

Immanuel United Church of Christ
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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK REV. KELSEY FOR HER SERVICE HERE.
HER LAST DAY OF WORSHIP HERE WITH US WILL BE SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH.
WE WANT TO WISH HER THE BEST FOR THE FUTURE.

AUGUST 2019

Aug 4	Terry Leap	Greeter/Usher	Darrell Engelage	Usher
	Jackie Niernan	Reader/Usher	Judy Engelage	Guestbook/Usher
	Linda Martin	Usher	Aug 18 Abby Rosemann	Greeter/Usher
	Lee Fast	Guestbook/Usher	Whitney Schuenemeyer	Reader/Usher
Aug 11	Paul Saunders	Greeter/Usher	Alice Windmann	Usher
	Sandra Saunders	Reader/Usher	Terry Leap	Guestbook/Usher
			Aug 25 Kelvin Lashley	Greeter/Usher
			Beverley Willoughby	Reader/Usher

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 2019

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Donna & Austin Jones 1	Louise McLaughlin 3	Waylon Cox 13	Tricia Dattilo 19
Christin & David Whitehead 1	Lois Meyer 5	Dakota Meyer 14	Elisabeth Thompson 20
Todd & Amber Bill 5	Shanon Bote 5	VJ Reckamp 14	Sylvia Davis 22
Jeanne & Tom Ewald 5	Sharon Vohsen 7	Karen Schulte 15	Lacy Hoeft 24
Margie & Ricky Fowler 10	Aimee Wilber 8	Linda Martin 15	Robert Viehmann 24
Bruce & Martha Groeper 13	Michael Windmann 8	Darrell Schmidt 16	Scott Harris 24
Emmet & Doris Brakensiek 14	Nicole Flesch 8	William Gatewood 17	Leah Taylor 25
	Gary Witthaus 10	Brad Nierman 18	Wendell Meyer 29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jill Shriver 2	Peggy Gutermuth 10	Rachel Brockman 18	Jeremy Johnson 30
Rosalee Schubert 2	Kayleen Martin 11	Ruth Colboth 18	
	LaVelle Requat 13	Cheryl Kreuger 19	

WRIGHT CITY FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry uses the phone number 636-745-3821 (Nazarene Church number). The pantry is open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9 am—noon and also by appointment. Donation drop-offs are by appointment. Our leader is Abby Rosemann.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING August 4, after worship to discuss starting times for
worship on Sunday mornings.

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	Mary Sue Sitton	636-673-2265
Evangelism/Stewardship	Abby Roseman	636-384-0071
Memorial	Terry Leap	636-384-0410
Pastorial Relations	Aaron Wilber	636-579-2954



COUNCIL MEETING May 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order, and begun with a prayer, by Kelvin Lashley.

Council members present: Kelvin Lashley, Paul Saunders, Donna Jones, Roland Niemann, Beverley Willoughby, Mary Sue Sitton, and Abby Roseman
Council members absent: Terry Leap
Guests: none

Secretary Report: This report was read, and a motion was made to approve by Abby Roseman and seconded by Beverley Willoughby. The motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report: This report was read, and a motion was made to approve by Beverley Willoughby and seconded by Mary Sue Sitton. The motion passed.

General Treasurer Report: This report was read, and a motion was made to approve by Abby Roseman and seconded by Mary Sue Sitton.

Pastor Report: No concerns at this time. Beverley Willoughby did share some information from an emailed shared with all local pastors coming from Rev. Purl from the Nazarene Church. One need mentioned was summer volunteers to stock and date items at the food pantry. Also mentioned was a free oil change ministry begun at the First Baptist Church.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Paul Saunders reported that the spring HVAC systems check is scheduled for Tuesday May 14th by Schraer Heating and Cooling. The cooler in Fellowship Hall basement that has been making noise is currently unplugged until this check up. Paul also mentioned that some flower bulbs have been moved around the perimeter of the basements.

