

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3640 Ash St., Harrisburg, PA 17109

PIPC Messenger

November 2011



30 Little Boxes of November (plus a few others)

Where do I begin? As I review the calendar for the month of November, which can be found near the end of this edition of the PIPC Messenger, I am struck by how much is listed in those thirty little boxes. Information and dates range from convenience to compassionate, from civic duty to Christ-like serving, from national holidays to Christian holy days. Some events come around once a year while some are practiced weekly. Each item on the calendar is important to this faith community. Some are essential to our life of faith. Let me highlight several from both categories.

Consecration Sunday, Organ mini-concert, and lunch on the 13th. During worship, we will hear several members witness to their faith by sharing the importance of financial giving for the glory of God, specifically through Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Toward the end of worship we will come forward with our own estimates of stewardship, consecrating them by placing them on the communion table. After worship Terry Sneed will entertain us with several selections on the organ before we enjoy a congregational lunch in fellowship hall.

First Sunday of Advent Events, Sunday the 27th. Witness the candle-lighting litany that welcomes the Season of Advent. Prepare for the gift of Immanuel: God-with-us, by coming every Sunday during Advent for the series *Christmas Gifts that Won't Break*. This afternoon, usher in the season with friends and fellow PIPCers with crafts, activities, dinner and entertainment. See articles in this issue regarding the Advent Family Celebration, Dinner and Entertainment.

Presbytery of Carlisle Meeting, Tuesday the 15th. The Presbyterian Church USA is a connectional church, which means we acknowledge the fact that we cannot be Christians in isolation from one another. This includes the way in which we conduct business. You can witness Presbyterianism at its best and rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit when you attend one of these meetings. I invite you to come with me to Hope Presbyterian Church in Dauphin this day.

Election Day, Tuesday the 8th. VOTE. VOTE. VOTE. As Christians in the Reformed Tradition, we believe we have a responsibility to vote in political elections, even if they seem minor to us. I encourage you to take your faith into the voting booth and to allow it to inform and guide your decisions.

The few others:

Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 23. If you did not come to the Trunk or Treat event you missed out on a wonderful afternoon of fun, Fun, FUN!! Sixteen decorated automobile trunks surrounded the parking lot with their owners dressed in costume and giving away sweet treats. A hotdog lunch and marshmallows roasted over an open fire for s'mores were a tasty treat. The Progress Fire Company stopped by with one of their "big trucks." Over 125 people visited us that afternoon. See pictures posted at church or check the church's facebook page.

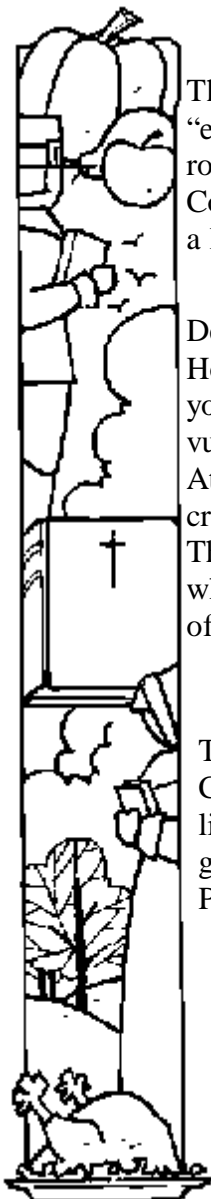
Carter Family Advent Open House, Sunday, December 4. You are invited to the seventh annual open house on Continental Dr. Enjoy tasty treats, music from the season, and friends from the neighborhood.

