

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

**CHURCH WILL START  
AT 9:00 AM BEGINNING ON  
SUNDAY, MARCH 1**



**IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**APRIL 2020**

Apr 5	Beverley Willoughby	Greeter/Usher/Reader
	Brad Willoughby	Usher
	Lois Meyer	Usher
	Lee Fast	Guestbook/Usher
Apr 12	Abby Roseman	Greeter/Usher
	Mildred Groeper	Reader
	Whitney & John Schuenemeyer	Ushers
	Betty Zuhone	Guestbook/Usher

Apr 19	Paul Saunders	Greeter/Usher
	Sandra Saunders	Reader/Usher
	Mary Sue Sitton	Usher
	Jackie Niernan	Guestbook/Usher
Apr 26	Aaron Wilbur	Greeter/Usher
	David Cox	Reader
	Christin Whitehead	Usher
	Alice Windmann	Usher
	Aimee Wilber	Guestbook/Usher

**Due to the coronavirus epidemic, the Church Council has decided to cancel church and close all buildings through Sunday, March 29, 2020. After that date, the Council will re-evaluate.**

**During this time of uncertainty**, we all need to pull together and be disciples of Christ. We may not be gathered in worship, but we can be the church of outreach by staying connected. We should stay in contact with homebound, neighbors and family. A call expressing your love, support, and asking them if they are in need of anything. Give a smile and the words "THANK YOU" to our health care and retail workers. Let them know we are grateful for all they are doing. We can all work through this together.

*Stay Faithful and Let Christ's Light Shine through Us!*

Pastor Jay will be posting uplifting messages throughout the week and his weekly sermons on Facebook. To view this go to Facebook and "Like" Immanuel United Church of Christ Wright City. If you wish to reach out to Pastor Jay his cell #785-691-7418. Please continue, as best as you can, to support our church with your tithes and offerings.

**Mail your offerings to:** Immanuel United Church of Christ  
141 North Service Rd. West  
Wright City, MO 63390

#### **Great News!**

**Harmonie Church and Pastor Doug Kraus has volunteered to host the Easter Sunrise Service this year. Here are the details.**

**Easter Sunday, April 12th—Harmonie Church — 7am Wright City Community Easter Sunrise Service — Coffee & Snacks afterwards**

**Please contact Pastor Doug with any questions: [d.kraus@juno.com](mailto:d.kraus@juno.com) — 660-734-5443**

We have been forced to close the church due to the spread of the Corona virus until April 1st at the earliest. We will reassess our ability to gather together in worship and meet for other church activities at that time.

Until we are able to gather together again Pastor Jay will be posting devotionals on Wednesdays and Sundays to the church Facebook page.

We are asking all of our church members to try to stay connected as much as possible through phone calls or Internet connections, but not to gather in groups during this time.

If anyone needs anything please contact Pastor Jay at (785 691 7418) and we will endeavor to make sure all of our congregations needs are met.

We are holding each other close in this time of crisis, and we wish all of our membership health and warmth as we meet this struggle together.

Stay safe and healthy and God-bless you all.

Blessings,

~Pastor Jay



### The Colors of Easter

Green is for the palms that the crowd waved at  
Jesus as He rode the donkey into Jerusalem.

Purple is for the wine He poured and blessed at the  
Last Supper with his disciples.

Red is for the precious blood He shed from the crown  
of thorns placed on His head.

Black is for the sky as He died on the cross.  
suffering for our sake.

Pink, Yellow, and Orange are for the dawn that morn  
when the tomb was found empty and hope was reborn.

White is for the dazzling light that awed all who saw  
Him alive – the Son of God.

Hallelujah!!!!!!

### Lenten Services

Wednesdays During Lent – Soup/Sandwiches 6:00 pm with Service at 7:15 pm  
April 9 – Maundy Thursday – Soup/Sandwiches 6:00 pm with Service at 7:15 pm

### **Christian Board of Education Schedule for 2020**

July 20-24 Bible School 5:30—7:00 pm

July 26 Warrenton Swimming Pool

Sept 13 Rally Day

Oct 25 Halloween Party at the Meyer Farm 3:00 pm

Dec 13 Christmas Program

### 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.

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

**\*\*\*\*\*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 correct 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.*

## ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 2020

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

	Shelly Bote 8	Elaine Causevic 12	Cheryl Balkenbusch 24
Gary & Diana Schlueter 13	Violette Wehrman 8	Lance Krueger 13	Tyler Requat 27

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

	David Cox 9	Steve Tomschin 14	Tina Lashley 28
David Gerdeman 1	Kyle Gerdeman 9	Jaimee Hunt 18	Margaret Bill 29
Elizabeth McCoy 6	Louann Bowers 9	Adam McClenning 20	
Tricia Worlitz 7	Velma Bote 11	Chase Meyer 21	

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

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? Maybe a family member or a 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 blessings in your life too!

