

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PIPC Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2009



What is God up to at PIPC?

For the past several months I have been considering this question over in my mind, heart and soul. I have been searching to discover the way in which God is working to prepare this congregation for God's preferred and promised future. This search is down under (not like Australia) and beneath the surface of what we all can see.

What do I see as I glance around Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church?

I see a dedicated music ministry practicing to enhance our worship with music that makes a difference to our lives and brings a smile to God's heart.

I see committed teachers bringing the biblical story alive in the minds of children, youth and adults.

I see the Deacons and the Women's Association serving this congregation and the surrounding community by meeting the needs of persons and families with caring and sharing ministries.

I see fellowship gatherings of members and non-members alike. I see guests treated like friends; friends who are as close as family; and family honored as guests.

I see individuals quietly serving and offering their time and talents in ways many of us will never see or know.

I see so much more than I could possibly write here.

When I look a bit more deeply at Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church I see a community of individuals working to live lives according to faith. Some of us have reflected deeply on our faith understanding. Some of us have never thought about deep reflection. Yet we all strive in some way to connect our faith with our living, and vice versa. I believe when we make the mindful effort to reflect deeply God will, through the Holy Spirit, begin revealing to us what God is up to below and beyond what we see as we glance around.

September begins in a few days, and with it does our program year. Many of our ministries that took a hiatus over the summer will resume this month. As you read over this *PIPC Messenger* consider participating in something new this fall. You will find invitations to join the choir, a new daytime Bible study, Sunday school classes, Presbyterian Women, PIP-C Generation, children's fellowship, and the preschool.

When you participate in one of the above ministries or others as they may come along, and when you consider your faith in light of your participation, you will begin to discover what God has in store for us.

What is God up to at Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church? Let's discover it together.

Kent Carter, Pastor

THANK YOU

Dear PIPC,

Thank you for helping to pay my tuition for Krislund. As always, it was incredible. The counselors are all really amazing and only add to a wonderful time at camp. The week seems to go by too quickly! I am very grateful that I was able to go again.

Haley Barrett

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to Bethesda Mission's Women & Children's Shelter. Your thoughtful gift is such an illustration of genuine love-something many of our guests have never known. Because of your investments, Bethesda Mission is not only a place of refuge-but also a place of restoration and new beginnings through Christ.

In His Service,
Chuck Wingate

Dear PIPC Members,

Thank you for the flowers, cards and visits. They were all greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Pastor Kent for his visits and prayers.

Nicki Milakovic

Dear PIPC Women,

Please know that your generous gift this month is an investment in the independence of our guests. Because you care enough to support Bethesda Mission, lives and hearts are being changed. We thank God for you and for your willingness to share your blessings. For all that your gift means to those we serve in His name, and for all that your partnership means to us at Bethesda, I am so grateful.

Blessings,
Chuck Wingate

Dear Friends at PIPC Women's Association,

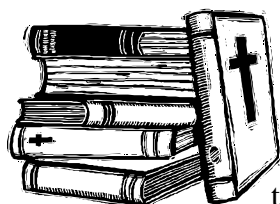
Thank you so much for your generous donation to Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area. Your gift will help us continue our mission of eliminating poverty housing. There are plans to build six more homes in the City of Harrisburg. So far, Habitat has built over 50 homes in the Allison Hill Area. With help, and the help of other like-minded individuals, Habitat will continue to work in the community, providing a hand up - not a hand out - to struggling families in Dauphin County and the West Shore. Thank you again for being a partner in eliminating poverty housing.

Sincerely,
Eve Wachhaus

Dear PIPC Women,

On behalf of Downtown Daily Bread, I want to thank you for the generous \$100 contribution to our soup kitchen. This donation is especially appreciated as our number of clients continues to increase. Thank you for your continued financial support and for your recognition of the work we do in the community.

Sincerely,
Elaine Strokoff



New Bible Study Series

This study approaches the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) by inviting you to hear the story of God and God's calling the people of Israel (our spiritual ancestors) through the many "voices" of the biblical text. Those many voices are not the writers of the text. They are the different styles of writing the text, such as prose, poetry, history and prophetic speeches, and the different ways in which the story is told.