Christian Workers: Mary Sue Sitton reported that our attendance for 5 Sundays in April including Easter and Palm Sunday resulted in 279 people in attendance, with a weekly average of 70...

Evangelism & Stewardship: Abby Roseman mentioned that we will honor graduates on the first Sunday in June and to share with her information about any graduates that could be recognized at this time. Abby reported information about moving phone service to Spectrum, which would be a lower cost for the first year but then would go up for a second year of a contract. Following some discussion, Abby is going to check into this further and report back again.

Memorial: Beverley Willoughby reported that Darrell Schmidt had approached her about using funds from his mother's memorials to paint the paneling on the upper level of Fellowship Hall hallway and to change the shrubs in front of the church buildings. The materials would be purchased but Darrell and Beverley would provide the labor to install the new shrubs. Aaron Wilber made a motion to approve painting the paneling in the

hallway of Fellowship Hall. It was seconded by Paul Saunders and the motion passed. Abby Roseman made a motion to approve changing the bushes in front of church buildings and Fellowship Hall. Aaron Wilber seconded the motion and it also passed. Once materials are purchased Beverley and Darrell would begin the work. Aaron Wilber offered to help with this as well.

Another improvement for Fellowship Hall mentioned, as a possible part of this project, was to move ceiling tiles not in the best shape to the rooms and to put the better ones in the hallways.

It was determined that before moving forward on chairs for the council table, which were discussed earlier this year, one would be ordered to see how well it works and fits with our meeting space. Beverley Willoughby will take care of this job.

Pastor Relations: Aaron Wilber had no concerns to report at this time.

Sub Committees

Christian Board: Beverley Willoughby reported that the egg hunt was successful.

Women's Fellowship: This group will be meeting again in June.

Evening Circle: The Mother's' Day luncheon and the program were complimented by those who attended. There were many who came, and the Mother's Day Trivia was popular with attendees. Jackie Niernan was mentioned as a member who was instrumental in the planning of this program.

Men's Club: No new concerns.

Old Business: It was determined that all current council members have keys to the facilities and no new sets of keys are needed.

New Business: In discussions with Zion UCC, the council agreed that staying with the same start time would be less confusing than changing every 6 months.

No further business to discuss, Beverley Willoughby made the motion to adjourn and Mary Sue Sitton seconded. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

COUNCIL MEETING -June 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order, and began with a prayer, by Kelvin Lashley.

Council members present: Kelvin Lashley, Paul Saunders, Donna Jones, Roland Niemann, Mary Sue Sitton, Aaron Wilber and Terry Leap.

Council members absent: Abby Roseman, Beverley Willoughby

Guests: none

Secretary Report: This amended report was read and a motion was made to approve by Aaron Wilber and seconded by Roland Niemann. The motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report: This report was read and a motion was made to approve by Terry Leap and seconded by Mary Sue Sitton. The motion passed.

Kelvin and Roland plan to check in with FMB and American Bank to make sure the current President and Financial Secretary are listed on accounts.

General Treasurer Report: There was no report at this time.

Pastor Report: A written report from Pastor Kelsey listed the visits and calls made in May. She also requested a meeting with the council which has been set for Wednesday, June 19 at 6:00 pm. She has also arranged coverage for the June 23rd service while she will be attending the General Synod in Milwaukee. Rev. David Arndt will be leading service on that date.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Paul Saunders thanked Kelvin Lashley for filling in for him when he was out of town. The spring HVAC systems check by Schraer Heating and Cooling was conducted with Darrell Schmidt present. The cooler in Fellowship Hall basement is not worth repairing according to the company representative. Minor parts and repairs were taken care of and there are no other major concerns with heating and air conditioning systems at this time.

Kelvin also suggested that we might be able to sell the old stove in Fellowship Hall basement. He suggested advertising it on a site briefly. Kelvin also plans to talk with some representatives from the women's groups that prepare funeral luncheons to prioritize what is needed most and first in replacing kitchen appliances.

Christian Workers: Mary Sue Sitton reported that our attendance for 4 Sundays in May resulted in 187 people in attendance, with a weekly average of 47.