These are only a preview of the thirty little boxes of November (and a few others). Discover the ministry and mission behind the Children's Ministry, All Saints' Day, Fellowship, Lend-a-Hand meals, PIP-C Generation, Knitting Group, Church School, choir practice, and a host of meetings. Look forward to preparing and then celebrating the birth of Jesus. Mark your calendars for Heralds of Joy Sunday, Christmas Eve candlelight and Christmas Day communion worship. Discover and then join in the mission and ministry of Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

Partners in Christ,

Pastor Kent Carter

Grateful to God

Thank you to everyone for all your thoughts, prayers and visits during my recent "episode." Especially to Pastor Carter for your all day vigil in the hospital emergency room. It meant so much to Susan and myself. Thanks to all who served us with Holy Communion, most recently Mike Sweigard and Phyllis Hedenberg. It's neat to have such a loving church family.

Anita and Lee Anthony



Dear Friends, Thank you for your contribution to the Pentecost Offering and One Great Hour of Sharing. We are grateful for your generosity. When you give to these offerings, you are making a conscious decision to be the joy and love of Christ to some of the most vulnerable and desperate placed people around the world.

At a time when most Americans are feeling some economic pinch, the impact of the same crisis on people who lack any economic cushion can be literally a matter of life and death. Thank you again for your gifts to these offerings. May the Spirit of thanksgiving with which you gave it continue to overflow abundantly within both your own lives and the life of your congregation.

In Christ's grace and peace,
Margaret Hall Boone, Special Offerings



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 Annual Fund of Krislund Camp. We are grateful for your thoughtful Christian stewardship to this camp ministry of the Presbyteries.

With gratitude,
Mark Englund-Krieger



Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your generous gift to the ministry of Bethesda. As our partners here at Bethesda Mission, we thank God daily for you. Because you care, homeless and hungry people are finding a haven from fear of the streets. They are being fed, clothed and helped with long standing problems. They are finding emotional support and spiritual strength.

You share in the victory of these changed lives. You truly make a difference!

Gratefully,
Chuck Wingate, Executive Director



November Sunday Servants

Worship Assistants

Nov. 6 Ken Bentz
Nov. 13 Bub Manning
Nov. 20 Mike Legg
Nov. 27 Mike Sweigard

Greeters Schedule

Blackberry Alley Door
Peggy & Rusty Keiser
Jack & Jen Andren
Shirley Cleaver & Betty Andren
George & Sandy Daily

Front Door
Barb Hablett
Lois Dean
Charlotte Acri
Eleanor Carnes



PIP-C Generation

The fall meeting of The PIP-C Generation was held on October 11, 2011, in Fellowship Hall. Marge served a delicious meal of chicken pot pie with homemade noodles, cole slaw, and ginger bread with whipped cream. The meeting was opened with a pledge to the flag, and the decision was made that all meetings will now begin this way. The tables were decorated with small scarecrows, donated by Joan Bowerman.

The program was given by Darlene Murray who presented a reenactment of Mary Ann Todd Lincoln. Mrs. Murray was so good at her craft that we all were enthralled with the tales of her life with a revered President of the United States.

Remember that everyone is invited to join the bowlers (Thursday after PIP-C; call Zana Allison for more information) and/or the PIPC Purlers (1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 10:00).

At November's meeting you need to buy your ticket for the PIP-C Christmas dinner.

TICKETS FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER: \$6.00



Next month's meeting will be November 8; the program will be provided by Jim McGroarty, who plays the piano. The cupcake baker is Sheila Kannegeiser.

PIP-C Generation Trips



Holiday Trip: Monday, November 21, 2011

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
"A Playhouse Christmas"

Cost: \$80.00 per person.

Spring Trip: Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Sight and Sound Theatres
"Jonah"



This is a lively musical of love, obedience, and a second chance. A faithful, righteous prophet of God... suddenly disobeys, runs away, and rediscovers the mercy of God.

Cost: \$88.00 per person.

Payment must be made in full by February 14, 2012.

We will be leaving Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church parking lot at 10:45 AM and returning at approximately 6:00 PM.

Please make all checks payable to PIP-C Trips.

