

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PIPC Messenger

January 2009



New Year's Message FROM THE PASTOR

New

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43:19

Every year at this time we take time to look back over the past year, remembering joys and celebrations that bring smiles to our faces. We also remember past sorrows that bring tears to our eyes. In all these circumstances, no matter how large or small, these life events bring change into our lives. Sometimes the change is welcome, because we are ready to try something different. Other times the change is not welcome. We are not ready to change or downright do not want to change. But whether the change is welcome or not, it happens. And in the happening of change, God gives us a gift. The gift of newness.

In the year of our Lord 2009, God is inviting us to receive this gift. As you read through this issue of the PIPC Messenger you will notice a new ministry initiative asking for your input and feedback. Prayerfully consider the survey the Health Ministry Team is inviting you to complete, and rejoice in this new ministry of combining spiritual, physical and emotional health.

At the end of this month we will host a meeting of the Carlisle Presbytery. This gathering will allow us to provide hospitality in new and exciting ways.

A new Bible study focusing on the person and work of Jesus will begin in January and run to Holy Week. Join the study and discover something new about and from Jesus to refresh your faith.

In May, Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church will celebrate our 60th anniversary as a community of faith. We will remember the new ministry and mission this congregation established in 1949.

I am about to do a new thing, too. For the past many months God has laid it upon my heart to seek further education in missional theology and ecclesiology. I have resisted for a time because it seemed like too much work. But God is persistent - that is nothing new. So I will begin a Doctor of Ministry degree in July.

What new thing is God impressing on your heart? What new thing is God desiring for Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church?

May this new year be filled with new and exciting mission and ministry for us and for you.

Peace,

Kent Carter, Pastor

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

Revelation 21:5

Thanks for your Help!

Dear Church Members,

Thank you so much for your recent 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.

Your sincerely,
Jacqueline Rucker



Thanks to Our
Preschool Helpers
and Teachers!



Progress Preschool

It's hard to believe that our year is almost half over. We have 15 wonderful exuberant children. They love playing, singing, learning new things and making art work. Our parents are cooperative and helpful. It makes life easier for one to have good parental support. At school, we have three special ladies that help us for the joy of helping-they receive no compensation. Special kudos to Bonnie Bentz who helps with the three year old class and Deloris Smith who works with the four year old class. Janet Smith comes twice a month to do "gym". It's one of the kids favorite activities. Thanks ladies.



Dear PIPC,

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy. Thank you to Pastor Carter and all of our friends at Progress-Immanuel for your cards and prayers following the loss of Anne.

In His Love,
Lee Harshbarger and Family

Thank you to all who contributed to Downtown Daily Bread. Almost \$800 was donated and matched by one of our members. Thank you for your support!



Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian women will have a meeting after church, Sunday, January 18. A light lunch will be served before the business meeting to discuss plans for the year.

PIP-C GENERATION

The PIP-C Generation held its Christmas celebration on December 9 with an outstanding meal of turkey, filling, mashed potatoes (made with real potatoes), gravy, green beans, cole slaw, and pumpkin pie. We all groaned and sighed about all the food, but we all ate every bite from our plates! The entertainment was Reverend Charles Hull, a retired UCC pastor, who showed displays and slides of the many crèches he has collected. Nancy Motter made an ornament for every place setting, and more than 90 people attended this meeting. It was wonderful to see Fellowship Hall so filled with happy people. Let's keep those numbers up there!

Our next meeting will be held on January 13, 2009; the entertainment will be Randy Heisley-Cato who plays southern Appalachian music and early gospel songs.

Please remember that we need some help in January and February to replace us "Snowbirds" who will be basking in the sun. We need someone to see that there are table decorations (there are some available in the church, but they need to be put onto the tables and then returned to their resting places). Or you could volunteer to make your own creation. Call Marge to find out how many tables there will be.

LOOKING AHEAD: Our meeting in February will be on the 10th and we will celebrate Valentines Day. Plan to bring in your favorite valentines to display and perhaps tell the story that goes with it.

PIP-C GENERATION, THANK YOU!

Just a word of thanks to those members of the PIP-C Generation who helped to decorate the church for the Christmas season. The window decorations in the Sanctuary, Narthex, hallway, and Fellowship Hall were put in place by Eilene and Charley Miller, Grace Miller, and Marilyn and Ken Zimmerman. The pew candelabra were put into place by Sheila and Chuck Kanne-gieser and Ken Zimmerman. Every week it is Sheila and Chuck who come in to replace the candles and make sure the globes are clean. (Do you remember that it was Richard Burrell who made those candle holders years ago?) And when Christmas is just a memory, we will reverse the entire process (except for the Miller's – they will already be in Florida, basking!) The new beautiful floral arrangements on the Communion table and in the hallway were made by Jeff Winand and were purchased by the PIP-C Generation.



JANUARY

Nancy Motter	3
Joyce Dimmick	4
Bob Holsberger	12
Joe Salvino	15
Bruce Dimmick	30

JANUARY

Betty & Dick Schneider	14
Joyce & Harold Arnold	17

PIPC Hosts Presbytery



Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church will host the January meeting of the Carlisle Presbytery on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This meeting will give us the opportunity to “show off” our ministry of hospitality and skills at hosting persons and events.

