

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



## **IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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### **APRIL 2017**

Apr 2 Sermon: "These Bones Will Live Again!"

Scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 1:1-45

#### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Lee Fast Greeter/Usher

Amber Bill Reader/Usher

Linda Martin Usher

Lois Meyer Guestbook/Usher

Apr 10 Sermon: "Every Tongue Will Confess!"

Scriptures: Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-11

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

Lavelle Requat Greeter/Usher

Mildred Groeper Reader/Usher

Alice Windmann Usher

Jackie Nierman Guestbook/Usher

Apr 13 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Scriptures: Exodus 12:1-14, I Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17

Apr 16 Sermon: "I Have Seen the Lord!"

Scriptures: John 20:1-18

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

#### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Kelvin Lashley Greeter/Reader/Usher

Elmer Vahle Usher

Loretta Buescher Usher

Lavelle Requat Guestbook/Usher

Apr 23 Sermon: "So Send I You"

Scriptures: I Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

Darrell Schmidt Greeter/Usher

Todd Bill Reader/Usher

Abby Rosemann Usher

Aimee Wilber Guestbook/Usher

Apr 30 Sermon: "Stay With Us"

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Roland Niemann Greeter/Reader/Usher

Paul & Sandra Saunders Ushers

Beverley Willoughby 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.***

- **Just a few notes.....DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER APRIL 15**
- **BOWLING changed to April 2nd after church.**
- During Lent, we will have a soup and sandwich dinner before each Wednesday night lent service. Anyone who would like to volunteer to make soup or desserts please contact Jackie Nierman at 636-745-3096 to volunteer.
- EASTER EGG HUNT, Easter Sunday, April 16th after church
- Sunrise service will be at the Baptist Church this year
- Mother's Day Program and Luncheon, Sponsored by the Evening Circle, Sunday, May 7, Everyone is invited to attend, More details to follow
- Special celebration for Pastor Tom, 50 years since being ordained, Sunday, June 11

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## **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.

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**\*\*\*\*\*Please contact me, Debbie Meyer, 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.*

## **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.

## **COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

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

In attendance: Roland Niemann, Beverley Willoughby, Jackie Niernan, Lee Fast, Lavelle Requat, Terry Leap, Darrell Schmidt, Mary Sue Sittou, Kelvin Lashley and Rev. Higgins.

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

Financial Secretary's Report: Lee made the motion to approve the report as presented, Jackie seconded, motion carried.

General Treasurer's Report: Lavelle made the motion to approve the report as presented, Jackie seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: We have three (3) new members joining Church Gary and Diana Schlueter and Lenora Schaper. The last Sunday in August Mildred Groeper will have been playing the organ in Church for 60 years.

Building & Grounds: Getting bids to repair the ramp carpet. Toilet in the clothing building still running, David Cox will try and fix it.

Christian Workers: January attendance was 250 with an average of 63 due to Church being canceled January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Evangelism and Stewardship: The response to donate soup for the "Souper Bowl Sunday" was good. Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> will start with soup & sandwiches and will go every Wednesday throughout Lent. Starting a Friendship Program where a member of the Church will be a buddy to our new members so they will have someone to contact if they have a question about something in the Church. Wright City Food Pantry will be open the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 9 till 1. Easter Sunrise Service will be at the First Baptist Church April 16<sup>th</sup>. June 11<sup>th</sup> Rev. Higgins will have been ordained for 50 years.

Memorial: Have not had a meeting this year.

Pastoral Relations: Going to place a "Suggestion Box" in the wing of the Church for anyone who wants to make a suggestion.

Christian Board: Birthday Dinner will be March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Evening Circle: Will have a Mother's Day Program after Church May 7<sup>th</sup>. They donated a portion of their clothing money to Turning Point

Men's Club: Sausage Dinner March 12<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: Looking for mowing bids for the Church and Indian Camp Cemetery. Need to get a new Committee member list.

As our Church Council meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month we changed the March meeting for the 19<sup>th</sup> as the Men's Sausage Dinner will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

No further business to discuss Beverley made the motion to adjourn, Darrell seconded. Everyone joined hands in the Lord's Prayer.

## **FROM THE PASTOR:**

Let us praise the Lord together on Easter! It is the highest of Holy Days when God steps into our lives and does the most incredible thing that we could ever imagine. God brings to life, Jesus Christ from the dead. Evil has had its day. Sin had held a grip on the lives of people who thought they were in control. Death had appeared to have the last word.