Send checks to:

Zana Allison, 504 Redwood Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109

OR

Allen Travis 4484 Ethel Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Ted Appleby | 1 |
| Sheila Kannegieser | 1 |
| Billie Hawk | 2 |
| Edward Arndt | 9 |
| Fran Lightner | 10 |
| Betty Andren | 13 |
| Joan Bowerman | 20 |
| Doris Broadley | 26 |
| Ken Zimmerman | 26 |
| Ron Rowe | 28 |

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Bill & Sara Sweeney | 11 |
| Roberta & Kenny Hill | 13 |
| Marge & Donald Barner | 19 |
| Gayle & Bill McCollum | 27 |



Habitat for Humanity News

On October 3, Habitat for Humanity kicked off a project to repair five homes in the up-town section of Harrisburg. Through volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and renovates simple, decent houses with partner families in need of shelter. Habitat houses are sold to the families at no profit, financed with a affordable no-interest loans. Homeowners are chosen on the basis of need, willingness to partner and ability to repay the no-interest loan. Volunteers are always welcomed to help with these projects.

Habitat for Humanity will continue its long-standing tradition of presenting the Eaken Piano Trio in December. This year's event, slated for December 6th, at 7 PM, will mark the 22nd straight year this award winning trio has presented its "Home for the Holidays" concert for Central Pennsylvania. This event will be held at St. Stevens Church, Front Street, in Harrisburg. There is no charge for the concert, donations will be accepted. There is free, secure parking in the church parking lot and a gourmet reception will follow the show.



In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday the church office will be closed November 24 & 25.

Downtown Daily Bread Wish List

Lunch Wish List

-Disposable razors, deodorant, shampoo, large bars of soap, laundry detergent, men's and women's underwear and other clothing, socks, and blankets.



Kitchen Wish List

#10 cans of soups, fruits, or vegetables; coffee; sugar; plastic forks and spoons; napkins, meats; turkeys; hams; and spices. Please help our friends living in poverty enjoy a festive holiday meal as we do in our own homes. You can be a part of the DDB holiday experience by donating items or by making a pledge to pay \$2 per meal to feed 100-150 individuals. Every little bit can make a big difference.



REMEMBER

Daylight-Saving Time Ends November 6

Financial Reports

For September, 2011

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Pledge to Date | \$109,792.65 |
| Pledge Paid to Date | <u>101,924.65</u> |
| Pledge Total (+/-) | (7,868.35) |
| September Income | \$16,235.53 |
| September Expenses | <u>29,355.03</u> |
| September Total (+/-) | (13,119.50) |
| Year To Date Total (+/-) | (28,723.75) |

OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBERS 2012

◀Please note, if you have an offering envelope number between 151-200, that number will be changing at the beginning of the new year. ▶

Organ Mini-Concert



Our organist, Terry Sneed, will present a mini-concert on our organ on Sunday, November 13, immediately following worship. Terry will present several selections of his own choosing for us to enjoy. Come for worship, listen to the music from our talented organist, and stay for our stewardship celebration lunch following Terry's concert.

Looking Forward with the Women's Association



Mark your calendar for **November 1, 2011**. We are once again collecting toys for boys and girls in Cow Creek Kentucky. Tuesday, November 1st, is the last day to bring in your unwrapped toys that will be shipped to Joe Powlas and he will distribute them to the children of Cow Creek for the holidays.

Harvest Home will be held on Sunday, **November 20**. Please bring a food staple to donate to the Food Bank.



Donations are needed for the "Goodie Boxes" for the college students. Snacks and microwave items are needed to fill these boxes. If you wish to give a donation to help buy "goodie" items, or would like to help with postage to mail the boxes, please see Sheila Kannegieser. All "goodies" will need to be in by Sunday, **November 20**, in order to ship them to the students in time for finals.

The First Sunday of Advent, **November 27**, will begin with crafts at 4 PM, followed by dinner at 5:30 PM, and a program at 6:45 PM. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased after church on Sunday, November 6, 13, 20, or from the church office during the week. Adult tickets are \$6.00, children tickets are \$2.50 and children 5 and under are free. The dinner will consist of meatloaf, scalloped potatoes and green beans. We are asking for dessert donations.



