

**Immanuel United Church of Christ**  
**141 N. Service Rd. West**  
**Wright City, MO 63390**



## **IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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### **April 2015**

**April 2 Maundy Thursday—7:00 pm Fellowship Hall**

Sermon: "We are to be his Servants"

Scriptures: Exodus 12:1-4, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sacrament of Holy Communion

**April 5 Easter — Holy Communion**

Sermon: "The Voice of Jesus!"

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Bud Nissen Greeter

Whitney Cox & Amy Meyer Ushers

Roland Niemann Usher/Reader

Lee Fast Guestbook/Usher

**April 12 Sermon: "I Want to Believe, But..."**

Scriptures: 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

Lavelle Requat

Greeter/Usher

Aaron Wilber

Reader/Usher

Wendell Meyer

Usher

Lois Meyer

Guestbook/Usher

**April 19 Sermon: "Christ Among Us"**

Scriptures: Acts 3:12-19, Luke 24:36b-48

Darrell Schmidt

Greeter/Usher

Betty Zuhone

Reader/Usher

Marvin Schubert

Usher

Terry Leap

Guestbook/Usher

**April 26 Sermon: "Who is in Charge?"**

Scriptures: Acts 4:5-12, John 10:11-18

Chad Thompson

Greeter/Usher

Elisabeth Thompson

Reader/Usher

Roger Niernan

Usher

Jackie Niernan

Guestbook/Usher

***Pastor Higgins plans to be at church every Wednesday and then at other times according to the church schedule. If someone enters the hospital or there is an emergency, please notify him as soon as possible. Contact information listed above.***

## FROM THE PASTOR:

We are at the most important time in the life of the church - the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! There is no other news that surpasses this news! There is no other hope greater than this hope! There is nothing else that should make us sit up and pay attention than the news that God has conquered evil, death and despair.

We are a resurrection people and we should live every day with joy and hope and enthusiasm because of the good news that Jesus is alive by the power of Almighty God. And then we couple that news with the promise that we too shall live eternally with God.

To live this good news means that you and I seriously follow him, proclaim him and witness to him. Rejoice the Lord lives! Thanks be to God.

In Christian Love,  
Pastor Tom

## Stewardship Moment – April 2015 *Open the Door to Abundance*

By Jackie Nierman

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap..."* (Luke 6:38, NIV)

I receive daily devotionals from Joel Osteen that I find very interesting and thought provoking. Here's one that I recently read that fits so well into our thoughts on stewardship and for spring that I thought I would share it as written by Joel Osteen.

"We serve a God of abundance! He wants to pour out His blessing on you until you are so full that you are running over with His goodness. Notice how this verse starts. It says, 'Give, and it will be given to you.' Your giving is what sets the blessing of God into motion in your life.

Giving is like a seed. When you plant an apple seed, it doesn't just grow a single fruit. That one seed grows into a tree that has an abundance of apples. The same thing happens when you obey God in your giving. You get an abundant harvest in return. You are so blessed that you can't even contain it! You have to just keep giving, and the cycle just keeps repeating itself.

Is there something the Lord is telling you to give today? What do you have in your hand that you can use to be a blessing to someone else? Take a step of faith and set the blessing of God into motion. As you do, you'll open the door for His abundance to flow in every area of your life."

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### COUNCIL MINUTES

Beverley called the meeting to order.

Jackie led us in prayer.

In attendance: Beverley Willoughby, Darrell Schmidt, Lee Fast, Lavelle Requat, Jackie Nierman, Chad Thompson, Bud Nissen, Terry Leap and Mary Sue Sitton.

Secretary Report: Bud made the motion to approve as presented. Lee seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report: Lee made the motion to approve as presented. Terry seconded. Motion carried.

General Treasurer Report: Lavelle made the motion to approve as presented. Lee seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: As Rev. Higgins was unable to attend the council meeting he turned in a copy of his report to the council president, who then turned it over to the council secretary for our records.

Building & Grounds: They are working at getting bids for sealing the parking lot. They are looking at cutting three trees that are dying and having the stumps removed.

Christian Workers: January attendance was 262 with an average of 66.

Evangelism and Stewardship: Chili cook off was a big success and will plan to do it next year. Ash Wednesday service to be Feb. 18. Easter sunrise service was brought up. After some discussion a motion was made by Lee to give the Lent offering to the Wright City Food Pantry. Terry seconded and the motion carried.

Memorial: Did not meet

Pastoral Relations: Everything is good.

Christian Board: Birthday Dinner Feb. 15, Bowling after Church Mar. 15, Easter Egg Hunt.

Women's Fellowship: Did not meet

Evening Circle: Mother's Day program and Lent soup & sandwich

Men's Club: Sausage Dinner Mar. 8.

Beverley reported that the Extension Office and Agape would be using Fellowship Hall on Fridays to have classes to show people how to prepare food.

Committee should update their list of people by March 1.

