

# PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## *PIPC Messenger*



APRIL, 2009

### *Remembering the Past for God's Preferred and Promised Future*

This year Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church celebrates sixty years of faithful witness and service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ here in this neighborhood and around the world. On May 16 we will come together in fellowship to remember, decade by decade, what God has done for us and how we responded to God's grace, goodness and love. You can read more regarding dinner on page 5. Remembering...it is good for us to remember. It is good for us to remember God's acts of grace. It is good for us to remember our acts of mission and ministry.

We remember Jesus taking bread and cup and giving himself to us every time we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In two weeks or so we will remember and rehearse the acts and events of Holy Week. On Easter Sunday we will recall and rejoice in the power of God's love that raised Jesus from death to life.

Reflecting on the past and building on historic traditions can be beneficial for reflecting on faithfulness and discipleship. Yet if we stop there, it is not enough. Our friends in the Eastern church, such as Greek and Syrian Orthodox, remind us in the West, that *to be faithful, we must also look to what God in Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is doing today – and what God plans for the future.* Faithfulness, then, is as much about faithfulness to God's future as it is faithfulness to God's past.

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we remember Jesus' death *in order to proclaim* his sacrificial love to the world. When we rehearse the acts of Holy Week, we remember the depth of Jesus' obedience to God *in order to imitate* his obedience. When we rejoice on Easter Sunday, we remember God's victory over the grave *in order to live hope* that eternal life is given to us, not earned by us. When we gather each week to worship, God centers us in the Word made flesh, in Immanuel God-with-us, in Jesus Christ *in order to send* us into the world. *We remember our past and celebrate our present in order to prepare for God's preferred and promised future.*

What do we find useable in our history, in our past, here at Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church in order to be faithful to God's preferred and promised future? What have we done, how have we served, what have we learned that will assist us for moving into and living as new creations, as resurrected disciples, as Easter people? Who has God made us? Where is God active? How can we be a part of what God is doing in our community and the world?

The traditions of our past, the good and hope-filled memories in our history provide a portion of the foundation from which we build our future. The faithfulness of Jesus Christ in his life and death, the love and power of God in raising Jesus from the dead, and the witness and presence of the Holy Spirit throughout history provide, too, for the foundation on which we build.

We do well in listening to our past. Let us now focus on listening for our future in Jesus Christ. Let us embrace the gift of new life in Jesus Christ and renewing life through the Holy Spirit. Let us listen, seek and prepare for God's preferred and promised future for Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

Partners in mission.

Kent Carter, Pastor



# Thank You !



Thank you for the altar flowers. They were delivered by Bonnie Bentz and Lois Dean. I enjoyed their visit very much.

Ann E. Bair

I would like to express the appreciation of myself and family to Rev. Carter, the Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church staff and the Women's Association for presenting an outstanding Memorial Service for Rita Eakin on February 21, 2009. We will long remember this compassionate event.

George Eakin

Thank you to all who have donated egg cartons. The food pantry is always in need of your empty styrofoam or paper egg cartons. Please continue to bring them to the church and they will be delivered to the food pantry. Place them in the box by the elevator.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Weddings Kit. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

The Women's Association

## CRAFT SHOW / FLEA MARKET



**CRAFT SHOW & FLEA MARKET**

The Deacons will sponsor a Craft Show / Flea Market on April 25, rain or shine from 8 AM - 2 PM. We will have craft vendors, flea market vendors and lots of great food made by the Women's Association. The profits will go toward the principal of the mortgage. Bring your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy a great day with us.



**CRAFT SHOW & FLEA MARKET**

### APRIL SUNDAY SERVANTS

#### Worship Assistants

- ★ Apr. 5 Bill Becker
- ★ Apr. 9 Jack Andren
- ★ Apr. 10 Vacant
- ★ Apr. 12 Norm Diefenderfer
- ★ Apr. 19 Eileen Miller
- ★ Apr. 26 Charley Miller

#### Greeters Schedule

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Blackberry Alley Door</i> | <i>Front Door</i> |
| Howard & Judy Snyder         | Tom Saber         |
| Donald & Joanne Lauver       | Phyllis Kegerreis |
| Bill & Carol Becker          | Ken Zimmerman     |
| George & Sandy Daily         | Michelle Beck     |
| Vacant                       | Phyllis Hedenberg |
| Dick & Pat Reidell           | SuAnn Tucci       |

# Presbyterian Women

The Women's Association will begin selling tickets on March 29 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual High Tea. The tea will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 4:00 P.M. The cost of the tea is \$20.00 per person. Seats will be reserved when payment is made. Barb Smaling will be near the office after worship to take your reservations.

## MENU

Irish Breakfast Tea

Mandarin & Almond Delight Salad

Scones with Devonshire Cream, Lemon Curd, & Strawberry Jam

Lemon Pepper Cucumber on Rye

Chicken Salad in Phyllo Cups

Apple Waldorf on Wheat

Ham & Jarlesberg on Rosemary Bread

Fruit Cup

Date Nut Bread with Lemon/Walnut Spread

Lemon Poppy Seed Bread with Orange Glaze

Million Dollar Lemon Pound Cake

White Chocolate Dipped Strawberries

Snowflake Truffles

May Fairy Drops

Chocolate Mousse Cup



Entertainment

Prizes

PI PC Waiters

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## Soup and Bar-B-Q Sale

The Presbyterian Women will hold a soup and bar-b-q sale the day of the Flea Market. You may order pints or quarts of the soups and bar-b-q beforehand or come and enjoy on that day. Below is the order form. Orders may be picked up Saturday from 9AM to 2 PM.

