



## *Melting Icebergs and Changing Discipleship*

This past weekend Seth and I had the chance to spend a great deal of time together. Jan and Sarah drove east to visit Jan's father and several friends she has not seen in quite a while. The girls' trip left us guys, including Jackson, together for the weekend. We had great fun together and got along well, even on Sunday morning when time seems to speed up.

Seth and I decided early on that during worship he would sit near the front by himself. This was all well and good until we discovered that he did not bring a book along to read in case he felt the need to do something during worship. To help him along he usually has a book available in case he wants to read, but today the only choices he had was from my library in the study. He wasn't too keen on my theology books and decided the children's Christmas books did not fit his seasonal schedule. Searching intently among my shorter books I spied a short fable titled, "Our Iceberg is Melting," about a colony of emperor penguins living in Antarctica.

The fable tells the story of a group of penguins living as they have for many years. Then one curious bird discovers a potentially devastating problem threatening their home - and pretty much no one listens to him. The characters in the story, Fred, Alice, Louis, Buddy, the Professor, and NoNo, are like people we recognize - even ourselves. The tale of these penguins is one of resistance to change and heroic action, seemingly inflexible obstacles and the cleverest tactics for dealing with those obstacles. It's a story that is occurring in different forms all around us today - but the penguins handle the very real challenges a great deal better than most of us.

During worship every now and again I would glance at Seth to see him intently reading this book about penguins, but really about "changing and succeeding under any conditions." After worship I asked him how it was to sit alone this morning. He said he liked the book, especially the color pictures, even though he did not get very far into it. Then he said something that startled me: "Daddy, why do so many people think that changing is scary or bad? In the book, not changing and not doing things differently is the scary part."

I often ask the same question that Seth asked me on Sunday morning: Why do so many people think that changing is scary or bad? I realize that I think change is scary when it is not my idea to change or that I, myself, am in need of being changed. Yet, in the church, are we not being asked to engage in discipleship change and in spiritual transformation? Inviting the Holy Spirit to change us from who we now are to who God desires us to be is how God prepares us to be missionaries and servants sent out from the church into the world. Scary? Possibly. Exciting? Absolutely!

During these weeks of wintery cold when everything is frozen solid, check your iceberg. It is melting. It is changing. Are you willing to change along with it?

Together in ministry,

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We want to thank the Progress-Immanuel Women's Association for the delicious homemade Christmas cookies. We really enjoyed them. Also, thanks to Marge Barner for bringing them to our house.

Dottie & Les Folk



Dear Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church,

The members of the Joint Camp and Conference Committee of the Presbyteries of Carlisle, Huntingdon, and Northumberland, and the members of the Krislund Staff would like to thank you for your generous gift to the support of Krislund Camp. We are grateful for your thoughtful Christian stewardship to this camp ministry of the Presbyteries.

With gratitude,  
Mark Englund-Kreiger



Thank you to all the Progress-Immanuel angels who purchased Christmas gifts for the Salvation Army Angel Tree this year. Because of you forty needy children woke up Christmas morning with gifts under their tree. The Board of Deacons appreciated your generosity in this worthwhile project.



Dear PIPC Women's Association,

Thank you so much for the wonderful snacks! They are the perfect pick me up for finals week. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas!

Thank you again,  
Rebekah Frischkorn



Many thanks to PIPC and the Women's Association for the delicious cookies and the delivery of my envelopes. Thank you also for your thoughtful cards.

Lee Harshbarger

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Dear PIPC,

On behalf of the Colonial Park Any Lengths Group (AA) we would like to say thank you for opening your doors to us. We appreciate being able to have a consistent meeting place two evenings a week. Please accept our donation as a way of saying thank you.

Colonial Park Any Lengths Group

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Dear PIPC,

This letter expresses our deep appreciation for your church's check toward our mission to aid those who have been struck by a natural disaster. We have had groups of volunteers to muck out and rehabilitate homes in eight different states over the last five years. On January 8, we have 48 college students going to Florida to rebuild homes damaged by severe flooding. We are also helping to send teams to Haiti to assist in the rebuild of that country. As you can imagine your gift is gratefully received. Your gift enables the mission of compassion to continue so long as there is need.

