

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PIPC Messenger

February 2010



Journeying with Jesus

We begin the season of Lent this month. During our times together in worship, study and fellowship (see page 3 and the address page for more information) we will focus on Jesus and his relationship with his followers. We hope to accomplish several goals in doing so: to learn from his teachings, to act as he prescribes, and to discern how to follow his guidance. In journeying with Jesus during these forty days of Lent, we will discover his mission...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 what our mission is. 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 Jesus 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.

Join me on this journey of becoming a missional church.

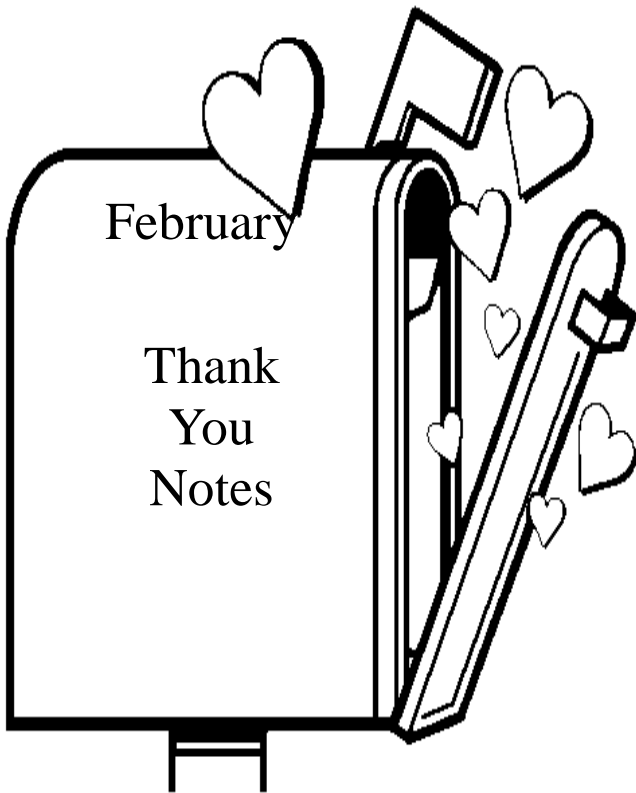
Pastor Kent

Ash Wednesday Service

February 17, 7:00 PM

Receive the mark of Ashes during our Worship,
a sign of our vulnerability to sin and mortality.





Dear Friends at PIPC,
 Thank you all for remembering us over the holiday with visits and cards. And thank you to Bill and Carol Becker for the visit and the beautiful poinsettia.
 God Bless, Anita & Lee Anthony

P.S. We especially enjoyed the Christmas Eve Service.

Dear Members of Progress Presbyterian Church,
 Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia plant that I received. Its still holding its blooms and brightens my room. Hope you all have a healthy, happy 2010.
 Sincerely, Audrey Ziegler

Dear Friends,
 Thank you to Pastor Kent for his visit before my surgery, all the telephone calls and cards from members, and especially the visit from the Diefenderfers who brought me flowers that were in memory of their son Mike. A happy and healthy new year to all the members of PIPC.
 Love, Shirley

Dear PIPC,
 I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for all of your cards, notes, kind words, the planter and concerns during the sudden loss of my brother. My family and I want to thank you for upholding us in your thoughts and prayers over the past few weeks.
 Thank you, Carolyn Frischkorn

Friends,
 Thank you for your donation to Downtown Daily Bread. For over 25 years DDB has fed the hungry of the community. Nearly 40,000 meals are served each year. Supported by 19 churches and synagogues, DDB is open every day of the week, including weekends and holidays. Thank you for your gift and your support.
 Best Wishes, Elaine Strokoff

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. We thank you again for your kindness and generosity.
 Yours sincerely, Jacqueline P. Rucker

February Sunday Servants

Worship Assistants

Greeters Schedule

Blackberry Alley Doors

Front Doors

- Feb. 7 George Eakin
- Feb. 14 Mike Legg
- Feb. 17 Charlie Brown (Ash Wednesday)
- Feb. 21 Peg Manning
- Feb. 28 Terry Hack