### 2020 High School and College Graduates

On Sunday, June 7 graduates will be recognized during morning worship. Please send those names and school names to the email below, so it can appear in the bulletin and newsletter.  
[abbyrosemann@centurylink.net](mailto:abbyrosemann@centurylink.net)

**We would like to pass on our sympathy & prayers to Linda Jaeger & family, on the passing of George. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.**

President	Kelvin Lashley	636-279-0763
Vice President	Paul Saunders	636-290-6870
Secretary	Donna Jones	636-745-2954
Financial Secretary	Roland Niemann	636-745-2547
General Treasurer	Beverley Willoughby	636-384-6693
Christian Worker	Judy Engelage	636-463-2923
Evangelism/Stewardship	Abby Roseman	636-384-0071
Memorial	Roger Niernan	636-745-3096
Pastorial Relations	Aaron Wilber	636-579-2954





# MAY NEWSLETTER NEWS ARTICLES DUE

APRIL 15

## COUNCIL MEETING - February 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order, and began with a prayer, by Pastor Jay Wiesner...

Council members present: Kelvin Lashley, Paul Saunders, Donna Jones, Roland Niemann, Roger Nierman, Beverley Willoughby, Abby Rosemann, Judy Engelage and Pastor Jay Wiesner. Council members absent: Aaron Wilber.

Secretary Report: This report was read and a motion was made to approve the report by Abby Rosemann, and seconded by Paul Saunders. The motion passed. Correspondence was received from Brian Minzes regarding a donation to the church. Roland Niemann agreed to contact him in regards to this.

Financial Secretary Report: This report was read and a motion was made to approve by Beverley Willoughby and seconded by Judy Engelage. The motion passed.

General Treasurer Report: The report was reviewed. Roland Niemann made a motion to approve the report and Paul Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jay Wiesner brought up some topics for discussion related to Lenten Services. He suggested that we have the same schedule at each church for Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. It was decided that Immanuel would have services at 7:15 pm on these dates. Midweek Lenten Services were discussed next. Several options were presented. It was determined that Immanuel would have dinner at 6:30 pm and worship service at 7:15pm. Pastor Jay also mentioned that he might not be able to attend all services. Council members agreed to step up and be leaders or find leaders for worship if he could not attend.

We discussed installation of officers. It was considered for March 8th at the beginning of service.

Roland Niemann reported that someone again approached him about adding the Statement of Faith or Apostles' Creed back into service on a more regular basis. Roland has shared this information with Pastor Jay Wiesner and he expressed agreement with this.

## Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Paul Saunders and Kelvin Lashley reported that the batteries have been changed in the smoke detector in the clothing building. They reported that he was the shelf for the defibrillator to be put in a central location. He also noted that there would be signs to direct people to the devices.

Paul reported that the GFI switch in the kitchen is yet to be fixed. Replacing a light globe under the awning is also on the agenda. Paul suggested that we might need to change to a heavier screen that would not tear easily.

A repeating concern is a leak on the chimney of the

clothing building.

Using the same contractor for grass cutting was discussed. Council members expressed satisfaction with the work done during this past year. Kelvin plans to contact Chris Saddler to see if he is still interested in the job.

The HVAC system contract with Schroer Heating and Cooling has expired. We discussed the benefits of having regular checkups in fall and spring and the state of the systems currently. It was determined that we would like to contact them for another proposal.

Christian Workers: Judy Engelage reported that our attendance in January resulted in 204 people in attendance, with a weekly average of 51

Evangelism & Stewardship: Abby Rosemann reported that she would be getting out the large wooden cross to put flowers on at Easter. Pastor Jay has some ideas for doing something new or different for Easter service. Roger Nierman said that he would take care of changing the historic brick sign. She is also looking for palms to burn for ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Abby also got prices for the mailings to our less active members. It would cost \$165 to mail out 200. Judy Engelage made a motion for Abby to get printed and mailed the postcards to inactive members at Immanuel. Beverley Willoughby seconded the motion. It passed. Council members offered to help prepare these for mailing.

Memorial: The memorial committee funds were discussed as possibly being used for composite decking replacement on stairs at the north side of Fellowship Hall. Terry Leap was going to call back about the chairs for the council table that had been discussed earlier in 2019.

Pastor Relations: No new concerns were brought up at this time.

## Sub Committees

Christian Board: This group will be visiting the St. Louis Aquarium in March. They will be hosting the Birthday Dinner on February 16, 2020.

Women's Fellowship: This group has no new information at this time.

