September 22 while Rev. Hudson is on vacation.

Choir rehearsals resume on September 8th, the Sunday after Labor Day for the 2019-2020 church year! We will be singing in worship on the last Sunday in September and on the second and fourth Sundays this fall and spring. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Jake Briggs.

Pastor Search Update

The PNC continues to meet several times a month, completing the steps necessary in our search for a permanent pastor. We are finishing up conversations with members of our church family. On Rally Day (9/8), we plan to present the findings and allow the Congregation the opportunity to provide any additional feedback before we move on to the next step. We appreciate everyone's patience and positive attitude as we work through this important process! Stay tuned for more information! Please direct your questions or concerns to any member of the PNC.

-Laura Butler

Presbyterian Women Tidbits

On Thursday, July 25th, six women came together for a "game" afternoon in the Gathering Room. During the afternoon Five Second Rule, Password, and Jenga were played. Four of us got "hooked" on an Ocean puzzle and stayed an hour past quitting time to finish it. An assortment of refreshments was served. More fun-filled "game" afternoons will be held in the future. Watch for time and dates!

Here's an update on the PW Jewelry Sale. **Past ...** during the June Rummage Sale our organization made \$524.30. A huge thank you to Nancy Jermann, project manager, and all of you for your donations and purchases. **Present ...** due to the sale's success, we are going to continue to collect jewelry. Please place any items you have to donate in the "PW Jewelry Collection Box" in the church's office. **Future ...** we will sell the new items plus the items we have saved at another sale. We will advertise that sale date when it is determined. You might say that we have hit a jewelry treasure chest and it's all because of your generosity!

The 2019-2020 PW/Horizons Bible Study, "Love Carved in Stone," will be used by the Evening Circle starting in the fall. The Morning Glory Circle will participate in a different study. Anyone who wants to purchase a copy of this study booklet should sign the order sheet on the poster located in the hallway across from the office by **Sunday, August 4th**. The study booklet is \$10.00 for regular type and \$15.00 for large print type. Payment will be due upon delivery. Contact Janis Carr, 216 262-5180, with questions or to order a booklet if you are unable to come to the church.

- Janis Carr

Morning Glories to Study the Parables

When the Morning Glories Circle meets on the first Thursday of each month this year, we will delve into The Rev. Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie's book, **Autobiography of God**. According to the author, the parables of Jesus "were all aspects of the autobiography of God being written through His Son..." "Each parable, I discovered, contained a basic element of the nature of God and how He works in our lives. Thus, the title of this book. The parables are God's own story about himself."

We will study the parables through various themes. Under the theme of "Loss and Redemption," we will study The Parables of the Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, then the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Under "The Kingdom of Heaven," we will study The Parable of the Mustard Seed, The Parable of the Leaven, The Parables of The Treasure and Pearls, The Parable of the Soils, and The Parable of The Growth of the Seed. And under the theme of "Love and Forgiveness," we will study The Parable of the Good Samaritan and The Parable of The Two Debtors.

Under the leadership of Barbara Flood, the members are asked to sign up for either an opening thought, the lesson, or a salad and desert. We each bring a sandwich to share. Fellowship occurs as we donate to the Fellowship of the Least Coin and our mission projects, through prayer and Bible Study, and through sharing bread together. Our year ends in June when we celebrate our year with lunch out in our special town.

Morning Glories love to share their compassion, friendship and love of Christ. Please join us when you can – the first Thursday of each month at 10:00am in the Gathering Room.

- Brenda Kolchin

Pictorial Directory

The Pictorial Directory Campaign is coming this October to IPC! It has been way too long since we had an address/phone directory with pictures of our members and friends! Mark your calendar TODAY for October 15th and 16th!! We will get advertising and information out to every family soon on how you can schedule your picture in person or online. Photos can also be submitted for a nominal fee. The September Towerbell will include more information.



Do you know?