We will explore the making of the Hebrew Bible, the creation of the people of Israel, the Exodus, the Promised Land, King David, prophets, exile, restoration and renewal. This study is an in-depth introduction to the Old Testament that includes weekly video presentations, group discussion and daily scripture reading. Participant books will be available soon.

Please call the church office, 545-8711, to sign up.

**Wednesdays, for eight weeks, beginning October 7
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the Zarfoss Library**



BACK TO SCHOOL

It is back to school time for all ages of learners and time to announce the availability of scholarships funds used to assist students in a post-high school course of study to purchase the books required for their coursework.

The S.K. Zarfoss Memorial Book Fund was created by Gweneth Zarfoss who placed education above everything except love of God and love of fellow man. Because of her and her husband, Samuel's love of God and mankind, Gweneth dedicated a major portion of their earthy accumulations to students of all ages who are:

Imbued with the love of God and their fellow man; eager to learn; and in need of books to further their educational pursuits after graduation from high school.

The fund is available to students of traditional collegiate programs, business and vocational schools. The fund is for reimbursement for text books used for course work.

To apply, contact the church office at (717) 545-8711 or by email at pipe@paonline.com.



| SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVANTS | | |
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| <u>Worship Assistant</u> | <u>Greeters</u> | |
| | <i>(Blackberry Alley)</i> | <i>(Front Door)</i> |
| Sept. 6 Sandy Daily | Richard & Pauline Burrell | Zana Allison |
| Sept. 13 Mike Legg | John & Frances Burd | Grace Miller |
| Sept. 20 Terry Hack | Dick & Pat Reidell | SuAnn Tucci |
| Sept. 27 Paulina Marshall | Bill & Carol Becker | Doris Broadley |

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS from the AUGUST MEETING



Membership stands at 234.

Music & Worship Committee: Average attendances: May was 102, June was 91, and July was 79. The next celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be September 13.

Finance: An accurate Treasurer's report is still not available. The office staff has been working to make available an up-to-date accounting after having to reconstruct entries for 2007 and 2008.

[The S. K. Zarfoss Memorial Book Fund loan is **paid off as of July 30!** The original loan in 1995 to finance our building addition was \$400,000 through Vartan Bank. It was refinanced for \$190,000 on January 1, 2002, at 4.8% for 180 monthly payments with a loan from the S. K. Zarfoss Memorial Book Fund.

This fund was established September 14, 1986 by Gweneth T. Zarfoss upon the death of Samuel K. Zarfoss on July 7, 1986.

Without principal-only payments made possible by fund-raisers, our monthly payment of \$1,482.79 would have paid off the loan in January, 2017, and we would have paid \$76,901.53 in interest. Due to our ability to pay on the principal only, in seven years and eight months we paid \$35,627.46 in interest, a savings of \$41,274.07.

The Session thanks those who worked diligently to help pay this loan early and those who supported the effort.]

Rev. Carter baptized Sydney Louise Bertsch, daughter of Michael and Corrine Bertsch on May 31. He married Andrew Roberts and Sarah Reed on June 20, and Adam Stewart and Megan Smaling on June 27. Rev. Carter assisted Rev. James Brown of Market Square Church in conducting the Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Gladys Flickinger on June 23.

Preschool: Current enrollment stands at nine Four Year Olds, six Three Year Olds, and four Two-Three Year Olds. One new child started in January.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE SESSION: September 20 at 7:00 pm.

Norm Diefenderfer, Clerk of Session

PIP-C GENERATION

It's that time again! Soon Fellowship Hall will be filled with a happy crowd of seniors bubbling with the anticipation of eating good food and greeting good friends. September 8 is the date of the first meeting of the year for the PIP-C generation. Remember, we eat at 11:30 and it helps to arrive a little before that time so that you can have a good choice of seats.

The "entertainment" will be our own version of a back-to-school event. You won't want to miss out on the fun, so plan to join us.

