



PIPC Messenger

MAY 2010

Healthy Soil



These past several days of sunshine, even with the chilly breeze, have given Jan and me the opportunity to get outside and do some much needed yard work. The winter played havoc on some of our bushes and herb garden, so we decided to replant the herbs, replace some bushes and plant more annuals and perennials. My job was to replace two azalea bushes near the house, one that was about three quarters dead and the other completely broken off at the ground. The only thing left of the second bush was the root ball still in the ground. With one yank each, out they came.

According to the tag on the new azaleas the hole for planting is to be 2-3 times bigger than the diameter of the existing plant. No problem. I'll get the shovel and in 30 minutes I'll have the correct size holes for our new bushes. Thirty minutes later I was almost finished with the first hole. What I found in the ground were rocks, gravel and old roots, making the digging ever so difficult. The soil looked good and ready for digging and planting, but what I found under the surface mulch was anything but healthy soil.

Meanwhile, Jan has been planting our beans, peas and other veggies along the back fence. That area did not look so great because we left mulched leaves on top of the beds over winter. Earlier this spring we mixed those decaying leaves into the soil. Jan had an easier time of digging and planting in this area, not because she was not digging as deeply in the soil, but because we have been nurturing that area with grass clippings and compost.

This work reminds me of the parable of the soil that Jesus tells in the Gospels of Matthew 13 and Luke 8. You know the story. A farmer goes out to sow seeds. Those seeds fall on different types of soil – rocky, thorny, hard and good. The seeds only produced well in the good soil, the softer soil with few rocks.

That's the kind of soil I wanted for our azaleas – soft soil with few rocks. I wanted soil like the kind by the back fence, the soil that was nurtured and fed. I have realized this soil did not become healthy easily, nor quickly. It has taken several years to see health and growth spring forth from the ground. I am ready to reap an abundance of beans, peas and greens this harvest. Unfortunately for the azaleas, their soil will need much more work. Yet I believe they can thrive, too, with care and commitment. That unhealthy soil can come to health.

I wonder – what kind of ministry and mission soil are we using today and creating for the future? How well are we nurturing the seedbeds of faith formation that encourages growth and abundance? Are we willing to commit time, energy and resources for creating a lush, healthy environment for worship and service?

It does take work and patience for our gardens to grow. Yet I believe we can produce rich fruit and an abundance of faithful living. The season for growth has just begun. What will you do to help nurture the soil?

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kent".





Thank You

A big "Thank You" goes out to the PIPC Women's Association. The women had the flower vases and the cross in the sanctuary refinished.

Dear PIPC Friends,
I would like to say thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and phone calls during my recovery period.
Thank you, Allen Travis

Serving Together to Meet the Needs of Others

Did you know that PIPC has faithful volunteers that serve meals for Downtown Daily Bread on the second, fourth and fifth Mondays each month? Did you know that last year they served a total of 3,596 meals? Did you know that last month the volunteers served a total of 363 meals? A HUGE Thank You to everyone for their help and support.

Dear PIPC Friends,
You folks are so special. Your outpouring of cards, calls, visits and prayers has been wonderful and a real inspiration for my continued recovery. Kent was at my side as I was wheeled to surgery and you folks have been at my side as I began the recovery process. Billie and I are truly blessed with your support and concern. Thank you! Thank you!
Bill Hawk

Thank you to all that have purchased Giant Gift Card. \$2,820.00 of gift cards have been purchased to date. This has given the church a proceed of \$141.00. We hope to have Weis Gift Cards available soon.

Dear PIPC,
A big thank you for all the cards and calls these past couple of weeks. I would like to say a special thank you to the Women's Association.
Thank you, Frances Burd

Dear Friends of the Food Pantry,
On behalf of the many individuals and families who benefit from your generous donations, the Ecumenical Food Pantry would like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation.
Because of your generosity, you enable us to help sustain God's greatest gift, the gift of life.
Please accept this letter as not only our thanks but also our pledge of continued service in the community. Words mean so little, when someone's generosity means so much.
May God bless you!
Sincerely,
Betty J. Sites



MAY SUNDAY SERVANTS

Worship Assistants

May 2 Ken Bentz
May 9 Bill Becker
May 16 Paulina Marshall
May 23 Pat Reidell
May 30 Billie Hawk

Greeters Schedule

Blackberry Alley Door

Jack & Jen Andren
Don & Lorraine Englander
Don & Marge Barner
Charlie & Eileen Miller
John & Jane Brindle

Front Door

Barb Hablett
Lois Dean
Bill Hawk
Charlotte Acri
Ken Zimmerman

PIP-C Generation

JOIN US

The PIP-C Generation held its April meeting in Fellowship Hall on April 13, 2010. Marge's menu this day was Spanish rice with hamburger, creamy cole slaw, and lemon pudding cake. Another winner. June Rounsley was the winner of a free lunch (courtesy of your president) for being the first person to phone me about my April Fool's joke in last month's Messenger. I'll do the same thing in May for the person who spots the one error this month, June, and is the first caller.

