

PROGRESS-IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PIPC Messenger

SEPTEMBER, 2010



A Secret to Tell

When I was at the growing up age, those years between kindergarten and sixth grades, I found it extremely difficult to keep secrets. I would be with my mother when she would buy a gift for my father, and as soon as he arrived home I would tell him that we bought him a gift and that Mom hid it in the closet. She stopped me before I could get the name of the present out of my mouth. Other secrets were just as difficult for me to keep. I was so excited for others that I wanted them to know, sooner rather than later, that a terrific gift was coming their way.

I grew up. I can now keep those exciting secrets to myself. There are other secrets, too, I have learned to keep close to my heart. When friends and colleagues share their hopes and dreams, fears and failures, I know they intend on that information not getting out. They trust me with these secrets and I, in turn, trust them as well. And in trusting with smaller secrets we receive the gift of holding in our hearts and souls the deeper secrets of others' life and faith.

For the past several months I have been holding a particular secret inside of me. This secret is a combination of the two types of secrets I wrote of above. This secret is a great and gracious gift, one that will excite most individuals who know it. This secret is also one that rests in the deepest places of our souls and the innermost place of our hearts. It will change the lives of all of us here at Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church. This secret is...

I cannot tell you yet, although you may already know or may be getting a sense of what it might be. And this is why. Several weeks ago during worship I presented several challenges to the worshipping community. The first, to pray daily specifically asking God to reveal the gifts we each have received to offer in common ministry. And the second, to believe that God will answer that prayer. My challenge was to offer prayer support and affirmation to each of you in your prayer quest. The secret is about to be revealed...

During the months of September, October and November the secret will continue its revelation. The congregation is invited and encouraged to participate in a church-wide study of spiritual gifts and discovery of which gifts God has given each of us, individually, and to the church, together. You can read about the class and offered schedule further in this *Messenger*. I encourage you to do so. The secret is about to be revealed...

And here it is: God has given us the gifts necessary for engaging in exciting ministry where we are and desires us to prepare for more ministry and mission opportunities in the future.

Exciting? Yes. Challenging? Absolutely! This is a secret I want and need to share with you all. It is a secret we need to tell one another. It is a secret that can transform us and our community. Gift. Transforming. Life-changing. This is one secret we need to tell.

Partnering in mission and ministry,

Kent Carter, Pastor

Thank You!

THANK YOU!

Dear PIPC,
Thanks Pastor Kent for the visit and for sharing Holy Communion with us. Thanks also to the Women's Association for the original birthday card and for all the inspirational cards you keep sending us, especially the "Play Ball" card recently. Thank you also to Pat Reidell for the lovely card.

Love,
Anita & Lee Anthony

Dear Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church,
We would like to say thank you for the beautiful basket of flowers. Your thoughtfulness during our time of loss was very much appreciated by all. We want you to know that your kindness at this time is more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can express.

God Bless,
Ralph Gutshall & Family

Dear PIPC Friends,
You are wonderful - words cannot adequately express my thanks for your concern, your prayers, cards, phone calls, and words of encouragement and support as I recover from Lyme disease. The doctors tell me recovery should be totally successful but it may take several months for it to happen. I've returned to the full schedule but my golf game still needs your prayers. Thanks for all your caring support.

Bill Hawk

Blessed are the givers and grateful are the receivers. Thanks so much! We certainly appreciated the \$150 toward Krislund this year. Hayley loved it there and has plans to be a counselor someday! Thank you so much.

Lauren and Hayley Barrett

Dear PIPC,
We would like to thank the "Women's Association" for all the beautiful cards they sent us throughout the year.

Thank you,
Dottie and Les Folk

Dear PIPC,
Thank you so much for the beautiful arrangement of flowers! It was so very thoughtful and it brightened my day to know others were thinking of me and praying for me to have a speedy recovery. I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness so very much!

Sincerely,
Park E. Smaling, Jr.

This is just a little note filled with a whole lot of gratitude. Thank you Marge and all the women of the church who helped with the Summer Gathering. Your hospitality was warmly received.

Linda Fisher
Moderator-elect for PW
of the Presbytery of Carlisle

Dear PIPC,
Words can never express my thankfulness for your prayers, concerns, encouragement, sympathy cards, support during my mother's illness and support at her viewing and funeral. Thank you to all who were willing to jump in at the last minute and cover the office while I was out. All of you hold a very special place in my heart and please know I will never forget all you did for me during my time of loss.