- When you visit the church's office you might be greeted by a sweet girl who is a member of Rev. Hudson's family. "Taylor" is a five-year-old Goldendoodle. As Rev. Hudson says, "She is one fourth Golden Retriever and three quarters 'doodle'." The Goldendoodle is a cross-breed dog, which is obtained by breeding a Golden Retriever with a Poodle. The name, which alters "poodle" to "doodle" by analogy to "Labradoodle", another poodle cross, was coined in 1992. Here's a hint to make Taylor your loving friend...she likes being scratched behind her ears!
- The cabinet containing IPC's historical artifacts which was donated in memory of Royal J. Harlacher, 1905-1983, has been relocated to the back of the sanctuary. Thanks to all who helped in that endeavor, but a special thanks to Larry Mamere who changed the cabinet's light switch to the bottom of the cabinet making it more accessible. Stop by the cabinet and see if there is something new you might learn about our church.

- Janis Carr

Blessing of the Animals at IPC

We are holding a Blessing of the Animals event on **Sunday, August 11th** at 2 p.m. (The rain date will be Saturday, August 17th.) Bring your animal with you to our parking lot off of Elmwood Road. We are planning to have some giveaways available and a celebration of our family pets together.

**"God gave unto the Animals
A wisdom past our power to see:
Each knows innately how to live,
Which we must learn laboriously."**

(Margaret Atwood)

Pentecost Offering

Thank you for your Pentecost offerings totaling \$770 collected on June 9th. 60% will be sent to Presbyterian Mission Agency and 40% will be sent to LifeAct, which is dedicated to educating teens about depression awareness and suicide prevention. For more information on LifeAct, go to: www.lifeact.org.

Meta (Martha) Beattie was born and grew up in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Early jobs involved reproducing large photos of an air show held in Paris and designing Christmas cards. She attended weekly dances and met her future husband, Bill Beattie, who sailed to America three years before she came over. Meta claims that was the best decision she ever made as they were married at Miles Park Presbyterian Church in 1956. Both Bill and Meta are residents at Jennings Hall and have been married for almost 63 years.

Meta has been a long time member of IPC serving for many years as a deacon. She was an active participant in many Reformation Sunday parades and receptions. Love that shortbread!! She & Bill loved living in Valley View and have two children, David and Karen. They also now have 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Meta has travelled extensively overseas with David's family while Bill stayed home and tended their garden and yard. Their favorite restaurant was the Big Boy at the bottom of Granger Hill where everyone knew them! She enjoys talking on the phone and receiving cards from IPC members. It was great to see her recently back at IPC with daughter Karen and grandson Jimmy.

SPOTLIGHT ON ... META BEATTIE



Mission in Motion

Mission Committee has three upcoming activities in which everyone is welcome to participate.

- A meal-packing event with Rise Against Hunger will take place on **Sunday, August 25th**, at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church. \$250 has been put towards this event from IPC and please let Lee McGovern know if you want to join in the productive fellowship and fun – all ages are welcome and the event begins at 9:15am.
- The second event is a Pill Bottle Collection for Matthew 25: Ministries. Please make sure that all pill bottles are label-free; cleaned with dish soap and hot water; and completely dry before they are donated. There will be blue bins for collecting the pill bottles in the back of the sanctuary from **September 1st-22nd**.
- Finally, we will be collecting coats and jackets in **October** for the annual Love INC collection. Please watch for further details and thank you!

- Lee McGovern

Rally Day is Coming!

Sunday School at IPC runs from September through May, starting with RALLY DAY typically on the first Sunday after Labor Day. This year Rally Day is September 8th. The Christian Ed Committee under the leadership of Laura Butler is busy planning for the new year, and could use a few more interested individuals to assist with Christian Education once or twice a month. Please see Laura if interested! We look forward to welcoming our youth back to Sunday School.

On Rally Day this year, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) plans to hold a Salad and Dessert potluck after church to kick off our Sunday School year, present some information from the PNC and join in fellowship to get excited for the good things to come! We encourage all of our IPC family to attend on this important day. More information to come soon!

- Laura Butler

Presbyterian Trivia: When were women first ordained as elders in the Presbyterian church in America? When were women first allowed to be ordained to the ministry?

