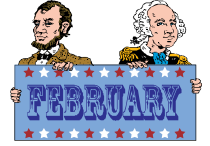
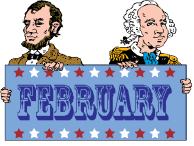


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PIPC Messenger

February, 2009



“Whose Shall Our Mission Be?”

Thank you, Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church. This past week we hosted the January meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle. Over 150 minister members and elder commissioners convened in our building. They worshiped and celebrated communion. They voted on amendments from the General Assembly. They installed the incoming moderator and vice-moderator. They enjoyed a delicious meal prepared and served from our kitchen. They received hospitality like only this congregation can share - fellowship and friendship. Thank you to the many individuals who served. Hosting a meeting of the Presbytery is a big deal. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Did you notice that last sentence? I did not make a mistake. I intentionally left the “s” off the end of servant. I did that because, even though individuals served in various capacities to make the gathering meaningful, our hosting was a community event. Our hosting brothers and sisters in Christ from the Carlisle Presbytery was something we all did, whether individuals were present or not. When guests come to us they receive the “right hand of fellowship” and the “warmth of Christian friendship.”

What would happen if we decided to take our hospitality out into our neighborhood and surrounding community? What would it be like if, instead of inviting people to come to us for fellowship and friendship, we took our friendship and fellowship to individuals and families? If we, the community of PIPC, not individual members did this? I wonder what God thinks of this idea?

I am constantly asking these questions: “God, what would you like PIPC to do? Whose shall our mission be?”

In asking these questions, a large distinction is being made in the word mission. What I am asking is not what activities can we do, or how do we increase our membership, or how do we generate greater giving. I am not asking what missions should we support and do. I want to discern what our mission is. Or put another way, how can we become missional? Here is the difference:

“A church with a mission usually sees mission as one alongside many activities of the church -- Christian education, worship benevolences, hospitality, etc. A missional church focuses all of its activities around its participation in God’s mission in the world -- it trains people for discipleship and witness; it worships and practices mutual aid before a watching world. A church with a mission sends others to witness on its behalf. A missional church understands that the congregation itself is sent by God to proclaim and to be a sign of the reign of God. Just as God sent Jesus, now Jesus sends the church.”

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2008 Giving Statements

By now you have received your 2008 giving statement from the church office. We are aware that there may be some errors on your giving statements. Please use your giving statement as a starting point and compare that to your own records to prepare your 2008 tax returns. Due to the amount of time it would take to correct the giving statements, the office and the finance committee has decided not to make any further corrections at this time. However, if you are selected for audit in the future, the office will work with you to issue a corrected giving statement. Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter.

The Season of Lent

The holy season of Lent begins with worship, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the receiving of ashes, Wednesday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. During the Sundays in Lent we will focus our energy on discipleship and following Jesus. On Wednesdays, gather for dining (see article at right) and learning about several of the helping agencies your mission and ministry dollars help fund.

As Holy Week approaches the week of April 5, prepare for the long week by worshipping on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. During worship on Maundy Thursday we will partake of the Lord's Supper, and on Good Friday we will experience the darkening of the sanctuary for *tenebrae*.

Watch for the March and April *PIPC Messenger* for more information.



Lenten Dinners

The Lenten Season begins on February 25 and the Lenten Dinners will begin Wednesday, March 4, 2009. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a program following. Each person is asked to bring their own place setting (plate, knife, fork, spoon, water glass, coffee cup, napkin, and anything else they will need.) The main part of the meal will be provided.

The meal will include a casserole, vegetable or salad, rolls, butter, coffee, tea, and milk. Desserts will be provided by those attending. A sign up sheet is in the *Messenger*, on the bulletin board and will also be in the Sunday bulletin. For those attending and those wishing to bring a dessert there will be a sign up sheet located on the dessert table for the following week.

A suggested donation for the meal will be \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children 5-12, and children under 5 will be free. The maximum cost for a family will be \$12.00. We are looking forward to seeing you at the dinners.

(Pastor's Letter Continued)

This statement excites me. I want it to excite you, too. It urges us to constantly consider what God desires for the world and how we as the church may partner and participate with God in ministry to creation, both here at home and around the world.

