

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PIPC Messenger

JUNE, 2009

Giving Thanks: Never Too Late

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind--just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you--so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.-- 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I believe time management is more a gift than a skill. It either comes easy for you, or it does not. My wife, Jan, manages time much better than I do. She has the gift of organization and is in the process of mastering the skill. I, on the other hand, do not possess this gift. Managing my time is hit-and-miss at best. I am working on the skill; my electronic calendar and timed task folder have been very helpful. Yet, overall, my gift/skill of time management boils down to asking: How much time do I have left? Am I too late?

In the evening Seth enjoys riding his bike and playing outside. He also likes watching some Animal Planet on TV, and playing a game, and working on his train set, and having some reading time before bedtime, and, and, and. He also knows that he has homework and practicing a bit on the piano. Oh, and he needs to brush his teeth, etc. Is there enough time to accomplish all of this? No! All of the above can be good choices. He thinks he ought to be able to complete them all. But the time gets too late. However, it is never too late to brush teeth and to have a bit of reading, even if only one page.

This all makes me wonder:

What have I put off or forgotten to finish that should never be too late to complete?

When I was working on our taxes in April, I came upon a stack of unmailed and unsealed thank you notes from Christmas. I am embarrassed to admit this grand *faux pas*, so I apologize now to those of you who did not receive a thank you note from me from Christmas. My dilemma - do I send them now, almost five months later? I do not believe it is ever too late to give thanks.

On Saturday, May 16, Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church celebrated our 60th anniversary of mission and ministry in the name of Jesus Christ to the Progress community, greater Harrisburg region and in the world. We gave thanks to God for God's faithful abundance. We gave thanks to God for the many individuals who served and continue to serve with passion and faith. If you have not given thanks to God for the church's ministry, it is not too late.

On Sunday, May 17, PIPC celebrated Consecration Sunday, a time to give thanks and to financially partner with God in providing us a future of mission and ministry for the Progress community, greater Harrisburg region and in the world. If you have not yet made an economic commitment to God through the church or turned in an estimate of giving card, it is not too late.

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!--- 2 Corinthians 9:11-15

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Kent Carter. Pastor

Thank you

Thank you P.I.P.C. for being so loving and caring. Special thanks to Ellie Boyer and Susan Skelly for your visits and the sharing of Holy Communion with us. Thank you for the beautiful alter flowers delivered by Bonnie Bentz. Thank you to Jean Sherry of the Women's Association for the monthly cards and special messages to us.

Anita and Lee Anthony

To Rev. Carter and My Church Family,

I want to take a moment to thank you all for your help and concern during my fainting spells. Hopefully this issue will soon be resolved.

Gratefully yours,
Dottie Weaver



Notes

Dear PIPC,

Thank you for letting us use Fellowship Hall for my sister-in-law's baby shower. Tara enjoyed the party. We had a great time! Thanks again.

Becky Weiler

P.S. She is having a boy in July.

Dear Progress-Immanuel Family,

Thank you friends so much for your many cards, flowers, visits, prayers, and calls over the last year and one-half of Richard's illness. It means so much to my family and me to see how much Richard was thought of and all of us remembered.

We have always loved our church and members - the reasons are many. We also truly appreciate all the flower deliveries.

Richard was treated very well at Hospice Residence and Rev. Carter was a regular visitor who prayed with and comforted Richard.

Rev. Carter, thank you does not say enough for the comfort you brought to Richard and our family.

God bless each of you,
Shirley and Family

Thank you, thank you, thank you all PIPC members who helped the Preschool by using their Giant cards! We earned \$519.14. Thank you,
Progress Community Preschool

TO ALL THOSE FOLKS WHO REMEMBER RUTH ECKERT!!!

The family of Ruth Eckert would love to have you share in her 90th birthday!



On June 7th, about 1:30 p.m., the family is having a picnic birthday party for Ruth at the home of Jeff Winand. If you can, why not drop in and say hello and remember old times and fond memories? Any questions? Phone Janet Kreiser or Bonnie Bentz.