The PIPC Women's Association will be updating the mailboxes outside the Detwiler Room. The mail boxes may be used by all for cards (remember Christmas is right around the corner, birthdays, greetings, etc.), notes and messages. So be sure to check your mailbox weekly!

ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN



Please remember on Sunday, October 30th, we will be having a combined Sunday School program. The children are to come to Sunday school dressed up as a biblical character. They are not to tell anyone who they are as we will ask them questions regarding their character to reveal who they are portraying. Rev. Carter will also share their character in the Children's Sermon that morning.



NEEDED: Creative people to help with the crafts for the Family Advent Night, Sunday, November 27. You can have your own craft idea or one will be provided for you. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to help. For additional information about leading a craft or helping, you may contact Shirley Cleaver.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING



A total of \$503.00 was given for the 2011 Peacemaking Offering. 25% of this offering is retained for efforts in peacemaking in our local area. Thank you for giving.

THE DEACONS NEED YOUR HELP



The deacons need your help to decorate the church for Christmas and then to undecorate it in January. We plan to decorate the church starting at 9 AM, Saturday, November 26, 2011, and plan to take everything down starting at 9AM, Saturday, January 7, 2012. We will have boxes to pull out of storage, unpack and return to the storage area; wreaths to be hung; the tree to put up; etc. If you are able and willing to come prepare our church home for the Advent/Christmas season, we would greatly appreciate your help.

The Deacons will be placing an *Angel Tree* in the lobby. Please consider taking a tag and helping the Deacons support this worthy cause.



The Deacons are in need of *juice cans* (or vases if you have extras) to put the flowers in each week to be delivered to the homebound or hospitalized. If you have a juice can or vase, please place it under the coat rack in the hallway.

Consecration Sunday is Coming!

This year our congregation's Stewardship Committee is engaging in a program of spiritual growth that teaches biblical and spiritual principals as followers of Jesus Christ.



Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 13, 2011, we will ask you to make your financial commitments to our church's mission, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world. Everyone who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily during morning worship on Consecration Sunday. After worship is completed everyone is invited to a celebration luncheon to be held in Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for this luncheon.

We will not do any home solicitations to ask people to complete the estimate of giving cards. During worship on November 13, we will be invited to dedicate our commitments as a confidential act of worship.