Then came Sunday morning and God spoke. Evil was overturned. Sin was conquered by the blood of Christ. Death no longer ruled, rather God stepped in and raised Jesus the Christ from the dead and HOPE was given. The promise to all who believe in Christ is that we too shall live eternally because of what God has done on Easter.

I hope and pray that all who read this will join together and proclaim the good news of resurrection on April 16 when Immanuel Church gathers for worship at 10:30 a.m.

Grace and peace to all of you. Pastor Tom

## **Celebration & Praise – Spring Concert**

Choral Arts Singers, Francis Howell North High School Concert Choir, and members of the St. Charles Symphony will perform Joseph Haydn's "Kleine Orgelmasse" in B-flat Major and other selections on Friday, April 21 at 7:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 3866 S. Old Hwy 94, St. Charles, MO 63304; and Sunday April 23 at 2:00 pm at Assumption Chapel, 403 N. Main, O'Fallon 63366. Admission is Adults \$7 and Children (6-18) \$3. See [www.concertarts.org](http://www.concertarts.org)

## **PASTORIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Council Rep Kelvin Lashley, Karen Cox, Aaron Wilber

Judy Engelage

# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

*April 2017*

## HAPPY

## ANNIVERSARY

Gary & Diana Schlueter 13

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

David Gerdeman 1

Shawn Birk 5

Elizabeth McCoy 6

Tricia Worlitz 7

Shelly Bote 8

Violete 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

President	Roland Niemann	636-745-2547
Vice President	Darrell Schmidt	636-384-0491
Secretary	Mary Sue Sitton	636-673-2265
Financial Secretary	Lavelle Requat	636-673-2344
General Treasurer	Beverley Willoughby	636-384-6693
Christian Worker	Lee Fast	314-972-4882
Evangelism/ Stewardship	Jackie Nierman	636-497-6220
Memorial	Terry Leap	636-384-0410
Pastorial Relations	Kelvin Lashley	636-279-0763

## Stewardship Moment – April

### When the Spirit Moves

March winds are part of our normal weather pattern. We anticipate spring. We fly kites. A new season is "blowing in." How thankful we are when we sense the Spirit of God moving among us like a refreshing wind.

The early church experienced it, and Luke recorded it in Acts 4:31-32 (NIV): "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and

mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had."

When we recognize God's ownership of all we have, pray and witness boldly, and sense a desire to minister to others through giving, be assured: the wind of the Spirit is moving in us. May the breezes of spring come, and may the Spirit of God bring spiritual refreshing to our life and church.

*Taken from The Seasons of Stewardship written by Ernest D. Standerfer*

## Immanuel United Church of Christ – February 2017

**Beginning Balance    \$35,954.22**

### GENERAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
		Beginning Balance	\$-	\$-	\$12,508.66
2/3/17	GuideOne Mutual Insurance	ACH monthly premium	\$-	\$814.25	\$11,694.41
2/6/17		Deposit	\$2,430.00	\$-	\$14,124.41
2/8/17	On the Go	trash bill	\$-	\$38.50	\$14,085.91
2/9/17	Centurylink	ACH monthly bill	\$-	\$182.24	\$13,903.67
2/9/17	Thomas Higgins	1/2 salary #11435	\$-	\$1,100.00	\$12,803.67
2/13/17	Wright City Utility	water/sewer bill	\$-	\$24.34	\$12,779.33
2/13/17	Shriner's Hospital	benevolent distribution	\$-	\$45.00	\$12,734.33
2/14/17		Deposit	\$903.00	\$-	\$13,637.33
2/14/17	Church of Nazerene	benevolent distribution	\$-	\$250.00	\$13,387.33
2/14/17	Jackie Niermann	candle liquid	\$-	\$202.50	\$13,184.83
2/16/17	Ameren	ACH electric fellowship hall	\$-	\$171.00	\$13,013.83
2/16/17	Ameren	ACH electric church	\$-	\$238.00	\$12,775.83
2/17/17	Margaret Viehmann	Love Gift #11426	\$-	\$100.00	\$12,675.83
2/21/17		Deposit	\$1,414.00	\$-	\$14,089.83
2/22/17	Thomas Higgins	1/2 salary #11441	\$-	\$1,100.00	\$12,989.83
2/24/17	Missouri Mid South Conference	benevolent distribution		\$760.00	\$12,229.83
2/28/17		Deposit	\$722.00	\$-	\$12,951.83
2/28/17		Deposit	\$1,000.00	\$-	\$13,951.83
2/28/17		Accrued Interest Deposit	\$1.39	\$-	\$13,953.22
2/28/17		Transferred to Designated Fund	\$-	\$1,435.00	\$12,518.22
			\$-	\$-	\$12,518.22
			\$-	\$-	\$12,518.22

