

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PIPC Messenger

March 2010



A Year in Review

An annual report of a congregation is designed to help us reflect on the faithfulness of our participation in and partnering with God and God's mission in the world. There have been many highlights. Here are a few of which I have been blessed to witness and experience.

History Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church has remained faithful to God's call to offer mission and ministry in this neighborhood for sixty years. On May 16 we celebrated our 60th anniversary as a community of Christ's faithful followers. During a historical presentation we were transported back to May 22, 1949, when the congregation was officially organized. I wonder what God has planned for our next sixty years?

Education Vacation Bible School for our children, with many adults serving in supporting ways, began again with the help of Paxton Presbyterian Church. Three confirmation seekers and adult covenant partners journeyed ten weeks through the "Big Picture" of the Christian faith with two of the seekers choosing to become active members of PIPC. Three different adult classes, each ten weeks in length, were offered mid-week. I consider it a joy and have appreciated the chance to teach these classes.

Worship The liturgical year continues to form and fashion our worship life. The seasons of Lent and Advent, especially, encourage me. The music and liturgy of special services like *Heralds of Joy*, Good Friday *Tenebrae*, the Palm Sunday Cantata, Christmas Eve candle lighting and Easter communion enrich my spiritual formation. This past Advent we added an early gathering of informal worship.

Nurture and Fellowship This congregation enjoys each other. We like dining together and offering care to one another. The Deacons continue to provide home communion to those isolated from community worship. The Deacons, Women's Association, PIP-C Generation and other groups continue to host fellowship and hospitality events. These same organizations with the help of individuals also provide caring and compassionate support to our members and friends experiencing hardship and loss.

Mission Renewing relationships and making new friends in the service of Jesus Christ has strengthened our outreach. We have served the Presbyterian Church of Cow Creek, KY, sent members to serve with Lend-A-Hand in Oakville, IA, provided hands and supplies to the Salvation Army, Bethesda Mission, DELTA Community, Krislund Camp, Christian Churches United, Habitat for Humanity, Presbytery of Carlisle and Downtown Daily Bread. And we have many silent servants serving in quiet, unassuming ways.

The beginning of this year marked my fifth anniversary of mission and ministry partnership with Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church. I am blessed to balance family life and work, faith and fun in this particular community of faith. I am pleased to serve outside the walls of this congregation and out in the presbytery. I continue chairing the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry and participating in a monthly clergy support group. This year I was elected to the Eastern Region of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators as secretary to the board that includes three synods.

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In furthering my education I have begun work toward my Doctor of Ministry degree in Congregational Mission and Leadership at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. This five-year course of study is designed to offer the depth and breadth of theological thinking required of missional leaders (those who center leadership and ministry around God's work in the world). Several of its goals include helping people enthusiastically experience and participate in being church, view situations theologically and ask, "what is God doing here," and serve and lead congregations in their unique contexts. I just returned from my second class and am extremely excited about how this educational endeavor will assist PIPC in encouraging our faithful imaginations in partnering with God's mission and ministry in the world. I am enthused by my time in study, reflection and partnership in our ministry together. I hope you will be, too.

There have also been times these past eighteen months that brought challenges and grief for this family of faith, as we struggled with economic downturn in the country, carefully managed our resources of both money and people, and said our farewells to those we miss. Many of these difficult issues continue with us. We worship and serve with fewer members; we have decreased financial resources with which to offer benevolence outreach and ministry to our own community. We have overcome deception and temptation. Through it all we have remained faithful in witnessing to God's goodness, wisdom and love. And even when we have not been entirely faithful, God remains faithful to us.

Any year cannot be summarized or captured without acknowledging persons who have shared it. I am indebted to many members of this congregation and its entire staff for the year just finished. Deacons and Elders, Sunday school teachers, choir members, committee members, office servants, ushers, greeters, phone callers, kitchen crew, acolytes, and so many more. The abundance of gifts and skills and the generosity in which they are shared are truly amazing and life-giving. I am blessed to share my staff work with Carolyn, Jim, June and Terry. My own ministry has been enriched by you. Thank you.

One last personal note: Thank you Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church for your tremendous support and outpouring of love when my brother-in-law, Ed, died. You made phone calls and sent cards to me, my sister and my parents. Thank you for praying and for supporting my family and me during this sad, sad time.

God has graced us this past year. We have served faithfully in ministry and compassionately in mission. God desires that we work even more intentionally in the coming twelve months. I pray that we might receive direction in our mission, be lead forward into the future, challenged to partner together, all while celebrating and rejoicing in the Triune God.

Serving together our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Rev. Kent Carter,
Pastor and Moderator of Session

(The preceding remarks are from the Moderator's Annual Report for 2009. A full copy may be found in the church office and online at pipc-church.org.)



THANK YOU to all of those at Progress-Immanuel for your cards, calls and prayers during and after my recent visit to Harrisburg Hospital. It's comforting to know that others at our Church are offering their thoughts and support at a time like this. It certainly meant a lot to me.