With there being no more business to discuss Darrell made the motion to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



• ***Just a few notes.....***

- Sunday, April 5 — EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT OUR CHURCH 7:00 am, Breakfast Social After Services— biscuits & gravy, donuts & refreshments. WESLEYAN CHURCH PROVIDING MUSIC
- EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE
- Sunday, April 26 — Spring Concert, First United Methodist Church, St. Charles 2:30 pm
- Sunday, May 3 — Mothers Day Program — Wedding Dress Fashion Show, after church

## **Prayer List**

Please keep all of our members in your prayers, especially the ones who are not able to attend services or those who are facing health issues. Alice Windmann is in charge of Immanuel's Care Committee. She sends notes or makes calls to members when she knows they are in hospital or having health concerns. Pastor Tom will be glad to make visits to anyone but will need your help to know who would appreciate a visit or call. Contact Pastor Tom at 314-650-4795.

Also, members in need of prayers for any reason are listed in our weekly bulletins. Contact Margaret Viehmann to have names added to bulletin.

## **\*\*\*A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

### **RELATIONS COMMITTEE\*\*\***

Do you have any ideas for worship topics? We continue to receive good feedback from the congregation about Pastor Tom and our services, but Pastor Tom would love to hear of your suggestions for worship topics.

Share your thoughts with committee members Bud Nissen, Karen Cox or Marvin Schubert.

**Pastor Tom is planning to have bible study sessions during lent. We will also have a Maundy Thursday service with soup and sandwiches on April 2nd.**

## **CONCERT DATES**

Some of you attended the concert of the Missouri Choral Society at Christmas time, of which I am a member. We are having our spring concert on April 26 at the First United Methodist Church in St. Charles at 2:30 p.m. We have had two practices already and I can truly say the spring concert will be a wonderful experience. We are singing many upbeat numbers! I invite you to attend if you would like to.

## **We are on the WEB**

**Look for us at “[iucc.weebly.com](http://iucc.weebly.com)”**

***Please pass on this website to others who may not receive a newsletter, all of the past several months of newsletters & other information is posted.***

## **Don't forget Our Church is on FACEBOOK**

**Go to: [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)**

Search for Immanuel United Church of Christ

There is already some information on it for you and you can see the friends who have signed on. It also provides links to the UCC website and more. Become a fan and leave your own message on the wall.

Elisabeth Thompson, Debbie Meyer, Whitney Cox, Jackie Niernan & Beverley Willoughby are the administrators of this sight. You can send info to these people to put on our page.

## Immanuel United Church of Christ – February 2015

**Beginning Balance    \$22,482.48**

### GENERAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
		Beginning Balance	\$-	\$-	\$(1,151.53)
2/2/2015	Interest earned	Immanuel CD	\$12.44	\$-	\$(1,139.09)
11220	On The Go Inc	February Trash pickup	\$-	\$38.50	\$(1,177.59)
2/3/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$1,583.00	\$-	\$405.41
11215	Thomas Higgins	2nd half of January salary	\$-	\$1,000.00	\$(594.59)
11219	Lee Fast	to reimburse paint bought at Lowe's	\$-	\$66.05	\$(660.64)
11217	J & S Janitorial Service	January cleaning service	\$-	\$276.00	\$(936.64)
ACH 2/6	Ameren	Utilities	\$-	\$147.00	\$(1,083.64)
ACH 2/6	Ameren	Utilities	\$-	\$155.00	\$(1,238.64)
ACH 2/6	Ameren	Utilities	\$-	\$393.00	\$(1,631.64)
2/10/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$1,246.00	\$-	\$(385.64)
11221	Centurylink	January phone/internet bill	\$-	\$131.69	\$(517.33)
ACH 2/11	Wright City ACH	Water/sewer bill	\$-	\$19.36	\$(536.69)
11223	Thomas Higgins	1st half of February salary	\$-	\$1,000.00	\$(1,536.69)
2/19/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$924.00	\$-	\$(612.69)
2/24/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$610.00	\$-	\$(2.69)
11225	Centurylink	February phone/internet bill	\$-	\$129.80	\$(132.49)
11227	On The Go Inc	March Trash pickup	\$-	\$38.50	\$(170.99)
11226	The Hermitage Art Co, Inc.	Lentin Supplies	\$-	\$57.56	\$(228.55)
2/28/2015	Interest earned	accrued earning payment	\$0.88	\$-	\$(227.67)
			\$-	\$-	\$(227.67)
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			\$-	\$-	\$(227.67)