**General Fund Totals for February 28, 2017:    \$6,470.39    \$6,460.83    \$12,518.22**

### PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

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

**Protect Our Church Fund Totals for February 28, 2017:    \$-    \$-    \$10,841.25**

### BENEVOLENT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$-
		Deposit offering	\$140.00	\$-	\$140.00
		Deposit offering Shriner's Hospital	\$25.00	\$-	\$165.00
			\$-	\$-	\$165.00
			\$-	\$-	\$165.00

**Benevolent Fund Totals for February 28, 2017:    \$165.00    \$-    \$165.00**



BUILDING FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$(425.88)
		Deposit offering	\$150.00	\$-	\$(275.88)
			\$-	\$-	\$(275.88)
			\$-	\$-	\$(275.88)
Building Fund Totals for February 28, 2017:			\$150.00	\$-	\$(275.88)
MEMORIAL FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,161.00
		Deposit Inez Trump	\$120.00	\$-	\$5,281.00
		Deposit Inez Trump Estate	\$1,000.00	\$-	\$6,281.00
Memorial Fund Totals for February 28, 2017:			\$1,120.00	\$-	\$6,281.00
INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$4,092.90
			\$-	\$-	\$4,092.90
			\$-	\$-	\$4,092.90
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for February 28, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$4,092.90
SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$896.85
			\$-	\$-	\$896.85
			\$-	\$-	\$896.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for February 28, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$896.85
PARKING LOT FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,505.14
			\$-	\$-	1,505.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for February 28, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$1,505.14
MUSIC FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$319.30
			\$-	\$-	\$319.30
Music Fund Totals for February 28, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$319.30
SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$7,905.39	\$6,460.83	\$37,398.78

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2017

GENERAL FUND		
Offering	\$5032.00	
Initial offering	2.00	\$5034.00
BENEVOLENT FUND		
Offering	\$ 140.00	
Shriners Children Hospital	25.00	\$ 165.00
BUILDING Fund		
Offering	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
MEMORIAL FUND		
Inez Trump Estate	\$1000.00	
Inez Trump	120.00	\$1120.00
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		\$6469.00

CONFIRMATION

THE CLASS OF 1929

14 girls

17 Boys

31 Total

Bernice Wilhelmina Godt 1	Frederick Herm. Hasekamp 1
Thelma Pauline Katterjohn	Willard Wesley Symns
Mildred Etta Teckemeier	Ferdinand Louis Wildschuetz
Emma Charlotte Becker 1	Elmer Florence Godt
Elsie Louisa Jaspering	Walter Frederick Gerdeman 2
Marie Ella Vahle	Ralph Henry Grar
Lorene Carrie Linnert	Frank Elmer Wisbrock
Frieda Charlotte Requat 2	William Frederick Wisbrock 3
Myrtle Charlotte Teckemeier 3	Theodore Herman Jaspering
Mildred Marie Nobbman	Lamond William Schmidt
Malinda Anna Nobbman	Frederick Justin Schmidt
Vuanita Nadine Huenefeld	Wesley Frederick Vahle 4
Helena Fredericka Steiger	Waldo William Krueger
Lucille Wilhelmina Mueller 2	Raymond Fritz Requat
Arthur Frank Schemmer	Ralph Herman Groeper
August George Stamer	

# Puzzle Thirty-seven

# The Resurrection

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 GALILEE  
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 JAMES  
 JESUS  
 JOHN  
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 MARY Magdalene  
 MORNING  
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 PAUL  
 PETER  
 REMOVED rock  
 RISEN  
 SIGNIFICANCE

APPEARED

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BELIEVERS

CRYING

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DISCIPLES

CHRISTIANITY

DOUBTS

CLOTH

EMMAUS

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SUNDAY

New TESTAMENT

THOMAS

TOMB

WALKED