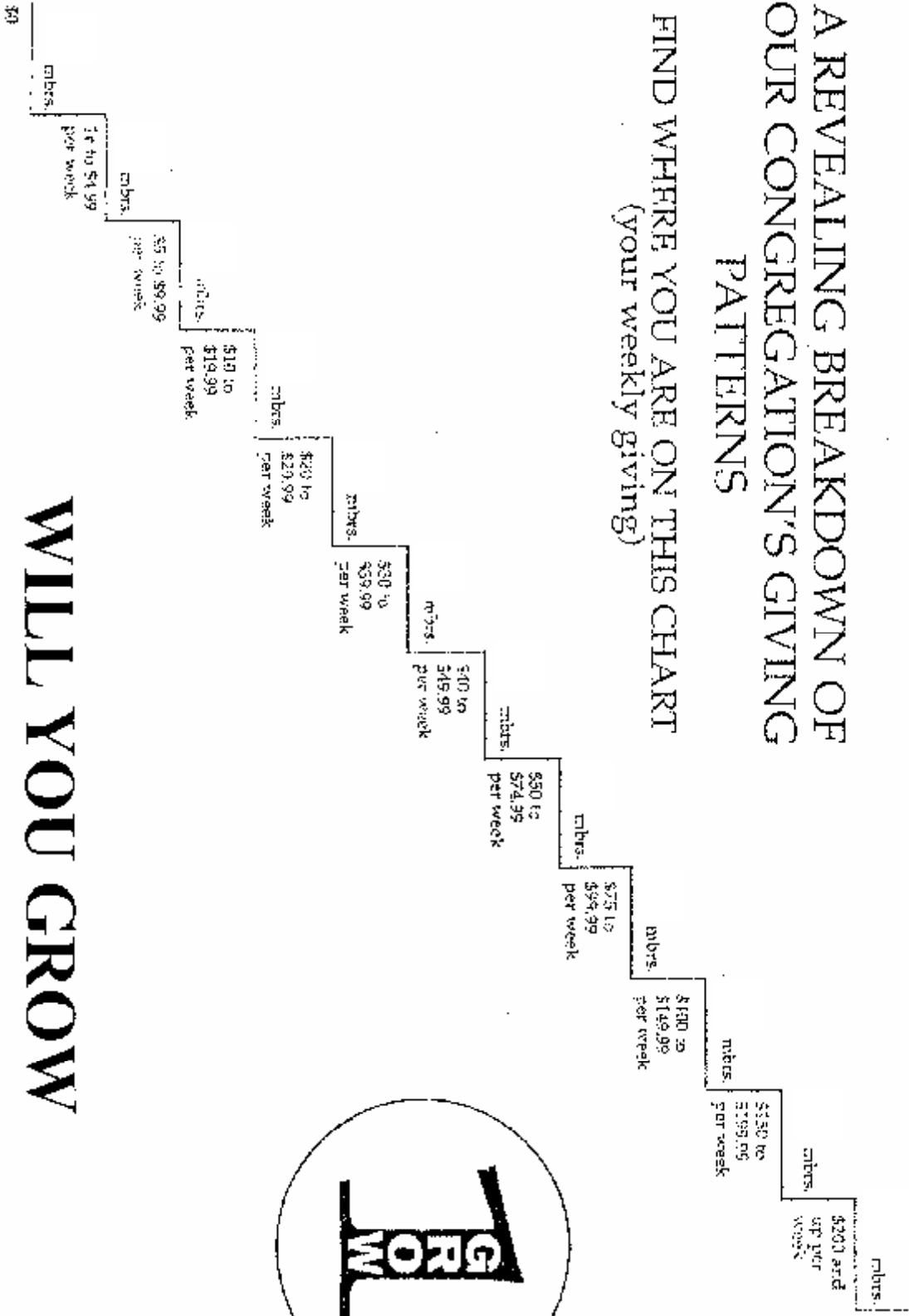
We do encourage participation in these events. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we are making every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Sunday worship and the luncheon.

Thank you for your participation.

Your Consecration Team
Gail Diefenderfer, Pat Reidell, Judy Snyder

A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S GIVING PATTERNS

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THIS CHART
(your weekly giving)



