

# PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## *PIPC Messenger*

**November 2009**  
F I C H T M E S S E N G E R



### *Giving Thanks*

In four weeks we celebrate the Day of Thanksgiving. Imagine! Many of us will gather with family or friends or both to eat together, go on a walk, watch football and wonder what to do with all the turkey leftovers. Some of us will choose to do something a bit more extraordinary by serving others at community turkey dinners around the Harrisburg area. A few of us will spend the day by ourselves, reminiscing over Thanksgiving Days past. However you celebrate the day, I hope we can pause for a moment between the dessert and the dishes to offer thanks to God for the gifts of goodness from the past year and the promises of generous grace in the future.

For what do you give God thanks? Family to love and be loved by...friends to practice hospitality and enjoy companionship...work, and the vigor to complete the tasks of your vocation...health, or the strength and support to endure sickness and disease...church, this community of faithful disciples hopeful in the promises and preferred future that God is revealing to us? As we contemplate the above question, let us offer the following prayer:

Almighty God,  
Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you  
for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray,  
give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts  
we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.  
-from the *Book of Common Prayer/Book of Divine Worship*

May you have a blessed, grace-filled and hopeful Thanksgiving Day.

Pastor Kent

Dear PIPC,

Thanks to all of God's Messengers from P.I.P.C., for your cards and visits and other nice things you've done for us during these times. To Carol Becker, Ellie Boyer and Sue Skelly for your visit Sunday to share Holy Communion with us and bringing the flowers and bulletins. To Pastor Kent for hospital and home visits, they mean so much to us. To Pat Reidell for the hospital visit and for bringing a wheel chair. To Bonnie Bentz and Janet Kreiser for the daily visits with Anita. To Jean Sherry for thinking of us with inspirational handmade cards. We are so blest with such caring PIPC people.

Love, Anita, Susan & Lee Anthony



I want to share with all of you news I received from Alice Fisher's daughter-in-law, in response to a card and little gift I had sent to Alice. She and Jeff live within a mile of Alice and she sees Alice every day, to make sure she is comfortable and well taken care of. She takes her out for dinner on special occasions. She said Alice seems unsure of herself and puzzled at times. She writes of praise and love for her, telling what a wonderful mother-in-law she is and how kind she has always been to them. Also, Alice enjoyed hearing from those who sent cards to her.

Peggy Keiser

Thank you again for your most generous contribution. Your steady and ongoing support to **DELTA** helps provide services to the many families we serve every month. Over the past 20 years we have served hundreds of families, helping them regain self sufficiency. Your contributions do make a difference in our participants' lives. Also, thank you for your kind letter, which I will share with the Board of Directors. Please pass on our special thanks to Pastor Carter and your congregation.

Best Regards,  
James D. Ross

Dear Friends,

We are grateful for your congregation's contribution of \$1,281.44 to **One Great Hour of Sharing**. The theme this year was "Where is your treasure?". Jesus told the multitude where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Clearly, your hearts are in the ministries of healing, compassion and justice that your gift will support. May the Spirit of thanksgiving with which you gave it continue to overflow abundantly within your own lives individually and that of your congregation.

Grace,

Alan Krome, Associate for Special Offerings

Dear Friends of PIPC,

I would like to thank everyone who prayed, sent cards, or phoned me during my recent heart attack. It's so nice to know you have so many people caring about you. I'm doing very well, my heart is very strong and pumping very good. I had little heart damage and with this stint in me I plan to be around for a long time. Thanks again and may God bless you all.

Charley Miller

Dear Friends,

"There are not words big enough to say thanks to the people who give so that we can live here. Make sure you tell them how much we appreciate their help." These are words from a resident at Trinity House. This man's words so poignantly express my gratitude as well. The men at Trinity House, the transitional living facility have come so far! Your gifts will provide for all the homeless and hurting who look to **Bethesda** for help. How we thank God for You.

Gratefully, Chuck Wingate, Executive Director



# PIP-C GENERATION



The October meeting of the PIP-C Generation was an enjoyable time for everyone as the members were afforded the opportunity to explore their creative and imaginative sides through a pumpkin decorating contest. Our favorite “decorations expert,” Grace Miller, provided pumpkins of various sizes, shapes, and colors for each table. Then she assembled a bag full of useful items to be used for decorations. Each table’s decorated pumpkin was then judged by a panel of totally impartial judges and two winners were named. Each person who helped with the pumpkin at each of those tables won a small pumpkin pie lovingly baked by Marge. One lucky person at each table won that table’s decorated pumpkin.

There needs to be a special “Thank You” to Grace Miller for all the time and effort she put into this project. She sought out and purchased the pumpkins, brought them all into Fellowship Hall (remember how heavy your ONE pumpkin was?!), and assembled the materials needed for the decorations. Every month Grace comes up with table decorations and we need to let her know we appreciate her efforts. We also thank Marge for a delicious meal of sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, hot dogs, apple sauce, and ginger bread for dessert. Next month’s entertainment will feature Joyce O’Brien, Senior Community Liaison, of the Attorney General’s office talking about Identity Theft.

