



## MISSION MATTERS: *November 2023*

This month I digress from the usual focus on who our mission committee serves to instead focus on who helps us as a church. I am thinking about the numerous tasks performed by a considerable number of people and how we may not often thank those people despite the importance of what they do for IPC.

First I think of Doug Schaffer, because his work gives the first impression of the church as one drives by. He mows the grass, cleans the windows, and performs the tasks that make the church look spiffy. Along those same lines Marshall Lochausen procured and painted the inside of the entire Annex and our new front door. Debbie Marchant painted the men's and women's restrooms near that door as well as the entrance hallway, and Kathleen Dare provided items to decorate the women's restroom.

The Elders spend countless hours forming, revising, and implementing church policy. Likewise the Deacons spend a great deal of time caring for parishioners who just need help getting through the day due to illness, death, or other crises in their lives at the moment.

I don't want to forget the piano tuner. He certainly makes the sounds of the Sunday Service sweeter than they would otherwise be!

Also working quietly in the background are those who prepare communion to be served and those who count the offering. Those are certainly important tasks which can't be left undone!

We must remember to include Beth and Alex Koutsoumbaris who, to a great extent, keep IPC running smoothly. He keeps the computers happy and functioning optimally whilst Beth does the same for the office. She tends to an unknown quantity of paperwork and communications, creates the weekly bulletin for the Sunday service, produces the monthly newsletter, and maintains the monthly church calendar of what functions are booked in what room for which group.

Last, but by no means least, we must thank Barbara Ritchie because she helps to keep Pastor Ken running well and in tip top shape to serve our congregation.

All of you are vital in making IPC the special place that it is as are all of the people who worship with us.

Thank you everyone!

*Sonia C. & the IPC Mission Committee*

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