

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PIPC Messenger

AUGUST 2009



Beginning a Journey of Discovery

Thank you, everyone, who asked about my time away in July. For one week the entire Carter family was on vacation in Mediapolis, Iowa, to celebrate my parents' 50th wedding anniversary. We had a great time at the dinner reception itself, visiting with family I had not seen in decades and friends who are like family. Even more, we enjoyed the week leading up to the dinner celebration being together.

The second week away was spent in St. Paul, Minnesota, at Luther Seminary for my first classroom experience for my Doctor of Ministry program. That was not a vacation; it was work, but good work, indeed. My time was spent in lecture, small and large group discussion, individual work periods, worship, conversation and fellowship. I find it amazing how eleven students who only met via our writing over the internet could become a community so quickly. I guess the eleven hours of classroom time each day did not hurt.

One of the greatest learnings I received, and there were many, was the understanding that this particular degree program consists of a triune partnership - the seminary (including my fellow students), me and you, the congregation of Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church. That's correct; PIPC will be an active participant in this five-year endeavor. In the next five years we will journey to discover the answer to these (among others) questions:

What is God up to at Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church?

What does God want to do at PIPC?

What does God want PIPC to do in the world with God?

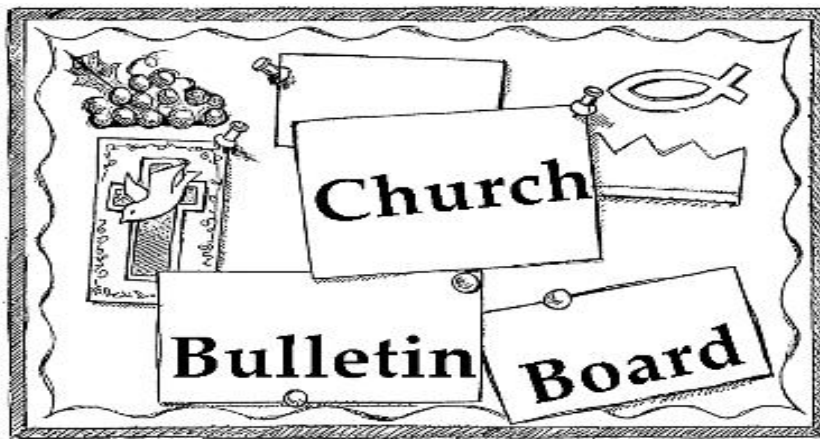
In order to discover these answers, and it is not always immediately evident, we will spend time together in prayer, Bible study, fellowship events, mission-service opportunities and worship. We will ask questions of and about God, of and about ourselves and of and about our community. These questions will need to be the correct questions so that we can receive the answers we need - accurate, honest and life-giving - not just the answers we want to see.

This entire process is called *missional theology and ecclesiology*. Missional - we search for these answers for the betterment of God's world. Theology - we keep God as the subject and main actor in our search. Ecclesiology (which is a fancy name for 'church') - we do this work in community as followers of Jesus Christ, not as individual members of a congregation.

I hope you will become as excited as me to discover what God is doing, wants to do and desires for Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Continue reading the PIPC Messenger, come and worship together, enjoy one another's company at fellowship events, study with and pray for each other, give your gifts for the ministry of this church and come participate in specially created events to discover God's preferred and promised future for Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

Grace and peace in our ministry together.

Rev. Kent Carter



Dear PIPC,
Thank you for the mune(y) to go to kamp
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(Thank you for the money to go to Camp
Krislund.) We had a gr(at) tim.

(We had a great time.)

Love,

Madison and Lauren Mark



Dear PIPC Family,

Thank you for the camp scholarship
to Krislund. I had a great time!

Love,

Caitlyn Lauver



The Mission Committee would like to thank you for your
generous contributions to the Pentecost Offering. We
collected \$658. Forty percent of the offering is kept by
each congregation for use on behalf of children at risk.
This year \$263.00 will be sent to The Bethesda Mission
Women's and Children
Shelter.



Dear Church Members,

Thank you so much for your contribution to Christian Churches
United. Your generous support of the ministries of Christian Churches United means
so much to the people we help and to the Tri-County community. Christ said, "as you
do to one of the least of my brethren, you do unto me". There is still so much work to be
accomplished and your contribution will enable us to continue our action ministry and
witness. We thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

Yours Sincerely,
Jacqueline Rucker



Dear PIPC, As most of you know I will be
relocating to Rochester, New York in the very
near future and have to relinquish my duties as
coordinator of volunteers for the Downtown
Dailey Bread. Carol Brightbill has volunteered
to assume this duty. I think most of you know her as she
has been a very faithful volunteer for some time. Her
telephone number is 545-3939.

