

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3640 Ash St., Harrisburg, PA 17109

PIPC Messenger

OCTOBER 2011



What is God up to at PIPC?

For the past several months I have been considering this question, rolling it over in my mind, heart and soul. I have been searching to discover the way in which God is working to prepare this congregation for God's preferred and promised future. This search is down under and beneath the surface of what we all can see.

What do I see as I glance around Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church?

I see the Deacons and the Women's Association serving this congregation and the surrounding community by meeting the needs of persons and families with caring and sharing ministries.

I see the Deacons along with several elders serving communion to members who find it difficult to worship with us on Sunday mornings.

I see committed teachers bringing the biblical story alive in the minds of children, youth and adults.

I see a dedicated music ministry practicing to enhance our worship with music that makes a difference to our lives and brings a smile to God's heart.

I see fellowship gatherings of members and non-members alike. I see guests treated like friends; friends who are as close as family; and family honored as guests.

I see the PIPC Purlers knitting love and warmth into hats, mittens and sweaters.

I see individuals quietly serving and offering their time and talents in ways many of us will never see or know.

I see so much more than I could possibly write here.

When I look a bit more deeply at Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church I see a community of individuals working to live lives according to faith. Some of us have reflected deeply on our faith understanding. Some of us have never thought about deep reflection. Yet we all strive in some way to connect our faith with our living, and vice versa. I believe when we make the mindful effort to reflect deeply God will, through the Holy Spirit, begin revealing to us what God is up to below and beyond what we see as we glance around.

October begins in a few days, and with it does an opportunity, a gift, to consider more deeply and engage more intentionally what God is up to here at PIPC and in the neighborhood we call home. Look around and notice what God is doing out your back door or across the street. Read over this *PIPC Messenger* and commit to participating in something new this fall.

When you participate in one of the above ministries or others as they may come along, and when you consider your faith in light of your participation, you will begin to discover what God has in store for us.

What is God up to at Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church? Let's discover it together.

Kent Carter, Pastor



THANK YOU!

The church would like to express a big “Thank You” to the Women’s Association for its generous gift of buying a much needed new freezer for the kitchen.

Thank You Ladies!



To PIPC,

Thank you for the beautiful arrangement of flowers we received. Also, thanks to the Women’s Association for all the beautiful cards sent to us.

Dottie & Les Folk



Dear Folks,

Just a quick thank you for your generous donation. I so enjoy what I do and your donation goes to my continuous work.

Peace and love to all,

Cindy Wilson

The Beagles & KPets



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Mission Central, I want to thank you and your congregation for the Mission Committee’s gift of \$200.00 in appreciation of Sue Higgins’ presentation. What a blessing! I thank you for your compassion and support. Your gift and the gifts of others become the physical presence of Christ as we carry out His great commandment to “love our neighbors as ourselves.”

Yours, in Christ,

Rev. Rob Visscher, Executive Director



SUMMER HAPPENINGS...

Despite much effort from the members of the Christian Education Committee, Summer Happenings was very poorly attended.

However, those of us who did attend had fun, were educated about our stained glass windows, and introduced to some new mission opportunities.

We learned about the work of Mission of Mercy, a local medical mission that helps those with no medical insurance. We even toured their facility on 13th Street in Harrisburg. We also learned about the work of Mission Central in Mechanicsburg.

Cindy Wilson acquainted us with the service provided by her therapy dogs. All in all, a good summer program.

Shirley Cleaver

Christian Education Committee



REMINDER: The deadline for the Zarfoss Memorial Book Fund Scholarship application is October 15. Applications may be obtained by contacting the church office at (717) 545-8711 or by e-mail at pipc@paonline.com.

Lend a Hand to help Lend-A-Hand

Lend-A-Hand, a mission of the Presbytery of Carlisle of which Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church belongs, coordinates reliable transportation, labor, housing and meals for volunteers who want to help those who have lost homes or are suffering extraordinary hardship as the result of a disaster. It was founded in 1989 following Hurricane Hugo in South Carolina, and has since achieved national respect and recognition. Lend-A-Hand has been responding to natural disasters throughout the country since their inception. Over 3,000 volunteers have stepped forward to assist those in need. They have always worked to help the uninsured and the underinsured to recover their homes from the damage of wind, water and fire.



In meeting these needs, Lend-A-Hand has responded to

- Floods in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Georgia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, North Dakota and Minnesota.
- Tornado damage in Oklahoma
- Blizzard damage in Pennsylvania
- Fire in Pennsylvania
- Hurricane recovery work in North and South Carolina, Florida, and Mississippi

NOW LEND-A-HAND NEEDS OUR HELP RIGHT HERE IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA!!

