

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3640 Ash St., Harrisburg, PA 17109,

PIPC Messenger

January 2012



Bright Hope for Tomorrow

Another Christmas Day celebration has come and gone – what a wonderful holy season of being God’s people together. We enjoyed singing the familiar Christmas hymns, seeing poinsettias decorate the chancel area of the sanctuary, hearing the story of Jesus’ birth from Luke’s gospel, and lighting our white candles while singing ‘Silent night, holy night! Son of God, loves pure light. Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.’ I pray the hope, faith, peace, joy and love that Christmas embodies found its way into your homes this year.

Now, with the festivities a fading memory, we turn toward the new year with renewed energy. Our Advent weeks of preparing and anticipating Christ’s coming again into the world points us onward from today to tomorrow with renewed hope in God’s love and faithfulness. Like the rest of you, I am tired from the extra events this holiday season presents. I find it appealing to consider slowing down, resting and waiting for the next season to spring upon us. But that is not what God calls the church, calls us here at Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church, to do.

God gathered us together this past Advent and Christmas season to remind us of the “good news of great joy for all people” which is Immanuel, God-is-with-us. Not just as a babe in a manger, but also as Lord of the cosmos. Now, in this time after Christmas, God sends us out to proclaim “God’s glory in the highest and peace to all people on earth.”

One of my favorite hymns is the classic “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.” A phrase from this hymn has been playing over and over in my head for several weeks, so I have heard it for nearly a month. It has almost become a mantra for me, especially in my tiredness from Christmas. The third verse goes like this:

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, and ten thousand beside!*

At Christmastime we celebrate God’s intimate presence with the world. We worship the baby Jesus and learn from him as he grows in strength and truth. We follow him as he guides us along the journey of faith. His faithfulness strengthens us for the work of ministry today. And his continuing presence gives us bright hope for tomorrow.

Bright hope for tomorrow...my mantra for 2012. I invite you to receive it as your mantra, as well. I invite you to make 2012 a hope-filled year in our Lord; for sharing good news of great joy to all people, for listening for God’s guidance in the tough issues of living together as people of faith, for celebrating on-going ministries and the inauguration of new ministries, for working toward peaceful living, for choosing to live as missionaries for God’s mission in the world.

I have great hope for the church, both in the world and here at Progress-Immanuel. I trust in God’s faithfulness to equip us in our going into the world. I trust in God’s presence to bring us joy in our worship and work together. I trust in God’s strength to support our mission and ministry.

And I trust the promise of Christmas Day, where in a manger rests bright hope for tomorrow.

Peace,


Kent Carter, Pastor



Dear PIPC

Just a note to let you know I've appreciated the cards and flowers I've received from you. My thanks also to Rev. Carter for his visit to me in the hospital.

Phyllis Tobias

Thank you to the ladies that made the prayer shawl. The pink and white is just beautiful. Thank you to the women who gave it, I appreciate it very much.

Jane Shallcross

Thank you to the Knitting Group for the lovely pink prayer shawl for Lillie. She enjoyed the warmth and softness of it that reminded her of your love and care.

With love and appreciation,
Judy Daniels

Dear Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church,

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks for the wonderful five boxes of Christmas gifts which you sent to us recently. What a blessing! Now if only the days were twice as long since there is so much to do! Again, we thank you!

Joe Powlas


Dear Friends,

How can I adequately say "Thank you" for the help and the hope you have brought to homeless people during this holiday season?

If you could see the glow on the faces of our guests when a warm meal is served; or if you could see battle-scarred and street-hardened faces changed into soft and caring smiles, you would know for certain the transforming love of God in the inner city.

May God bless you in this Christmas season and may the New Year bring you God's richest blessings in all your endeavors.

Gratefully, Chuck Wingate, Executive Director of Bethesda Mission



Holiday Office Hours

In observance of the New Year holiday, the church office will close at Noon on Friday, December 30 and will remain closed Monday, January 2, 2012.

Time to Undecorate



Saturday, January 7, 2012
9:00 AM

All are invited to help undecorate the church.

January Sunday Servants

Worship Assistant

Jan. 1 Sandy Daily
Jan. 8 Bill Hawk
Jan. 15 Shirley Cleaver
Jan. 22 Terry Hack
Jan. 29 Bonnie Bentz

Greeters

Blackberry Alley Doors

Christeleit Family
Bill & Beulah Given
Debell Family
Lauren & Hayley Barrett
Richard & Pauline Burrell

Front Door

Phyllis Hedenberg
Shirley Gill
Gail Diefenderfer
Larry Hahn
Walt Tomlison





PIP-C GENERATION

The PIP-C Generation met on December 13. We had a Christmas dinner. After we ate, Marine Sgt. John Donald talked about "Toys for Tots." Next month's meeting will be on January 10. The entertainment will be the "Sentimentalists." The cupcake baker is Sheila Kannegieser.

Birthdays & Anniversaries to Celebrate



Nancy Motter	3
Shirley Gill	15
Joe Salvino	15
Stewart Robinson	17
Judy Daniels	20
Jean Leonhard	27
<i>Anniversary</i>	
Joyce & Harold Arnold	17

PIP-C Generation Trip

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 and send checks to: Zana Allison, 504 Redwood Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109 or Allen Travis, 4484 Ethel Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109.



Women's Association Meeting

January 15, 2012

Immediately following worship.

A light lunch will be served. Please sign up on the bulletin board. All women are welcome to attend.

We hope to see you there!



'Tis the Season

Winter Days

When the weather turns and snow begins to fall and ice begins to form and you are wondering about the PIPC schedule, tune to the radio and television for up-to date information. If our worship or activities schedule changes, the following channels and stations will carry our information: www.whtm.com, abc 27; www.whptv.com, cbs21. You may also call the church office to hear a recording of time changes.

Please take caution when using the alley, the township does not always have it cleared and salted in time for Sunday services.

Financial Reports

For November, 2011

Pledge to Date	\$131,694.80
Pledge Paid to Date	<u>127,463.30</u>
Pledge Total (+/-)	(4,231.50)
November Income	\$18,753.36
November Expenses	<u>19,634.07</u>
November Total (+/-)	(880.71)
Year To Date Total (+/-)	(29,673.31)



The **2012 Flower Chart/Bulletin Sign-up** Sheet may be found in the Narthex. If you would like to honor or remember someone by placing flowers or bulletins on a Sunday in 2012, please sign up. The cost of the flowers for 2012 will be \$27.50 and the bulletin will be \$10.



GIVING UPDATE 2012

All 2011 year-end giving must be postmarked by December 31, 2011, in order for it to be credited to your 2011 giving statement.

Giving envelopes for the 2012 year may be picked up in your church mailbox. Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes and if you have a friend, family member or neighbor that you can help out by picking up their envelopes also, please feel free to do so.

Please note, if you have an offering envelope number between 151-200, that number has been changed.

The *Per Capita* dollar amount for 2012 that PIPC pays for **each member** is designated at \$22.58 per member.

The Initial gift is \$5.00.

CHERRY PIE DAY!

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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: _____



A New Year's Prayer

*May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.*

~Anonymous

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