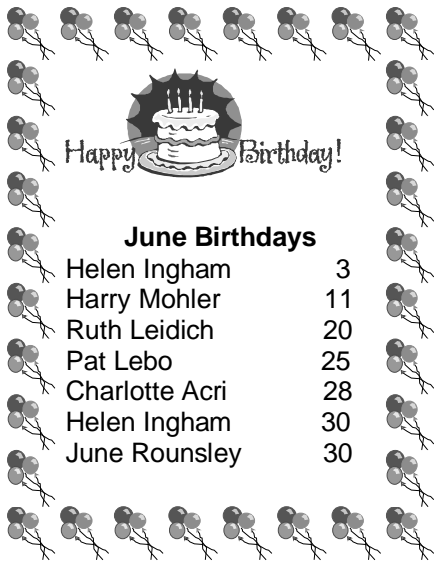
<h3>June Sunday Servants</h3>		
<p>Worship Assistant</p> <p>June 7 George Eakin</p> <p>June 14 Shirley Cleaver</p> <p>June 21 Bonnie Hack</p> <p>June 28 Mike Sweigard</p>	<p>Greeters Schedule</p> <p><u>Blackberry Alley Door</u></p> <p>Susan Skelly & Su Ann Tucci</p> <p>Chris & Connie Kegerreis</p> <p>Bill & Carol Becker</p> <p>John & Jane Brindle</p>	<p><u>Front Door</u></p> <p>Jean Bruehl</p> <p>Phyllis Kegerreis</p> <p>Ken Zimmerman</p> <p>Terry Hack</p>

PIP-C GENERATION

The PIP-C Generation met in Fellowship Hall on May 11, 2009. The meal for the day was macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad, and pineapple bavarian cream. The biggest question of the day along the serving line was whether to put the tomatoes ON TOP of the macaroni or place them to the side. (My personal preference is to have them on the side so that I may do my own topping). I know everyone was wondering about this. Now you know.

The entertainment was provided by the children of the pre-school, and I think it is safe to say that this was one of our liveliest groups this year. The children had learned some new songs that had energetic movements and they performed them all with great enthusiasm and joy. None of us could keep from smiling or keep from marveling at their endless energy! Keeping all this energy focused and controlled were their teachers, Billie Hawk and Peggy Grobinski.

Our final meeting until September will be June 9 in Fellowship Hall. For this meeting Marge usually serves picnic food and I plan to bring my ant farm, which I raised over the winter, and set them free to add to the ambience (just kidding). Our entertainment will be "The Laughter Lady." She says we have to be willing to participate and have a good time. Sounds like a big challenge, huh? See you there.



June Birthdays

Helen Ingham	3
Harry Mohler	11
Ruth Leidich	20
Pat Lebo	25
Charlotte Acri	28
Helen Ingham	30
June Rounsley	30

PIP-C Trips

Thursday, July 16, PIP-C is off to the Rainbow Dinner Theater for a comedy called "There Goes the Bride".

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
- 4:15 p.m. Arrive Home



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

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**



June Anniversaries

Gail & Norm Diefenderfer	3
Nancy & Al Travis	6
Doris & Harold Kreiser	10
Shirley & Carl Dunleavy	11
Kathryn & George Runkle	11



WE HAVE HAD SOME REQUESTS FOR THE ANSWERS TO THE PIPC TRIVIA QUIZ AS PRINTED ON THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM SO HERE IS A BRIEF HISTORY LESSON FOR US ALL.

1. Our original name was the Progress Community Chapel until we were recognized by the Carlisle Presbytery. Then we were called the Progress Community Presbyterian Church.
- 2.. The Rev. Paul Johnson was our organized minister. He was the minister at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg and through his choir director, Ms. Salome Saunders, thought a church was needed in the suburbs of Harrisburg.
3. The original name is displayed on the bulletin board at the corner of Park and Maple Streets.
4. In 1965 our pastor was Rev. Harold R. Eaken, in 1975 it was Rev. Robert R. Lee and Dr.. Rev. Donald Rising in 1985.
5. Our only Associate Pastor was Rev. Charles Theal who came to us from the Immanuel merger. An interim pastor was Rev. John Woodring and Rev. William Murphy was our stated supply minister. He later became our Interim minister.
6. The first window as you enter the rear entrance of the sanctuary is of Jesus healing a crippled man. It was originally to be one of Jesus healing the sick but, much to the joy of the Bentz family, Rev. Rising changed it to Jesus healing the crippled man by adding the crutch.
7. The object not needed any longer is the city well on the window given by the Gills entitled 'Women at the Well'.
8. The baptismal font was given to the church by Russell and Jenny Hummel, in honor of their grandchildren who just happen to be Sandy Keiser Daily and Rusty Keiser, children of Nelson and Peggy Keiser. Other grandchildren are Janice Folk and David Folk, children of Dot and Les Folk.
9. These names bequested money to the church. Givlers and Fishers to be used on behalf of Christian Education, Nyes to the musical program, Lloyds to anyone in church related educational programs and Zarefoss into a book fund for anyone furthering their education.
10. It is Ephesians 2:22 "You are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets and Christ Jesus himself is the corner stone. In him the whole building is bonded together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you too are being built with all the rest into a spiritual dwelling for God."
11. The plaza was dedicated to Samuel Sweigart by his wife, Carolyn.
12. Frances Burd is our artist in residence and it is her talent that the church is decorated by her water color paintings.
13. I knew you didn't know this one! It's on the transom of the entrance door to the minister's office.
14. The Zarfoss Library was first presented as a parlor by Susan Lloyd. It was decorated as a parlor with sofas, chairs and tables arranged as a warm meeting room. It was used for meetings, teas, small weddings and funerals.
15. The wall murals downstairs were designed and painted by the youth and children of the church during their then Wednesday night classes. The outlines in the rooms were painted with the aid of an overhead projector by the advisors and the children did the painting. The hallways pictures were drawn freehand by Jenny Mahar with the children doing the inside painting. The subject, of course, is Noah and the Ark.
16. We believe the oldest object in the sanctuary is the communion table but we are open to any discussion on this decision.
17. Progress Community Presbyterian Church united with Immanuel Church in 1963 and at that time the Community was dropped and we became Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Immanuel Church was located on Liberty Street in Harrisburg.
18. As of today, 5-16-09, Norman Diefenderfer is our Clerk of the Session and Terry Hack is the Moderator of the Deacons.
19. A very reliable source tells us that our minister's middle name is **Keane**.
20. The Good home was located on our now parking lot and was sold at one of our flea markets for one dollar. It was moved, with great excitement, around the corner.