- Bob & Edna Holsberger
- Joe & Dorothy Weaver
- Richard & Deb Leader
- Chad & Chelsea Bivens
- Don & Joanne Lauver

- Charlene Zubritsky
- Ken Bentz
- Delores Smith
- Susan Skelly
- Shirley Cleaver

The Season of Lent



The holy season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday worship and the receiving of ashes on February 17, at 7:00 p.m. During the Sundays in Lent we will focus on “Journeying with Jesus.” On Wednesdays, gather for dining and learning about Jesus from the multitude of names he is given in the New Testament. The five-week worshipful study course will explore a number of the names and titles for Jesus that appear in the four gospels, with some attention to relevant Old Testament passages.

The sequence of the names and titles of Jesus for our course of study moves from the most familiar name, *Jesus*, to Jesus’ activities such as *teacher*, to more abstract names like *Messiah* and *Son of God*, concluding with a focus on *resurrection and life*.

As Holy Week approaches, the week of March 28, prepare for a week of worshiping. We will begin the week on Palm/Passion Sunday. The choir will begin Holy Week with the presentation of a special cantata titled, “The Lenten Sketches”. During worship on Maundy Thursday we will partake of the Lord’s Supper, and on Good Friday we will experience the darkening of the sanctuary for *Tenebrae*.

Lenten Dinners

The Lenten Season begins on February 14 and the Lenten Dinners will begin Wednesday, February 17, 2010. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a time of worshipful study to follow. 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 the Sunday bulletin. Please be sure to indicate on your sign up sheet which week you wish to bring a dessert.



Lenten Meals

A suggested donation for the meal will be \$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. We are looking forward to seeing you at the dinners.



Palm/Passion Sunday

March 28, 2010

“The Lenten Sketches”

Presented by the
Progress-Immanuel Chancel Choir



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



More than sixty years ago, American Christians joined together to respond to the worldwide devastation caused by World War II. Recognizing what a difference we can make when we work together in Christ's name, Presbyterians have continued to support One Great Hour of Sharing ever since. In response to Jesus' call, "Feed my sheep," our gifts to the offering support the ministries of Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.



One Great Hour of Sharing continues to offer hope for those most hopeless: we walk toward recovery and wholeness with those whose lives have been shattered by disaster, and we stand with communities facing the slower crises of hunger, diseases, unemployment and environmental degradation that make them vulnerable even before disasters strike. In sharing resources with people in need around the world, we not only witness God's love in action in their lives: we feel it moving in our own.

Special envelopes for your contributions will be in the March Messenger, as well as in the pews. The dedication of our gifts will be on Palm Sunday. Please give generously.



2009 Giving Statements

2009 Giving Statements are available for pick up in the church lobby until Feb. 14, 2010. 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.



2010 Bulletins and Flowers Sign Up



The new 2010 Bulletin and Flower sign up charts have been posted. If you would like to place the bulletin or flowers in the church in memory or honor of an individual(s) please be sure to sign up. The bulletins this year are \$10.00 per week and the flowers are \$27.50 per week.



Giant Gift Cards

Giant Gift Cards may be purchased on Sundays following the worship service and during the week from the church office. The gift cards come in increments of \$20, \$50 and \$100.



The Presbyterian Women held their first meeting of 2010 on Sunday, January 10, with a light lunch followed by the general meeting. Thank you's were given to Sheila Kannegeiser for putting together the college boxes, Bonnie Bentz for organizing and sending the toys to Cow Creek, Joanne Lauver for delivering the food from Harvest Home to the Messiah Lutheran Church, Billie Hawk's Sunday School class for making up and passing out the suggestions slips the Sunday before the collection, Zana Allison for taking the empty egg cartons to the Central PA Food Bank, and to Jean Sherry for continuing to send cards to the sick and shut-ins. Thank you to all the folks that gave to the above projects. None of the above projects could be done without the help of caring people that we have at Progress-Immanuel.