The menu is:

Pork Bar-B-Q	_____pints @ \$4.75	_____quarts @ \$9.50
Hamburg Bar-B-Q	_____pints @ \$4.25	_____quarts @ \$8.50
Chicken Corn Soup	_____pints @ \$2.50	_____quarts @ \$5.00
Vegetable Beef Soup	_____pints @ \$2.50	_____quarts @ \$5.00
Chili	_____pints @ \$4.50	_____quarts @ \$9.00

Your payment must accompany your order. Please submit your order to the church office. Make checks payable to the "Presbyterian Women". Orders must be in by Sunday, April 19, 2009.

We will provide the containers, you must bring a box to take your food home. Your payment must accompany your order. The proceeds will be given, along with the Deacons' profits, to the principal of the mortgage.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# PIP-C GENERATION

It is a little difficult for me to write this month's report for PIP-C because I was not at the meeting. Instead of being there to share in the fellowship and to help eat the food, I was home shivering under blankets and trying not to feel sorry for myself!

Marge and her crew prepared a delicious meal of sweet and sour pork on rice, salad, and lemon fluff. I'm sure it was really good.

The entertainment was a group that is supported by the Hershey Free Church called the Joy Choir. According to the reports I received, they all were having a wonderful time, resulting in a wonderful time for everyone there. It seems that their name is well earned and well deserved. Thanks to Linda Keller for making the arrangements for this group. I personally want to thank Eleanor Carnes for stepping in once again to save the day.

Next month's meeting is on April 14. The program will feature Beth Carricato who rescues injured wildlife. I plan to see you all then.



## PIP-C Generation Summer Trip Thursday, July 16, 2009

PIP-C is off to the Rainbow Dinner Theater. We will be there for their noon 'Dinner and Show'. The show is a comedy called "There Goes the Bride". It is about a wedding that isn't going very smoothly, and that is before the father of the bride gets hit on the head and starts seeing a 1920 Flapper.

### Itinerary:

- 10:15 a.m. Arrive at church parking lot
- 10:30 a.m. Depart for the Theater
- 11:30 a.m. Arrive and enjoy lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Show Time
- 3:15 p.m. Depart for Harrisburg (home)
- 4:15 p.m. Arrive Home

**Cost: \$58.00 per person; payment in full must be made no later than June 9, 2009**

**PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE PIP-C LIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Make checks payable to: PIP-C Trips

Mail to: Zana Allison  
504 Redwood Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17109  
**or** Allen Travis



### APRIL

Janet Oxenford	2
Dick Feathers	5
Lillie Daniels	10
Nancy Sheetz	10
Doris Kreiser	11
Carrie Beam	12
Margaret Heilig	14
Carol Bordner	15
Mary Merritt	23



### APRIL

Georgetta and Ted Appleby	1
Anita & Lee Anthony	7
Pauline & Richard Burrell	8
Lorraine & Donald Englander	13

# 60TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

PIPC is celebrating its 60th anniversary on May 16. The celebration will begin with dinner and a program with spectacular entertainment featuring the past 60 years. Come and join us as we celebrate this momentous time in the history of our church. Tickets for the dinner will be available April 19. The cost of the tickets for adults are \$15, and children under 12 are \$7.50.



## *Learn About Our Church*

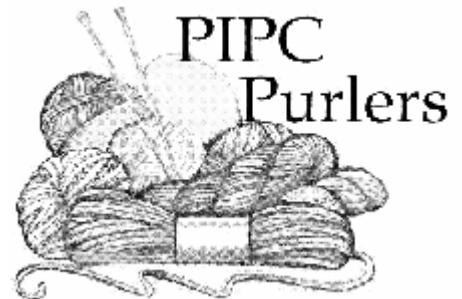


Looking for a way to connect with new friends and with God?  
Want a great taste of what it's like to be a disciple at  
Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church?  
Searching for the answer of how coming to church can help you and  
the world?

Then attend the . . .  
*Inquirers' Gatherings in the Sanctuary*  
*Sundays during church school, April 19 and 26 at 9:15 a.m.*

Enjoy fellowship with others from Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian and gather for informal information-sharing, question-and-answer sessions about the traditions of the Presbyterian faith, and the mission and ministry of this local congregation. Contact Kent Carter, 545-8711, for more information.

## **Ask and It Shall Be Given to You**



Recently, while searching the internet, our own PIPC Purlers found a need. The Special Olympic Committee was asking for blue and white scarves. These scarves were for the participants in their Winter Games, in February, held in Idaho. The request was for 5,000 scarves. The article mentioned that they knew the amount of scarves was large, but they hoped that knitting groups would answer.

Our group found out about this need the first week of December; and even with all the holiday activities, we sent 19 scarves on the first of January. The games were held and the scarves were given out. There even was a group of athletes wearing their scarves that marched in the Presidential parade.

We received a thank you from the committee along with information that not only did they get the entire 5,000 scarves needed, but the count had reached 40,000!!

Ask and it shall be given. From a few people, a few stitches made here and there, a few balls of yarn, a generous (way above needed) request was filled.

We share this with you because every little bit helps. One does not have to give a lifetime to Progress-Immanuel. One does not have to do it all to serve the church when needed, but every little bit of service helps. So we ask, "What have you done for your church today?"



## *Consecration Sunday is Coming*

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.

Our congregation's stewardship committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, **"What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"**

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, May 17, 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.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend even if they feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship we will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and our church leadership. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

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**Palm Sunday - April 5**  
8:30 AM: Pancake Breakfast  
10:30 AM: Worship

**Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion - April 9 - 7 PM**

**Good Friday Worship by Tenebrae- April 10 - 7 PM**

**Easter - April 12**  
9:00 AM: Sunday School  
10:00 AM: Fellowship  
10:30 AM: Worship with Communion