

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PIPC Messenger

MAY, 2009



Making the Change

Change is filling the air.

Neighbors and friends are venturing outside to clean up the yard, ride bikes, and play soccer, baseball and Frisbee. School will soon come to a finish, so teachers will receive a well-earned break from classes, and students will enjoy summer activities. As we age and grow older our lifestyles change depending on health, retirement, parents and children. And let's not forget the changes we read and hear about in the news regarding global economics and relations in Arab countries.

In the Carter household, we are amazed at the changes we witness in Seth and Sarah. This month Seth turns seven, Sarah turns one, and Jan and I, individually, celebrate our ordination anniversaries, and, together, our wedding anniversary. Our family has changed in the past fifteen years, in ways we never imagined. We look forward to the next fifteen, wondering what surprises God will help us discover along the way.

In the church, the air is filled with change, as well. We will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of mission and ministry by Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church. This evening will recap some of the highlights of the past sixty years. It will most surely cause us to wonder what God has planned for us in the next sixty. New officers were recently elected and will be installed this summer. The season of Eastertide will end when the Day of Pentecost is celebrated with wind, fire and communion.

Change is filling the air. But most of us do not seem to like the word "change." A word we can use instead, a word that might be more accurate and descriptive could be "transition". The weather is transitioning from cooler to warmer; the Carters are transitioning from a family with an infant to a toddler; PIPC is transitioning from Easter to Pentecost, from past to future.

When we consider change, we tend to picture abrupt stops and starts in the flow of whatever is being changed. Transition, on the other hand, connotes a general or gradual movement away from and toward something new or different. I am coming to believe, more and more, this is how God works more often in our lives and in the life of the church.

How is God moving us along, from one way of living to another? How is God transitioning us from a maintenance model of ministry to a missional model? What is God asking us to leave behind; what is God asking us to keep in order to move toward God's promised and preferred future for PIPC? These are not easy questions to ponder, let alone answer. Yet, in order to be faithful to God and God's call in this community, we must, at least, be willing to engage them.

As we transition from here to there, from now to then, let us consider these questions posed. Pray over them. Reflect upon them. Discuss them with friends. Take them with you. Now, let us answer them.

We are always doing or participating in transitions. So is God. May we transition together.

Peace,

Kent Carter, Pastor

Thank You!

THANK YOU!

On Sunday, March 8, 2009 Terry Hack delivered flowers to our home. They were pretty and cheerful. Thank you and thank you Terry, for bringing them and the bulletin to us from that Sunday. We are doing better, and thank you for the cards, visits, and prayers.

Lillie and Tom Daniels

The Board of Deacons wishes to thank all those wonderful people who attended and supported our Palm Sunday Breakfast. Many folks said it was the best breakfast one could have imagined. Again thanks to all those deacons who got up entirely too early to begin cooking and stayed entirely too long to do all the cleaning up! With this type of cooperation we were able to have a profit of \$339.09. This money will go to provide financial assistance to the boys and girls who will attend Camp Krislund this summer. Again thanks for a job well done and much appreciated by all.

The Deacons

Dear Church Members,

Thank you for the altar flowers they brightened my room for two weeks. Easter Monday a beautiful Hyacinth was brought to me by Terry Hack-the scent of the flowers was wonderful and they said "Spring, Spring is Coming". Thank you for remembering me.

Sincerely, Audrey Ziegler



I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful tulips I received at Easter. Also, the cards I receive from the Woman's Association and your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless, D. Arlene Fry

God's Gardens

Buds are sprouting, bulbs are blooming! It is Spring, and the garden plots around the church are showing the new life that we celebrated on Easter! We want to thank the following gardeners who enhance our church property with their loving green thumbs: Marge Barner, Bonnie Bentz, Joan Bowerman, Ellie Boyer, The Hacks, The Leggs, The Mannings, Gail McCullum, The Millers, Progress Community Preschool, Sue Skelly, Janet Smith, Judy Snyder, and The Zimmermans. The plot next to the garbage would very much like to be adopted. Please call Bonnie Hack to claim and cultivate this orphan.

May Sunday Servants

Worship Assistant

5/3/2009 Bonnie Hack
 5/10/2009 Cherie Saber
 5/17/2009 Paulina Marshall
 5/24/2009 Terry Hack
 5/31/2009 Pat Reidell

Greeters Schedule

Blackberry Alley Door

Mike & Barb Legg
 Jack Andren & Betty Andren
 Nicki Milakovic & Vivian Shelley
 Don & Lorraine Englander
 Don & Marge Barner

Front Door

Jeff Piccola
 Doris Smith
 Al Travis
 Charlotte Acri
 Bill Hawk

PIP-C Generation

THE PIP-C Generation met in Fellowship Hall on April 14, 2009. The day began with a delicious meal of "Chicken Spectacular," Caesar salad, and egg custard pie. The speaker of the day was Beth Carricato, owner of Dauphin County Wildlife Rescue, which specializes in rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured wildlife. Beth brought along some "scene stealers," two owls, a kestrel, and a snake. We all loved Beth's interesting and enlightening talk and we especially enjoyed her companions, namely Chester, the owl. The snake, on the other hand, did more to clear the room than it did to educate us! PIP-C gave a donation of \$100 to help support Beth's rescue efforts.

The final business of the day was to choose a nominating committee for next year's officers. Since everyone agreed to stay on in their current positions, we did not need to bother with a committee. Thank you everyone for the time you give so graciously to PIP-C.