Evangelism & Stewardship: There was no report at this time.

Memorial: In further discussion about memorial project suggested by Darrell Schmidt through Beverley Willoughby last month, one bid for the painting work had been obtained. Other bids were being sought and more information about the itemized materials and labor would be needed in looking at comparable bids.

Kelvin mentioned that a church member suggested that a handrail all the way down the hall to the restroom might be beneficial for some members. Aaron Wilber volunteered to help with the labor on this project and mentioned that completing this before the hallway painting project would be an optimum time.

Pastor Relations: Aaron Wilber had no concerns other than those mentioned in the Pastor's Report.

Sub Committees

Christian Board: Terry Leap reported that Vacation Bible School would be coming up near the end of July.

Women's' Fellowship: There was no report at this time.

Evening Circle: This group will be meeting next week.

Men's Club: No new concerns.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: Pastor Kelsey requested a meeting with the council which has been set for Wednesday, June 19 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to discuss, Paul Saunders made the motion to adjourn and Mary Sue Sitton seconded. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING -June 19, 2019

The meeting was called to discuss with Pastor Kelsey, the results of the Church Visioning Questions.

Council members present: Kelvin Lashley, Paul Saunders, Donna Jones, Mary Sue Sitton, Terry Leap, Abby Roseman, and Beverley Willoughby.

Council members absent: Roland Niemann, Aaron Wilber
Guests: Pastor Kelsey Peterson

Pastor Kelsey shared the results to the questions filled out during church services earlier in the month.

Topics discussed included church mission statement, more use of the suggestion box in church, more involvement of youth in the church, and possible outreach in the community. Ideas about more programs that church could offer members and community were tentatively explored.

While we are partnering with another church, it was suggested that periodically altering the council meeting time would be helpful so that the pastor could attend. Another topic of discussion was quarterly meetings with member representatives from each church council would keep each church more informed.

Pastor Kelsey lead a prayer as the meeting was concluded.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

MAY 2019

Stewardship Moment

Do you enjoy camping out? Many people do. Some invest in expensive equipment so that they can enjoy the outdoors and have some comforts of home at the same time.

One of the early Bible personalities, Jacob, had a unique "camping out" experience. As he was running from home, nighttime came, and he stopped to rest. Having no camping equipment, he took a stone, "put it under his head and lay down to sleep" (Gen. 28:11, NIV). During the night God spoke to him through a dramatic dream. When he awoke, he confessed, "Surely the Lord is in this place" (Gen. 28:16, NIV). He took his "pillow," the stone, and used it as a place of worship. Then Jacob made a promise to God:

"Of all that you give me, I will give you a tenth" (Gen. 28:22, NIV).

Isn't it marvelous that God can speak to use wherever we are? Outside under the stars or in a quiet place-wherever, we can pray, listen, and make commitments that honor the Lord. Even a commitment to give a tenth of our income to the Lord.

Source: Ernest D. Standerfer - "The Seasons of Stewardship"

August is Back to School Month

Each year as part of our stewardship program, members of Immanuel UCC donate food to help local Wright City students. This is in support of the **Wright City Schools Backpack Program**.

This program provides food to children in homes where assistance is needed. The counselors at the schools help to pack the food items for the children to take home over the weekend. The food items are ones that the children can prepare for themselves. The following are possible food items to donate to help this program.

Food Suggestions for Backpack Program

- Granola Bars
- Can or individual servings Ravioli
- Breakfast Bars
- Can or individual servings Spaghetti O's
- Fruit Snacks
- Can vegetables
- Individual servings of Mac & Cheese
- Can fruit
- Pop Tarts
- Peanut Butter & jelly mixed in plastic jars
- Fruit Cups
- Individual Snack servings

Please consider donating to this program and helping the children in our community by bringing food items to Immanuel UCC now through Sunday, August 18. A container will be inside the sanctuary to collect items for the program.

