

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PIPC Messenger JULY, 2009



Congregational Mission and Leadership

This month marks the inauguration of my Doctor of Ministry classroom work at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. For the next five years, I will take a one-week class twice a year in order to fulfill the requirements for this degree in Congregational Mission and Leadership (CML). Eleven students – Lutheran, Moravian, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian of Canada – from around the country will join me on this journey.

You, the congregation of Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church, are joining me, too. This program of continuing education is not for the purpose of gaining a post-graduate degree or to just gain knowledge and wisdom. This unique, ecumenical program offers the depth and breadth of theological thinking required of missional leaders (those who center leadership and ministry around God's work in the world). The CML will prepare me for the following in order for me to prepare us to:

- Help people enthusiastically experience and participate in being church
- View situations theologically and ask, "What is God doing here?"
- Serve and lead congregations in their unique contexts.

The Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Mission and Leadership emphasizes several key themes for preparing church leaders:

- **Missional Church:** The church is missionary by nature and is called by God and sent into the world to participate fully in God's mission to all of creation.
- **Congregations:** God is at work in and through the concrete practices of congregations in particular contexts. Learning to do theology in these particular contexts is essential.
- **Leadership:** God works through gifts, skills and personalities of diverse persons to provide leadership for congregations. Such leadership is multi-faceted in style and approach.
- **Context:** God is at work within particular contexts and is calling the church to participate in the whole of God's mission. This concentration focuses primarily, though not exclusively, on the contexts of North America.
- **Research:** By engaging in good practices of qualitative and quantitative research, students will enhance their own education and their service to the church.

As you can see by the above themes, we will work together in identifying our practices, discerning our gifts and skills, understanding our local and regional contexts, and conducting research together to learn more of missional theology. This all excites me, because I believe God has great plans and desires for PIPC. I want to discover what they are and be prepared to live them together.

I look forward to my time at Luther Seminary this month, meeting the instructors and my fellow classmates. I look forward, too, to seeing how we will grow together through my experience, learning and reflections. Most of all, I look ahead to how God is shaping us and will continue to shape us into the church God promises and prefers.

In the August issue of the PIPC Messenger I plan to share with you my experience of the week. Until then...

Grace and peace in our ministry together,

T Thank you PIPC for the beautiful church flowers, cards and calls. Thanks also to Jean Sherry for the lovely notes.

H Sincerely,
Dottie Weaver



A Thank you to all PIPC friends for the lovely flowers presented to me by Phyllis Kegerreis upon my retirement.

With Affection,
Pauline Burrell

N Dear Church Members,

K Thank you very 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. There is still so much work to be accomplished and this contribution will enable us to continue our action ministry and witness. We than you again for your kindness and generosity.

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O Yours Sincerely,
Jacqueline P. Rucker
Executive Director



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Dear Congregation of Progress-Immanuel Church,
Thank you for supporting the mission of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. Your commitment helps us fight hunger, improve lives and strengthen communities. Your contribution of \$50 helps us continue to respond to the increasing needs of hungry children, senior citizens and families throughout our communities. Thank you for your very kind support of the Food Bank.

Sincerely,
Kendall Hanna
Executive Director



On June 7, 2009, the Christian Education Committee honored all the teachers who taught during the 2008-2009 year with thank you notes hand made by the youth and flowers planted by the youth. The following individuals were honored: Michelle Lauver, Billie Hawk, Kim Burr, Deb Hawk, Gayle McCollum, Shirley Cleaver, Connie Kegerreis, Nancy Travis, Joanne Lauver, Janet Smith, Larry Hahn, Paulina Marshall, Mary Jo Roberts, Eleanor Carnes, John Roberts, Bill Becker, Mike Legg, Jeff Piccola, Mike Sweigard, Bonnie Hack, Pat Reidell, Terry Hack, Peggy Manning, June Rounsley, Phyllis Kegerreis and Norm Diefenderfer. Again, our thanks goes out to you for your dedication in spreading God's word. If you were not present in church on that date, your plant was donated back to the church and planted in a plot around the sanctuary in honor of your service.

The Christian Education Committee



July Sunday Servants

Worship Assistant

July 5 Cherie Saber
July 12 Peg Manning
July 19 Sandy Dailey
July 26 Charley Miller

Greeters Schedule

Blackberry Alley Door
Joseph & Janet Smith
Norm & Gail Diefenderfer
Charley & Eileen Miller
Bill & Billie Hawk

Front Door
George Eakin
Ellie Boyer
Eleanor Carnes
Pat Reidell

PIP-C GENERATION

The PIP-C Generation held its final meeting, until September, on Tuesday, June 9. This meeting was our annual "picnic" so Marge served hot dogs and hot sausages, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, and calico beans, with strawberry pretzel salad for dessert. The meal was as delicious as always, and no one complained that there were no ants or bugs to contend with.