Next month's meeting will be on May 12 at 11:30a.m. Our special feature will be the always entertaining children of the pre-school. Mark your calendars and remember to say "Yes" or "No" when your friendly caller calls.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|----|
| Donald Barner | 2 |
| Ann Roden | 2 |
| Vivian Deemer | 4 |
| Ruth Strausbaugh | 6 |
| Stephanie Hartman | 7 |
| Marilyn Zimmerman | 7 |
| Millie Zug | 9 |
| Rusty Keiser | 10 |
| Leslie Mason | 15 |
| Eleanor Sweigard | 15 |
| Dick Schneider | 18 |
| Dorothy Straw | 22 |
| Esther Lau | 23 |
| Pauline Burrell | 24 |

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, 2009.



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. When you sign-up please pick a meal selection by letter.

- A - Fried Shrimp & Scallops**
- B - Yankee Pot Roast**
- C - Catch of the Day**
- D - Breast of Chicken with Fruit Stuffing**
- E - Roast Turkey with Cranberry Stuffing**

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



Consecration Sunday

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, **“What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?”**

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, May 17, we will ask you to make your financial commitments to our church’s mission, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend even if they feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship we will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

60th Anniversary Celebration 1949-2009

Yes, it is 60 years since the organization of Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church and we want you to be with us to celebrate!! Saturday, May 16 is the date. The time is 6:00 p.m. for one of Marge’s delicious chicken dinners. After dinner a big entertaining program is being planned by all the different groups of the church. . . . Sunday School classes, the children, the choir, the Women’s Association, the Deacons and the Session.

Certainly you do not want to miss this !!!

Tickets are being sold in the church office and after all worship services. Come and eat, see, hear and enjoy! The cost of the tickets for adults are \$15, and children under 12 are \$7.50.



PIPC
60th
Anniversary

Health Ministry: “Your Body is a Temple”

Our physical bodies were created as a dwelling for the Spirit of God. Healthy lifestyles are very important in caring for these “Temples”. Each individual needs to take a look at the level of care being provided for the health of the body. Is your blood pressure within the normal level? How about the cholesterol level and your blood sugar? How can we maintain or lower these levels?

For most people an easy and effective starting point is to count the number of carbohydrates eaten each day. Sugar is an end product of this type of food. Sugar causes the body to produce insulin. High insulin level is the cause of most health problems. These include diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer disease, some cancers, joint problems, obesity and other health problems. In other words, our diet is the major item along with exercise for maintaining the health of our total bodies - God’s Temples. For assistance in looking at your diet, the Health Ministry Team’s “Wellness Pyramid” is available in the Information Center. If you desire more information your Health Team members will assist you.

Youth Activity for May

Sponsored by Don Lauver

What: Trout Stocking

When: Saturday, May 9, 2009, from
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Children's Lake, Boiling Springs

How: Sign up on the bulletin board, show up at the church parking lot with your fishing pole, a change of clothes, energy, permission slip and emergency contact sheet. Lunch will be provided and if you need a fishing pole, please indicate next to your name when signing up, so we will have enough equipment for everyone.



Last Day of Regular Sunday School Date Change

The last Sunday school class for children will be Sunday, May 24, 2009. This will be a special project day and will be held in Fellowship Hall, instead of your child's regular Sunday school room.



Camp Krislund

Just a reminder, Camp Krislund is available to youth K-12th grade. Camp dates begin June 21 and run through August 8. For more details please visit their web site at www.krislund.org.

Summers Happenings



Summer Happenings will begin on Sunday, June 7, 2009, and run for thirteen weeks through Sunday, August 30, 2009. A teacher and assistant teacher sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up and help teach God's word to the children who are eager to hear and learn God's teachings. The Sunday school material is labeled and on the filing cabinets outside the office.

Teacher Recognition



Sunday School Teacher Recognition Sunday

Sunday school teacher recognition will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2009, during the worship service. If you taught Sunday school during the 2008-2009 school year, please plan on attending so we can honor your service.

VBS



We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with Paxton Presbyterian Church again this year for VBS, Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience + Discovery God Everywhere). The dates for VBS are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 14, 15 and 16, 2009. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday. VBS will be held from 9-12 p.m. each day, with a picnic lunch being served on Thursday. The cost will be \$6.00 per child, which includes a great music CD of the songs the children learn at VBS. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Kegerreis at 540-5727. There will be a volunteers meeting in May, the date to be announced.



Pentecost Offering

for Children at Risk, Youth, and Young Adults

Pentecost, May 31, is an amazing, celebratory day in the community of faith. At Pentecost, we acknowledge the coming of the Holy Spirit, which transforms human life and all of creation. Through our participation in the Pentecost Offering, we send forth God's powerful, curative love to children at risk, youth, and young adults.

This year's Offering theme, "Send forth your spirit!" is from Psalm 104:30. The passage describes the glory of a creation that is filled with God's holy and life-giving Spirit. With assurance, we celebrate the abundance of our blessings and know that God's love and care for us know no bounds. What joy and comfort this gives us every day! With love and confidence we turn outward and share this with others!

The Pentecost Offering is a tangible way to demonstrate that Spirit within us! It gives us the opportunity to use 40 percent of the amount we receive to minister in our own community on behalf of children at risk. Through General Assembly ministries, the Pentecost Offering supports, guides, and nurtures the faith of Presbyterian young people, calls forth a new generation of church leadership, and advocates for children at risk on a national level.

Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering. Your gifts will have an impact now and in the generations to come.

Opportunities to reach out:

- May 2 – Work Day at Krislund
- May 30 – Highmark's Walk For a Healthier Community to support Habitat for Humanity
- June 1 – HELP Ministries Golf Tournament

Contact Bonnie Hack for details.



Dates to Remember

- May 3 - Women's Tea
- May 10 - Mother's Day
- May 16 - Church Anniversary
- May 17 - Consecration Sunday
- May 25 - Memorial Day
(Church Office is closed for the Holiday)
- May 31 - Pentecost Sunday

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Consecration Sunday

IT'S COMING ON MAY 17, 2009!

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