

Mission

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IPC hosts an annual Alternative Christmas Market every November in Fellowship Hall. The Alternative Christmas Market is a different kind of shopping experience. Gifts are purchased in honor of family members and friends in a market setting. Instead of buying a department store gift for your friend or loved one, a shopper at this market can make a donation to any one of a number of organizations in honor of that person to provide food, clothing, educational materials, disaster relief etc. After making a donation, a shopper receives an attractive card they can present to the recipient telling him or her about the unique present given in his or her honor.

B.R.E.A.D

Building Responsibility, Equality and Dignity (B.R.E.A.D) is an organization of more than 50 religious congregations of various faith traditions: Baptist, Pentecostal, Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Unitarian, UCC, Disciples of Christ and others. The group formed in September of 1996 at the Covenant Assembly to put their faith and values into action and to work on issues of justice and equality in Columbus in the areas of housing and neighborhood reinvestment, health care, reading and education, crime, jobs, public transportation and leadership development. There is more information about BREAD at BreadColumbus.com

Children's Center

The Indianola Children's Center operates as a service to the community and church members. Working with the Interfaith Center for Peace, it seeks to create an atmosphere where children and adults from diverse settings can grow socially, emotionally and cognitively while also learning and utilizing nonviolent means for dealing with conflict. The intention of the school is to:

- Foster peacemaking and conflict resolution skills that will help children develop respect, concern and reverence for the well-being of themselves, others, and the natural world;

- Provide families with young children quality educational experiences that will encourage children to reason, question, imagine and explore;

- Increase the accessibility of such experiences to low-income and single-wage earning families; • Encourage and promote the family unit.

For more information please call Anna Long at 614.262.1090 or check out their web-site at IndianolaChildrenCenter.org

Neighborhood Services

IPC is a sponsor of Neighborhood Services, Inc. and helps provide the necessary donations that give assistance to those in need in the community. NSI exists to maintain a food pantry as first priority but also provides emergency and material assistance to the needy, an understanding presence for clients, and advocacy and linkage services for people who need help. Check them out at NeighborhoodServicesInc.org

College Students

Indianola Presbyterian Church has a century-old tradition of interaction with and within the Ohio State University community. IPC's founder, William Oxley Thompson, was President of the Ohio State University at the time this church was established, and both the OSU Main Library and IPC's Thompson Lounge are named after him. His initial efforts of creatively fostering and enhancing meaningful interrelationships among church, university, and community remain proactive and robust today.

University faculty and staff have worshipped at IPC over the years and continue to do so, along with alumni and current students. IPC persists in seeking to serve the changing specific interests of students, faculty, and the university community. For examples of ongoing efforts related to the university community, IPC...

* in Spring 2002, initiated a quarterly series of late night (midnight - 3am) breakfasts for students. The upcoming breakfast in August, 2013 will be our 28th such breakfast.

* owns and maintains three ministry houses in the immediate vicinity, where students who want to live in a safe, drug- and alcohol-free, Christian environment may do so

* works with the several Columbus area Presbyterian churches in a Presbyterian Campus Ministry (OSUCampusMin.org)

Of course, IPC also seeks to involve university students, faculty, and staff in all of its program opportunities. There are opportunities to...

- * participate as students and leaders in Sunday School programs and other educational programs
- * participate in chancel choir and bell choir
- * serve actively on various committees, such as the University Relations and New Members Committee

The IPC congregation is a multi-generation fellowship where everyone can worship, work, and play together among people who care for each other. Caring parent- and grandparent-age folk also help make church time a "Home-Away-From-Home" time, while fostering the independence needed for growing into the many facets of adulthood.