Remember to bring an extra \$6.00 with you to buy your tickets for the Christmas meal in December.



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ted Appleby	1
Sheila Kannegieser	1
Billie Hawk	2
Edward Arndt	9
Fran Lightner	10
Betty Andren	13
Joyce Feathers	13
Joan Bowerman	20
Doris Broadley	26
Donald Englander	26
Ken Zimmerman	26
Ron Rowe	28

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Marian & Edward Arndt	11
Roberta & Kenny Hill	13
Marge & Donald Barner	19
Joyce & Bruce Dimmick	26



## PIP-C SPRING TRIP “JOSEPH” at SIGHT AND SOUND Thursday, March 25, 2010

The Travel Group of PIP-C Generation will be going to Sight & Sound to see a new show starting in the Spring of 2010. This show is a story that we are all familiar with; “Joseph and His Life-Changing Adventure”. At the completion of the show we will be going to “Good ‘N Plenty” Family Restaurant for a family-style meal. Itinerary:

- 10:45 AM Arrive at Church Parking Lot
- 11:00 AM Depart for Lancaster
- 3:30 PM Depart for Dinner
- 5:45 PM Depart for Home

Cost: \$91 per person, payment in full must be made by Feb. 9, 2010.

Please put your name on the PIP-C list 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  
564-1667 or contact Allen Travis



# WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Women's Association held its fall meeting with a covered dish dinner at Billy Hawk's house. The purpose of the meeting was to plan our projects for the very busy holiday season which is rapidly approaching. Once again we are asking our PIPC family to help us to help others.



Sunday, November 22, 2009 is **Harvest Home**. We are again sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Food Pantry at Messiah Lutheran Church. Please bring in canned goods and /or non-perishable items to help with the drive. On Sunday Nov. 15, as you leave the sanctuary, children from the Sunday School classes will pass out suggestions of items to donate. These items will then be collected on Sunday, November 22.

## COLLEGE BOXES

"Goodie Boxes" will be mailed to our PIPC college students who are away at college. These boxes are sent soon after Thanksgiving so that they will be received in time for final exams. We are collecting snack and microwave items (suggestions: hard candy, breakfast bars, chewing gum, popcorn, hot chocolate, puddings, raisins, mac and cheese) to keep the students nourished while they study. There is a basket for these items under the coat rack and items will be collected till November 15. If you would like your college student to receive one of these boxes, please give their name and college address to the Women's Association.



## TOYS FOR COW CREEK

Your response to this mission request has been wonderful. If you doubt this statement, just look more closely at the table in the lobby. There will be many smiles on the children's faces when they receive the toys that have been donated. Rev. Joe Powlas will distribute the toys to the children in Cow Creek, Kentucky. Rev. Powlas serves in Cow Creek and was thrilled that we would be assisting him with Christmas gifts for the children. The last possible day to bring in a toy is November 15.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The Women's Association's is a small group of dedicated women who work hard, but we could not do what we do without your help.



## TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK

November 1  
Daylight Savings Time Ends



## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.



## DO YOU KNOW????

Do you know that PIPC has a congregational prayer chain? When there is a prayer need, the member calls the church office and the office will contact the first person, who will then contact another member, and the request is conveyed down the chain. Would you like to be a part of the vital mission of our church? If so, please call the church office or complete the form below and return it to the church office by November 8, 2009.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## PEACEMAKING OFFERING

We collected \$1,043.05 for the 2009 Peacemaking Offering. 25% of this offering is retained for use in our local area. We will be giving this portion, \$266.77, to the Bethesda Women and Children's Shelter. Thank you for giving to this offering.



## NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVANTS

### Worship Assistant

Nov. 1 Mike Legg  
Nov. 8 Stewart Robinson  
Nov. 15 Charley Miller  
Nov. 22 Norm Diefenderfer  
Nov. 29 Shirley Cleaver

### Greeters

*(Blackberry Alley)*  
Susan Ayi & Paulina Marshall  
Peggy & Rusty Keiser  
Doug & Michelle Lauver  
Kim, Alyssa & Kaitlyn Burr  
Jack & Jen Andren

### *(Front Door)*

Linda Beck  
Cherie Saber  
Barb Hablett  
Lois Dean  
Charlottr Acri

# Congregational Meetings

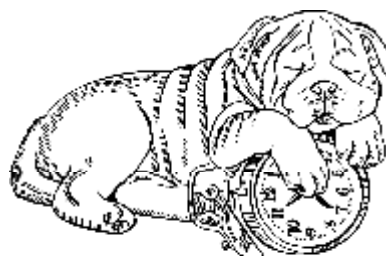
The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, November 1**, following worship, for the purpose of electing two members to the nominating committee to fulfill unexpired terms.



Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, November 22**, following worship, for the purpose of presenting the 2010 Mission and Ministry Budget, receiving the report of the Nominating Committee and the election of offers, and approving the pastor's terms of call for the next year.