Bub Manning

CROP HUNGER WALK FUNDS have been used to help stock the warehouses in the Dominion Republic which is the 'hub' for distribution to the Haiti earthquake victims.

THANK YOU for thinking of us during our 65th wedding anniversary. The calls and cards were very much appreciated as they made our celebration special. We miss all of you and pray that you have a meaningful Lent. Blessings for a lovely Spring and Happy Easter!

Gratefully with Love,
Lillie and Tom Daniels



March 14

Remember to
turn your
clock ahead.

PROGRESS PRESCHOOL

Winter snow has given us lots of opportunities to sing snow songs, and do snow art projects. February is a short month packed with activities. Ground Hog Day, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Valentine's Day, Dental Health Month, and School Pictures. It was hard to get all our special days celebrated because of snow days but we managed. Our Valentine Party was held on Feb. 12 with all red snacks and a valentine exchange. School pictures were taken on Feb. 15. and Dr. Gould visited on Feb. 26 to talk about healthy teeth. We appreciate his yearly visits. We also have yearly Vision Screening in January courtesy of Tri County Blind Association. In March we'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day and experience the magic of the leprechauns. Hopefully we'll have spring weather and we can transition to a new season. Thanks to everyone for supporting our Giant cards.

MARCH SUNDAY SERVANTS

Worship Assistant

- Mar. 7 Stewart Robinson
- Mar. 14 Billie Hawk
- Mar. 21 Sandy Dailey
- Mar. 28 Bill Becker

Greeters Schedule

Blackberry Alley Door

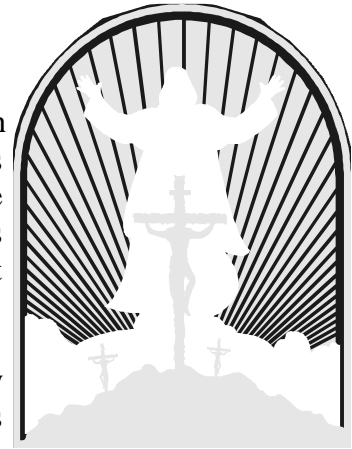
- Mike & Barb Legg
- Harold & Joyce Arnold
- John & Joan Bowerman
- Eric & Jennifer Mark

Front Door

- Michelle Beck
- SuAnn Tucci
- Grace Miller
- Doris Broadley

The Season of Lent

During this Lenten Season Sundays 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 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 be 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

Lenten Meals

The Lenten Dinners are held on Wednesdays beginning 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.

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.

Sharing our Easter Faith with Children Palm Saturday, March 27, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Children can ask tough questions about Jesus’ death and resurrection. Do you know how to respond in ways that are helpful to our youngest Christians? Do you ask the same question without finding answers?



We invite you, children and adults alike, to explore our Easter faith in light of Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection. With stories, crafts, scripture and snacks we will rehearse the events of Holy Week so that we can share the Easter faith with children.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

“Feed my sheep,” Jesus told his disciples. We know that these words do not merely mean to provide food for those in need but to provide hope, resources, and empowerment. Through our gifts the **Self-Development of People** and the **Presbyterian Hunger Program** each receives 32% of the offering, with the remaining 36% supporting **the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** .

For the *Burmese refugees in Mason Michigan* your gifts allowed **Self-Development of People** to help this group of refugees find ways to nourish itself with both fresh vegetables and the hidden nutrients of community that grow from common ground. Yet there are still so many still hungry for both food and community.

Eight years ago the **Presbyterian Hunger Program** began as an initiative known as **Joining Hands Against Hunger**. This group helps local groups join together to confront their challenges and to join with brothers and sisters in the country of *India* who want to share the burden of their struggle.

In *South Africa* the signs of progress are just the beginning after year of poverty and warfare. Lives are being transformed into productive communities rooted in concern for one another and a new sense of unity and hope.

Millions of **IDP** (internally displaced persons) from *Sudan to Sri Lanka to Pakistan* face the same hardships as refugees but are virtually invisible to the outside world. The past year’s war in Pakistan alone has displaced millions. Losing home, neighbors, sometimes family, livelihoods, and the security of routine has disrupted their lives. Those in IDP camps try to restore a sense of ordinary life from the resources at hand. Thanks to the **OGHS Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** has responded by providing food, shelter, clean water and other basic humanitarian needs to the thousands of displaced families.


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 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.

“Feed my sheep,” will you respond to the call? One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes are included in this issue of the Messenger, as well as in the church pews. The dedication of our gifts will be on Palm Sunday, March 28. Please give generously.

It’s Remarkable What Your Gift Will Do.

PALM SUNDAY


*Deacon's Annual
Palm Sunday*



Breakfast

FELLOWSHIP HALL
8:30 AM - 10 AM

Cost: Adults \$5.00
Children Ages 3-18 \$3.00
Tickets on sale March 7.