Answer to June Trivia: General Assembly of the PC(USA) is located in ... wait, that was a trick question!! "General Assembly" is the annual gathering of commissioners elected by presbyteries and is in a different location each year. The 224th General Assembly will take place in June 2020 in Baltimore. The OFFICE of the General Assembly is in Louisville, Kentucky.

Presbyterian 101

Q: Why are there so many Presbyterian churches in western Pennsylvania?

A: Although Presbyterians trace their beginnings in North America to the early colonial settlements of New England, the great migration of Scotch-Irish in the 19th century led to a huge increase in their numbers. It has been estimated that 200,000-500,000 Scotch-Irish Presbyterians crossed the Atlantic between 1717 and the beginning of the American Revolution. With the important ports in New York City and Philadelphia, it is no surprise that many settled in New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware. In 1758, during the French & Indian War, Fort Duquesne fell to the British and was renamed Fort Pitt – the origin of Pittsburgh. With the establishment of the British fort and the protection it offered, Presbyterian Scots and Scotch-Irish were part of the major migration in the 1760s-1770s to western Pennsylvania in search of cheap land.

- Wendy Lavey

Mission Opportunity

The next date to help serve a community meal at Bethany Presbyterian Church is Friday, August 23. IPC helps 4 times a year, in the months where there are 5 Fridays. Contact the office if interested.

Property & Finance

First, thank you to the generous donors who provided the funding needed for the professional landscaping work in advance of Home Days. Second, as a heads up with more information to come, we will soon move forward with replacement of the gas line (outside the CE building) now that a leak has been confirmed. Monies designated for Capital Improvement will be used.

June 2019 Rummage Sale Update

Many thanks to all the individuals who volunteered their time and energy to make it a most successful Rummage Sale. The successful three-day sale event brought in \$3,194 in income to IPC.

The second floor was set up to display household items, linens, pictures, books for all ages, tables of seasonal items, crafts, toys and a room full of men's and women's clothing. The kitchen upstairs sold hot dogs, Sloppy Joe sandwiches and homemade bakery. Soft drinks, water and coffee were available. We raffled a Dooney Bourke Designer purse and three lovely quilts donated by IPC members. The courtyard was filled with Tools, outdoor furniture, electronics (under a tent), small appliances and much more. Tables of beautiful jewelry were displayed for sale in the library area, sponsored by IPC Presbyterian Women.

Items remaining after the sale were boxed or bagged, then distributed to various organizations in the area:

Recycle Pots and Pans
Joseph's House
Habitat for Humanity
Savers Thrift Store of Cleveland
Salvation Army

In addition to the total sales, IPC will also be receiving \$143.80 from Savers Thrift Store (they pay based on the weight of the donated clothing), bringing the total Rummage Sale income to \$3,337.80.

Well Done, Independence Presbyterian Church!

- Beverly Rospierski

New Elders

At the Congregational meeting on June 30, two new Elders were elected to the Board of Session: **Joe Stern** and **Carol Tomasko**. Coming off Session were Karen Shallcross and Laura Butler. Welcome Joe & Carol, and thank you Karen & Laura for all you have done and do!!

Financial Corner:

June	Operating revenue	\$11,297	Operating expense	\$10,964	Net Operating income	+\$333
July	Operating revenue	\$7,434	Operating expense	\$8,666	Net Operating income	-\$1,232
YTD	Operating revenue	\$72,702	Operating expense	\$59,110	Net Operating income	+\$13,592

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Postage

Coming up ...

*Piano Concert at IPC on
August 6*

*Blessing of the Animals on
August 11*

*Rally Day (First Day of
Sunday School) on
September 8*

TO:

Recent IPC Facebook posts

- *June 9: God sent the Holy Spirit to walk along with us, so we will never be alone.*

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

- John 14:26

Thank you to all contributors to the July / August issue of IPC's Towerbell: Rev. Bill Hudson, Laura Butler, Janis Carr, Brenda Kolchin, Wendy Lavey, Lee McGovern, Kelly Savastano, Karen Shallcross and Paula Trill. All errors belong to Wendy as editor and layout specialist! Color printing donated. Updates and articles are due to Wendy by the last day of the preceding month, although earlier is better!!