

# PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## *PIPC Messenger*

January 2011

### Happy Old Year

Today's date: Friday, December 30, 2011. There you sit reading the January 2012 issue of the *PIPC Messenger*. Three hundred and sixty plus days of 2011 have come and gone. Already.

How different are you than when you read the *Messenger* back during the last week of 2010? How are you approaching your personal spiritual life? What does your marriage look like? How have you tweaked your parenting role? What's new and exciting in your relationship with friends?

Wish you could go back to December 30, 2010 and think about these questions again (you know, sort of like George Bailey who got to see his life differently in the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life"? **Good news. You can.**

This is your chance to make next year THE BEST EVER. Here are some questions to guide you along:

1) One year from today, what three adjectives do you want to characterize your **personal faith with Jesus Christ**?

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2) One year from today, what three adjectives do you want to characterize your **relationships with others**?

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3) One year from today, what three words do you want to characterize your **physical well-being**?

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4) One year from today, what three words do you want to characterize your **ministry vocation**?

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I challenge you to write out these 12 words (one per month, perhaps?) on something you can keep near you and recite every morning and every evening of every day. If you wish, email me your twelve words and I will lift them up in prayer this year.

It's not too late to go deeper, go farther, and go higher than you ever dreamed possible. God has an incredible future waiting for you to live into. Together, let's make the year 2011 the best, yet.

Partners in ministry...

Kent Carter, Pastor

# THANK YOU

Thank you to all for the Harvest Home food contribution. We filled eight large boxes with food for the Messiah Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

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Greetings,

Thank you for your wonderful gift of eleven boxes which arrived sometime ago. These boxes will be shared with the Indian Creek Church since they have the most children. Last Christmas they prepared 94 Christmas bags. Wikipedia (internet) states that Owsley County, Kentucky is the second poorest county in America, with a median household income of less than \$1600.

I well remember my speaking in the Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church years and years ago! A copy of my latest book, Tanglewood, will be mailed to you the first of December. Again, we thank you, time and time again for sharing with us.

Rev. Joe Powlas

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support of Bethesda Mission. Thanks to you, the love of God will be very real this Thanksgiving season to the hungry and homeless people who look to Bethesda for help. Yes, thanks to you, our needy neighbors truly have something to be thankful for. Please know that our work here at Bethesda is enriched because you work side-by-side with us through your giving and prayers.

Your Friend In Christ,

Chuck Wingate, Executive Director

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Dear PIPC Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful fall flowers that were delivered to me last month. I enjoyed them for almost two weeks. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

With love from,

Joyce Arnold and Family

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Thank You PIPC for all your support! Progress Community Preschool has donated \$500.00 to PIPC in appreciation for all you have done.



## January Sunday Servants



### Worship Assistants

- Jan. 2 Terry Hack
- Jan. 9 Norm Diefenderfer
- Jan. 16 Peg Manning
- Jan. 23 Stewart Robinson
- Jan. 30 Cherie Pepperman

### Alley Door

- The Christleit Family
- Bill & Beulah Given
- The DeBell Family
- Lauren & Hayley Barrett
- Joe & Elaine Salvino

### Greeters Schedule

### Front Door

- Phyllis Hedenberg
- Shirley Gill
- Gail Diefenderfer
- Larry Hahn
- Walt Tomlison





## News From Progress Community Preschool



*“Tap, tap, tap goes the little hammer,  
Ring, ring, ring, goes the little bell.  
We are Santa’s helpers  
bringing Christmas joy.”*

Our preschoolers were surely bringing many Christmas joys. We were making wreaths, candy canes, stockings, Santa's, Rudolph, and decorating trees. We were singing songs, painting, glittering, gluing, baking cookies and having lots of fun. Our program for the parents was held on December 20, 2010, and our party was held on the last day of school before the Christmas break on December 22, 2010.

Thank you for your help with registering your Giant cards. We've made \$175.00 so far this school year. If you haven't registered your Giant card, forms may be picked up in the lobby.