May God bless each and everyone of you,
Carolyn Frischkorn

Thank You! THANK YOU!

Continued. . .

Thank you to everyone who was part of VBS. We had 35 cadets on the Galactic Blast. I'm pretty sure a fun time was had by all who attended. A special thanks to Bonnie Bentz for all her efforts.

Jo Jacoby
Adm. of Christian Ed at Paxton Church

The members of the Joint Camp and Conference Committee of the Presbyteries of Carlisle, Huntingdon, and Northumberland, and the members of the Krislund Staff, would like to thank you for your generous gift for the ministry at Krislund Camp. We are grateful for your thoughtful Christian Stewardship to this camp ministry of the Presbyteries. Thank you for this gift and your continuing support.

With gratitude,
Mark Englund-Krieger, Executive Presbyter

Dear Members of the Women's Association,
Thank you for the gift toward going to camp. I really liked it. These are some of the things that I liked: swimming, hiking, singing and the food. I am looking forward to going again.

Love,
Seth

Thank you for all the great cards and beautiful flowers we received during our illness being essentially home bound. We hope to be back in operation soon.

Janet Smith

Dear Friends,

With a grateful heart, I say "thank you" for you recent gift to Bethesda Mission. The thoughtful generosity expressed by your gift is making it possible for us to feed, clothe and shelter our homeless and hungry neighbors who are coming to us in unprecedented numbers. But beyond those efforts, your support is also helping us provide programs leading to healing and hope.

Sincerely,
Chuck Wingate, Executive Director

Each Sunday during June, July and August we looked forward to having a light snack after church and to meet and talk to friends that we haven't seen all week. The Lawn Receptions were made possible by folks that were willing to host these Sunday events. A big "THANKS" to those that gave of their time and provided us with refreshments.

Thank You!

Thank you, Women's Association, for the beautiful cards that you continue to make and send to us. We really appreciate them with the encouraging and uplifting messages.

God bless you!
Lillie & Tom Daniels



SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVANTS



Worship Leaders

Sept. 5 Mike Legg
Sept. 12 Bill Becker
Sept. 19 Terry Hack
Sept. 26 Paulina Marshall

Greeters

Blackberry Alley Doors
John & Frances Burd
Dick & Pat Reidell
Richard & Pauline Burrell
Howard & Judy Snyder

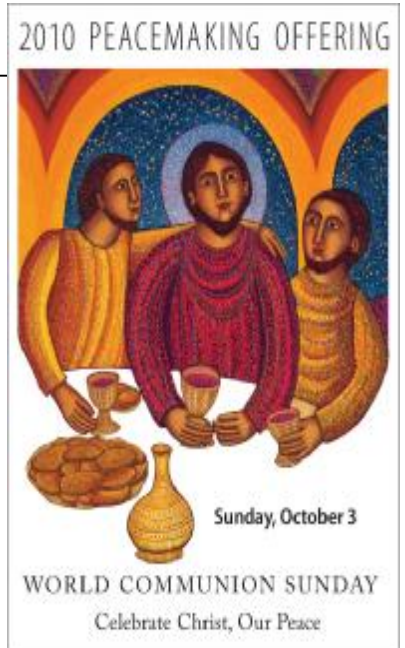
Front Door
Grace Miller
SuAnn Tucci
Doris Broadley

Every time our congregation receives the Lord's Supper, there is opportunity to remember other Christians around the world who are also receiving these gifts of God. But we make a special point of remembering our unity with Christians worldwide on World Communion Sunday. It is a day to be mindful of the love of Christ, who draws us all together despite our many differences.

As Presbyterians, we recognize that Christ taught us to be peacemakers, and that being peacemakers is part of being Christ's followers. So on World Communion Sunday, we receive the bread and cup of heaven, and we bring our gifts of self, service, and money to be put to work for Christ's peace in the world.

This year is the *thirtieth anniversary of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering*. Each congregation is invited to find ways to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. For that reason, our church will retain 25 percent of the Offering we receive, and we will decide how best to put this money to work. Another 25 percent goes to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50 percent goes to the General Assembly for peacemaking involvement throughout the world.

Join us on October 3 as our church celebrates World Communion Sunday and as we commit to being instruments of the peace we find in Christ. Come ready to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering.



Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 12, following worship, for the purpose of electing five members of the congregation to the Nominating Committee. Please pray and consider if you would be willing to serve in this capacity.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



The Women's Association will hold its fall meeting on September 23, 2010, at 7:00 PM. Items for discussion and planning include Harvest Home Sunday, Advent activities, and Christmas charity projects. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at Marilyn Zimmerman's house. See you there.

Children's Fellowship Gathering

Miniature Golfing and Hotdog Roast
Saturday, September 11, 2010
10:30 AM



Kick off the fall 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 hotdogs and s'mores toasting party at the home of Seth Carter. During lunch 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.



Session Highlights

Welcomed newly installed session members Shirley Cleaver, Norm Diefenderfer, George Eakin and Stewart Robinson.

Approved *baptisms* of Cameron Bivens, daughter of Chad and Chelsea (member)

Bivens for September 12; and Kennedy DeBell, daughter of Ben and Jen DeBell (members) for October 10.

Set the *Joint Officer Meeting/Retreat for Session and Deacon Board* for Saturday October 23, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Reported that Stewart Robinson and George Eakin are commissioners to the September 28 Presbytery Meeting, and Stewart Robinson and Norm Diefenderfer to the November 16 meeting.

Elected Mike Sweigard co-chair to the Congregational Nominating Committee. George Eakin is the chair.

Called a *Congregational Meeting* (see article) for September 12 to elect a Nominating Committee.

Approved *Healing and Wholeness Worship* (see article) and dates for the celebration of the Lord's Supper during worship.

Reviewed and discussed, in depth, the financial reports, personnel procedures, language used in Session Committees, and dates for future Session Meetings.

Average worship attendance for June was 79, and for July, 73.

Next stated meeting is
Sunday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m.



July 31, 2010

Amount Pledged to Date	82,873.00
Amount Pledged Paid to Date	<u>80,817.00</u>
Pledge Difference	(2,056.00)
Actual Income Year to Date	128,855.87
Actual Expense Year to Date	<u>126,330.99</u>
Difference	2,524.88

PIPC PURLERS

Are you itching to be stitching?
The PIPC Purlers will begin meeting on
Monday, September 20, at 10 AM.

Everyone is invited to come join us, beginners as well as seasoned knitters. Bring your needles and some yarn. Our projects vary as we try to meet the needs of individuals in our community as well as those in the world.



FLU SHOTS



Mark your calendars!!!! The Visiting Nurse Association will be providing Flu Shots on Saturday, November 6, 2010. The shots will be given beginning at 9:00 AM and ending at noon. The PIPC sign-up form will be posted on the bulletin board.

HAVE YOU MISSED US?



The Choir has been enjoying a well-earned “vacation” from their usual Sunday morning contributions to the Church Service, **BUT VACATION TIME IS OVER.**

Choir rehearsals will start on Wednesday, September 8, at 7:30 PM and our first Sunday in the choir loft will be September 12. This brings us to the time of year when we urgently ask you to consider joining the Choir! We always need more ladies and gentlemen (and boys and girls) in the Choir, but we really need more gentlemen.

A question to the congregation: Is there someone sitting close to you who sounds great when he or she sings? Let us know that person’s name, so that we can personally invite him/her to get to know us.

Some of the **reasons** we hear when we approach people to join the Choir:

“My voice is so tiny you’d never hear me.”

There’s safety in numbers. Small voices add up.



“But I’m not a soloist.”

Good! A church choir made up entirely of soloists might be like a plate of gravy with no meat and potatoes.

“You’re all so good.”

We’re just average people who work hard.



“I could never learn such difficult music.”

We spend approximately six weeks learning and absorbing each anthem.

“I don’t read music.”

A legitimate concern. However, some very fine choir members don’t read music either, but pick it up quickly.



“But once in a while we have to go see Aunt Bessie.”

Most choir members miss occasionally. We just need to know in advance.

“Yes, but . . .”

The excuses go on and on. Not everyone has been given musical gifts. But if you have, and if you could be singing in the choir but are not, you are missing an enjoyable experience and a rewarding avenue of Christian service.



THINK IT OVER -- PLEASE!



June Rounsley
Director of Music





SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS, Dear old golden rule days. . .

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and it is time to go back to school. Our classroom has been painted, the closet cleaned, and everything is ready for our new class of children. Our thanks go out to the congregation for supporting our Giant Card program last year. Last year we earned \$477.83 from using the School Reward Program. Each year we have to reregister our Giant Card numbers, so we'll be asking you again for your numbers. You don't have to buy anything you don't want - just scan your card. Thank you again!