Pine Street Presbyterian Church is one of several sights hosting Lend-A-Hand mission servants working to assist flood victims in Central Pennsylvania. Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church has agreed to provide Monday night's dinner to these workers for seven weeks ending November 14. We need persons willing to cook, deliver and serve these meals. Will you help?

If you feel the urge to help please gather a group of three or four persons and choose a date. Call Sandy Daily (774-1582) or the church office (545-8711) to reserve your date. Meals are for 10 persons and should include an entrée, vegetable or two, and dessert. Something extra is always appreciated, as well. The meals are served at 7:00 p.m. at Pine Street Presbyterian Church.

One of the ministries PIPC does very well is to provide delicious and nutritious meals. Let us support the good work of fellow mission servants by sharing our hospitality.



HOSS'S and LEND-A-HAND

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 23. Lend-A-Hand is teaming up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money to benefit Lend-A-Hand. Visit a Hoss's on Sunday, October 23, and present this page of your Messenger and Hoss's will then donate 20% of our total check paid to Lend-A-Hand. Lend-A-Hand's group # is 13347. Remember to present this information when ordering.

MISSION UPDATE

Christ Lutheran Church, at 13th and Derry Streets in Harrisburg, is the site for the *Mission of Mercy* ministry which comes from Maryland two Fridays a month. Mission of Mercy provides medical and dental care to those in need in the Harrisburg area. Doctors, nurses and pharmacists volunteer their services for uninsured people. Members of the Mission Committee have visited Christ Lutheran and have supported this local mission, and we value the work that they do. You can learn more about Mission of Mercy by going to their website www.amissionofmercy.org. We have sent them \$1,400.00 to date. The Mission and Christian Education's Committees support is \$200.00 each and the PIP-C Generation contributed \$1,000.00, which was part of the proceeds from the annual Peach Festival. We are grateful for these generous contributions.

The Mission's Committee has received \$126.00 from the Community Aid drop-off box contents for the 2nd quarter.

The Mission Committee has given the following support to:

- Bethesda Mission - \$350.00 (budgeted line item)
- Krislund Camp and Conference Center - \$350.00 (budgeted line item)
- Mission Central - \$200.00
- KPETS (Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services) - \$150.00
- Santa Shop at Paxton Presbyterian - \$100.00 was given to Eileen Miller to purchase supplies.



THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



The Women's Association held its fall meeting on September 22, 2011, with a covered dish dinner. Discussion centered around plans for the upcoming holiday season.

The WA, one of the most active groups in the church, relies on a variety of fund raisers throughout the year to provide the monies needed to function. You can all help support the WA by contributing on Sunday morning, just as we once did when there were special envelopes in your yearly box.. **Write "Women's Association" on the front of an envelope, and, if giving by check, also write "Women's Association" on the check.**

The Women's Association recently purchased a new freezer for the kitchen. The old one was not working, and repairs to it would have cost almost as much as a new one. Therefore,...the money for this new freezer came entirely from the WA.

The Women's Association projects for the remainder of the year are as follows:

- **Sunday, November 20 - Harvest Home Sunday:** On that day please bring in a food staple to donate to the Food Bank. You will be given a suggestion for a food item on Nov. 13 by the children of the Sunday School.
- **Goodie Boxes to College Students:** Bring in snacks and microwave items so that our students who are away from home and studying hard will be able to stay nourished. If you want your student to receive one of these boxes, you must give his/her address to the Women's Association.
- **November 1 - Rev. Joe Pawlas, Cow Creek, Kentucky:** We will again send Christmas gifts for the children of Cow Creek. Please purchase a boxed gift for a boy or a girl and bring it unwrapped to church by Nov. 1.
- **November 27 - The First Sunday of Advent:** Celebrate the start of the most joyous holiday season with the special events planned by the Christian Education Committee and the Women's Association: special activities for the children, good food, joyous fellowship with our PIPC family, and award-winning drama to top it all off.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the furnace fund. The need for a new furnace had been obvious for a while, but where to find the money to buy it was not so obvious. With the meeting of several good minds among the women's Association, an idea was born and the "Pennies from Heaven" campaign began. By the time the project became a "Let's do it" plan and a committee was formed, the Women's Association has collected \$9,155.70 in "Pennies." The success of this project is not a success for the WA; it is a success for everyone in the church. When the need is known, PIPC responds.

Thank you, Progress-Immanuel.



CROP Hunger Walk

The 2011 Harrisburg, Area CROP Hunger Walk, sponsored in partnership with the Christian Churches United, will be held on Sunday, October 9. This year Harrisburg and some 2,000 cities and towns nationwide are joining together for the interfaith community CROP Walk around the theme "Ending Hunger One Step at a Time." Local food pantries and soup kitchens receive 25% of the funds raised, while the remainder meets the needs of the hungry in the United States and Worldwide through disaster assistance, economic development, refugee resettlement, and education. The walk will take place on City Island with registration at 1:00 PM and the walk beginning at 1:30 PM.