God calls us to be disciples of Jesus Christ and stewards of the abundant grace that we receive from the heart of God. This Lenten season we will have the opportunity to reflect on the questions above and to begin discerning God's mission for PIPC.

Join me on this journey of becoming a missional church.

Rev. Kent Carter



THANK YOU

Dear Progress-Immanuel Friends,

I can't tell you how much it means to me to receive so many cards, calls, flowers, visits, and food. I'm recovering from a back fusion and hope to return as soon as the doctors think it's safe. Kent has been a positive presence during my surgery and recovery. I appreciated receiving home communion. Bub and I are certainly blessed to have such great and caring friends. Thanks for being tangible blessings from God.

Peggy Manning

The Christian Education Committee would like to extend a thank you to a number of congregation members who have volunteered their time over the past few months to help the youth make crafts for the homebound church members, provide crafts on Advent Family Night, help deliver the crafts made by the youth, make cookies for the Christmas Eve early service and roast the peanuts. The following individuals have volunteered their time for at least one of these activities, and in several instances more than once: Pat Reidell, Joanne Lauver, Gayle McCollum, Phyllis Kegerreis, Jennifer Hernandez-Lerch, Paulina Marshall, Michelle Lauver, Terry Hack, Bonnie Hack, Sue Skelly, Kent Carter, Judy Snyder, June Rounsley, Marge Barner and Kristine Linville. We have received several thank you notes and telephone calls to the church office from the homebound church members expressing their gratitude for the gifts and visits by the adults and the youth at this special time of year. We do apologize in advance if we missed anyone who signed up to help with roasting peanuts after the due date for the Messenger Article, but please know that your help was also greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, The Christian Education Committee
Connie Kegerreis, Peggy Manning, Michelle Beck and Billie Hawk

Dear Friends at P.I.P.C.

We have so much to be thankful for especially our friends at P.I.P.C. Thanks to Charlie Miller for the visit and the altar flowers, to Jean Sherry and the Women's Association for the monthly "feel better" cards, they give us a lift, to Pat Reidell, Susan Skelly, Barb Legg and Bonnie Bentz for their visits, to Bill and Carol Becker for their visit and the beautiful Poinsettia plant, to Pastor Kent for his visits and care for us, and finally to the two "Christmas Angels" Cara Kegerries and Alicia Carpenter for their visit and gift bag, and thanks to Michelle Beck and Jennifer Hernandez-Lerch for bringing them. Our love and best wishes to all at P.I.P.C. for a blessed and Happy New Year.

Anita & Lee Anthony

Dear Jean and Friends at Church,

What a nice surprise today when Jean Carter brought the lovely afghan that you or someone from church made. I want to say many special thanks, it made my day. I'm here in Morning Sun from Oakville where we had a flood in June. I still have to put a furnace in and the man is so busy, he knew I could stay here until Spring. So again, many thanks and also to Jean for bringing it in a snowstorm. I have worked with her with "Habitat". So nice to be thought of! Thanks again, I'll use it in the evening!!

Love from Iowa, Helen Hamilton



THANK YOU

(Continued)

Thanks to the members of PIPC for the Christmas cards sent to us and thanks to “Angel Bonnie” who brought us a beautiful poinsettia from the church.

Dottie and Les Fold

Dear PIPC Family,

On behalf of our mother, Alice , we give thanks for the cards and notes you send. Although she is unable to respond personally, she does cherish each remembrance.

In God’s love, Jeffery Fisher and Marsha Fisher

PIPC has received several thank you letters this past month from the following organizations: Bethesda Mission, Ecumenical Food Pantry, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, The DELTA Community and Downtown Daily Bread.



PIPC PURLERS

The old adage said that busy hands are happy hands. Well, if that is so, how happy are those hands of the PIPC Purlers who this past two months have kept their hands busy knitting blue and white scarves to send to Boise, Idaho. In February, the Special Winter Olympics are being held there. It was the wish of the Olympic Committee that each person (and there are some participating from Central Pennsylvania) have their own special scarf. Our group found out the need the first week in December and even with the holidays we have already sent nineteen scarves to be enjoyed by the special needs athletes. Congratulations to all and thank you to the knitters for sharing their talents with others during this busy, busy time.

