

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Thinking About Change

When you hear or read the word *change*, what immediately comes into your mind?

“Do you mean, like, changing my clothes?”

“Why do you want me (or this) to change? Am I not good enough for you?”

“Hey, change happens.”

“Yay!! I get to try something new, different and exciting!”

What if the context of change was coming home with a much anticipated and loved newborn baby; or receiving a notice that you have inherited enough money to never worry about paying bills again; or finally being able to read the newspaper once again or hear the sounds of your favorite music and the voices of your favorite people because new technology makes seeing and hearing possible? These would make change good, welcome and anticipated.

There are times, though, when change seems more negative, unwelcome and dreaded. The change in family lifestyle after your children have moved out (or back home) or when a parent, child or spouse dies. In our own lives when we realize our bodies and minds are not as healthy as they once were or when we receive a pink notice that we no longer need to return to work. These events keep us from wanting to embrace change.

Both types of change may be difficult to work through and may cause anxiety and fear. Yet, in all circumstances, they provide a chance for us to grow, to risk, to reach out to family and friends, and most importantly, the opportunity to reach out to God.

We see evidence of much change in the world - the seasons change, children grow and mature, technology changes (thank goodness the ability to cool down a home changed from a floor fan to central air conditioning), and we change as we age and gain more life experiences. As we each chime in on the discussion of change - why we like or dislike it, how it will affect us now and in the future - scripture also has something to say:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? - Isaiah 43:18-19

Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will change his mind about the disaster that he has pronounced against you. - Jeremiah 26:13

“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” - Matthew 18:3

When scripture speaks of change, it is usually in the context of God changing God’s mind (for our own good) or our need to change in order to be prepared for God’s coming realm. This may put a different spin on our understanding of change. Does our question about *change* need to change from “What do we need to do differently?” to “How do we think about and respond to the change that is already coming?”

Our Reformed Tradition also has given guidance on the subject of change, namely the saying: *ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda secundum verbi Dei*, “the Church reformed and always reforming according to the Word of God.” Change comes when we allow God to mold and shape us into the church God desires us to be.

These examples offer good news for us. We are not agents of our change - God is. If we open ourselves to the work of the Spirit in Jesus Christ, we become the receivers of God’s initiative and guidance.

What change from God is already coming? How might God be reforming and reshaping Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church? Come and see!

Kent Carter, Pastor



Dear Friends,
I would like to thank everyone for the cards, thoughts, and prayers on the death of my daughter.
Thank you,
Jane Shallcross

Dear PIPC Friends,
Thank you for all the kind things that the church has done for my family.
Thanks again,
Edna Holsberger

Dear Ladies of PIPC,
Thank you so much for supporting our fashion show. We hope you had a nice afternoon of fashions, fun with friends and we hope you enjoyed the refreshments!
Thanks again,
The Members of DCAEOP

Dear Ladies,
Your care and thoughtfulness to my grandmother have been a joy to her all along. Your care and thoughtfulness now are much appreciated.
Many thanks,
Terry Sneed

Dear PIPC,
Thank you so very much for all the cards and calls these past few weeks. It is a blessing to be a part of such a caring congregation.
Judy & Howard Snyder

Dear PIPC,
Thank you again for the use of Fellowship Hall for Rebecca's baby shower. Rebecca had a great time! We'll let you know when the little bundle of joy arrives in June.
Deb Leader

Dear Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church,
We are grateful for your thoughtful Christian Stewardship to the camp ministry for the Presbyteries. Thank you for your continuing support to Camp Krislund!
With gratitude,
Mark Englund-Krieger

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your thoughtful generosity expressed by your donation to Bethesda Mission. Your gift is really an extension of Christ's love to the hurting and hungry of the community who look to Bethesda for help. May God bless you for the lives that are transformed through your generosity.
Rejoicing in His Resurrection,
Chuck Wingate, Executive Director

Dear Rev. Carter and Friends,
Kent, thank you for your visits at the hospital prior to my surgeries. I sincerely appreciated your coming in and your prayers. And thanks for staying with Gail during my procedures.
Friends, thank you for your prayers, cards, and concerns for my recovery from shoulder and knee surgeries.
Sincerely,
Norm Diefenderfer

Thank you to all that supported the Preschool Fundraiser at Isaac's. We received \$163.00 from the fundraiser.
Thank you,
Progress Community Preschool

PIP-C Generation

The PIP-C Generation held its meeting on May 11 in Fellowship Hall. The meal was prepared by Eileen Miller and her "assistants", Charley and Grace. They offered a delicious chicken casserole, cole slaw, and cake and provided Marge with a welcome break from her kitchen duties. The entertainment was provided by the preschool children of Progress Community. Led by their energetic teachers Billie Hawk and Peggy Grobinsky, the children gestured and stomped their way through a lively musical program.