GENERAL FUND		
OFFERING	\$ 3,548.00	
HALL RENTAL-W.C MEMORIAL	100.00	
HALL RENTAL-WARREN COUNTY	50.00	
HALL RENTAL-TAYLOR COX	100.00	
INTEREST- AMERICAN BANK	213.91	
		\$ 4,011.91

BENEVOLENT FUND		
OFFERING	\$ 65.00	
W.C. FOOD PANTRY	5.00	
OCWM	120.00	
		190.00

BUILDING FUND		
OFFERING		25.00

MEMORIAL FUND		
MEMORIAL FOR ARLENE WAGUESPACK		25.00
		\$ 4,251.91

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

JUNE 2019

GENERAL FUND		
OFFERING	\$ 4,823.00	
HALL RENTAL-FRENCH	100.00	
INITIAL OFFERING	2.00	
INTEREST- AMERICAN BANK	201.64	
		\$ 5,126.64

BENEVOLENT FUND		
OFFERING	\$ 100.00	
STRENGTH THE CHURCH OFFERING	84.00	184.00

BUILDING FUND		
OFFERING		50.00

MEMORIAL FUND		
MEMORIAL FOR ARLENE WAGUESPACK		35.00
		\$ 5,395.64

The following May & June reports are subject to Church Council approval.

Immanuel United Church of Christ – May 2019					
					\$75,885.18
GENERAL FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$33,521.10
5/3/2019	Guide One	ACH insurance prem		\$1,199.08	\$32,322.02
5/3/2019	Debbie Meyer	#11629 love gift		\$48.00	\$32,274.02
5/6/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$1,549.00		\$33,823.02
5/6/2019	Kelsey Peterson	#11632 April services		\$1,650.00	\$32,173.02
5/7/2019	Mildred Groeper	#11631 love gift		\$48.00	\$32,125.02
5/8/2019	Centurylink	ACH telephone & internet		\$198.83	\$31,926.19
5/10/2019	PWSD #2	ACH water & sewer		\$106.09	\$31,820.10
5/10/2019	Chris Sadler	#11634 3x church mowing		\$225.00	\$31,595.10
5/13/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$1,209.91		\$32,805.01
5/13/2019	J&S Janitorial	#11633 April cleaning		\$276.00	\$32,529.01
5/16/2019	Ameren	ACH electric church		\$265.00	\$32,264.01
5/16/2019	Ameren	ACH gas		\$395.00	\$31,869.01
5/16/2019	Ameren	ACH electric fellowship hall		\$226.00	\$31,643.01
5/16/2019	Jackie Niermann	#11635 lenten reimbursement		\$34.17	\$31,608.84
5/20/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$657.00		\$32,265.84
5/28/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$836.00		\$33,101.84
5/28/2019	Grace Hauling	#11636 April/May trash service		\$77.00	\$33,024.84
5/29/2019	Missourian Media Group	#11637 Easter service ad		\$50.00	\$32,974.84
5/31/2019		Accr Earnings Pmnt	\$3.17		\$32,978.01
5/31/2019		Transferred to Designated Fund		\$240.00	\$32,738.01
General Fund Totals for May 31, 2019:			\$4,255.08	\$5,038.17	\$32,738.01
PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$10,841.25
					\$10,841.25
Protect Our Church Fund Totals for May 31, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25
BENEVOLENT FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,202.00
5/6/2019		Offering OCWM	\$10.00		\$1,212.00
5/13/2019		Offering OCWM	\$115.00		\$1,327.00
5/20/2019		Offering OCWM	\$60.00		\$1,387.00
5/28/2019		Offering WCCFP	\$5.00		\$1,392.00
5/31/2019	Missouri Mid South Conference	#11638		\$697.00	\$695.00
5/31/2019	WCCFP	#11640		\$460.00	\$235.00
Benevolent Fund Totals for May 31, 2019:			\$190.00	\$1,157.00	\$235.00
BUILDING FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,868.73
5/13/2019		Offering	\$25.00		\$5,893.73
Building Fund Totals for May 31, 2019:			\$25.00	\$-	\$5,893.73
MEMORIAL FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$16,621.08
5/28/2019		Arlene Waguespack memorial	\$25.00		\$16,646.08