Also this past month seven afghans and two lap robes were delivered to Paxton Ministries right here in Harrisburg. The people there were thrilled with all the bright colors and designs which they immediately put on their beds. These afghans and lap robes were crocheted by our blind friend at the Presbyterian Apartments who is a marathon producer of all home-made products. Did you know that Ellie Boyer and some of the other members of our group go down to the Presbyterian Apartments each month to encourage and teach knitting to the folks there? What a welcome they give us!

Now for the upcoming month of February and March the group will be knitting and collecting hats, scarves and mittens for the homeless on the streets of Harrisburg. There is also a great need for white socks. A box will be placed in the elevator lobby for you to place your own personal contributions. We all have hats, scarves, mittens and maybe even socks that are in our home not being used. With this extra cold weather I am sure they could be put to better use by others downtown than sitting in our drawers. Would you care to donate them or perhaps buy one or two for us to give? Your caring support will be more than appreciated. . .and we thank you in advance.

PIP-C GENERATION

The PIP-C Generation met on January 13, 2009. After a hearty meal of Beef Stew, noodles, biscuits, and tapioca, the group was ready to be entertained by Randy Heisley-Cato who played Southern Appalachian Music and early gospel songs. Randy was a bright light on a dismal January day.

The next meeting will be held on February 10 and we will celebrate Valentine's Day. Plan to bring your favorite valentines to display and perhaps tell the story that goes with it. Do you have valentines from the 1930's or 1940's? Let's see who has the oldest valentine!



PIP-C GENERATION SPRING TRIP Thursday, March 26, 2009

The PIP-C Group will be going to *Toby's Dinner Theater* in Baltimore. We will be enjoying a buffet lunch and then be entertained by the show "Beauty and the Beast". The show is a musical about the beast and how a young girl "the Beauty" changes the beast.

Itinerary:

- 8:15 a.m. Arrive at church parking lot
- 8:30 a.m. Depart for playhouse
- 10:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Show
- 3:00 p.m. Depart for Harrisburg

Cost: \$65.00 per person; payment-in-full must be made by February 10, 2009

**PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE PIP-C LIST
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE TRIP.**

Make checks Payable to: PIP-C Trips
Mail to: Zana Allison
504 Redwood Street
Harrisburg, PA



Birthdays and Anniversaries

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY	
Gail Diefenderfer	1
Paul Pugh	1
Beulah Given	11
Edna Holsberger	11
Shirley Dunleavy	24
Marjorie Gillam	27
Kathryn Runkle	28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Lillie & Tom Daniels	12
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Youth Activity for February

Date: February 22, 2009

Event: Let's go to the Movies

Movie and time to be announced closer to the date, but a matinee is expected. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. This event is being hosted by the Linville's, please sign up and join the fun.





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

“Where your treasure is there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

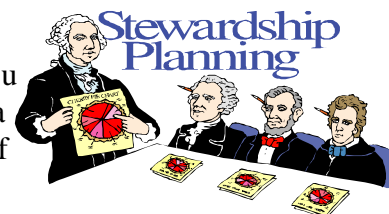
If you were searching for God’s treasure, you’d find it in people. Every person in every nation on earth, is treasured by God! Yet for many people, life can be seemingly tough.

One Great Hour of Sharing joins our hearts with God’s by providing aid when disaster strikes by helping refugees rebuild their lives. Your gift strengthens struggling communities with basics like education, health care, tools, seeds, and wells.

Special envelopes for your contributions will be in the March Messenger, as well as in the pews. The dedication of our gifts will be on Palm Sunday.

Being a Good Steward

In last month’s Messenger there was a budget worksheet. If you didn’t fill it out, take a few minutes to complete it. Then, take a look at it and see if you can discern how good a steward you are of all the gifts God has blessed you with.



Being a good steward is about making choices, as individuals and in the community. It is more than giving money to the church. Being a good steward is about being faithful disciples, caring for and managing all that God has given us.