Our entertainment was Elaine Karl who is a certified laughter leader. In no time she had us all doing silly things, getting caught in sillier actions, and ho-ho-ing and ha-ha-ha-ing like teenagers. And we all seemed to be enjoying ourselves! The Laughter Club is a world-wide organization which aims to get us all laughing more as a way of improving our overall health.

Thanks again to everyone who helps each month to bring about a successful "meet and eat." We could not do it without you.

Remember the Peach Festival on August 15. If you did not get a chance to sign up for a time to work, you can still call Marge to do so. We look forward to seeing you there.

Next PIP-C meeting: September 9.

July Birthdays

Kathleen McMillan	7	Joyce Arnold	12
Linda Keller	9	Fern Frey	13
Gladys Williams	9	Audrey Zeigler	13
Alice Fisher	10	Elaine Salvino	16
Eleanor Carnes	11	Eileen Miller	17
Georgetta Appleby	12	Lee Anthony	18

July Anniversary

Charles & Eileen Miller 13



PEACH FESTIVAL

The PIP-C generation will be having their annual Peach Festival on Saturday, August 15. A form for pre-ordering pies and other food will be in the August Messenger and in the Sunday bulletins on July 19, 26 and August 2.

Thursday, December 3, 2009, the 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.

Itinerary:

- 9:15 AM - Arrive at Church Parking Lot
- 9:30 AM - Depart for Playhouse
- 11:00 AM - Arrive at Playhouse
- 5:00 PM - Arrive Home

Cost: \$83.00 per person; payment in full must be made by November 1, 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



PIPC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



The Presbyterian Women will be having a picnic and general meeting at the home of Billie Hawk on Thursday, July 9. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please come and bring a friend for a time of great food and fellowship.

The Presbyterian Women recognized a profit of \$313.34 from the bake table at the Strawberry Festival. The profit will be used to help defray the expenses of the young people who are planning to attend Camp Krislund. To all the bakers at Progress-Immanuel: Thank you for making the bake sale a success.



Join us in the Fellowship Hall for some exercise as you learn how to SWING DANCE. Come enjoy the music and fellowship with friends. During July and August on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM we will be strengthening legs, toes and mid-section of body, as well as learning the dance steps.

On the 3rd Thursday, there will be discussion of the physical effects of exercise, one of which is the control of visceral fat (bad fat) stored in the body. A "Sign-up Form" is posted on the bulletin board.



The Health Ministry Team is taking a survey to see if anyone would be interested in taking an American Heart Association CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) course taught by Peggy Manning. This would include determining unresponsiveness, opening the airway, giving breaths and compressions to adults, children and infants, learning to use an Automated External Defibrillator and relieving choking. It would take about 4 hours to learn CPR for adults, children and infants, or 3 hours if we exclude the infants. The cost would be approximately \$25 which includes the book, instruction, masks and mouthpieces. It is a strenuous activity! Please complete the bottom of this page and return it to the office if you are interested. If there is enough interest, a time and date will be established.

- I am interested in taking the CPR course (Name) _____
Phone Number _____

-CHECK ONE:
_____ CPR for adults and children only (3 hours)
_____ CPR for adults/children and infants (4 hours)



ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK

This food bank located at Messiah Lutheran Church, 6th and Forster Street. provides food for many in need. We will be collecting non perishable food items during the month of July. There will be a box under the coat rack for your donations. Ecumenical Food Bank is an ongoing mission of our church. We collected food all year round and deliver it to the food bank. Thank you for your gifts that nourish the body and the spirit.



The Downtown Daily Bread Lunch Plus program needs the following: disposable razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, bath soap, men's and women's spring and summer clothing (contemporary, and clean), new men's underwear, (briefs and t-shirts, socks) and clothes detergent. They are in great need of miniature soaps (the kind found in hotels).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

THE SANTA SHOP



We will be collecting small men's and women's lightly used or new gifts for the SHOP. Last year we worked as Santa's Helpers and saw a need for additional gifts, especially for men. You know how hard it is to shop for men. Paxton Presbyterian Church does a great job with this project and we will be helping them again this year. There will be a box under the coat rack marked Santa Shop for you to put your gifts in. The Santa Shop provides young children an opportunity to give their families gifts at Christmas and brings a bit of joy to many hearts.



The church office will be closed on July 6 for the holiday.

Rev. Carter will be on vacation June 30 through July 7.

Rev. Carter will be away for Continuing Education from July 9 through July 19.

Carolyn will be away on vacation from July 13 through July 17. During this week, the office will be open from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

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July 14, 15 and 16, 2009

Vacation Bible School