The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 9, 2011, following worship, for the purpose of electing four congregational members to the nominating committee. This is necessary in order to identify, discern, elect and install officers to fill vacancies and for the class of 2015.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

from the SEPTEMBER MEETING

Session has called a **Congregational Meeting on October 9** following worship or the purpose of electing four members of the congregation to the Nominating Committee. We need to fill the Nominating Committee so work could begin finding officers for the Class of 2015.

Building & Grounds: The installation of the new burner for the furnace is complete. A sump pump failed during Tropical Storm Lee and was replaced. The basement was flooded and as a result it is being cleaned out.

Membership: Discussed the new membership categories from the 2011 Book of Order. They are now: Baptized, Active, Affiliate and Other Participants.

Please see the rest of the Messenger for other items discussed at Session.

Next regular meeting of Session: October 23 at 7:00 pm.

Norm Diefenderfer, Clerk of Session

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVANTS

Worship Assistants

Oct. 2 Terry Hack
 Oct. 9 Billie Hawk
 Oct. 16 Bill Becker
 Oct. 23 Jack Andren
 Oct. 30 George Eakin

Greeters Schedule

Blackberry Alley Door
 Howard & Judy Snyder
 Zana Allison & Jane Shallcross
 Mike & Mary Sweigard
 John & Joan Bowerman
 Paulina and Lina Marshall

Front Door
 Deloris Smith
 Terry Hack
 Allen Travis
 Stewart Robinson
 Linda Beck





SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has begun for the children of Progress-Immanuel. It began on Sunday, September 11th and great excitement is found in each class. We now have a Pre-School class, a Kindergarten through third grade class, a 4th and 5th grade class and a junior class for the rest of the students. We look forward to a good year of learning.

Your Christian Education Committee is planning a lot of new activities this year beginning with a special Sunday on October 30th. This will be a combination of all the children's classes rather than separate ones.

We are asking parents to help their children choose a person from the Old Testament. Discuss with them the Old Testament character they selected, and then come up with a costume and some props that symbolizes the person they selected. On that special Sunday, October 30th, come in dressed as the character you selected.

FOR EXAMPLE: Choose Moses, read about Moses in Exodus 2:1-10. You could dress like a baby, carry a clothes basket and curl up into it.

On Sunday morning, October 30th, everyone can come costumed and have others guess just exactly who you are. Folks can ask questions about you and/or your prop to help them guess who they are, so the children should know the story of their character. Children should develop a few oral clues to help describe exactly who they are! EXAMPLE: *My mother put me in a basket to save my life. She did not want me to be killed by the King of Egypt.*

We have some costumes and accessories that you may borrow in the first storage room downstairs. We also have children's storybooks in the Sunday School classrooms that you can borrow to help you if needed.

Adults are more than welcomed to participate, too. The more we have, the more fun we will have guessing these characters. Rev. Carter is planning to incorporate these children in the children's conversation on that Sunday. The children will parade throughout the church so the congregation will enjoy guessing who they represent.

PLAN NOW

FOR THE OCTOBER MOUNTAIN FUN!!

WHEN?
Saturday, October 22nd at 9:30 AM

CRAFT ACTIVITIES

FISHING

HIKING



PICNIC FOOD

CAMP FIRE

HAY RIDE

FUN FOR THE CHILDREN AND ADULTS TOO!

Sign up sheet on the bulletin board with directions to the Lauer's camp site.
Join in an afternoon of fun, friendship and food!

THE PIP-C GENERATION

The first meeting of PIP-C, after a hot and wet summer filled with too many unusual weather events, was held on September 13, 2011, in Fellowship Hall. Eileen Miller was the “cook du jour” and she prepared a delicious meal of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and cake for dessert. Thank you to Eileen and her assistants for filling in for Marge. The program was presented by auctioneer David Cordier who evaluated items that had been brought in by both members and visitors.

We also extend our thanks to Gayle McCollum for donating the table decorations. Additionally, it has been suggested that we have a volunteer each month who is responsible for the decorations since there is no committee. To date, no one has volunteered. Billy Hawk has offered to be the third person to serve on the set up committee.

Last month I reported that we had voted to send the profits from the Peach Festival to Joplin, Missouri, to aid in relief efforts there. However, since there has been recent devastation here in PA, we are giving the money to Lend-A-Hand and Mission of Mercy to help with their efforts.