Preschool starts the Wednesday after Labor Day, September 8, from 9 AM to 11:30 AM., so you'll be seeing our artwork in the halls again.

There will be a Nursery School Board meeting on Tuesday, September 7, at 6:30 PM with Parent's Orientation following at 7:00 PM.



As older students head back to school please remember that the **S.K. Zarfoss Memorial Book Fund** applications are available. The scholarship fund is used to assist students in post-high school course of study to purchase 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. Gweneth and her husband Samuel dedicated a major portion of their earthly 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 for 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.



Sunday School for all ages begins on September 12, at 9:00 AM. The Library Adult class will be using "The Present Word" curriculum. The Couch Room Adult class will be studying "The Gospels." Our school age children will be using a new curriculum "We Believe." Sunday School is a time to grow deeper in God's Word and a time to grow deeper in our relationships with one another. Even if you've never attended Sunday School classes before please come.



THE PIP-C GENERATION

As the dog days of August become just a memory and the hot and lazy days begin to get shorter, our minds wander more and more to thoughts of what lies ahead. No, not to the encroaching frigidity of winter, but to the warmth of greeting old friends and savoring the bountiful riches of the land.

Yes, that's it. . . the restart of PIP-C! Perhaps there is a more exciting prospect on your horizon, but I hope PIP-C is there too. We have an exciting year ahead of us and big plans are being made to make the year 2010-2011 extra special. This year is the 25th anniversary of the beginning of PIP-C and we will be celebrating its inception throughout the year.

Our first meeting is on September 14 at 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. This meeting will be a repeat of the very first meeting 25 years ago: Marge is serving the same menu (soup, sandwich, and cake for dessert), at the same price (\$2.00), and we will do the same activity (Bingo). At that first meeting the cakes were made by volunteers, six cakes (9X13) will be needed. Marge will be calling people to "volunteer." Our cupcake baker for September is Eileen Miller.

September Birthdays	
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



September Anniversaries	
Sheila & Charles Kannegieser	22
Beulah & Bill Given	23


PEACH FESTIVAL REPORT

The PIP-C Generation thanks everyone for their help in making the annual Peach Festival a huge success once again. Volunteers seemed to be everywhere doing everything: washing peaches, peeling peaches, chopping onions (even Rev. Carter took knife in hand), frying hamburger, pulling pork. . . the list is endless.

Also a big "thank you" to everyone who came to eat. . . and eat. . .and eat! A profit of \$1,740.19 was received from the festival. A final decision about exactly where the profit will go has yet to be made, but we know it will be divided between a local charity and the church's air conditioning fund.

A big **"Thank You"** to Marge and Donald Barner for all their time, effort and hard work.

REMINDER: PIP-C Fall Trip is on Thursday, November 4, 2010. We will be traveling to Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort for a Germanfest. We will be leaving the church at 7 AM and arriving back at approximately at 6 PM. The cost of the trip is \$60.00. (Payment in full must be made by October 1, 2010.)



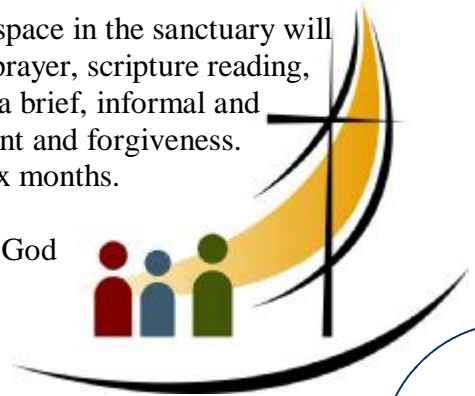
Services for Wholeness and Healing

“Healing was an integral part of the ministry of Jesus which the church has been called to continue as one dimension of its concern for the wholeness of people. Through services for wholeness, the church enacts in worship its ministry as a healing community.” (Book of Order, W-3.5401) Because we believe that God heals and makes us whole, we rejoice through worship, give thanks and offer our needs in prayer, and receive God’s care and the church’s fellowship.

Beginning on **Sunday, September 26**, following worship, time and space in the sanctuary will be reserved for all individuals who desire, for themselves or others, prayer, scripture reading, laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil. These services will be a brief, informal and personal time to focus on healing, wholeness, strength, encouragement and forgiveness. They will be offered the fourth Sunday of each month for the next six months.

Healing and wholeness come not from what we do, but as the gift of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)*



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