**WILL YOU GROW
ONE STEP THIS YEAR?**



| WEEKLY INCOME | BEYOND A TITHE | | TITHE | UPPER RANGE GIVING | | | | | MIDDLE RANGE GIVING | | | LOWER RANGE GIVING | | |
|---------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|----|--|
| | 15% | 12% | | 10% | 9% | 8% | 7% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 1% | |
| \$ 200 | 30.00 | 24.00 | 20.00 | 18.00 | 16.00 | 14.00 | 12.00 | 10.00 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 4.00 | 2.00 | | |
| \$ 300 | 45.00 | 36.00 | 30.00 | 27.00 | 24.00 | 21.00 | 18.00 | 15.00 | 12.00 | 9.00 | 6.00 | 3.00 | | |
| \$ 400 | 60.00 | 48.00 | 40.00 | 36.00 | 32.00 | 28.00 | 24.00 | 20.00 | 16.00 | 12.00 | 8.00 | 4.00 | | |
| \$ 500 | 75.00 | 60.00 | 50.00 | 45.00 | 40.00 | 35.00 | 30.00 | 25.00 | 20.00 | 15.00 | 10.00 | 5.00 | | |
| \$ 600 | 90.00 | 72.00 | 60.00 | 54.00 | 48.00 | 42.00 | 36.00 | 30.00 | 24.00 | 18.00 | 12.00 | 6.00 | | |
| \$ 700 | 105.00 | 84.00 | 70.00 | 63.00 | 56.00 | 49.00 | 42.00 | 35.00 | 28.00 | 21.00 | 14.00 | 7.00 | | |
| \$ 800 | 120.00 | 96.00 | 80.00 | 72.00 | 64.00 | 56.00 | 48.00 | 40.00 | 32.00 | 24.00 | 16.00 | 8.00 | | |
| \$ 900 | 135.00 | 108.00 | 90.00 | 81.00 | 72.00 | 63.00 | 54.00 | 45.00 | 36.00 | 27.00 | 18.00 | 9.00 | | |
| \$1,000 | 150.00 | 120.00 | 100.00 | 90.00 | 80.00 | 70.00 | 60.00 | 50.00 | 40.00 | 30.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 | | |
| \$1,100 | 165.00 | 132.00 | 110.00 | 99.00 | 88.00 | 77.00 | 66.00 | 55.00 | 44.00 | 33.00 | 22.00 | 11.00 | | |
| \$2,000 | 300.00 | 240.00 | 200.00 | 180.00 | 160.00 | 140.00 | 120.00 | 100.00 | 80.00 | 60.00 | 40.00 | 20.00 | | |
| \$3,000 | 450.00 | 360.00 | 300.00 | 270.00 | 240.00 | 210.00 | 180.00 | 150.00 | 120.00 | 90.00 | 60.00 | 30.00 | | |

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income/giving).
2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you.

Advent Family Celebration



Sunday, November 27, 2011

Advent and Christmas Crafts - 4:00 PM; Dinner - 5:30 PM; Entertainment - 6:30 PM

Join us, your friends, neighbors, family and guests as we begin the celebration of Advent and Christmas. All persons from the youngest to the oldest, are invited to come create a craft, sing Christmas carols and enjoy warm fellowship.

After working hard at making an Advent craft, stay for dinner.

Tickets will be available following church or you may purchase them from the church office.

The entertainment will be the Christmas play, "Christmas With an Old Grouch."

The children will also be performing a Christmas play that evening,
"In Your Dreams, Joseph."

Poinsettia Flowers



If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for Christmas Services, please fill out the form below and **return it with your payment to the church office, no later than Sunday, November 27, 2011.** This year we offer the choice of placing a red or white poinsettia(s).

Number of Red Poinsettias _____ x \$5.00 = \$_____

Number of White Poinsettias _____ x \$8.00 = \$_____

Total Paid = \$_____

PLEASE PRINT THE INFORMATION BELOW

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Deliver # _____ to Shut-in. Take Home # _____

Placed by: _____ Envelope Number: _____



We invite you to join the Family of
Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church
as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

First Sunday of Advent

November 27 - 10:30 AM Worship - "*The Gift of Hope*"
4:00 PM Advent Family Celebration
5:30 PM Advent Family Dinner
6:30 PM Advent Celebration Entertainment

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4 - 10:30 AM Worship - "*The Gift of Love*"

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11 - 10:30 AM Worship - "*The Gift of Peace*"

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18 - 9:00 AM - Birthday Party for Jesus
10:30 AM Worship - *Heralds of Joy*

Christmas Eve Services - December 24

7:00 PM Family Celebration with communion and candle lighting. Come and worship in a slightly informal setting geared toward children and their families.

11:00 PM Worship with communion and candle lighting.

Scripture lessons and carols will guide us to the manger and then out into the world to share the gift of this holy night.



Christmas Day

December 25 - 10:30 AM Worship with Communion
"The Gift of Immanuel"

*This Christmas, Discover Hope,
Love, Peace and Joy!*



Consecration Sunday

IT'S COMING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2011!

10:30 AM WORSHIP

CELEBRATION LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW

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