Sharing our gifts is just one part of Christian Discipleship; it also involves every aspect of life in all the stages of life.

Stewardship is the grateful response to God’s grace and goodness. It requires a consideration of how our choices affect us and others, of how we can be good caretakers of the created world, and of how we can best serve God as disciples of Christ.

Pray for God to give you insight on how to wisely use the multitude of gifts he has given you for the good of humanity and the world.



February Sunday Servants



Worship Assistants

Feb. 1	Phyllis Kegerreis
Feb. 11	Bill Becker
Feb. 15	Charley Miller
Feb. 22	Cherie Saber

Greeters Schedule

Blackberry Alley Doors		Front Doors
Feb. 1	Joe and Elaine Salvino	George Eakin
Feb. 8	Angela and Justin Hess	Grace Miller
Feb. 15	The Leader Family	SuAnn Tucci
Feb. 22	Lauren & Haley Barrett	Jeff Piccola

Presbyterian Women



News

The Presbyterian Women held their first meeting of 2009 on Sunday, January 18, with a light lunch, followed by the installation of officers and the general meeting. The officers installed were:

Moderator: Marge Barner
1st Vice Moderator: Sheila Kannegieser
Recording Secretary: Billie Hawk
Corresponding Secretary:
Marilyn Zimmerman
Treasurer: Bonnie Hack
Assistant Treasurer: Barb Smaling
Local Service: Marge Barner
Sunshine Chairwoman: Jean Sherry
Devotional Chairwoman: Doris Smith
Progress-Immanuel Church Women
Representatives: Lois Dean & Janet Smith
Wedding Coordinator: Joanne Lauver

Up-Coming Events

February 14 - Pie Sale (order forms are available).

February 15 - Gift From the Heart-food sharing Sunday to benefit the Food Pantry.

March 4 - Lenten Meals begin.

March 6 - World Day of Prayer, this will be held here at Progress-Immanuel, time to be announced.



Mark
Your
Calendar

UPDATE

This past Thanksgiving and Christmas we sent out three "Care Packages" to our college students. They were filled with crackers, candy, healthy treats and a note from our congregation. Thank you for all of your donations.

The food collected at our Harvest Home Sunday was taken to the Central PA Food Bank. Thanks to our congregation we delivered a full car of food. Many thanks to Billie Hawk's Sunday School class for making up and passing out the suggestions slips the Sunday before the collection.



World Day of Prayer

March 6, 2009

The Presbyterian Women of Progress-Immanuel will be hosting the World Day of Prayer for Church Women United of the Greater Harrisburg Area. Women from different churches of the area will be taking part in the program. Light refreshments will be served following the program. Watch the bulletin for a starting time.

Presbyterian Women's Financial Donations

Please note, this year there are no giving envelopes for the Presbyterian Women, If you would like to make a donation to the women, please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked for the women.





This was our first year to help Paxton Presbyterian Church with their Santa Shop Project. Bonnie and Terry Hack, Charley, Eileen and Grace Miller, Nicki Milakovic, Doris Smith and Ken Zimmerman volunteered at the YWCA location. We first donned our uniforms (jingle bell necklaces and Santa hats). Then we arranged the gifts on the tables and waited for the kids (shoppers) to arrive. Each person was assigned one shopper at a time and we helped them select items for their families. Then the shopper filled a Christmas bag with silly paper and put their gift in another bag to be taken home. Some shoppers had to shop for as many as eight people. Each shift had around 20-25 shoppers. It was a wonderful evening that lifted the spirits of all. Thank you for everyone that helped.

Did you know the Mission Committee collects food on an ongoing basis for the Messiah Lutheran Church Food Bank. The basket is in the back hall, under the coat rack. The Downtown Daily Bread volunteers drop off bags of food on a regular basis when they go to the soup kitchen. So when you are at the store buy an extra can as a donation. They are always appreciative when we drop off the food.

CAN YOU HELP??? **IT'S EASY!!!**

Needed: Egg Cartons and Cards

You may ask, what do these two things have in common? Nothing, they are both just needed.



