

# PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3640 Ash St., Harrisburg, PA 17109

## PIPC Messenger

FEBRUARY 2012



### *Mission of Our Lenten Journey*

We begin the season of Lent this month. During our time together in worship on Sunday mornings we will focus on “Walking the Way of the Cross with Paul.” Each Sunday this worship reflection will bring us closer to the resurrected Christ (and, by extension, our mission) by focusing on the relationships Jesus has through the cross. Our Lenten study on Wednesday evenings (see page 3 and the address page for more information) will educate us on the mission opportunities available to us, and challenge us on how we can partner with them in their work. In journeying with Jesus and Paul during these forty days of Lent, and meeting mission servants from our own community, we will discover God’s mission for the world...and hopefully ours.

I am constantly asking a series of questions: “God, who have you created the church to be? God, what is your mission for Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church? God, how can we partner with you to accomplish your mission in the world?”

In asking these questions, a large distinction is being made with the word mission. What I am asking is not what activities can we do, or how do we increase our membership, or how do we generate greater giving. I am not asking what missions should we support and do. I want to discern how to partner with God’s mission in the neighborhood. Or put another way, how can we become missional. Here is the difference:

“A church with a mission usually sees mission as one alongside many activities of the church -- Christian education, worship, benevolences, hospitality, etc. A missional church focuses all of its activities around its participation in God’s mission in the world -- it trains people for discipleship and witness; it worships and practices mutual aid before a watching world. A church with a mission sends others to witness on its behalf. A missional church understands that the congregation itself is sent by God to proclaim and to be a sign of the reign of God. Just as God sent Jesus, now the Triune God sends the church.”

This statement excites me. I want it to excite you, too. It urges us to constantly consider what God desires for the world and how we as the church may partner and participate with God in God’s preferred and promised future for us and all people.

God calls us to be disciples of Jesus Christ and stewards of the abundant grace that we receive from the heart of God. This Lenten season we will have the opportunity to discover more fully and to reflect more deeply on the above questions. This Lenten season let us begin discerning God’s mission for PIPC.

Pastor Kent

**Ash Wednesday Worship**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Confession, Forgiveness, and the Imposition of Ashes**



## Thank You

Thank you so much for the lovely flower arrangement I recently received. The flowers are truly beautiful. Also I would like to thank the Women's Association for all the wonderful cards I received this past year. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers. Park E. Smaling, Jr.

To the Ladies, The cookies are delicious. Thank you so much for thinking of me. Happy Holidays! Phyllis Tobias

I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you. Thank you all so much. Jim Devor

Dear PIPC, Thank you for the beautiful Christmas flowers which Michelle Beck brought to our home after church on Sunday, December 18th. Dottie Folk

Dear PIPC, Thank you so much for all the lovely Christmas cards and thank you for the tin of delicious Christmas cookies! You brightened my holiday season. Also, the poinsettia was beautiful. Laura Barrett

Dear Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Thank you so much for my care package! It was the perfect encouragement I needed to help get me through the rest of this semester. Thank you again. Rebekah Frischkorn

Dear Ladies, The Women's Association has been so faithful with their cards and good wishes through all my physical problems. I always get a smile on my face each holiday and month when I receive a card from you! They mean so much to me. Thank you so much, here's hoping 2012 will be a better year. With love, Pat Lebo

Dear Friends, Wishing you a home filled with special moments at Christmas time and throughout the year. We have been overwhelmed by all the cards, cookies and flowers sent to us. Thank you so much. Donald & Lorraine Englander

Thank you to all those who helped with our Christmas decorations. Our Deacons are "short staffed" but we had wonderful help from "volunteer" Deacons - Jan Bowerman, Mike Legg, Mike Sweigard, Walt Tomlinson, Joan Bowerman and Charley Miller.

To PIPC, How thoughtful of all of you to remember us at Christmas. The poinsettias are still blooming beautifully and the altar flowers are just beautiful and all the cards are touching. The cookies from Marge and the ladies are delicious. In all we have been blessed with friends like you. May the Lord continue to bless you all with the best of New Year's. Love, Anita and Lee Anthony

Hi, I would like to thank everyone for all the cards I received over the Holidays, the delicious cookies and the beautiful poinsettia. I wish for all of you a blessed New Year! Arlene Fry

We are grateful for the calls, cards and contributions to the Youth Department of PIPC and the Hummingbird Society in memory of our love one, Lillie. We are also appreciative of the support from you who were able to attend the celebration of her life and to you who participated before, during and after it. The Memorial service and luncheon were heavenly. Pastor Carter you officiated with your compassionate, professional manner and touched those who heard your inspirational words woven into the sermon and throughout the entire ceremony.

The kindness extended by all of you will always be remembered. Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Blessings for a happy Valentines Day. With our love and gratefulness, the Daniels Family

## PIP-C Generation Trip

**Spring Trip:** Wednesday,  
March 21, 2012

Sight and Sound Theatres ~ *"Jonah"*



Cost: \$88.00 per person.

Payment by February 14, 2012.

Departure: 10:45 AM PIPC parking lot.