HERE IS A CONCISE HISTORY OF PROGRESS IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO EMBRACE THE PAST BUT LOOK EAGERLY TO THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE ANY HISTORICAL PICTURES OR NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED, PLEASE TURN THEM IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AND THEY WILL BE MADE A PART OF OUR HISTORY. THANK YOU!!!

NEWS OF THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Women's Association has had a busy year in the kitchen, ranging from preparing cookie feet and "painting toe nails" to preparing many delicacies for a very successful high tea. Now we are asking for some help. The summer lawn receptions will begin on June 7, and we need everyone to sign up for a week. You may prepare the reception yourself or commandeer the assistance of a friend, relative, spouse, or the person who sits in the pew in front of you. (Or in back of you). We will do our best to assist you with getting set up (taking the table and trash can outside), but you will need to provide the goodies (they do not have to be home made) and drink. Oh, and napkins, too. Some of us are a little sloppy. Please, look at your schedule and determine which Sunday could be yours. This is another way to give to the church. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board for your convenience. Most of the Sundays in June are taken, so be the first in your pew to select a day in July or August.



The Women's Association is having a bake table during the Strawberry Festival. We are asking for cookies, candy, brownies, and similar treats --please no cakes or pies. The proceeds from this bake table will go to defray the cost of children who want to attend Camp Krisland. If you can help with this worthy cause, please call Marge Barner at 545-3135 or Sheila Kannegieser at 657-0124. The Strawberry Festival is on June 13, 2009.

A picnic and general meeting of the women will be held, **Thursday, July 9** at the home of Billie Hawk. We are asking each person to bring their favorite picnic side dish or dessert, as hamburger and/or hot dogs will be provided. See you then; bring a friend! A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. This meeting is important because plans for the fall and holiday events will be discussed.



HIGH TEA SOLD OUT AGAIN!

HIGH
TEA



For the fourth consecutive year, the Women's High Tea was a hot ticket event. With a newly conceived menu, many member-donated prizes, including original art, and a classically trained harpist, this year's tea was proclaimed "the best yet."

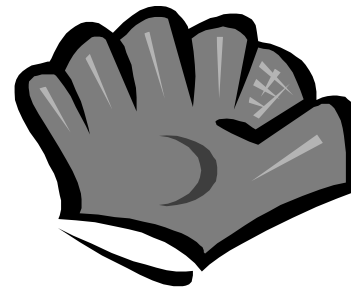
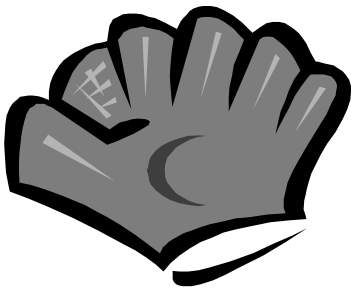
There were the usual trappings, including the men of the church in white shirts and bow ties. It was said that this year's group was especially handsome, accommodating, and efficient. Oh, my.

The highlight of the prizes is always the original art donated by PIPC's own artist in residence, Frances Burd. We greatly appreciate her generosity and talent. There was a wide variety of prizes this year, and we commend the members of the WA for helping in this way.