The program featured Mary Houtz from the Hershey Gardens who had a wealth of information about the gardens. She informed us about their rather small beginning to their current grandeur.

Our next meeting will be on May 11. The entertainment will be the Progress Community Preschool children. We always look forward to these lively youngsters.

**You know you are getting old. . . .
when a little old lady helps you cross
the street, and it's your wife.**



PIP-C SUMMER TRIP

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Totem Pole Playhouse

"45 Seconds From Broadway."

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 Dinner at Hickory Bridge Farms

6:45 PM Approximate Departure for Home

Cost: \$70.00 per person

(Payment in full must be made by May 11, 2010)

Sign up and 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



Donald Barner	2
Ann Roden	2
Vivian Deemer	4
Susan Hooper	5
Joan Albert	6
Ruth Strausbaugh	6
Stephanie Hartman	7
Marilyn Zimmerman	7
Millie Zug	9
Rusty Keiser	10
Leslie Mason	15
Eleanor Sweigard	15
Arla Cree	16
Dick Schneider	18
Annette Leibig	20
Esther Lau	23
Pauline Burrell	24

Anniversary

Susan Hooper	20
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From Your Personnel Committee

Jim Devor is taking a well earned vacation during the month of June. As you know, he works very hard cleaning our building. He helps set up for various events and does many odd jobs around the building. We all appreciate the fine work he does. **From May 25th thru June 30th, Jim will be hiking the Appalachian Trail.** We will miss him around the building, but at the same time, we are pleased that he is taking this opportunity to recharge his batteries and enjoy himself.



We will need your help to fill in while Jim is away. Each week Progress-Immanuel will need someone to vacuum, someone to clean the bathrooms and someone to empty the trash and take it to the dumpster. If you can help with any of these jobs, please call the church office and sign up. Carolyn will have a cleaning job chart and will be able to tell you what tasks still need your assistance. There are 18 slots to be filled, so please call to help!

Thanks for pitching in!

Pastor Carter shared some exciting accomplishments with us at our last meeting. First, he reported that he received his grade for his last semester of work on his *DMin*. **Kent earned an 'A'**. We rejoice with him and congratulate him on his hard work. He also shared that he has been *appointed to the National Advisory Board of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks*. This should be an interesting and rewarding experience for him. Kent shared with us that he was recently *published in an issue of PCUSA*. His article *"Mission Mosaic"* can be read online. And finally, he reminded us that he continues to be busy *serving on the Carlisle Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry*. When you next see Pastor Kent please take a moment to pass on your congratulations and continue to pray for him at home for all of the areas within the church, here at PIPC and beyond, that he is involved in.



Continuing Education time and Vacation time has been approved for Pastor Carter. Each month you will see on the calendar and in the Sunday bulletin the days that Kent will be out of the office. All of his requested time off comes first to our committee and then goes to the Session. As you may recall from the Congregation's Annual Meeting, three types of time off were approved by all of the members of the church. Kent is allowed Vacation Time ~ a time for personal use in any way he wishes, Continuing Education Time ~ time to be used for study, research, and the gaining or sharing of knowledge and Spiritual Leave ~ time to be used to renew and refresh the Pastor's spirit. Pastor Carter has scheduled some of this time for use this summer. (Aren't we glad he is going over the summer instead of during the busy times of Advent and Lent?) Some of the things he will be doing include: continuing work on his DMin at his bi-annual class in St. Paul, attending the Eastern Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators Conference, meeting with the Board of the Christian Ministry in the National Parks, going to the Clergy/Educator Retreat at Camp Hebron and vacationing with his family. Keep him in your prayers during his travel and pray that he comes away from all of these experiences renewed, refreshed and eager to share.





Saturday, May 8, 2010
Children's Lake, Boiling Springs
 9:00 AM meet at church.

Bring your fishing pole, change of clothes, energy, permission slip and emergency contact sheet.

A parent must accompany their child to the event.

We will be having a picnic lunch, so please bring an item to share.

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

TIME TO CLEAN UP



The Building & Grounds Committee is planning a yard clean up day on Saturday, May 15 beginning at 9:00 a.m. We'll be cleaning out the planting areas, pruning and applying tan bark. All are welcome to attend and participate, since we can never have too many volunteers for this assignment. Bring your shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows and yard gear and join in the fun.



Grow in Faith
 Experience Adventure
 Unite in Tradition

The 2010 Summer Camp schedule begins June 20 and ends August 7. There is a camp for all youth from the age of 4 through 12th grade. Registration forms may be picked up in the church lobby or by registering online at www.krislund.org.

SUMMER HAPPENINGS



June 6 through August 29.
 (Regular Sunday School end May 23.)
 For preschool and up.

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Save the Dates: **July 20, 21, and 22**
Progress- Immanuel is joining Paxton Presbyterian Church for Vacation Bible School

Are you interested in being a part of Vacation Bible School during the mornings of Tuesday through Thursday? We need directors, kitchen help and folks to assist the children in going from one learning station to another station. You will be more than rewarded by being a part of the children's excitement and seeing the smiles on their faces. Please call Bonnie Bentz for details (545-0980).