Sincerely,  
George Elliott, LAH Volunteer

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Dear Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your recent gift to Paxton Ministries. We deeply appreciate your support. We work hard to use every dollar wisely to minister with love to men and women who may be struggling with poverty, mental illness or developmental challenges. Thanks for sharing in our growing mission at Paxton Ministries.

Warmest regard in Christ Jesus,  
John Walker, Director of Development

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Dear Church Members,

Thank you for the beautiful dark red poinsettia plant. I am still enjoying the blossoms. I hope you all had a joyous Christmas and that 2011 will bring all “good things” your way. To the Women’s Association, I enjoyed the cookies—nothing like home-baked “goodies.” Thank you one and all.

Sincerely,  
Audrey Ziegler



To The Women's Association,

Thank you so very much for the cookies delivered by Joanne Lauver. It was so nice to see her and the cookies are delicious. Both Smitty and I are enjoying our living here at Bethany Village. Our apartment is so very nice. We hope to get over to see you all soon. Thank you again for remembering us in such a nice way.

Merry Christmas!



Dear PIPC Women’s Association,

Thank you very much for the care package you sent me. It was a wonderful surprise and a great way to end a hard semester. Thank you for thinking of me during this season. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!



Dear PIPC Women’s Association,

Thank you so much for the wonderful, delicious cookies. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated. May God bless your ministry as you continue to serve Him.

Thank you,  
Carolyn Frischkorn



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I would like to thank everyone, especially the Women’s Association and PIP-C for the cards, cookies and the beautiful poinsettia I received over the Holidays. I really enjoyed them!

Arlene Fry



Dear PIPC Women’s Association,

Thank you so much for the box of snacks. I received your package just in time for finals. I was very surprised and enjoyed it very much. Thank you for thinking of me.

Sincerely,  
Amy M. Berdanier



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Dear Members of the Women’s Association,

It was so kind of you women to bake for us. We really enjoyed the delicious cookies that you baked and it was very generous to give us each a container. Thank You!!! Blessings to you and your loved ones for a wonderful 2011. May the new year be filled with health and happiness for all of you.

With our love,



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Dear PIPC,

Thank you so much to so many members of PIPC who sent us Christmas cards and to Jean Sherry for the special hand-made card from the Women’s Association; to Bill and Carol Becker for the visit and for the beautiful poinsettia; to Marge Barner and the PIP-C Generation for the delicious Christmas cookies and to Jan and Kent Carter and others for the inspirational Christmas Eve Service. It is so nice to be remembered by so many of the Progress-Immanuel Family.

Anita and Lee Anthony

P.S. We wish you all a blessed and peaceful New Year.

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# PIP-C Generation

## JANUARY'S MEETING

The January meeting of PIP-C Generation was held Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

Our menu was Chili, corn bread, cherry pie and coffee/drinks. All of it was delicious as usual, thanks to Marge and her crew.

The Reeder Sisters presented a program of 40's and 50's music, it was very upbeat. Their voices blended beautifully. It was a great program!

The February 8, 2011, meeting will be all about red, white and blue and patriotic songs will be sung.

The cupcake baker will be Edna Holsberger.

**Come Join Us!**

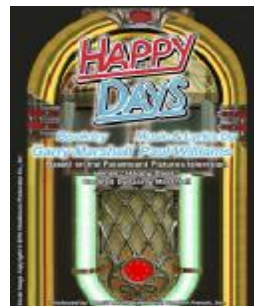


### *February Anniversaries*

Lillie & Tom Daniels 12

### *February Birthdays*

Gail Diefenderfer 1  
 Paul Pugh 1  
 Beulah Given 11  
 Edna Holsberger 11  
 Bernice Speelman 19  
 Shirley Dunleavy 24  
 Kathryn Runkle 28



## PIP-C Spring Trip Wednesday April 13, 2011

We will be going to Columbia, Maryland, to attend Toby's Dinner Theater. We will enjoy a buffet lunch and then see the new musical "Happy Days." The show will include Richie, Potsie, Ralph, and many more characters, but we cannot forget Fonz Fonzarelli. The show is complete with varsity sweaters, hula hoops, and jukebox sock hoppin.