*Palm
Sunday*

Cantata

“The Lenten Sketches”
March 28, 2010

Presented by
Progress-Immanuel
Presbyterian Church
Chancel Choir



*Easter
Flowers*

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to place a flower in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010, please fill out the form below and **return it with your payment to the church office, no later than Sunday, March 14, 2010.** This year we offer the choice of placing a 5-6 bloom lily, hyacinths, tulips and daffodils. The cost for each plant is \$8.25.

Number of Lilies _____ x \$8.25 = \$ _____ Number of Tulips _____ x \$8.25 = \$ _____

Number of Hyacinths _____ x \$8.25 = \$ _____ Number of Daffodils _____ x \$8.25 = \$ _____

Total Paid \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT THE INFORMATION BELOW

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Deliver # _____ to Shut-in.
Take Home # _____

Placed by: _____ Envelope Number: _____

2010 Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Highlights



The 2009 Annual Report of the Congregation was reviewed and received. A copy may be obtained from the church office and online at picp-church.org.

The bylaws were updated, amended and approved. Significant changes include: reducing the size of Session from fifteen to nine with three classes of three elders each; reducing the size of the Board of Deacons from eighteen to twelve with three classes of four deacons each; and setting dates for the Annual Meeting (third Sunday in February) and the Fall Meeting (second Sunday in November). A copy of the bylaws may be obtained from the church office and online at picp-church.org.

Officers were elected: to Session class of 2012 Shirley Cleaver, and class of 2013 Norm Diefenderfer and George Eakin; and to Auditor class of 2013 Bill Hawk. Deacon class of 2013 and the congregational nominating committee for 2013 remain vacant.

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## HEARTSAVER FIRST AID/CPR/AED

The Health Ministry Team will be offering the American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid CPR and AED course on April 17, 2010. It is a strenuous 8 hour day. The course includes First Aid Basics, Medical, Injury, and Environmental Emergencies as well as Adult/Child and Infant CPR and choking. Participants would pack their own lunch for a 30 minute break midway through the day with two other breaks during the course. Participants will need to pay for a book, masks, mouthpiece, face shield, and replacement lungs for the manikins. The cost should not exceed \$25 and depends upon the shipping and handling expense of the course books. It will be taught by Peggy Manning. Due to the time commitment the course will only be taught if there are 6 people interested in taking it. Please fill out and return the form to the church office or Peggy Manning if you are interested.

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\_\_\_\_\_ (Name) am interested in taking the Heartsaver First Aid CPR and AED course on April 17, 2010.

I understand that it is an 8 hour day, that I would provide my own lunch and that the cost of the course must be prepaid.  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



# PIP-C GENERATION

The PIP-C Generation met on February 9 just hours before the arrival of another huge snowfall. Despite the dreary forecast, nearly 60 daring and hungry individuals came to the meeting to enjoy Marge's feast of beef stew, biscuits, German cucumber salad, and cherry pie. The entertainment was Chris and Gary Wolfe, the gospel-singing couple called "The Only Purpose." Their program was casual and offered a mix of pop classics and gospel songs. Everyone enjoyed singing along on songs that we have always loved.

Next month's meeting is on March 9 in Fellowship Hall at 11:30. The entertainment will be Hans Hagemann.

| Birthdays       |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Carol Colyer    | 1  |
| Grace Miller    | 3  |
| James Sayers    | 4  |
| Jean Sherry     | 13 |
| Jane Shallcross | 17 |
| Joanne Sayers   | 20 |
| Nicki Milakovic | 29 |
| Roberta Hill    | 29 |



| Anniversaries        |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Joan & John Bowerman | 1 |
| Joyce & Harry Mohler | 8 |



## PIP-C TRIP

## PIP-C SUMMER TRIP Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Our Summer trip will be going to the **Totem Pole Playhouse** in Fayetteville, PA to see "**45 Seconds From Broadway**." It is a humorous and touching play from America's master of comedy, Neil Simon. The play is set just off of Times Square. The cast is a group of struggling actors, aspiring writers, and many other people trying to get to the *Great White Way*.

Following the play we will be going to **Hickory Bridge Farm** for a country dinner.

### Itinerary:

12:15 PM Arrive at the Church Parking Lot

12:30 PM Depart for Fayetteville

2:30 PM Show Time

4:40 PM Depart for Dinner

5:00 PM Arrive at Hickory Bridge Farms

6:45 PM Approximate Departure for Home

Cost: \$70.00 per person, payment in full must be made by May 23, 2010.

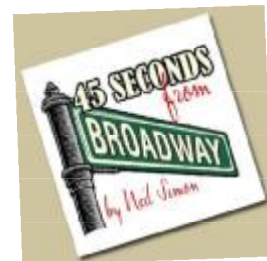
Please sign up as soon as possible if you are interested in the trip.

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





**Lenten Gatherings and Dinner** - Wednesdays  
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 9:30 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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