I will be with my son Dave and his family at, 167
Snowy Owl Ridge, Rochester, NY 14612, until moving to
an apartment sometime in the not to distant future.

PIPC is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of
volunteers and I can't thank you enough for your support.
I'm sure you will give Carol the same dedication.

God Bless,
Doris Smith

VBS was a success. We had a
total of 50 kids for the week
and 35 volunteers. The kids
learned about experiencing and
discovering God everywhere.

The week could not have been a success
without all our volunteers, so this letter is to
report our success in partnering with Paxton
Presbyterian Church and to thank all the
wonderful members of our congregation that
volunteered. We had nine children from PIPC
attend this year. Thanks to all.

Connie



Dear Friends in Christ,

You have been in our thoughts and prayers. May
the peace and joy of our Lord be with you in your
ministry.

In His Love,

The St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Prayer Group



Lend A Hand
Chosen to Receive an Iowa Group Volunteer Award

A letter was received from the Office of the Governor, Chester Culver, State of Iowa, that Lend A Hand has been chosen to receive a Group Disaster Volunteer Award. Specifically, the opening paragraph states, "It is with great pleasure that we are writing to inform you that LAH has been selected for a 2009 Governor's Volunteer Award for the outstanding contribution of volunteer service to the community." Tanya Lanz, from the Oakville, Iowa, Volunteer Foundation, nominated Lend A hand for the award. The Oakville (Iowa) Volunteer Foundation has received grants, which will allow them to purchase 41 homes that were abandoned by former owners, rehab the buildings and sell them to new buyers. Also, they will purchase six properties where the houses were totally destroyed and construct new homes. LAH will return to Iowa; trip schedules and costs are posted on the bulletin board.

OFFICERS SERVING PIPC

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| Eileen Miller (Missions Chair) | Joanne Lauver (Christian Education Co-Chair) |
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| Bonnie Hack (Worship & Music Co-Chair, Christian Education Co-Chair) | |

BOARD OF DEACONS

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| Carol Becker | Billie Hawk | Charley Miller |
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Listed above are the officers and elected committee heads for PIPC. Congregational members are encouraged to give of their time and energy by either joining a committee or volunteering to help the committees accomplish their goals. Won't you join us, as we join together, to further God's Kingdom with one another, our community and our world?

AUGUST SUNDAY SERVANTS

Worship Assistant

- Aug. 2 Charlie Brown
- Aug. 9 Norm Diefenderfer
- Aug. 16 Jack Andren
- Aug. 23 Janet Smith
- Aug. 30 Ken Bentz

Blackberry Alley Door

- Gayle McCollum and Jean Sherry
- Al & Nancy Travis
- Shelia & Charlie Brown
- Marilyn & Ken Zimmerman
- Bub & Peggy Manning

Greeters

Front Door

- June Rounsley
- Michelle Beck
- Katy Saber
- Susan Skelly
- Jennifer Hernandez-Lerch
& Alicia Carpenter

PIP-C GENERATION

PIP-C GENERATION 13th ANNUAL PEACH FESTIVAL

August 15, 2009

4:00 PM to 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

ORDER FORM

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ORDER
AND PAYMENT BY SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009

Pork Bar-B-Q _____ @ \$5.50 pint _____

Hamburger Bar-B-Q _____ @ \$3.75 pint _____

Peach Pie small _____ @ \$ 3.50 _____

9-inch pie _____ @ \$10.00 _____

Total _____



NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____



Whose
Birthday and Anniversary!

August Anniversaries

Edna & Bob Holsberger	7
Billie and Bill Hawk	12
Joanne & James Sayers	28

August Birthdays

Allen Travis	6
Nancy Fisher	9
Julia Radle	12
Lorraine Englander	16
Carl Dunleavy	17
Doris Smith	17
Jean Bruehl	20
Eleanor Boyer	21
Dottie George	21
Delores Smith	24
Winifred Donadee	24



PIP-C Trip, Thursday, December 3, 2009, the PIP-C group will be traveling to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for their Christmas show called, "A Playhouse Christmas". The show is an ensemble cast of multitalented performers celebrating Christmas in original holiday song and dance fest featuring traditional carols, classic and contemporary Yuletide compositions, humorous skits and spectacular dance numbers. The meal is a sit-down lunch. The cost is \$83.00 per person; payment paid in full by November 1, 2009

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DESSERTS: PEACH PIE ~ ~ ~ PEACH COBLER AND
HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

BEANS: CALICO

SANDWICHES: HOT DOGS AND HOT SAUSAGE ~ ~ ~ HAMBURGER
PULLED PORK ~ ~ ~ CHIPPED HAM BARBECUES

SALADS: BROCCOLI ~ ~ ~ MACARONI ~ ~ ~ POTATO ~ ~ ~ PASTA

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