We have a full slate of officers and committee heads in place for next year with the exception of the program committee. I am still accepting volunteers for that committee, and, at the very least, I would welcome volunteers to meet and greet each month's entertainment.

We will have our final meeting of the summer on June 8, 2010. The entertainment will be Jake and Levi, the Incredible Wonderdogs. See you then.

PIP-C FALL TRIP

Thursday, November 4, 2010

We will be traveling to Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort for a Germanfest.

Various activities are scheduled including a strudel-making demonstration and coffee upon arrival. A family-style German lunch will be served at 12:30 PM followed by German style entertainment. A snack will be served before departure.

Itinerary: 7:00 AM Arrive at church parking lot.

7:15 AM Depart for Lake Wallenpaupack

10:30 AM Arrive (with a 10 minute travel break)

12:30 PM Dinner

3:30 PM Depart for Harrisburg

6:30 PM Arrive back at church (approximately)

Cost of the trip is \$60.00 (Payment in full must be made by October 1, 2010.)

Please sign up as soon as possible if you are interested in the trip.

Make checks payable to "PIP-C Trips"



Send payment to: Zana Allison 504 Redwood Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109 or
Allen Travis, 4484 Ethel Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Mary E. Bressler	2
Helen Ingham	3
June Miller	8
Harry Mohler	11
Ruth Leidich	20
Charlotte Acri	28
Helen Ingham	30
June Rounsley	30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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





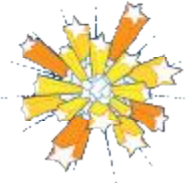
GALACTIC BLAST


A Cosmic Adventure Praising God

July 20, 21, and 22, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Vacation Bible School at Paxton Presbyterian Church.

As a cadet you will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions your child will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth and learn easy “green” earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadet developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.





SUMMER HAPPENINGS

June 6 through August 29.
For preschool and up.
(During the worship hour.)

The theme for this 13 week adventure is
“Bible Zone Live - On The Road.”

A teacher and assistant teacher sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up to teach or help as we go *‘On the Road’* and learn about mission and mission giving as part of being a follower.



Summer Lawn Receptions

The summer lawn receptions will begin on June 6. If you are willing to be a host/hostess for a Sunday, you will need to provide the goodies (they do not have to be home made), drink, and napkins. Please, look at your schedule and sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to serve. See you on the lawn.

Prayer Request for Church Members

Anita and Lee Anthony, Dorothy and Carl Baynham, Frances Burd, Tom and Lillie Daniels, Naya Edwards, Richard Feathers, Alice Fisher, Dottie and Les Folk, Arlene Fry, Shirley Gill, Marge Gillam, Bill Hawk, Edna Holsberger, Irene Lehr, Pat Lebo, Anna Neely, John Parson, Ron and Judy Rowe, Jim Sayers, Betty and Dick Schneider, Jane Shallcross, Mary Ellen Sheesley, Evelyn Smith, Howard and Judy Snyder, Mike and Mary Sweigard, Charles and Marian Weakly, and Audrey Ziegler. **Military Personnel:** 1st Lt. Michael Bertsch, 1st Lt. Ryan Greenawalt, PFC Justin Keller, Major Cloyd Smith and PFC Christopher Thomas.

JUNE SUNDAY SERVANTS		
Worship Assistant	Greeters Schedule	
	<u>Blackberry Alley Door</u>	<u>Front Door</u>
June 6 Norm Diefenderfer	Peg & Rusty Keiser	Terry Hack
June 13 Shirley Cleaver	Mike & Mary Sweigard	Zana Allison
June 20 Bonnie Bentz	Chuck & Sheila Kannegieser	Paulina Marshall
June 27 Mike Sweigard	Bob & Irene Brightbill	Phyllis Hedenberg

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

The **Fifth Annual High Tea** presented by the Progress-Immanuel Women's Association was held on May 16, 2010. This event would not be in existence if not for Marge Barner with her determination, unbelievable stamina and ability to organize. She surrounds herself with capable helpers who assist with planning and implementing the menu. Women of the church volunteer to bring in their finest china to adorn the tables. Men of the church agree to dress up in white shirts and bow ties to serve the tables, make the tea, and help with clean-up.