**NOVEMBER 1**

**TURN YOUR  
CLOCKS BACK**



*Daylight-Saving Time Ends*

## POINSETTIAS ORDER



If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for Christmas Services, please fill out the form below and **return it with your payment to the church office, no later than Tuesday, December 8, 2009.**

Additional order forms may be found in the church lobby and office. This year we offer the choice of placing a red or white poinsettia(s). The cost for each poinsettia is \$6.50. Be sure to designate whether you want your poinsettia to be given to a shut-in or if you will be taking it home with you after the Christmas Eve Service.

Number of Red Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.50 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Number of White Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.50 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE PRINT THE INFORMATION BELOW

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Deliver # \_\_\_\_\_ to Shut-in.

Take Home # \_\_\_\_\_

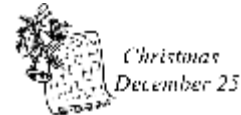
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# Beginning Advent Celebrations

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 29, 2009**. Preparations are under way as we begin the Advent Season with a time of crafts, singing, a dinner, and a “theatrical presentation” to follow. The crafts will begin at 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will begin at 5:30 PM. We will be serving ham loaf, mashed sweet potato casserole, green beans and a variety of desserts donated by church members. The cost of the dinner is \$6.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children ages 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Volunteers are being sought to participate in the evening’s program. If you feel a burning need to appear on stage before an adoring audience, please let Eileen Miller or Marilyn Zimmerman know.

## *Countdown to Christmas*



Participate in the time-honored tradition of keeping an Advent calendar and following a daily devotional during your preparation for Christmas. Focusing on the true meaning of Christmas can help us keep the season meaningful and joyful - and less stressful. Try to make time for yourself to reflect on God’s action of love. Following Jesus’ model of love and compassion begins at home - with yourself and you loved ones.



*Waiting for Jesus* is an activities calendar for children to help keep the true meaning of Christmas alive. Each day a door is opened to reveal a scripture passage or activity for children and adults to do together.

*Who Knew? The Advent and Christmas Issue*, also for children, is an activities booklet with parent’s guide.

*Waiting for the Light* is a family devotion booklet focusing on stories of good and holy people, some who prepared the way for Jesus, and some who continue in his path. Each day includes a prayer, song and discussion ideas for the entire family.

These guides will be available the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, following worship. Thank you to the Christian education committee for providing these resources.

## *Unique Advent Worship*

As it does every year, Advent comes upon us much too quickly, and we get caught up in the whirlwind of activities and preparations that lead to Christmas. It will be January before we realize Christmas is over. We will have rushed through another Advent, hardly stopping to take a breath and wonder at the good news of Emmanuel, “God with us.”

*Pausing on the Road to Bethlehem: A Worshipful Journey through Advent* is a unique worship experience during the four Sundays of Advent and Sunday following Christmas designed for those who want to slow down and sink into the Advent season. It will be devotional and meditative, an experiential Adventure through the weeks of Advent. During these five Sundays we will use music, art, poetry, and a variety of interactions centered on biblical passages that connect to Advent.



*Join us for this unique Advent worship beginning Sunday, November 29, at 8:15 a.m.*

## ANGEL TREE

It is that time of year when the Deacons will be sponsoring the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. Our devotion to this program demonstrates our commitment to make sure needy children in our community are remembered at Christmas time.

This year we will have forty children to purchase gifts for. If possible please purchase a toy and piece of clothing.

**Do not wrap the gifts.**

Please watch for the Angel Tree near the Detwiler Room. Stay tuned for more updates in the Messenger and Worship bulletins. Be an angel this year and help make a local needy child's Christmas special.

Thank You!



## SANTA SHOPS

This summer we collected 100-125 gifts for the Santa Shop. Thank you for your donations which were delivered to Paxton Presbyterian Church.



We are looking for volunteers for this Christmas Mission that Paxton Presbyterian does each year. The Santa Shop is a traveling party for inner-city poverty youth programs, held on-site at churches, schools and agencies 14 days in December. A "shop" is laid out of small donated items, and the kids are invited to shop for free for their families. Volunteers assist the kids in their shopping. We will need 6 volunteers for each shift and there will be two shifts 3:15 PM and 6:00 PM., watch the bulletin for the exact date. Please call Eileen Miller at 652-7431 if you would like to help. Santa Shops are a lot of fun, and make the whole Christmas season brighter to everyone who participates.

## Communion



If you know of someone that is homebound, in the hospital, in an assisted living community, nursing home, personal care home, or retirement community that would like to receive communion? Please let a Deacon know so they are able to meet this need.

## *Pausing on the Road to Bethlehem*

A unique Advent-ure worship experience will celebrate the four Sundays of Advent and the Sunday following Christmas.

November 27 - *Prepare the Way of the Lord*  
December 6 - *And He Shall be Named Immanuel*  
December 13 - *Greetings, Favored One*  
December 20 - *Leaping with Joy*  
December 27 - *Great Things God has Done*

*Join us at 8:15 a.m. in the sanctuary  
for worship.*



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