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



Please note that the church office will be closed Monday, May 31 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.



Music & Worship Committee

A couple of years ago PIPC purchased a new Advent Candle which prompted the purchase of a matching set of candles for the communion table. These new candles accentuated the somewhat dull look of the communion table cross and flower vases. Various options were explored and the realization was reached that replacing these items was not a viable option, as it would have been too expensive to replace the cross and vases with items of comparable quality. It was decided that we would send them out to be rebronzed. The Women's Association agreed to pay the cost. An anonymous donor offered to purchase a new lighter for the acolytes to use.

Please take a minute to appreciate these items and enjoy their beauty, but please do not touch: anyone who needs to move the cross or candles should use gloves, which are kept in the communion table.



Summer Lawn Receptions

The summer lawn receptions will begin on June 6, 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 by setting up the table and trash can outside. You will need to provide the goodies (they do not have to be home made) and drink. Oh, and you will need to provide napkins too, as some of us are a little sloppy. Please, look at your schedule and sign up on the bulletin board as a host for one of the receptions. This is another opportunity for you to serve and give to the church.

Oopsssssssssss!!

Didn't Have This in the Budget!!

We need to replace an air conditioner compressor for the sanctuary.

Prices for a replacement are approximately **\$3800.00**.

We would like to have the air conditioner repaired before we have the uncomfortable heat of July.

Please mark all donations "air condition repairs."



Finance committee,
Ken Bentz



JUNE 5, 2010 4:00 PM

The Women's Association is having a bake table during the Strawberry Festival. We are asking for cookies, candy, brownies, cakes, fruit pies, and breads. Nothing creamed based can be brought from home. This includes items like custards, real cream pies, jar or canned bread, pumpkin pie, cheesecakes, nor home canned foods. The proceeds from this bake table will go to defray the cost of children who want to attend Camp Krislund. If you can help, please call Marge Barner at 545-3135 or Sheila Kannegieser at 657-0124.





The Knitting Group has just finished for the year and would like to share with you the many projects they finished this season.

1. We sent *thirty lap robes* to the Lebanon Veteran’s Hospital.
2. Joan Bowerman made *twelve lovely hats* with pretty flowers for the Women’s Cancer Association.
3. We sent *gloves, hats and scarves* to Downtown Daily Bread for the homeless folks.
4. *Baby sweaters* were given in the baby kits for Haiti.
5. We mailed *twelve afghans* to Cow Creek Presbyterian Church in Kentucky, along with many sweaters, hats and scarves.
6. We made and gave away *nine prayer shawls*.

All items were given in the name of Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church!

We will not be meeting during the summer, but rest assured that our needles will still be clicking at home. Won’t you join us when we begin again at the church on September 20, 2010 at 10:00 AM? We would love to have you. Knitting professionally is not our style. There is always room for nonknitters to learn and beginning knitters to improve their skills.



Who and What Is The Health Ministry Team????

Meet PIPC’s Health Ministry team. We are your partner in healthcare and wellness. Each member is in a constant state of growth and accomplishment, and have professional advanced education and experience. As Registered nurses their skills vary from cardiac care, ICCU (Intensive Critical Care), labor, etc. with each having a “specialty” area of nursing. Let us introduce your Health Ministry Team:

- Ø **Lauren Barrett’s** specialty is “School Nurse” - working with children in an educational center.
- Ø **Amy Christeliet** uses her nursing knowledge and skills in a leadership role: “Nursing Care Coordinator “and “Community Resource Nurse”. Her mission stems from “Hospital and Home Care”.
- Ø **Allison Russaw’s** skills involve caring for “Orthopedic and Neurological Surgical” individuals as well as providing care for “Mothers in Labor and Delivery”.
- Ø **Stephanie Hartman’s** experience includes 20 years of “Home Nursing” involving all types of skills from newborns to seniors with many types of health problems.
- Ø **Peggy Manning** is a “health educator and experienced instructor of first aid, CPR, emergency care and wellness.”
- Ø **Walter Tomlison** was an “Army Nurse” who for 20 years helped many injured to safety providing nursing care and emergency care.
- Ø **Janet Smith** taught nursing in educational and university wellness centers. She has an additional degree in Psychology and spent years in home care.

Our PIPC Ministry team is ready and anxious to assist PIPC members, friends and neighbors in promoting health and wellness within our church and community. How? Through programs involving education, counseling, health clinics, literature, etc.



COME ONE AND ALL

MAY 23, 2010

at 2:30 PM

for the

CLOWN AROUND TOWN

All are welcome, the young and the young at heart!

Progress Community Preschool is planning an hour of clown strolling, juggling and magic after which free ice cream treats will be provided.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for fun in the sun or fun in fellowship hall in the event of rain.

CLOWN AROUND TOWN will be fun for the whole family.

Hope to see you there!



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