### Itinerary:

8:00 AM Arrive at Church Parking Lot  
 8:15 AM Depart for Toby's Dinner Theater  
 10:45 AM Lunch  
 12:30 PM Show time (This is in the round)  
 3:00 PM Depart for Home  
 5:00 PM Approximate Arrival Home

Cost of the trip is \$68.00

(must be paid by March 8, 2011)

Please sign-up as soon as possible.

Make checks payable to "PIP-C Trips."

### Send to:

Zana Allison OR Allen Travis  
 504 Redwood Street 4404 Ethel Street  
 Harrisburg, PA 17109 Harrisburg, PA 17109



## February Sunday Servants

### Worship Assistants

Feb. 6 George Eakin  
 Feb. 13 Jack Andren  
 Feb. 20 Bill Becker  
 Feb. 27 Ken Bentz

### Greeters Schedule

| <i>Alley Door</i>     | <i>Front Door</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Joe & Dorothy Weaver  | Edna Holsberger   |
| John & Frances Burd   | Ken Bentz         |
| Chad & Chelsea Bivens | Susan Skelly      |
| Don & Joanne Lauver   | Shirley Cleaver   |

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the church on Sunday, February 20, 2011, following worship, to elect Ruling Elders, Deacons, congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee, and to receive in writing, reports of the Boards of the Church and various societies of the Church.



## 2010 Giving Statements

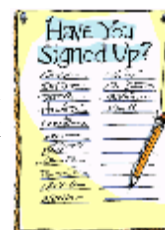


2010 Giving Statements are available for pick up in the church lobby until Feb. 15, 2011. If you are unable to pick your statement up for any reason, please call the church office (545-8711) and we will be happy to mail it to you.



## 2011 Bulletins and Flowers Sign Up

The new 2011 Bulletin and Flower sign up charts have been posted. If you would like to place the bulletins or flowers in the church in memory or honor of an individual(s) please be sure to sign up. The bulletins this year are \$10.00 per week and the flowers are \$27.50 per week.



## HEALTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Health Ministry Program is being planned for 2011. All interested persons will meet on the third Sunday of each month after church in the library. February 20th will be the start of our health programs. Nutrition will be our first topic. The discussion will be on foods that increase a person's weight and how these foods have caused the nations obesity rate. We will also discuss how to decrease the bad cholesterol found in the blood and provide a healthful state.

Hot water, instant coffee and tea will be available. Please bring a sandwich and you will have enough energy for about an hour to take in the information being presented.



## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Women's Association will hold a meeting on Sunday, February 13, 2011, immediately following worship. A light lunch will be served. All women planning to attend must sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board.



## New In 2011



Have you noticed the large box on the corner of the parking lot? The container is for the collection of your used clothing, shoes, books, unbreakable nick-knacks, etc. The collection company, Community Aid, Inc., will empty the box several times a week. The Mission Committee will reap a small income based upon the weight of the articles donated. This is for the entire neighborhood-not just for the church. All donations are greatly appreciated to help with the mission of our church.

Nancy Travis, Mission Committee



# CHERRY PIE DAY!

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545-8711

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women  
**Payment must accompany orders.**

Saturday, February 19, 2011  
Pick Up Between 12 Noon and 2:00 PM

## Orders must be in by Sunday, February 13, 2011

No. of 5 inch pies \_\_\_\_\_ x \$3.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of 5 inch pies made with Splenda \_\_\_\_\_ x \$3.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of 9 inch pies \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of 9 inch pies with Splenda \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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