

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PIPC Messenger

JUNE 2011

Transitioning...

Change is filling the air.

Neighbors and friends are venturing outside to clean up the yard, ride bikes, and play soccer, baseball and Frisbee. School will soon come to a finish, so teachers will receive a well-earned break from classes, and students will enjoy summer activities. As we age and grow older our lifestyles change depending on health, retirement, parents and children. And let's not forget the change we read and hear about in the news.

Personally, my doctor of ministry classes are causing me to see differently how God's Spirit may be at work in the church and in the world. God is up to something good in my life and in yours. I am continually amazed (but I should not be) how God gently forms, reforms and transforms our ways of believing and acting upon our beliefs.

In the church, the air is filling with change, as well. New officers were recently elected and will be installed this month. Behind the scenes work has begun to replace a worn out heating system. Summer Happenings (see pages 4 and the outside cover) invites children and adults to gather at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The season of Eastertide will end when the Day of Pentecost is celebrated with wind, fire and communion.

Change is filling the air. But most of us do not seem to like the word "change." A word we can use instead, a word that might be more accurate and descriptive could be "transitioning". The weather is transitioning from cooler to warmer (and hopefully drier!); PIPC is transitioning from Easter to Pentecost, from celebrating resurrection to being sent out in mission.

When we consider change, we tend to picture abrupt stops and starts in the flow of whatever is being changed. Transition, on the other hand, connotes a general or gradual movement away from and toward something new or different. I am coming to believe, more and more, this is how God works more often in our lives and in the life of the church.

How is God moving us along, from one way of living to another? How is God transitioning us from a maintenance model of ministry to a missional model? What is God asking us to leave behind; what is God asking us to keep in order to move toward God's promised and preferred future for PIPC? These are not easy questions to ponder, let alone answer. Yet, in order to be faithful to God and God's call in this community, we must, at least, be willing to engage them.

As we begin transitioning from here to there, from now to then, let us consider these questions posed. Pray over them. Reflect upon them. Discuss them with friends. Take them with you. Then, after a sufficient amount of time, let us discover and discern their answers.

We are always doing or participating in transitions. So is God. May we transition together.

Peace,

Kent Carter

Pastor



Members of the Women's Association,
 Thank you ever so much for my care package
 at college. The snacks have been nice to have
 during study breaks.

Sara Berdanier

Dear PIPC,
 Thanks to all who remembered us with
 cards on our 65th Wedding
 Anniversary, to Terry Hack who
 delivered the beautiful flower, to Sue
 Skelly and Carol Becker who shared
 Holy Communion with us, to Jean
 Sherry and the Women's Association
 for inspirational cards, to Carol and
 Bill Becker for the Easter flower, and
 to Pastor Kent for caring.

Our love to all at PIPC,
 Lee & Anita Anthony

To my PIPC family,
 Thank you so much for your demonstration of
 sympathy in the recent death our mother/
 grandmother. Your cards, visits & prayers were
 very much appreciated. It is a blessing to be part of
 such a loving and caring family.

The Reidell & Linville Families

Dear Church Family,
 It was so thoughtful of Terry Hack to deliver the
 beautiful lily plant from you. Thank you for
 thinking of us. The blooms are so lovely and
 fragrant. They provide us with cheer and indoor
 sunshine.

With our love and appreciation,
 Lillie & Tom Daniels

A big THANK YOU to everyone that
 has contributed items to our Community
 Aid donation container. For the first
 quarter we received \$308.00 from the
 items donated. Remember, as you clean
 out your closet and drawers you may
 place used clothing, shoes, books,
 unbreakable items, etc. in the container.

Thank you for your support,
 The Mission Committee

Thank you for the beautiful flowers delivered
 by the two Bonnie's to cheer Bill up and make
 us happy. It was so thoughtful and kind. With
 appreciation, we thank you.

