

Immanuel United Church of Christ
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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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APRIL 2016

Apr 3 Sermon: "We are Witnesses!"

Scriptures: Acts 5:27-32, John 20:19-31

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Lee Fast Reader/Greeter

Denise & Robert Freund Ushers

Terry Leap Guestbook/Usher

Apr 10 Sermon: "Now What Do You Think of That?"

Scripture: Acts 9:1-20, John 21:1-19

Lavelle Requat Greeter/Usher

Aaron Wilber Reader/Usher

Mason Newcomb Usher

Lois Meyer Guestbook/Usher

Apr 17 Sermon: "Remember Tabitha!"

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43, John 10:22-30

Bud Nissen Greeter

Lee Fast Usher

Todd Bill Reader/Usher

Peg Sherman Usher

Jackie Nierman Guestbook/Usher

April 24 Special Children's Program

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:

BIBLE STUDIES!

For four Wednesdays in April, I will lead a Bible Study on passages in the Bible that talk about the resurrection of Jesus and the impact it made upon the disciples. It will be held in the Christian Education Building in the room next to my office.

Bible Study will be from 7-8 p.m. Please feel free to invite anyone who might be interested.

I will not ask anyone to read, so if you are afraid you might be put on the spot, do not worry. Also I will not ask anyone questions so no one will be uncomfortable. We will have time for questions and discussion. PLEASE BRING A BIBLE WITH YOU. Let us learn and have some fun in doing so! Pastor Tom

THANK YOU'S

The Men's Club would like to thank everyone who helped with the annual Sausage Dinner. We received many compliments on the good food. All of the cooks fixing the meat and those in the kitchen and all who made desserts and breads did a wonderful job. We had a lot of good help in the kitchen and dining room. The final count of dinners sold and carry outs was a little over 200. Thank you for everyone's effort to make this dinner a success.

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare soups, desserts, sandwiches and gave donations toward the dinners each week before Lent Services. The services were well attended and enjoyed by all.

The family of Robert Bierer would like to thank Pastor Tom, the Women's Fellowship and everyone who sent cards, gave memorials, prepared food and offered prayers to our family upon the loss of our father and husband Bob. We truly appreciate the love and support from our church family and friends. Thank you!

Earth Day 2016

Earth Day, April 22 is a time to inspire awareness of and appreciation for our earth's environment. Earth Day asks us to think about the future. Who better to remind us of our future than the children of our church!

On Sunday, April 24 we will celebrate Earth Day with the children of our congregation helping Pastor Tom lead the worship service that day! Children of all ages are asked to participate. We will have two Sundays, April 10 & April 17 during Sunday school time where the children will learn about a church service, using Earth Day as the theme to then plan and organize for the service on April 24. Children are asked to attend Sunday School on both Sundays to participate and be prepared to take part. Those who want to participate will meet with Jackie Niernan on those Sundays. There are a few things to do ahead of time, so children (parents let them know) to contact Jackie to help out.



COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2016

Beverley called the meeting to order with Rev. Higgins leading us in prayer.

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

Secretary's Report: Darrell made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Terri seconded, motion carried.

Correspondence: We received a Thank You for the \$692.00 from the Warren County Senior Center for "Meals On Wheels" from our Christmas Eve service.

Financial Secretary's Report: Mary Sue made the motion to approve the report as presented, Bud seconded, motion carried.

General Treasurer's Report: Jackie made the motion to accept the report as presented, Mary Sue seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: St Charles area pastors are meeting. Met with new Conference Minister. Rev. Pearl having a meeting at the Heiliger Building Jan. 24 to talk about forming a ministerial alliance. Lent services will be on the Seven Last Words at the Cross, there will be soup & sandwiches at 6:00 pm and the service at 7:00 pm. High Hill Church is giving Rev. Higgins the title of Pastor Emeritus.

Building & Grounds: Hired a lift for 4 hours for \$150.00 to put a new light on the pole by Fellowship Hall that was not working and could not be fixed. Survant fixed the refrigerator in Fellowship Hall basement for \$120.00. M. Turpin Service LLC does our snow removal and Liberty Christian Academy.

Christian Workers: December attendance was 389 with an average of 98.

Evangelism and Stewardship: Jan 31st pinochle and carry in dinner. Earth Day, April 24 with the children leading the morning service. Need to decide where we want the lent offering to go.

Memorial: Needs to meet after Church.

Pastor's Relations: Everything is going well.

Christian Board: Birthday dinner, Feb. 21st with pot luck dinner.

Women's Fellowship: Meets every other month.

Evening Circle: Having soup & sandwiches every Wednesday during lent.

Men's Club: Sausage Dinner, March 13th. Jackie placing ad in newspaper, newsletter and radio. Darrell putting flyers out around town.

New Business: Jackie made the motion to make a new phone directory for the Church, Lee seconded, motion carried. Council Officers to be installed Feb. 21st. Due to the men's club dinner the second Sunday of March the Church Council meeting will be the third Sunday, March 20th.