There are many cogs in the wheels of the project that becomes the Women's High Tea. From Marge to her committee, to the table setters, to the men who serve, to Jim who gets Fellowship Hall ready, to Carolyn who prints the tickets, to the ticket sellers. . . they all have an integral and vital role in the success of the day. No one cog could be eliminated without affecting the whole. "Thank you" does not sound big enough to convey to every cog how valued they are and how necessary.

The Presbyterian Women want to thank all the folks that supported the Church World Service Project-**Baby Kits for Haiti**. On June 1, 2010, the kits will be delivered for distribution by Church World Services to Haiti where they will be greatly appreciated. Thank you again for reaching out to others with needs in our world.



Women's Picnic

There are five people at a picnic, five apples in a basket, each person takes an apple, there's one apple left in the basket. How can this be? For the answer you will need to come to the **PIPC Women's Picnic** on July 8. The picnic will be held at the home of Billie Hawk. Please bring a covered dish (with something yummy inside) to share, the meat will be provided. The picnic will begin at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to come for an evening of great fellowship, food and the answer to the question.

Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church will be the host church for the summer gathering of **Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Carlisle**. This gathering will take place Saturday, July 24, 2010, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Registration begins at 9:00 AM, with the meeting beginning at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. There is a need for volunteers to handle registration, be greeters, serve snacks in the morning, work in the kitchen, help clean up, and for participants to attend this special event hosted by the women of our church. If you would like to volunteer please contact Marge or the church office.



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"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." C. S. Lewis



GOOD STEWARDSHIP


Dear Brothers and Sisters of Progress Immanuel Presbyterian Church,

Summer is approaching and before we know it our schedules will be filled with all of the outdoor activities associated with this season. As a kick-off, it would be a great time to review our commitment to stewardship. The time for giving never ends and the mission of the church also never ends. Just as our membership has always risen to those in need, we should not forget a faithful stewardship to our own congregation. The individual financial support of the church is critical to the life of the church. Continuing to give at your level of commitment or greater, is as important through the summer as it is in the other seasons.


We all have busy lives and this reminder is only to renew the energy that we all need to put forth in our physical and fiscal gifts to our church. Give from the heart and spirit that makes all of us good Presbyterians. As Christ placed his faith in God the Father may we all place our faith in giving generously to the stewardship of PIPC.

Thank you all for your generosity and continued gifts for the financial future of our church.

Michael Legg
Chair of Stewardship





SUNDAYS IN JUNE



June may be the start of summer vacations, but not at PIPC. You don't want to miss the following Sunday morning worship times:

- June 6 - We will welcome New Members
- June 13 - Communion and the Installation of Officers.
- June 27 - Is Choir Appreciation Sunday



BULLETINS AND FLOWERS

Would you like to honor a special person(s)? Would you like to remember a special person(s)? What better way than placing the bulletins and/or flowers in the church in memory or honor of an individual(s). There are several Sundays open on the calendar for such an occasion. The bulletins are \$10.00 per week and the flowers are \$27.50 per week.



Strawberry Festival

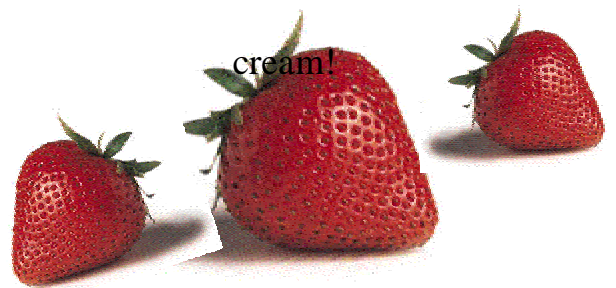


June 5, 2010 from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Incredible Food: There will be hotdogs, hamburgers, barbecue, salads, baked beans and drinks.

Incredible Desserts: Strawberries galore, everyway you can imagine---with ice

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



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