Gayle and Bill McCollum



JUNE SUNDAY SERVANTS

Worship Assistant

June 5 Bub Manning
 June 12 Mike Legg
 June 19 Charley Miller
 June 26 Jack Andren

Greeters Schedule

Blackberry Alley Door

Peg & Rusty Keiser
 Mike & Mary Sweigard
 Chuck & Shelia Kannegieser
 Bob & Irene Brightbill

Front Door

Terry Hack
 Zana Allison
 Paulina Marshall
 Phyllis Hedenberg

PIP-C Generation

On May 10 the PIP-C Generation met in Fellowship Hall and enjoyed a delicious lunch of Singapore ham and rice, mixed salad, cake and ice cream for dessert. The entertainment for the day was the children of Progress Community Preschool. Always a lively and energetic group, this year's classes were no exception. Led through their varied songs by their teachers, Billie Hawk and Peggy Grobinski, the children performed enthusiastically and with great volume. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The program for June is entitled, "Who's That Baby, Baby?" We will all try to match a baby picture with an adult we know today. You will get to work with everyone at your table.

There will be a prize for everyone at the winning table.

Remember, PIP-C is in need of some volunteers for next year's committees: table decorations and president or program. A big "Thank You" to Bonnie Bentz and Lois Dean for this year's table decorations. THANK YOU to all committee heads for their hard work and thank you for continuing for another year.

The cupcake baker for June is Claire Hetzel.



PIP-C Generation Holiday Trip

Monday, November 21, 2011

Our Christmas trip will be to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to enjoy the show *A Playhouse Christmas*. This is a 2011 Christmas musical with all the holiday songs and dancing of this traditional season. The meal is a sit down lunch.

When you sign-up please pick a meal selection by letter:

- A - Fried Shrimp and Scallops
- B - Yankee Post Roast
- C - Catch of the Day
- D - Breast of Chicken with Stuffing
- E - Roast Turkey with Cranberry Stuffing

Itinerary: 9:00 AM Arrive at PIPC Parking Lot
9:15 AM Depart for Playhouse
11:00 AM Arrive at Playhouse
5:00 PM Arrive Home

Cost: \$80.00 per person.

Payment in full must be made by October 11, 2011.
Make checks payable to PIP-C Trips and please sign up as soon as you think you are interested.

Send checks to:

Zana Allison Allen Travis
504 Redwood Street OR 4484 Ethel Street
Harrisburg, PA 17109 Harrisburg, PA 17109



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday"
& a "Happy Anniversary!"

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Mary E. Bressler	2
June Miller	8
Ruth Leidich	20
Charlotte Acri	28

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy & Al Travis	6
Doris & Harold Kreiser	10
Shirley & Carl Dunleavy	11
Kathryn & George Runkle	11



What Is the Pentecost Offering?

At Pentecost, June 12, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. Because of the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming and creative love of God that makes the impossible possible.

The Pentecost Offering is one of the four annual churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Through Pentecost Offering gifts, we bring God's transforming love to children at risk. We help guide and nurture the faith of Presbyterian young people. We call forth a new generation of church leadership through the PC(USA) Young Adult volunteer program.

Forty percent of the offering stays in our own congregation to support children-at-risk ministries of our choice. The remainder of the Offering receipts will be sent to the General Assembly Mission Council to support other programs that minister to youth and young adults and advocate for children-at-risk.

This year's theme, "So I Send You" (John 20:21), reminds us that as Jesus was sent by God to help a hurting world, we too, are called to that same task. We are called to act on the basis of faith. Through gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we act to make tangible, positive changes in our community, our church, and our world.

Your giving really does make a difference!

New Summer Happenings

Regular Sunday School for our children and one adult class ends May 29th. Traditionally, during the summer, we had the children leave during the worship service--**BUT NOT THIS SUMMER.**

We have decided to have summer programs that anyone can attend from **9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**. There will be a variety of programs--plays, puppet shows, therapy dogs, community service projects and a series about our stained glass windows.

A schedule of the programs will be given to you as an insert in an early June bulletin. The schedule will also be put in the July Messenger and posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The stained glass windows will be discussed on June 5th and 19th, July 10th and 17th, and August 7th, 21st, and 28th. Please plan to attend.

If you have an idea for an interesting program, please contact someone on the Christian Education Committee: Joanne Lauver, Kent Carter, Sandy Daily, Shirley Cleaver, Judy Snyder, and Bonnie Bentz.

If you would like to help with any of these Sunday programs, please sign up on the program schedule in the Narthex.



Strawberry Festival

June 4, 2011 from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

There will be scrumptious **FOOD**,
a table with **BAKED GOODS** by the Women,
wonderful **DESSERTS**
and the main course - **STRAWBERRIES**.