The meeting begins in the morning with registration (including light breakfast refreshments), greetings and worship. During worship the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated and the incoming Moderator and Vice-Moderator for the presbytery will be installed. The day-long meeting includes lunch and voting on amendments to the Book of Order. This promises to be an exciting day!

WELCOME

The Session of PIPC is asking for individuals or committees to serve in various ways during, before, and after the meeting. Besides servers for lunch, we will need persons to help with parking, door greeting, worship ushering and serving communion, keeping a nursery and general hospitality. This is a ministry that PIPC does well.

If you want to help on this important day, please contact the church office to serve during the morning or afternoon, or both. We will assign you a task unless you request a specific duty. Thank you in advance for serving.



WINTER WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS: When winter weather arrives, and worship or activities schedules change, the following channels and stations will carry our information: www.whtm.com, abc 27, and www.whptv.com, cbs 21. You may also call the church office to hear a recording of time changes. During the week, the office will follow the Susquehanna School District closing and delay schedule.

January Sunday Servants

Worship Assistants

Jan. 4 Mike Sweigard
Jan. 11 Bill Becker
Jan. 18 Ellie Boyer
Jan. 25 Bonnie Hack

ALLEY DOOR

Jan. 4 Bob & Irene Brightbill
Jan. 11 The Marshall Family
Jan. 18 The Burr Family
Jan. 25 The Christeleit Family

Greeters Schedule

FRONT DOOR

Doris Broadley
Ken Zimmerman
Stephanie Hartman
Cherie Saber

ARE WE GOOD STEWARDS?

Over the last several months, the economic situation in the US as well as the world has left many of us wondering “What Next?” We all know in our heads that God will provide for us, but do we believe it with our hearts? Do we unquestioningly trust God to see that all of our needs are met? Included in this Messenger is a basic budget worksheet for you to complete for one month. If you have expenses that are not monthly expenses, just divide the expense by two (semi-annual), four (quarterly) or twelve (annual) to derive the monthly value for the sheet.

It won’t take long, but it will be well worth your time to do the math and determine just exactly where your spending habits have taken you and what your bottom line actually is. Start 2009 with a fresh approach to the dollars and cents in your budget and thank God for providing for you in ways you never thought possible. God gives to us. It is up to us to use God’s blessings wisely.



PIPC HEALTH MINISTRY

The goal of PIPC's Health Ministry is to integrate faith and health. A Holistic Health Ministry will focus on improving individual wellness and strengthening awareness of God's presence. This ministry will assist PIPC members in obtaining health knowledge and mentoring so each is ensured a more healthy state with an outlook of hope.

The PIPC Health Ministry will be working in unison with the minister to provide feed-back and/or information regarding members health issues. The Health Ministry Team or the minister may then provide services as needed to members.

Some of the Preventive Health Ministry Team's functions may include the following: blood pressure monitoring, health education classes/discussion, high blood pressure check, high cholesterol, obesity, heart disease, exercise, diet, grief and loss, counseling, health fairs (including flu injections), etc.

The budget for this Health Ministry Program development may include the purchasing of: blood pressure monitors, blood sugar monitors, defibrillator, health pamphlets, etc.

At the bottom of this page you will find a survey. The Health Ministry team requests your help in identifying health needs so they may effectively assess the needs of our members. Your answers to this questionnaire will be kept in strictest confidence. Responses to the survey will be compiled into a summarized report.

There is no cost to the church for this study, so please take time to complete this survey, answer the questions, return it to a Health Ministry Team member, church office or place it in the Health Ministry mailbox across from the Detwiler Room. We do appreciate your willingness to participate.

Health Ministry Team: Peg Manning, RN; Lauren Barrett, RN; Allison Russaw, RN; Stephany Hartman, RN; and Janet Smith, RN.

HEALTH SURVEY

The Health Ministry Team of Nurses is interested in organizing health programs for our Church Community. The focus of these programs will form a whole person perspective – body, mind and spirit. We need you to help us plan for these programs by completing this brief survey. Please check the topics below that are of interest to you and about which you would like to learn more.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> Pain Treatment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety | <input type="checkbox"/> Forgiveness | <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory/Lung Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/drug reactions | <input type="checkbox"/> Grief and Loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Disorders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease and Stroke | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking Cessation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
(CPR) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension
(High Blood Pressure) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stress Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccines/Immunizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression | <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition and Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Osteoporosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Items |

Please circle what day(s) and time would be best for you to attend a program, worship or support group?

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday- Friday- Saturday

Morning Afternoon Evening

Thank you for your willingness to participate.

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Experiencing Jesus Bible Study

Beginning January 13, enter a journey to discover who Jesus was, what he taught, and why he still matters today. As a fellow traveler of 10 sessions, you will uncover a Jesus you may have never known: a religious revolutionary, a Jewish mystic totally centered in the reality of God, and a movement initiator who opened a path of personal and political transformation.

Join us for this experiential study on Tuesday evenings, January 4 through March 24, at 7:00 p.m. The format for this study will include pre-class reading, discussion, video instruction and scripture study. The main text we will follow is the book, *Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary*, by Marcus Borg. It is available in the church office. Begin the new year with a renewed awareness of Jesus.