Evening Circle: This group will be helping with the Sausage Dinner on March 8, 2020.

Men's' Club: The Men's' Club is preparing for the Sausage Dinner to be held on March 8, 2020. A possible project that may be completed with funds from this dinner may be putting composite decking where the treated wooden ones are currently on the north side of Fellowship Hall.



## Immanuel United Church of Christ – February 2020

**\$73,316.91**

### GENERAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$31,462.20
2/3/2020	Deposit	Offering	\$2,261.00		\$33,723.20
2/5/2020	Guide One	ACH insur prem		\$1,436.00	\$32,287.20
2/10/2020	Deposit	Offering	\$954.67		\$33,241.87
2/11/2020	Centurylink	ACH telephone & internet		\$207.29	\$33,034.58
2/11/2020	Margaret Viehmann	#11695 love gift		\$100.00	\$32,934.58
2/12/2020	PWSD #2	ACH water & sewer		\$21.69	\$32,912.89
2/14/2020	J & S Janitorial	ACH Jan cleaning		\$276.00	\$32,636.89
2/14/2020	Jay Wiesner	ACH Feb payroll		\$2,291.67	\$30,345.22
2/18/2020	Deposit	Offering	\$678.00		\$31,023.22
2/18/2020	Ameren	ACH electric church		\$70.65	\$30,952.57
2/18/2020	Ameren	ACH gas		\$370.00	\$30,582.57
2/18/2020	Ameren	ACH electric fellowship hall		\$193.00	\$30,389.57
2/19/2020	Grace Hauling	#11706 Jan trash		\$39.66	\$30,349.91
2/24/2020	Deposit	Offering	\$1,048.00		\$31,397.91
2/24/2020	OfficeMax	POS		\$91.47	\$31,306.44
2/24/2020	Concordia Supply	POS		\$55.92	\$31,250.52
2/26/2020	Warren County Record	#11707 advertisement		\$40.00	\$31,210.52
2/29/2020		Accr Earnings Pmnt	\$5.81		\$31,216.33
2/29/2020		Transferred to Designated Funds		\$165.00	\$31,051.33
<b>General Fund Totals for February 29, 2020:</b>			<b>\$4,947.48</b>	<b>\$5,358.35</b>	<b>\$31,051.33</b>

### PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$10,841.25
<b>Protect Our Church Fund Totals for February 29, 2020:</b>			<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$10,841.25</b>

### BENEVOLENT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$242.00
2/3/2020	Deposit	OCWM	\$80.00		\$322.00
2/18/2020	Deposit	OCWM	\$60.00		\$382.00
<b>Benevolent Fund Totals for February 29, 2020:</b>			<b>\$140.00</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$382.00</b>

### BUILDING FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,563.73
2/3/2020	Deposit	Offering	\$25.00		\$5,588.73
2/11/2020	Kelvin Lashley	#11703 reimbursement		\$118.77	\$5,469.96
2/24/2020	Wright City Hardware	#11705		\$47.88	\$5,422.08
<b>Building Fund Totals for February 29, 2020:</b>			<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$166.65</b>	<b>\$5,422.08</b>

### MEMORIAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$17,266.08
<b>Memorial Fund Totals for February 29, 2020:</b>			<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$17,266.08</b>

### INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,100.05
<b>Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for February 29, 2020:</b>			<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$3,100.05</b>

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$936.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for February 29, 2020, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$936.85

### PARKING LOT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,755.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for February 29, 2020:			\$-	\$-	\$3,755.14

### MUSIC FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$149.30
Music Fund Totals for February 29, 2020:			\$-	\$-	\$149.30

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$5,112.48	\$5,525.00	\$72,904.39
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#### Cont from February minutes

Old Business: The insurance agent will meet with the council on February 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Brian Gleize from the Scott Agency will bring proposals and compare Guide One with Acuity. There is currently no insurance on Indian Camp Creek Cemetery. There is also the question about whether the cost to insure the clothing building is worth the expense.

New Business: Installation of officers was discussed. It was considered for March 8th at the beginning of service. Council Meetings will move from the second Sunday to the third Thursday of the month beginning in March. Our first meeting at this time will be Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

With no further business to discuss Roland Niemann made the motion to adjourn and Beverley Willoughby seconded. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2020

GENERAL FUND  
OFFERING  
INTEREST-AMERICAN BANK

\$ 4,558.00  
218.67

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\$ 4,776.67

BENEVOLENT FUND  
OFFERING  
OCWM

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90.00

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BUILDING FUND  
OFFERING

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\$ 4,941.67

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JERUSALEM

TEMPLE,

with GREAT

PRAISING and

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AND WERE

GOD. AMEN.

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