Old Business: We were given a bid by Mark's Lawn Service of \$80.00 for the Church and \$80.00 for Indian Camp Cemetery. No decision was made.

With no further business to discuss Mary Sue made the motion to adjourn and Darrell seconded with everyone joining hands in the Lords Prayer.

COUNCIL FINANCIAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 03, 2016

In attendance: Beverley Willoughby, Darrell Schmidt, Jackie Nierman, Roland Niemann, Terri Leap, Lavelle Requat, Bud Nissen, Mary Sue Sitton and Lee Fast.

Our Edward Jones representative. Glenda Buxton met with the council to discuss our investments with Edward Jones. It was decided after some discussion that our portfolio with Edward Jones was out of balance with the amount of time certificates we had.

Lee made the motion to move the \$18,327.18 we received from Al Ruzycski to Edward Jones Mutual Funds for a better investment, Bud seconded, motion carried.

Jackie made the motion to cash in the time certificate for \$3,372.00 at First State Community Bank and take it to Edward Jones, Darrell seconded, motion carried.

Please me, Debbie Meyer, know if there has been a change in your phone, address or email. Also, please let me know if you have any children's addresses who may have moved out of your home or are in college. We would really like to get all the addresses we can.

You can get in touch with me by phone, 636-459-5515 or 636-745-3319. Email: dendebmeyer@yahoo.com or thru the church facebook page.



- **Just a few notes.....DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER APRIL 18**

- Sat. April 9 Eastern Assoc Quilt Festival, Zion UCC, Troy, MO
- Sun. May 15 Friends of Emmaus Festival & Quilt Auction, Emmaus Home Grounds, Marthasville, MO

Sun. April 17th Bowling - O'Fallon Bowl

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.

The pastoral relations committee We would really like to hear feedback from the congregation on what activities or things to add to our worship at Immanuel. Pastor Tom would like to help our congregation plan for the future, he wants to help us build and grow during his time here. Pastor Tom told the council when he originally came to Immanuel UCC that

he would only be able to be with us for a few years. So it is time for us to make plans and goals based on what members would like to have at Immanuel. In the next few months we hope to develop a survey to get membership feedback. Please give prayerful thought to our church and its future.

We are on the WEB

Look for us at "immanuelucc.weebly.com"

Changed the name of our website. Hopefully it will be easier to find. Let me know if there is something you would like to see on there.

Don't forget Our Church is on FACEBOOK

Go to: 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 Nierman & Beverley Willoughby are the administrators of this sight. You can send info to these people to put on our page.

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

April

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

NONE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

David Gerdeman 1

Dorothy Graeler 4

Shawn Birk 5

Elizabeth McCoy 6

Tricia Worlitz 7

Shelly Bote 8

Vi Wehrman 8

David Cox 9

Kyle Gerdeman 9

Louann Bowers 9

Haley Lattin 10

Velma Bote 11

Elaine Causevic 12

Lance Krueger 13

Steve Tomschin 14

Jaimee Hunt 18

Adam McClenning 20

Adam Meyer 20

Chase Meyer 21

Cheryl Balkenbusch 24

Tyler Wayne Requat 27

Tina Lashley 28

Margaret Bill 29

CHORAL ARTS SINGERS present "The Song and The Dance"

Locations and times are:

Sunday, April 24 at 3:00 pm at Assumption Chapel, 403 N Main St., O'Fallon
Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 8 West Hwy D, New Melle

Admission is free.

Donations will be greatly appreciated to help the organization offset costs for travel, music and other operational costs.

Stewardship Moment – April 2016

Be Generous

"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."
(Proverbs 11:25, NIV)

So many of us go around overwhelmed, tired, worn down, barely getting by. But that's not being our best and it's not what God wants for us. Did you know one way to refresh ourselves is to be generous to others? Is there someone at work you could be a blessing to? Can you lighten someone's load? Maybe a family member or friend is going through a hard time. Can you help them out? Cook a meal, do an errand or simply just listen to them. Refreshing someone can be as simple as a smile or an encouraging word. Don't wait until you feel like doing it, that day may never come. Do it because the scripture tells us to. Do it because it blesses the Lord. As you reach out to others, God will know and you will find His blessing in your life too!