So come early and enjoy the fellowship and food.
Bring your friends and neighbors too.

Financial Report April 2011



Pledge to date	48,472.95
Pledge paid to date	<u>45,684.30</u>
Difference	(2,788.65)
April Income	18,654.39
April Expenses	<u>19,458.66</u>
Difference	(804.27)

*Special
Note*

From the Stewardship Committee:

"It's not because God needs our money - it's because giving helps us grow as Christians."

Kari Travis

Giving Statements for the months of January, 2011 through April, 2011, may be picked up in the lobby.

If you would like to have your giving statement mailed to you, please call the church office at 545-8711.

Women's Association News

The Women's Association would like to thank everyone that supported the Church World Service Project - School Kits. On May 15, 2011, we had a total of 50 kits that will be delivered for distribution by Church World Services. A special thank you goes to Joan Bowerman for making all the bags for the school kits. Thank you again for reaching out to others with needs in our world.



Carolyn Frischkorn will be out of the office from June 13 - June 21. Volunteers will cover the office each weekday from 9:00 AM to 1 PM.

Krislund Camp

~Grow in Faith ~
~Experience Adventure ~
~ Unite in Tradition~

Krislund Camp is a joint outdoor ministry of the Carlisle, Huntingdon, & Northumberland Presbyteries of the Presbyterian church USA. Krislund offers a variety of camps for all ages. This summer they have two new camps: Photography Camp and Sports Camp. So, spend a week at Krislund this summer and discover what it feels like to be one in spirit and purpose with other faithful young people. Brochures, pamphlets and registrations forms are available.



SUNDAYS IN JUNE

June 5 - Teacher and Graduate Recognition
June 12 - Pentecost, Worship & Communion
June 19 - Trinity Sunday, Father's Day, Worship & Installation of Officers

Summer Lawn Receptions

The Summer Lawn Receptions will begin on June 5. If you are willing to be a host/hostess for a Sunday please sign up on the bulletin board. As a host/hostess you will need to provide some type of refreshment, drink and napkins.



Progress Community Preschool Says "Thank You"

Progress Preschool thanks the members of PIPC for all their support. The generosity of our congregation never ceases to amaze me. We are indeed fortunate to be able to use PIPC's facilities for our school.

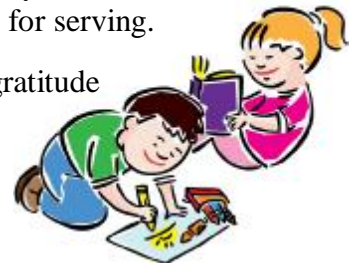
This school year we have earned \$461.76 from the Giant cards. Thank you for contributing your Giant number. We've received tiles, Tom Tom containers, school supplies, crayons, toys, etc. from our members.

Our two aides Bonnie Bentz and Delores Smith help us as volunteers. We couldn't have Preschool without them. Also, thanks goes to Jim Devor and Carolyn Frischkorn who are willing to do anything we ask.

We loved singing for the PIP-C Generation group and as an added bonus they "pay" us. God has indeed blessed us!

Last but not least is our Board: Judy Snyder, Barb Legg, Carol Becker, Jen DeBell, Shirley Cleaver, Patty Reidell, and Sue Skelly. Thank you for serving.

As a token of our gratitude the Preschool has donated \$1,000.00 to the Furnace Fund.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



If you are in need of a walker, cane, crutches, wheelchair, shower chairs/seats, etc. for medical assistance, we have several available that you may borrow.

Office of the General Assembly

A Churchwide Letter Concerning Amendment 10-A

May 10, 2011

Louisville



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

May grace, mercy, and peace be yours in abundance (Jude 1:2).

The debate about ordination standards has been a Presbyterian family struggle for much of the last three decades. We have sought to find that place where every congregation and every member, deacon, elder, and minister of the Word and Sacrament can share their gifts in ministry while, at the same time, the integrity of every congregation, member, deacon, elder, and minister is respected.

This year, the conversation has focused on Amendment 10-A that was passed by the 219th General Assembly (2010) and sent to presbyteries for approval. While we wait for official tallies, it appears that 87 presbyteries have approved 10-A, which is the majority required for approval.

If this becomes official, the new language outlining the gifts and requirements for ordained service will say the following:

Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

This decision begins with an unequivocal affirmation that ordained office will continue to be rooted in each deacon, elder, and minister's "joyful submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life."