The tables sparkled and pleased the eye with the priceless china of association members. It is no small effort to get all that china safely to church and home again. The china tea cups and saucers containing a miniature violet were door prizes and added a touch of color to the tables.

This year's entertainment was outstanding, according to the guests. Elizabeth Asmus is a renowned harpist who appeared for the first time at PIPC, but she is certain to be asked to return. She discussed and explained the music and seemed to become totally immersed in the beauty of the melody. Everyone loved her.

Finally, the people who are responsible for this yearly event: Marge Barner, Mary Jo Roberts, Eileen Miller, Grace Miller, Sheila Kannegieser, Billie Hawk, and Bonnie Hack. They are already talking about how to make next year's tea even better. Order your tickets early!



PLAY BALL



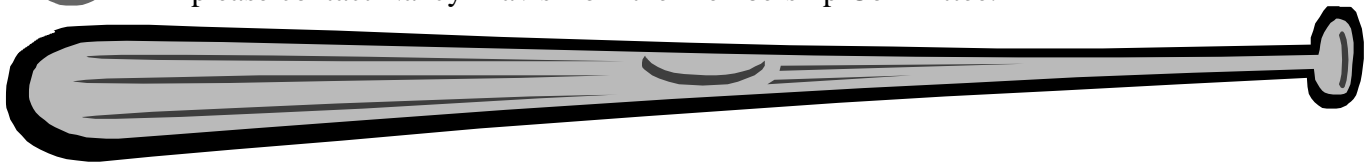
Carlisle Presbytery is presenting a "Day At the Senators" on Sunday, June 28 at City Island. The opponent will be the 'Erie Sea Wolves'. Of the \$8 ticket price, \$4 will go to support Camp Krislund. If you are interested in supporting your church camp and enjoying a baseball game, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board and indicate how many tickets are needed. The game starts at 2 PM, however, there is a pre-game catch on the field, beginning at 12:30 PM.



Checks only for the tickets may be turned in to the office. The deadline to sign up is June 21.



If you cannot attend the game on June 28, tickets can be purchased to be used at another time and Krislund will still receive credit. For information please contact Nancy Travis from the Membership Committee.



Consecration Sunday

If you were in attendance on Consecration Sunday, thank you. If you were not there we missed you. The Reverend William Harter, retired from Falling Spring Presbyterian Church, was our guest minister and preached an outstanding sermon on chutzpah.

Fifty-six households present that day brought forward Estimate of Giving Cards, making commitments totaling over \$121,000 for fiscal year 2009-10, beginning on July 1.

The campaign is not over. Those unable to be with us on Consecration Sunday have been contacted by mail. Please prayerfully consider completing the Estimate of Giving Card, and returning it to the church as soon as possible. We all have so much to be thankful. God is surely the source of our bounty.

The Stewardship Committee

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

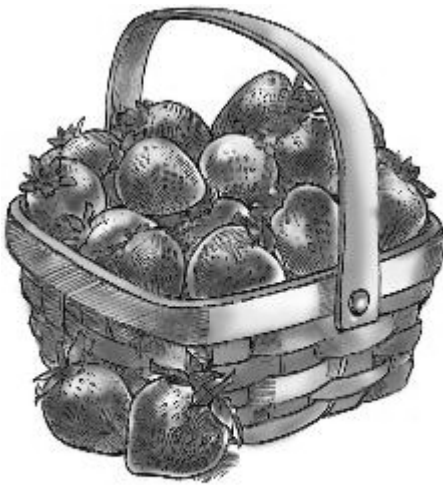
The church staff and many volunteers have been working long hours over the past year to bring the church records up to date. We thank all who have helped. Many invoices and taxes were found to be left unpaid during 2007 and early 2008. We have paid all past due amounts and are current with our day to day finances. This past month we have received a check for \$10,000 from our insurance carrier to cover some of the lost funds. With this check and a transfer of funds from an emergency account we will now be able to fund the promises that we made to missions and other church groups. We thank everyone for their patience through the past years.

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Strawberry Festival

June 13, from 4 PM to 6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

FOOD! FOOD! FOOD! There will be hotdogs, hamburgers, sausages, barbecue, salads, slaw, baked beans and drinks.

DESSERTS however are the main course!

There will be strawberries galore!!

-Sweetened or unsweetened

- With shortcake

-With ice cream----or both!

Then the “*piece de resistance*” is chocolate covered strawberries.
Who can resist?

So come early and enjoy the fellowship and food. And bring your friends and neighbors too.