So, don't throw away your egg cartons- recycle them. The food pantry is in need of your empty styrofoam or paper egg carton. Please bring them to the church and they will be delivered to the food pantry.

Also, our Cheery, Cheery Chairwoman, Jean Sherry, could use cards to send to the sick and shut-ins. If you get any in the mail, or see any bargains at the store, please donate the cards to Jean our Cheery, Cheery Chair so she may continue spreading goodwill. The cards may be placed in the box on the table by the elevator.



HEALTH MINISTRY



The Health Ministry Team will be providing blood pressure screening in the Library on Sunday, March 1 after the Worship Service for all adults of PIPC.

Several nurses will be assisting in the process so the "Waiting Period" will be short. Every person will receive a written copy of his/her blood pressure for personal record. We will also be discussing blood pressure control with non-mediators at a later day.

Cherry Pie Day



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Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women

Saturday, February 14, 2009

Pick-up Between 12 Noon and 2:00 PM
 Orders must be in by Sunday, February 7, 2009

No. of 5 inch pies _____ x \$3.50 = \$ _____

No. of 9 inch pies _____ x \$9.00 = \$ _____

No. of 9 inch pies made with Splenda = _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

(Payment must accompany order.)

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____

Phone: _____



YOU MAY SIGN UP FOR THE LENTEN MEALS ON THE FORM BELOW
 OR ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. THESE FORMS MAY BE SUBMITTED
 TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

DATES	CHILD (0-4)	CHILD (5-12)	ADULT	DESSERT
March 4	_____	_____	_____	_____
March 11	_____	_____	_____	_____
March 18	_____	_____	_____	_____
March 25	_____	_____	_____	_____
April 1	_____	_____	_____	_____

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH WEDNESDAY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING A DESSERT.

ADULTS: \$4.50 CHILDREN: \$2.50 (AGES 5-12) CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE

PIPC HEALTH MINISTRY

The goal of PIPC's Health Ministry is to integrate faith and health. A Holistic Health Ministry will focus on improving individual wellness and strengthening awareness of God's presence. This ministry will assist PIPC members in obtaining health knowledge and mentoring so each is ensured a more healthy state with an outlook of hope.

The PIPC Health Ministry will be working in unison with the minister to provide feed-back and/or information regarding members health issues. The Health Ministry Team or the minister may then provide services as needed to members.

Some of the Preventive Health Ministry Team's functions may include the following: blood pressure monitoring, health education classes/discussion, high blood pressure check, high cholesterol, obesity, heart disease, exercise, diet, grief and loss, counseling, health fairs (including flu injections), etc.

The budget for this Health Ministry Program development may include the purchasing of: blood pressure monitors, blood sugar monitors, defibrillator, health pamphlets, etc.

At the bottom of this page you will find a survey. The Health Ministry team requests your help in identifying health needs so they may effectively assess the needs of our members. Your answers to this questionnaire will be kept in strictest confidence. Responses to the survey will be compiled into a summarized report.

There is no cost to the church for this study, so please take time to complete this survey, answer the questions, return it to a Health Ministry Team member, church office or place it in the Health Ministry mailbox across from the Detwiler Room. We do appreciate your willingness to participate.

HEALTH SURVEY

The Health Ministry Team of Nurses is interested in organizing health programs for our Church Community. The focus of these programs will form a whole person perspective – body, mind and spirit. We need you to help us plan for these programs by completing this brief survey. Please check the topics below that are of interest to you and about which you would like to learn more.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> Pain Treatment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety | <input type="checkbox"/> Forgiveness | <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory/Lung Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/drug reactions | <input type="checkbox"/> Grief and Loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Disorders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease and Stroke | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking Cessation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
(CPR) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension
(High Blood Pressure) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stress Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccines/Immunizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression | <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition and Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Osteoporosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Items |

Please circle what day(s) and time would be best for you to attend a program, worship or support group?

Monday - Tuesday -Wednesday - Thursday- Friday- Saturday

Morning Afternoon Evening

Thank you for your willingness to participate.

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Ash Wednesday Worship

Communion and the Receiving of Ashes

February 25 at 7:00 PM