This action also has important effects on our life together as a church, namely:

- *in keeping with our historic principles of church order, each session and presbytery will continue to determine the suitability of individuals seeking ordination within its bounds.*
- *persons in a same-gender relationship may be considered for ordination and/or installation as deacons, elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament within the PC(USA); and*
- *all other churchwide standards for ordination remain unchanged.*

Reactions to this change will span a wide spectrum. Some will rejoice, while others will weep. Those who rejoice will see the change as an action, long in coming, that makes the PC(USA) an inclusive

church that recognizes and receives the gifts for ministry of all those who feel called to ordained office. Those who weep will consider this change one that compromises biblical authority and acquiesces to present culture. The feelings on both sides run deep.

However, as Presbyterians, we believe that the only way we will find God's will for the church is by seeking it together – worshiping, praying, thinking, and serving alongside one another. We are neighbors and colleagues, friends and family. Most importantly, we are all children of God, saved and taught by Jesus Christ, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

We hold to the strong affirmation that all of us are bound together as the church through Jesus Christ our Lord. “There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all,” Paul wrote to the Ephesians (4:5-6).

It is Jesus Christ who calls individuals to ordained ministries, and all those who are called to ordained office continue to acknowledge Jesus as Lord of all and Head of the church. It is this same Jesus Christ who is the foundation of our faith and to whom we cling.

No doubt, there will be several news stories and other reports about this change in the days ahead. A number of resources, including frequently asked questions and liturgical resources, are available for you at the [Office of the General Assembly website](#). In addition, for those who wish to comment on or inquire further about 10-A, please email ga.amendments@pcusa.org or call (888) 728-7228, x8202.

We invite you to join us in prayer:

Almighty God, we give thanks for a rich heritage of faithful witnesses to the gospel throughout the ages. We offer gratitude not only for those who have gone before us, but for General Assembly commissioners and presbyters across the church who have sought diligently to discern the mind of Christ for the church in every time and place, and especially in this present time.

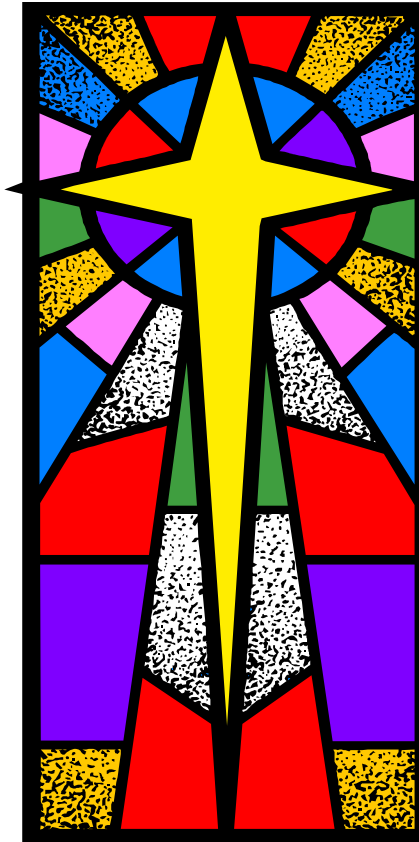
May your Spirit of peace be present with us in difficult decisions, especially where relationships are strained and the future is unclear. Open our ears and our hearts to listen to and hear those with whom we differ. Most of all, we give thanks for Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord, who called the Church into being and who continues to call us to follow his example of loving our neighbor and working for the reconciliation of the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Gradye Parsons
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly*

*Cynthia Bolbach
Moderator, 219th General Assembly (2010)*

*Linda Valentine
Executive Director, General Assembly Mission Council*

*Landon Whitsitt
Vice Moderator, 219th General Assembly (2010)*



SUMMER HAPPENINGS

June 5, 2011 - August 28, 2011

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Stained Glass Windows Series

June 5th - "Jesus and the Little Children"

June 19th - "The Baptism of Jesus"

July 10th - "Jesus the Good Shepherd"

July 17th - "Healing the Lame Man"

August 7th - "The Call of the Disciples"

August 21st - "Boy Jesus in the Temple"

August 28th - "Jesus, Light of the World"

(There is a variety of programs scheduled for the Sundays not listed.)

Everyone is invited to Summer Happenings!

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