

December 2023

***The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* set for performances Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16**

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, the beloved children’s book by Barbara Robinson, will come to life for two weekends in December. Ruthanne Munger is directing this tale of “the worst kids in the history of the world” and how they come to embody the Christmas spirit.

IPA appreciates the welcome offered by Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, where the play will be staged. “Since the show is about a church that’s putting on its annual Christmas pageant,” Munger said, “we are grateful to have a real church to use.” She praised the young actors for their hard work and dedication. “Parents and grandparents have also helped us a lot,” she added. “We couldn’t do it without them.”



The choir rehearses “Angels We Have Heard on High.”

Performances will take place Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Tickets are \$10 at the door and can be reserved by calling 765-541-9322.

January: Auditions for *Love & Laughter*

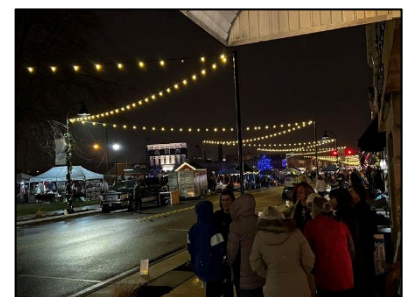


Auditions for “Love and Laughter,” a collection of one-act plays, will take place January 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm and January 6, 2024 at 1pm. Auditions will be at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 7th Street and Central Ave. in Connersville, IN. Audition materials will be available at imagineperformingarts.com and at the Fayette County Public Library. The show will be at the Roberts Building in Roberts Park on February 9th and 10th, 2024.

Winterfest Carolers

IPA’s carolers returned to Winterfest this year with merry choruses of “Jingle Bells” and other holiday favorites. We helped light the Christmas tree Friday night and enjoyed “city sidewalks dressed in holiday style.” Never mind the rain – we had fun!

Central Avenue lights. Photo: Cindy Perez



IPA Community Band has pep and style



IPA Community Band performed at Spartan Bowl Nov. 22.
Photo: Ruthanne Munger

The IPA Community Band opened its fall season on Nov. 22 with a pep band appearance at the Spartan men's basketball game in Spartan Bowl.

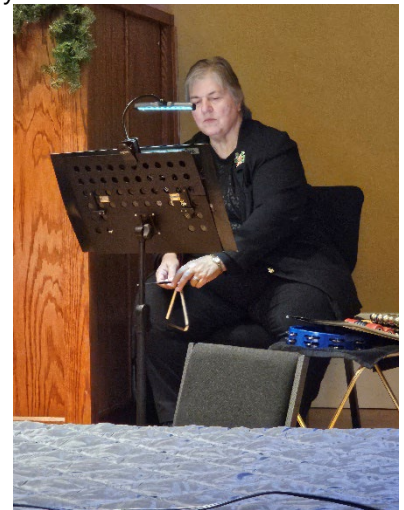
They followed it up with a concert Nov. 30 at First United Methodist Church in Connersville. Directed by Ryan Schunk, the band performed a selection of holiday classics to an appreciative audience. "We'll take some time off during the holidays," Director Schunk said, "and we'll start up again in January." The band consists of musicians of high school age and older, and they welcome new members.



The IPA Community Band concert was live streamed by First United Methodist Church.



The IPA Community Band.



Mark Your Calendar

- January IPA dues for 2024 are \$25. Send your check to P. O. Box 540, Connersville, IN 47331
- January 5, 6 Auditions for "Love and Laughter"
- February 9, 10 *Love and Laughter* performances at Roberts Park
- April 8 Eclipse Day community events
- June Discovery Kids summer program at Roberts Park
- July Hullabaloo! Our tenth anniversary!



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