Immanuel United Church of Christ – February 2016

Beginning Balance \$55,989.63

GENERAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
		Beginning Balance	\$-	\$-	\$4,836.11
2/1/16	Deposit	Offering	\$1,322.00	\$-	\$6,158.11
2/2/16	Interest Earned	Immanuel CD	\$12.43	\$-	\$6,170.54
11329	On The Go Inc	February trash pick up	\$-	\$38.50	\$6,132.04
11328	J & S Janitorial Service	January cleaning	\$-	\$276.00	\$5,856.04
ACH 2/3	GuideOne	Insurance Premium	\$-	\$773.91	\$5,082.13
2/8/16	Deposit	Offering	\$1,687.00	\$-	\$6,769.13
ACH 2/8	Ameren UE	Utilities	\$-	\$355.00	\$6,414.13
ACH 2/8	Ameren UE	Utilities	\$-	\$190.00	\$6,224.13
ACH 2/8	Ameren UE	Utilities	\$-	\$247.00	\$5,977.13
11315	Thomas Higgins	Love Offering	\$-	\$50.00	\$5,927.13
11330	Thomas Higgins	First half of February Salary	\$-	\$1,050.00	\$4,877.13
ACH 2/10	Centurylink	Phone/Internet Service	\$-	\$163.82	\$4,713.31
ACH 2/11	Wright City	Water bill	\$-	\$21.24	\$4,692.07
11332	Jackie Niermann	Reimburse - candle oil	\$-	\$201.75	\$4,490.32
2/23/16	Deposit	Offering	\$1,149.00	\$-	\$5,639.32
2/29/16	Interest Earned	Accrued Earning Payment	\$1.29	\$-	\$5,640.61
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General Fund Totals for February 29, 2016:			\$4,171.72	\$3,367.22	\$5,640.61

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 29, 2016:			\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25

BENEVOLENT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
		Beginning Balance			\$100.00
2/1/2016	Deposit	Offering	\$25.00	\$-	\$125.00
2/8/16	Deposit	Offering	\$75.00	\$-	\$200.00
2/23/16	Deposit	Offering	\$15.00	\$-	\$215.00
2/23/16	Deposit	Shriners Hospital	\$25.00	\$-	\$240.00
2/23/16	Deposit	Lenten Service	\$133.00	\$-	\$373.00
			\$-	\$-	\$373.00
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Benevolent Fund Totals for February 29, 2016:			\$273.00	\$-	\$373.00

BUILDING FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$12,235.46
2/1/2016	Deposit	Offering	\$85.00	\$-	\$12,320.46
11331	Survant Heating & AC	Service call and part	\$-	\$345.00	\$11,975.46
11333	Wright City Hardware	Supplies (bulbs & batteries)	\$-	\$50.24	\$11,925.22
2/8/16	Deposit	Offering	\$30.00	\$-	\$11,955.22
11335	Kemco Aluminum Inc.	Balance - roof	\$-	\$12,149.00	\$(193.78)
2/23/16	Deposit	Offering	\$15.00	\$-	\$(178.78)
11336	Darrell Schmidt	Reimburse - labor & supplies - maint.	\$-	\$100.00	\$(278.78)
Building Fund Totals for February 29, 2016:			\$130.00	\$12,644.24	\$(278.78)

MEMORIAL FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$25,262.18
11334	Edward Jones	Investment	\$-	\$18,327.18	\$6,935.00
			\$-	\$-	\$6,935.00
Memorial Fund Totals for February 29, 2016:			\$-	\$18,327.18	\$6,935.00

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$4,769.47
			\$-	\$-	\$4,769.47
			\$-	\$-	\$4,769.47
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for February 29, 2016:			\$-	\$-	\$4,769.47

SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$401.85
			\$-	\$-	\$401.85
			\$-	\$-	\$401.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for February 29, 2016:			\$-	\$-	\$401.85

PARKING LOT FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5.14
2/16/16	Deposit	Liberty Christian - use in 2015	\$750.00	\$-	755.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for February 29, 2016:			\$750.00	\$-	\$755.14

MUSIC FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$505.05
			\$-	\$-	\$505.05
Music Fund Totals for February 29, 2016:			\$-	\$-	\$505.05

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$5,324.72	\$34,338.64	\$26,975.71
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Missouri Choral Society

Spring Concerts

Forty-fifth Season

Dr. Kenneth S. Greenlaw, Music Director and Conductor

Dr. Dan O'Donnell, Associate Conductor

Sharon Byers, Accompanist



The Sprig of Thyme

A cycle of English, Scottish, and Irish traditional folk-song settings
arranged by John Rutter

AND

AMERICAN SPIRITUALS AND PATRIOTIC SONGS

FREE ADMISSION * NO TICKETS REQUIRED**

SATURDAY

APRIL 23, 2016 AT 2:30 P.M.

MOTHERHOUSE CHAPEL

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARONDELET

6400 MINNESOTA AVENUE

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

SUNDAY

APRIL 24, 2016 AT 2:30 P.M.

FIRST UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

801 FIRST CAPITOL DRIVE

ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2016

GENERAL FUND

Offering	\$3618.00	
Lent service 2-17-16	133.00	
Lent service 2-24-16	119.00	
Donation-Senior Citizens	25.00	
Initial Offering	2.00	
		\$3897.00

BENEVOLENT FUND

Offering	\$ 100.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing	26.00	
Schirners Hospital	25.00	
		\$ 151.00

BUILDING FUND

Offering	\$ 55.00	
		\$ 55.00

PARKING LOT FUND

Liberty Christian Academy	\$ 750.00	
		\$ 750.00
		\$4853.00