**General Fund Totals for February 28, 2015:    \$4,376.32    \$3,452.46    \$(227.67)**

### PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
		Beginning Balance			\$10,841.25
			\$-	\$-	10,841.25

**Protect Our Church Fund Totals for February 28, 2015:    \$-    \$-    \$10,841.25**

### BENEVOLENT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
		Beginning Balance			\$86.00
2/3/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$110.00	\$-	\$196.00
2/10/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$10.00	\$-	\$206.00
2/19/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$211.00
2/19/2015	Deposit	Offering - One Great Hour of Sharing	\$20.00	\$-	\$231.00
2/24/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$236.00
2/24/2015	Deposit	Offering - Agape	\$113.00	\$-	\$349.00
			\$-	\$-	\$349.00
			\$-	\$-	\$349.00
			\$-	\$-	\$349.00
			\$-	\$-	\$349.00

**Benevolent Fund Totals for February 28, 2015:    \$263.00    \$-    \$349.00**

### BUILDING FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,691.10
2/3/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$25.00	\$-	\$1,716.10
2/10/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$10.00	\$-	\$1,726.10
2/19/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$1,731.10
			\$-	\$-	\$1,731.10
			\$-	\$-	\$1,731.10
			\$-	\$-	\$1,731.10
			\$-	\$-	\$1,731.10
Building Fund Totals for February 28, 2015:			\$40.00	\$-	\$1,731.10

### MEMORIAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,285.00
2/10/2015	Deposit	Betty Lee	\$25.00	\$-	\$5,310.00
			\$-	\$-	\$5,310.00
Memorial Fund Totals for February 28, 2015:			\$25.00	\$-	\$5,310.00

### INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,826.05
			\$-	\$-	\$5,826.05
			\$-	\$-	\$5,826.05
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for February 28, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$5,826.05

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$401.85
			\$-	\$-	\$401.85
			\$-	\$-	\$401.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for February 28, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$401.85

### PARKING LOT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,964.67
			\$-	\$-	1,964.67
Parking Lot Fund Totals for February 28, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$1,964.67

### MUSIC FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$505.05
			\$-	\$-	\$505.05
Music Fund Totals for February 28, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$505.05

<b>SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$4,704.32</b>	<b>\$3,452.46</b>	<b>\$23,734.34</b>
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT  
JANUARY 2015

GENERAL FUND		
Offering	\$3992.65	
Initial offering	5.00	
Member donation	58.00	
Bulletin sponsor	15.00	
Building use	500.00	
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BENEVOLENT FUND		
Offering	\$ 65.00	
Food Pantry	6.00	
Christmas Fund	10.00	
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BUILDING FUND		
Offering	\$ 40.00	
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		\$4691.65

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2015

GENERAL FUND		
Offering	\$4238.00	
Bulletin sponsor	15.00	
Fellowship hall use	50.00	
Donation-member	58.00	
Initial offering	2.00	
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BENEVOLENT		
Offering	\$ 130.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing	20.00	
Agape Food Pantry--Ash Wed.	113.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 263.00
BUILDING FUND		
Offering	\$ 40.00	
		\$ 40.00
MEMORIAL FUND		
Betty Lee	\$ 25.00	
		\$ 25.00
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		\$4691.00



## **"Bad Weather Alert"**

*Members please keep in mind for the upcoming winter months that if the weather is severe there is the possibility of church being cancelled. If the weather gets rough where it isn't safe for people to be out, church cancellation will be turned in to our local radio station, KWRE and to News Channel 5. Council members will try to call members, but it is possible someone may get missed on calls so please do not rely solely on calls and listen to the radio or check the TV.*

**Lenten Services** — We will be serving soup and sandwiches before Wednesday evening Lent services. If you are interested in helping to make soup or a dessert for one of the nights, please contact Jackie Nierman at 636-745-3096 to volunteer.

*Lent is a time of giving and sharing with others. The church council has designated our Wednesday Lent service offering to go toward Agape. Agape supports our community with the food pantry and has plans to offer a healthy cooking program. They provide a very worthwhile service to the Wright City area that could benefit from any financial assistance we can offer.*

**Save the date – Sunday, May 3 Evening Circle** Evening Circle will be hosting a special lunch and program for a Mother's Day celebration on Sunday, May 3 after the morning worship service.

Everyone in the church is invited to attend. Be sure to extend invitation to others to come and join in the fun.

The program will be around "Dressing Up for the Big days" Weddings & Proms.

We will be looking for volunteers to model some of our dresses. If you can help out, contact Jackie Nierman at 636-745-3096

## ***ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS***

### **HAPPY**

### **ANNIVERSARY**

### **none**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

David Gerdeman 1

Dorothy Graeler 4

Shawn Birk 5

Elizabeth McCoy 6

Tricia Worlitz 7

Shelly Bote 8

Violette Wehrman 8

Louann Bowers 9

David Cox 9

Kyle Gerdeman 9

Haley Lattin 10

Velma Bote 11

Elaine Causevic 12

Lance Krueger 13

Steve Tomschin 14

Jaimee Hunt 18

Adam Meyer 20

Chase Meyer 21

Cheryl Esslinger 24

Tyler Wayne Requat 27

Tina Lashley 28

# Puzzle Thirty-seven

## The Resurrection

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