A few of the up coming events that you might be interested in are:

February 14 - Gift From the Heart
Food drive for Messiah Lutheran Church

February 20 - Cherry Pies to be made
(order forms are available)

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 - Lenten Meals
(sign up available)

May 16 - High Tea (more about this later)

July 24 - Progress-Immanuel will host the
Carlisle Presbytery Women's Meeting



Presbyterian Women's News

“What is Mission?”

Reaching out to another in the name of Christ. Mission can be as simple as calling someone who has recently suffered the loss of a family member to let them know you care. How about donating a used cell phone to a service that helps women who are victims of domestic violence? (A phone is always programmed to make 911 calls even if no other calls can be made-it can be lifeline to a woman who is an abuse victim.) Helping an elderly member of your community clean or wrap gifts or buy groceries can be a mission project. Some of us are called to visit a different part of the country to help after a disaster such as flood or fire. Some are called to travel to another country to visit or to live. Even if you aren't called to fill those roles you can still pray for and support those who are! Not everyone can do every kind of mission but everyone can do something.

(Taken from the Carlisle
Presbyterian Women Mailing.)

PIP-C Generation



PIP-C Spring Trip

March 25, 2010

“Joseph” at Sight and Sound

Cost: \$91 per person in now due.

Please pay Zana Allison
or Allen Travis



February Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Gail Diefenderfer	1
Paul Pugh	1
Beulah Given	11
Edna Holsberger	11
Bernice Speelman	19
Shirley Dunleavy	24
Marjorie Gillam	27
Kathryn Runkle	28

ANNIVERSARY

Lillie & Tom Daniels 12

The monthly meeting of PIP-C Generation was held on January 12. We were treated with beautiful music by a very talented trio of young musicians, “The Seasons.”

Marge Barner's lunch was delicious as usual - spaghetti, salad, and lemon dessert. Our next meeting will be February 9, 2010 and we will celebrate Valentine's Day. Come and join us!



Annual Congregational Meeting

The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the congregation for Sunday, February, 21, 2010, following worship for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report, approving changes to the bylaws, and electing servants to the Representative Nominating Committee and auditor team and officers to the board of Deacons and Session.

Pro-Active Parenting Class

A church school class designed to assist parents in nurturing children of all ages will begin on Sunday, February 7, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. *Discipline with Children and Teens*, is a study that will help parents develop reasonable boundaries, limits and consequences for children at each stage of childhood and teen development. A primary focus is empowering children to be responsible, accountable and dependable by the time they leave home.



CHERRY PIE DAY!

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women

Payment must accompany orders.

Saturday, February 20, 2010 - Pick Up Between 12 Noon and 2:00 PM

Orders must be in by Sunday, February 14, 2010



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 = \$ _____

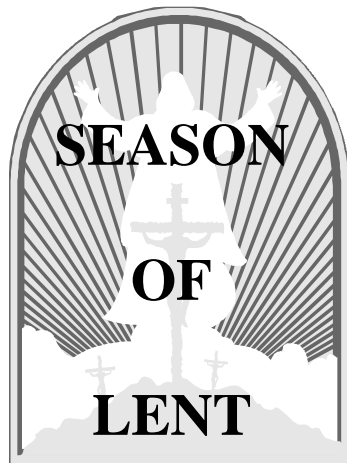
Total Enclosed = \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____

Phone: _____





Ash Wednesday - February 17
Service of Ashes at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Gatherings and Dinner - Wednesdays
February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 & March 24
Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., Worshipful Study beginning at 6:40 p.m.

Palm Saturday Children's Event - March 27
Explore our Easter faith in light of Jesus' suffering, death
and resurrection at 9:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday - March 28
Congregational Breakfast 8:30 a.m. till 10:00 a.m.
Special Holy Week Cantata presented by the choir at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 1
Celebrate the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - April 2
Meditate on the Cross of Christ and Experience the Tenebrae at 7:00 pm.

Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday - April 4
Celebrate new life and rebirth in Christ our risen Lord and Savior with communion at 10:30 a.m.

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