## 2011 Flower/ Bulletin Chart Sign-up Sheet



If you would like to honor or remember someone by placing flowers or bulletins on a Sunday in 2011, please sign up on the chart in the narthex. The cost of the flower for 2011 will be \$27.50 and the cost of the bulletin will be \$10.

## The Days of Weather are Surely Coming. . .



When the weather turns to snow and ice and you are wondering about the schedule at PIPC, tune to the radio and television for up-to-date information. If our worship or activities schedule changes, the following channels and stations will carry our information: [www.whtm.com](http://www.whtm.com), abc27, [www.whptv.com](http://www.whptv.com), cbs 21. You may also call the church office to hear a recording of time changes.



Grocery Gift cards continue to be available every Sunday after the 11 AM worship service by the alley entry lobby and every weekday in the church office.

Cards are available in denominations from \$20.00 to \$100.00. Giant gift cards can now be used for gas as well as groceries.

From January 1, 2010 to December 12, 2010, the total income from gift cards has been \$614.75.



## Financial Update for November

Actual Income Year to Date	192,212.80
Actual Expense Year to Date	<u>198,649.53</u>
Difference	(6,436.73)

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

On December 4, 2010, our youth shopped for Angel Tree children. They chose three children: a pre-schooler, a primary school age child, and a preteen. After shopping, they returned to the church for a light lunch.

In late January, we plan to go bowling. The youth would like to invite adults too. The date will probably be the afternoon of January 23, 2011. Please watch for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



Thanks  
for your  
Help!

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank all those who helped with Advent Night on November 28, 2010. We could not have such an event without many volunteers. Thank you.

## Needed . . . Youth Worship Assistants

Would you be interested in helping Pastor Kent with our Sunday worship service? If so, notify the office or a member of the Christian Education Committee.

We will start this in January of 2011. Young worship assistants will help on the third Sunday of each month.



## From the Stewardship Committee:

We wish to thank you for your attendance on Consecration Sunday and your participation both in prayer and action in our recently completed campaign. We had 97 people in worship service which was led by Rev. Dr. Mark Englund-Krieger, Carlisle Executive Presbyterian. Seventy-five people attended the Celebration Luncheon.

Eighty-four Giving Units have returned Estimate of Giving Cards, and 80 of those made a specific dollar commitment to God and Progress-Immanuel. This commitment totaled \$154,490. On Sunday November 28, 2010, the congregation approved a budget of \$217,166. This leaves a gap for prayer and reflection as we all consider Stewardship and the future of PIPC.

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Advent season is a busy time in every church and so it has been with PIPC and the Women's Association. The first day of Advent is a day of food and fun at PIPC and this year was no exception. The festivities began in late afternoon with crafts and cookie decorating organized by the Christian Education Committee. This year's events had the biggest gathering ever. Then came the Women's Association dinner of meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, and baked corn. Dessert was furnished by volunteers from the congregation. The dinner was followed by the Advent play, this year titled "Christmas Letters." Many people of the church, young and not so young, participated in this re-telling of the Christmas story through letters written to Jesus by children. Thanks to Marge for taking on the task of organizing the play.

Six little elves made and delivered 28 containers of cookies for the shut-ins.

Our next big project is on February 19, 2011, when we will bake and sell cherry pies. Once again you may order a nine inch pie for \$10.00 and/or a three inch pie for \$3.50. Order forms will be available.

## 2011 Offerings



Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church strives to bless others through our special offering. Each year several giving opportunities are provided and this is how those offerings are dispersed:

***One Great Hour of Sharing*** - this offering is used to help with disaster related ministries around our globe.

***Pentecost Offering*** - used to assist with children at risk, youth and young adult ministries nationally.

***Peacemaking*** - used to assist with ministries associated with justice and peace issues.

***Christmas Joy*** - used to supplement retired missionary servant income and tuition support for Presbyterian racial-ethnic secondary schools.

Extra envelopes found in your giving box for the ***Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings*** are used to supplement our own ministry for assisting individual and families with emergency and crisis needs; as well as local missions within our community.

We thank you in advance for your continued generosity in our 2011 offerings.

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