There will be prizes.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|----|
| Dorothy Spogli | 3 |
| George Runkle | 12 |
| John Parson | 14 |
| Charles Kannegieser | 16 |
| Shirley McLaren | 17 |
| Vivian Shelley | 19 |
| Millie Davis | 20 |
| Harold Kreiser | 20 |
| Harold Arnold | 26 |
| Delores Stewart | 27 |



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------------|----|
| Sheila & Charles Kannegieser | 22 |
| Beulah & Bill Given | 23 |

PEACH FESTIVAL REPORT

The Peach Festival sponsored by the PIP-C Generation was a huge success! Cheers to those who peeled the peaches, made the salads, the Bar B Q, the pies, peach cobbler, peach crisp, homemade ice cream, the money takers, servers, dishwashers, and for all that attended the event. A profit of \$1,714.07 was made which will go to Downtown Daily Bread. Thanks again and God bless each and everyone.

Marge Barner



PIP-C Trip, Thursday, December 3, 2009, the PIP-C 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. The cost is \$83.00 per person; payment paid in full by November 1, 2009.

PIPC COMMITTEES 2009-2010

Audit

Sheila Kannegieser (Chair), Ken Bentz, Gail Diefenderfer

Building & Grounds

Bub Manning (Co-Chair), Mike Sweigard (Co-Chair), Norm Diefenderfer,
Charley Miller

Christian Education

Bonnie Hack (Co-Chair), Joanne Lauver (Co-Chair), Peggy Manning, Billie Hawk

Evangelism & Membership

Nancy Travis (Chair)

Finance & Insurance

Ken Bentz (Chair), Bill Becker, Allen Travis (Treasurer)

Interpretation & Stewardship

Mike Legg (Chair), Barbara Legg, Pat Reidell

Mission

Eileen Miller (Chair), Carol Becker, Ellie Boyer, Bonnie Bentz

Music & Worship

Bonnie Hack (Chair), Ken Zimmerman, Marge Barner, Marilyn Zimmerman,
June Rounsley

Nominating:

Mike Sweigard (Chair), Cherie Saber, Sue Skelly, Linda Beck, George Eakin,
Joanne Lauver, John Roberts, Allen Travis

Personnel

Cherie Saber (Chair), Ken Zimmerman, Judy Snyder, Mary Sweigard

Preschool Board

_____ (Chair), Judy Snyder (Secretary), Billie Hawk (Treasurer),
Shirley Cleaver, Michelle Lauver, Holly DeAntonio, Jennifer DeBell,
Deb Leader, Bonnie Hack

Congregational members are encouraged to give of their time and energy by either joining a committee or volunteering to help the committees accomplish their goals. If you are interested on serving on a committee please don't hesitate to contact the chair of the committee(s) to inform them of your willingness to serve.



Children's Fellowship Gathering



Miniature Golfing and Hotdog Roast

Kick off the fellowship year with a fun round of miniature golf at Bumble Bee Hollow on Linglestown Road (directions available online or at the church) and then a backyard hotdog and s'mores toasting party at the home of Seth Carter. During dinner we will discuss other activities and events for the fall and spring.

All children, and your friends, and your parents are invited to this fellowship event.



**Sunday, September 20,
3:30 p.m.**

The Presbyterian Women's Fall Meeting

Thursday, September 17

6 PM

At the home of Billie Hawk.

Bring a covered dish to share.

A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Plans will be made for the coming months.

See You There!

Sunday School Teachers for 2009-2010

Pre-School: Michelle Lauver, Gayle McCollum

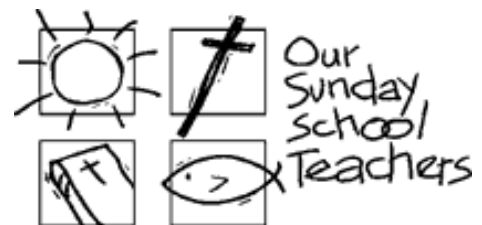
Grades 1-3: Billie Hawk, Deb Hawk, Shirley Cleaver, Nancy Travis

Grades 4 and Up: Larry Hahn, Sandy Daily, Jennifer Mark, Bonnie Bentz

Adult Library Class: Janet Smith, Paulina Marshall, Eleanor Carnes, Bill Becker

Adult Couch Room Class: Pat Reidell, Peggy Manning, Mike Legg, Bonnie & Terry Hack

Substitute for Children's Classes: Joanne Lauver



Sunday School for all ages begins on **September 13** at 9:00 am. The Library Adult class curriculum is "The Present Word". The Couch Room Adult class uses the book, "Keeping Holy Time". Our Pre-School, Grades 1 – 3, and Grades 4 and Up classes' curriculum is "Seasons of the Spirit". Even if you've never attended our Sunday School classes before or you don't feel comfortable finding Bible verses, please come. We have all been beginners at one time or another. Share our love of God and our fellowship with one another and you'll wonder why you waited so long to come!