Memorial Fund Totals for May 31, 2019:			\$25.00	\$-	\$16,646.08
INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,776.72
5/10/2019	Chris Sadler	#11634 2x cemetery		\$100.00	\$3,676.72
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for May 31, 2019:			\$-	\$100.00	\$3,676.72
SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$936.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for May 31, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$936.85
PARKING LOT FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,005.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for May 31, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$3,005.14
MUSIC FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$149.30
Music Fund Totals for May 31, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$149.30
SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$4,495.08	\$6,295.17	\$74,085.09
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GENERAL FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$32,738.01
6/3/2019	Kelsey Peterson	#11641 May services		\$1,650.00	\$31,088.01
6/4/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$1,898.00		\$32,986.01
6/4/2019	Guide One	ACH insurance prem		\$1,199.08	\$31,786.93
6/10/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$382.00		\$32,168.93
6/11/2019	Centurylink	ACH telephone & internet		\$198.96	\$31,969.97
6/12/2019	PWSD #2	ACH water & sewer		\$22.57	\$31,947.40
6/17/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$1,024.00		\$32,971.40
6/17/2019	Ameren	ACH gas		\$395.00	\$32,576.40
6/17/2019	Ameren	ACH electric church		\$220.33	\$32,356.07
6/17/2019	Ameren	ACH electric fellowship hall		\$265.00	\$32,091.07
6/17/2019	Margaret Viehmann	#11626 love gift		\$60.00	\$32,031.07
6/17/2019	Margaret Viehmann	#11630 love gift		\$48.00	\$31,983.07
6/21/2019	Minuteman Press	POS bulletins		\$387.00	\$31,596.07
6/21/2019	Chris Sadler	#11643 5x church mowing		\$375.00	\$31,221.07
6/21/2019	J&S Janitorial	#11642 cleaning May & June		\$552.00	\$30,669.07
6/24/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$770.00		\$31,439.07
6/24/2019	Schraer H&C	#11644		\$774.74	\$30,664.33
6/26/2019	Rev. David Arndt	#11645 June 23 service		\$200.00	\$30,464.33
6/30/2019		Accr Earnings Pmnt	\$2.99		\$30,467.32
6/30/2019		Transferred to Designated Fund		\$194.00	\$30,273.32
General Fund Totals for June 30, 2019:			\$4,076.99	\$6,541.68	\$30,273.32
PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$10,841.25
Protect Our Church Fund Totals for June 30, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25

BENEVOLENT FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$235.00
6/3/2019		Offering OCWM	\$50.00		\$285.00
6/3/2019	Heifer International	#11639		\$45.00	\$240.00
6/17/2019		Offering SOC	\$84.00		\$324.00
Benevolent Fund Totals for June 30, 2019:			\$134.00	\$45.00	\$324.00
BUILDING FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,893.73
6/4/2019		Offering	\$25.00		\$5,918.73
Building Fund Totals for June 30, 2019:			\$25.00	\$-	\$5,918.73
MEMORIAL FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$16,646.08
6/17/2019		Arlene Waguespack memorial	\$35.00		\$16,681.08
Memorial Fund Totals for June 30, 2019:			\$35.00	\$-	\$16,681.08
INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,676.72
6/18/2019	Earnings Trans Dep	cdxxxx6121	\$3.41		\$3,680.13
6/21/2019	Chris Sadler	#11643 2x cemetery mowing		\$100.00	\$3,580.13
6/26/2019	Earnings Trans Dep	cdxxxx6120	\$1.13		\$3,581.26
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for June 30, 2019:			\$4.54	\$100.00	\$3,581.26
SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$936.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for June 30, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$936.85
PARKING LOT FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,005.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for June 30, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$3,005.14
MUSIC FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$149.30
Music Fund Totals for June 30, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$149.30
SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$4,275.53	\$6,686.68	\$71,673.94