Our next meeting will be on October 11, 2011, and the program will be provided by Darlene Murray who will portray Mary Todd Lincoln. The cupcake baker is Nancy Sheets.

PIP-C Generation Trips



Holiday Trip: Monday, November 21, 2011

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
“A Playhouse Christmas”

Cost: \$80.00 per person.

Payment in full must be made by October 11, 2011.
 Be sure to sign up and remember to select your meal.



Spring Trip: Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Sight and Sound Theatres
“Jonah”

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,
 540 Redwood Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109
 OR
 Allen Travis



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Dave Oplinger	2
Tom Daniels	8
Bonnie Bentz	11
Frances Burd	15
Katie Jean	18
Bill Given	18
Florence Travitz	19
Judy Rowe	21
Harriet Weaver	23
Charlie Miller	24
Elizabeth Fischer	26
Marty Bossler	26

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Elaine & Joe Salvino	1
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Financial & Attendance Reports

For August, 2011

Pledge to Date	\$96,325.25
Pledge Paid to Date	<u>90,829.30</u>
Pledge Total (+/-)	(5,495.95)
August Income	\$18,150.03
August Expenses	<u>20,518.17</u>
August Total (+/-)	(2,331.64)
Year To Date Total (+/-)	(15,604.25)

Average Attendance for August: 55

Furnace Fund Total

As of September 23, 2011

PIPC Women's Association
Furnace Fund Total = \$9,155.70

Total Pledges Received = 45

Pledge Funds Needed = \$15,325.00

Funds pledged = \$16,270.00



Thank you to all that have given and pledged to the Furnace Fund, great job!

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. ▶



A+ SCHOOL REWARDS



Hi Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 10, 2011 through March 23, 2012, Progress Community Preschool will have the opportunity to earn cash through the Giant A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

- Log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus to register online
- or dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone
- or sign up your card number on the bulletin board
- or complete the form at the bottom of the page and return it to the office.

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Giant, using your Giant Card, earns cash for our school! Each month the amount of cash awarded will be updated on the Giant website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at giantfood.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a huge difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit Progress Community Preschool using ID# 2332.

1. Name _____ Phone number _____
2. Clearly print your 12 digit card number _____
3. Clearly fill in the first three letters of your last name _____

Trunk or Treat

Hey Kids and their adults, too!! Trunk or Treat is coming up soon!! Be sure to bring your friends, your neighbors - why, this will be so much fun you should even invite your cousins! Members and friends of Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church will decorate their car trunks and hand out Halloween treats. Prizes go to the BEST decorated cars!! We'll serve dinner, roast marshmallows for s'mores, laugh and have LOTS of FUN!! The Progress Fire Company will be there with a fire truck to explore, and with information to help make us all safer in the neighborhood, especially on Halloween night.



Parents - Trunk or Treat is a safe, fun and not-so-scary alternative to going door-to-door with the kids. You have the chance to trick or treat with your children and not stay at home to give out your treats. This is suitable even for young children. Free admission.

- Dinner (hotdogs, chips and soda) served at 4:30 p.m.
- Kids - Dress up in a funny, spooky or ridiculous costume and bring a BIG treat bag!
- Fire for roasting marshmallow
- Progress Fire Company with one of their big trucks
- Members - Decorate your car trunks for Halloween and hand out candy to the children. The decorations don't have to be too over-the-top. The more decorated trunks, the more fun for the kids. This is **highly** encouraged.

Prizes awarded to the Most Original Trunk Decorators.

Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church is a friendly neighborhood church, located at 3640 Ash St., Susquehanna Township, PA, 717-545-8711.



*Check your calendar and save these dates
for upcoming events through the end of the year:*

A Day on the Mountain - Saturday, October 22
Fellowship event for children and their families, Lauver Camp.

Trunk or Treat- Sunday, October 23, 4:00 p.m.
See story above. Church parking lot.

A Season of Generosity -Sunday, November 13, 10:30 a.m.
Stewardship Celebration at PIPC.

Advent Family Celebration - Sunday, November 27, 4:00 p.m.
Crafts and snacks, dinner and entertainment for the entire family.

Heralds of Joy - Sunday, December 18, 10:30 a.m. Advent worship through music at PIPC.

Christmas Eve Worship - Saturday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
Celebrate with us the birth of Jesus at PIPC.

Christmas Day Worship - Sunday, December 25, 10:30 a.m.
Praise God for the Nativity of Jesus, Christmas morning at PIPC.

Please invite and share this page with your family, friends and neighbors.



Trunk or Treat

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3640 Ash Street
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October 23, 2011

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Popcorn, Hot Dogs, S'mores

Come dressed in your
favorite Halloween costume.

Activities for Children and Adults

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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