Choir Members

We are approaching a desperate situation in the Choir.

You may have heard that we are losing two loyal church members, who also happen to be Choir members. Because of business reasons, Mary Jo and John Roberts will be relocating out of the state. To say we will miss them is an **understatement!**

You may have noticed that our choir number is at a level that losing any one person is almost **catastrophic!**

You may have noticed that our Tenor and Bass sections are seriously close to **wipeout!**

You may have marveled at how well our Choir continues to sing, even while coping with these **losses.**

PEOPLE!  **WE NEED HELP!!!**

Won't you consider joining the Choir? You know, it isn't really that big of a commitment. We are very liberal regarding attendance at rehearsals, and you are in church on Sunday anyway - why not sit with the Choir and lend your voice and talent? You don't have to be a soloist. The ability to read music is certainly an asset, but not a requirement. We rehearse each anthem for at least six weeks before performing it, and our anthems are very "learnable". What keeps you from joining us?

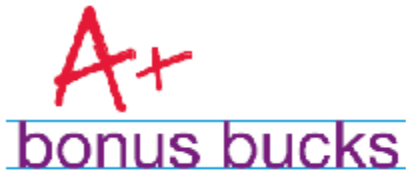
Why don't you consider a "trial period" - say from September through December? We feel safe in making this suggestion because we think you will find that **you really enjoy singing with us.**

Rehearsals start Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 PM and continue each week through December 23, when we earn one-week of vacation from rehearsals. (We start again on Wednesday, January 6.)

Can we count on you to join us on September 9???????
(PLEASE!)

June K. Rounsley, Director of Music





Hi Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church,

Progress Community Preschool is participating in the Giant A+ BonusBucks Program. Beginning October 9, 2009 through April, 2010, we can earn CASH through this exciting program each time my family and friends shop at any Giant store.

You can help! Fill in the Registration Card below and return it to the church office, Preschool, the Customer Service counter at your local Giant or log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus and choose "Register your Card" from the menu on the left to designate online. Then, each time you shop at Giant using your GIANT CARD, you will earn CASH for our school! You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt. Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Giant website. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs!

Taking just a minute of your time to register can make a huge difference to our school. We need your support! Please be sure to register Progress Community Preschool using ID # 02332 on the Registration Card below. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. It could mean the world to our school!

Sincerely,
Progress Community Preschool



Visit www.giantfood.com/aplus or complete this card and mail or drop at the customer service desk to register your card for this school year and select the schools to receive your A+ Bonus Bucks.

You can earn A+ Bonus Bucks from October 3, 2008 - April 2, 2009.

1. Clearly fill in your 12-digit card number below:

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2. Clearly fill in the first three letters of your last name:

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3. Fill in the School ID number for your chosen School(s).
You may choose up to three schools:

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If you choose more than one school your A+ Bonus Bucks will be evenly distributed among those three schools.
Fill in the school ID codes of ALL schools each time you add/change your registration.

You can only select schools that have registered for the program.

OUR COMMITMENT TO PEACEMAKING

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God” said Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace (Matthew 5:9).

Peace is the wholeness and well-being that God wills for all creation. Although the effects of human sin wound all creation, God is continually at work in the world offering healing, wholeness, mercy, justice, and peace. God’s peace is offered wherever there is brokenness-in individual lives, families, congregations, communities, nations and creation.

God’s gift of peace is most profoundly exemplified in the life and ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Christ calls all who profess faith in him to share the gospel message of peace with a broken and insecure world. Responding to this gracious gift, the church, as the body of Christ, is called to join others and go into the world to build a culture of peace and nonviolence for all God’s creation.

We will be dedicating the **2009 PEACEMAKING OFFERING**
on World Communion Sunday, October 4.



2009 Peacemaking Offering

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4