

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“Lord, teach us to pray,” a disciple asked Jesus. He said to them, “When you pray, say...” (from Luke 11:1-2).

How can we pray? How in the world is it possible to adequately address the supreme God of all creation? If we get nervous thinking about an audience with a king, a president, a judge, or even a school principal, how in the world are we to have an audience with the Almighty God? How can we pray?

Yet how can we not pray? If our very life is drawn from our relationship with God, if our hope for eternal life is rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ, if our hope for abundant life depends on our openness to the Spirit’s leading, then how can we do anything but pray? “Lord, teach us to pray!”

Into this tension of not knowing how to pray, but knowing we must pray if we are to live, comes a further challenge: How can we learn to pray?

Jesus said to them, “Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.” (Matthew 6:9-13)

These words from Jesus form a model of prayer that church-goers recite almost every time we gather for worship. We say the words but often do not pause to reflect on their meaning - for God, for the church, for the world. We rehearse them as a public demonstration of what we believe and how we desire to live in the world. Yet we know the words so well that we deliver them without much thought. I do not believe that is what Jesus hoped for when we gave us a model for praying that we call The Lord’s Prayer.

This month, beginning Sunday, September 18, and proceeding for eight weeks, our worship will focus on the Lord’s Prayer, highlighting one phrase each week. Our model will follow the acronym **PRAYER**, emphasizing these movements:

Psalming - starting prayer with a selection from the Book of Psalms

Reconciling - confession and forgiveness

Adoring - including thanksgiving and praise

Yielding - listening

Entreating - intercession and petition, the asking part of prayer

Realizing - living the spiritual life, or “practicing the presence”

Join us in discovering the joy and passion Jesus experienced in prayer, and how we, too, can share that experience. Each week worship participants will receive a prayer guide to assist the practice of each movement. Worshipers will also receive a prayer skritcher, courtesy of the PIPC Purlers, to help us pray each day.

Rev. Kent Carter, Pastor



While the choir has been enjoying their two-month vacation during July and August, they've still been contributing to our Worship Services by singing solos each Sunday. In addition to our soloists, we all enjoyed the Ridgeway Brass Quartette when they joined with Terry to bring us their special music on July 10th. Many of us enjoyed the "After Service" program and reception in Fellowship Hall. We were treated not only to great music, but also to some extra special "goodies" furnished by Marge Barner.

Well, Summer is over, and it's time to start a new music program. We will have our first Choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 7th, at 7:30 PM to begin preparing music of the Church Year 2011-2012.

You know, even though we are not in the choir loft during July and August, we are there in the congregation, and our ears are open to hear some very fine voices within the congregation; and, of course, our reaction is - "Why doesn't _____ come and sing with us in the Choir?" If we ask that question we usually get the same answers: --

"Oh, I can't sing."

"Oh, I don't read music."

"Oh, I don't have the time."

Well, some us could use those excuses too:

We think our voices aren't good enough; but when our voice is combined with other voices, we really add to the whole presentation.

Not able to read music? Not a problem! We rehearse our music at least six weeks in advance of presenting it on a particular Sunday morning, and with six rehearsals, even non-readers can sing the right notes.

You don't have the time? Many of our Choir members hold other positions in the Church, but our rehearsal time is usually just one hour, starting at 7:30 PM and we usually finish by 8:30 PM--only one hour out of 168 hours in the week! And when "life" interferes with rehearsal time, a "heads up" in advance, or a quick telephone call is all that's needed to excuse you.



Seriously, we invite (urge you/beg you) to join us. Give it a trial period of six weeks, and I'll bet you'll like it well enough to stay!!!

June Rounsley, Director of Music

Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Women Fall Meeting

Thursday, September 22, 2011

6:00 PM at Billie Hawk's Home - Covered Dish Dinner



We will be planning upcoming events for the Fall: Advent Dinner and Program, cookie making for the shut-ins, just to mention a few of the items. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Looking forward to seeing you there.

PIP-C Generation


As the nights get cooler and the sun goes away earlier, we must turn our thoughts to new beginnings, for soon, we will begin a new year of PIP-C meetings, and all that goes with them: good food, good fellowship, and good times. Put a bright colored circle around the date September 13, 2011, and write in the time – 11:30. Remember a popular saying from our youth: “Be there or be square”!

We have a new and energetic entertainment committee, and they have been working hard all summer to schedule great programs for the year. This month will be David Cordier, a local antique dealer. You may bring a valued treasure from home and Mr. Cordier will evaluate as many of them as he has time to do.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Peach Festival. It seemed that more PIP-C members came to help than ever before and at one point there were 12 people peeling peaches. They really kept Zana (the official amount-determiner) hopping. A very special thank you to Marge, Eileen, Charley, Sheila, and Zana, who spent **all day** Saturday working. All these efforts resulted in a profit of over \$1600.00. It was decided at our June meeting that the PIP-C Generation would use the profit from the peach festival to aid the city of Joplin, Missouri, recover from the devastating tornado that destroyed their town in May. The PIP-C treasury will add money to the amount earned so that the PIP-C Generation of Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, PA, is able to send \$2000.00 to aid the recovery efforts in Joplin, Missouri. I would say that this year’s peach festival was truly successful in many ways.

“Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.”



PIP-C Generation
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 early and remember to select

Birthdays

George Runkle	12
Charles Kannegieser	16
Shirley McLaren	17
Vivian Shelley	19
Millie Davis	20
Harold Kreiser	20
Harold Arnold	26

Anniversaries

Sheila & Charles Kannegieser	22
Beulah & Bill Given	23

Peacemaking Offering



Peace has been defined as tranquility, a calm and quiet state, free from disturbances or noise. To live in peace, to be in a state of peace, takes on different meanings for all of us. There are, however some basic elements that are necessary for all of us to live peacefully. Living peacefully includes the protection of individuals integrity and human rights. For some of us, peace means access to education and elimination of poverty, homelessness, injustice, and violence. For some peace is the ability to openly express our opinions or to practice our religious beliefs without the fear of imprisonment or even death. In our homes, our communities, and our world, we are called to be makers


of peace.

The God who grants peace and wholeness calls Christians to understand and address the root causes of violence and injustice so that we may share in mending the brokenness that exists in our increasingly conflict-ridden and fragmented world. Peacemaking is the human response to God's gift of peace giving.

This year as we prepare to receive the Offering, remember the peacemakers of years past in your congregation, presbytery, synod and the denomination as a whole. Make this year a time to renew your commitment to peacemaking as part of your calling as a follower of Christ, who not only taught us the ways of peace but who is our peace.

"Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful."

Colossians 3:14-15 (NASB)




Financial Reports for July, 2011

Pledge to Date	\$85,587.85
Pledge Paid to Date	<u>81,438.30</u>
Pledge Total (+/-)	(4,149.55)
July Income	\$15,223.58
July Expenses	<u>15,407.84</u>
July Total (+/-)	(184.26)
Year To Date Total (+/-)	(13,312.61)

Furnace Fund Total


As of August 26, 2011

PIPC Women's Association	
Furnace Fund Total =	\$9,045.70
Total Pledges Received =	40
Pledge Funds Needed =	\$15,325.00
Funds pledged =	\$14,850.00
Funds still needed =	\$475.00



Church Directory Update

A new church phone/address directory will be published in October. Several members/friends no longer have land line phones. If you would like your cell phone number published as your main phone number, please contact the church office, otherwise no phone number will be listed.





There will be no Sunday School for the children on September 4, 2011. Excellent weekly Sunday school classes for the children, youth, and adults will resume September 11, 2011, beginning at 9:00 AM. Providing a strong Sunday School is just one way that we at Progress-Immanuel are seeking to be faithful in the spiritual formation of our children, youth and adults.

This Fall we will have three classes for our children: Preschool, Early Elementary and Youth. The Library Adult class will be using "The Present Word" curriculum. The Couch Room Adult class will be having lessons on some common theological questions: "Is There Life After Death?," "Satan," and "What Happens When We Sin?"

If you are not already involved in a class, join us this Sunday. We will be glad to help you find a class that will meet your needs.

Progress Community Preschool

It's hard to believe the new school year is upon us. Fall classes will begin on September 7, from 9 AM to 11:30 AM, for our Progress Community Preschool.

The Preschool will be participating in the A+ School Rewards Program offered by Giant Food. If you are a Giant Bonuscard holder you can help our Preschool. Starting in October, our Preschool will have the opportunity to earn cash through the Giant A+ Rewards Program. All you need to do is register your Bonuscard. (If you registered last year you must re-register this year.) Each time you shop at Giant and use your Giant card you are earning CASH for our school. There are three ways to register your card:

1. Online go to giantfoodstores.com/aplus
2. You may register by calling 1-888-448-4641
3. Fill in the form located on the bulletin board.

Be sure to register your card to benefit Progress Community Preschool using ID # 02332.



The S. K. Zarfoss Memorial Book Fund applications are available and may be picked up in the church office. The scholarship fund is used to assist students in post-high school course of study to purchase books required for their coursework. The S. K. Zarfoss Memorial Book Fund was created by Gweneth Zarfoss who placed education above everything, except love of God and love of fellow man. Gweneth and her husband Samuel dedicated a major portion of their earthly accumulations to students of all ages who are;

*Imbued with the love of God and their fellow man; eager to learn;
and in need of books to further their educational pursuits after graduation from high school.*

The fund is for reimbursement for text books used for course work.

To apply, contact the church office at (717) 545-8711
or by email at picp@paonline.com.



Total Giving



Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58

On Stewardship Sunday the sermon was titled "Total Giving." When it came time to receive the offering, the plate came to a pew where there was a very small boy. He looked up at the usher and said, "Could you lower the plate?" Thinking that he wanted to see into the plate, the usher held it down a bit. "No," said the boy, "a little lower please." The usher lowered it a bit more. "More; could you put it on the floor?" the boy asked. The usher was appalled but finally put it on the floor. The boy stepped into it, stood there, and said, "This is what I give to the Lord."

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