This  
Month's  
Birthdays

Paul Pugh	1
Anita Anthony	11
Beulah Given	11
Edna Holsberger	11
Shirley Dunleavy	24
Kathryn Runkle	28

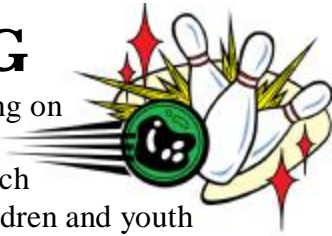


## BOWLING

Come join us for bowling on February 19, 2012. It will be a day of free lunch and bowling for the children and youth of the church provided by the Christian Education Committee. We will leave immediately after the church service and go to CD Pizza for lunch and then to ABC East, by 1:00 PM, for the fun of bowling! We should be finished about three o'clock.

Adults are invited to come along with us - cost \$8.50.

Remember to sign up on the bulletin board.



## SUPERBOWL SOUP DAY

February 5, 2012

\$3.00 a pint, purchase and pick up the same day.

Project of the PIPC Youth



Proceeds will be used to help feed the hungry of Harrisburg.

## PIP-C Women's Calendar of Upcoming Events

- February 7 - Kitchen Cleaning, starting at 9:00 AM, help is needed!
- February 12 - Gifts From the Heart - collection of nonperishable food items.
- February 18 - Cherry Pies - don't forget to place your order and please sign up to help.
- February 29 - Lenten Meals begin, help is needed!
- March & April we will be collecting items for school kits.
- May 12 - Mother's Day Pie Sale



## Sunday Servants

Worship Assistants

Feb. 5 Bill Becker  
Feb. 12 Bub Manning  
Feb. 19 George Eakin  
Feb. 22 (Ash Wednesday)  
Cherie Pepperman  
Feb. 26 Jack Andren

Greeters Schedule

<u>Alley Door</u>	<u>Front Door</u>
Joe & Dorothy Weaver	Deb Leader
John & Frances Burd	Ken Bentz
Chad & Chelsea Bivens	Susan Skelly
Don & Marge Barner	
Don & Joanne Lauver	Shirley Cleaver



## Financial Reports

For December, 2011

Pledge to Date	\$148,815.20
Pledge Paid to Date	<u>141,163.30</u>
Pledge Total (+/-)	(7,651.90)
December Income	\$22,731.63
December Expenses	<u>19,471.66</u>
December Total (+/-)	3,259.97
Year To Date Total (+/-)	(26,413.34)

## 2011 Contribution Statements

2011 Contribution Statements are available for pick up in your church mailbox. If you are unable to pick your statement up for any reason, please call the church office (545-8711) and we will be happy to mail it to you.



**KRISLUND CAMPERS:** “Effective February 5, 2012, children receiving assistance for Krislund from the Deacons and the Christian Education Committee **MUST ATTEND** 12 Sunday school classes to be eligible for financial assistance.”

## Progress Preschool



Thank you PIPC Shoppers! We’ve already earned more from Giant cards by the end of December than we earned all last year. Our school year is passing quickly. We sailed through Halloween into Thanksgiving. Many of our students and parents participated in the Trunk or Treat and are already looking forward to next year. Our Thanksgiving Feast included chicken nuggets, grapes, finger jello and pumpkin pie. At Christmas time we sang, made gifts, had a visit from Mrs. Santa Claus, and had a Christmas Party. We put on a special Holiday Program attended by many relatives and friends. In the new year we’re looking forward to more fun and learning through songs, stories, games, and using lots of glue, paper and paint. Thank you again for your support and keep on shopping!



## CHERRY PIE DAY!

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545-8711

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women  
**Payment must accompany orders.**

Saturday, February 18, 2012  
Pick Up Between 12 Noon and 2:00 PM

**Orders must be submitted by Sunday, February 12, 2012**

No. of 5 inch pies \_\_\_\_\_ x \$3.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of 5 inch pies made with Splenda \_\_\_\_\_ x \$3.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of 9 inch pies \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of 9 inch pies with Splenda \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please pay when placing order.)

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# LENTEN DINNERS



We're on a mission this Lent. The PIPC Women are on a mission to inform you about local missions in our "backyard." Following the Lenten meal each week, the program will center on Missional Outreach within our community. We will have a special guest, from a mission in the area, come and share about their ministry and how we at PIPC may partner with them. During this season of Lent we are reminded of what Christ did for us. Come, and go on a mission with us as we learn what we can do for Christ.

The Lenten Dinners will be held beginning on Wednesday, February 29, at 6:00 PM. Each person is asked to bring their own place setting (plate, knife, fork, spoon, water glass, coffee cup, napkin and anything else they will need.)

The main dish (casserole, vegetable or salad, rolls, butter, coffee, tea, and milk) will be provided. Desserts will be provided by those attending. A sign up sheet may be found on the bulletin board and in Sunday's bulletin. Please be sure to indicate on the sign up sheet which week you wish to bring a dessert. A suggested donation for the meal is \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children 5-12, and children under 5 will be free. The maximum cost for a family will be \$12.00. Join us!

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