

Immanuel United Church of Christ
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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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December 2018

December 2018			Darrell Engelage	Usher	
Dec 2	Friendship Sunday		Judy Engelage	Guestbook/Usher/Reader	
	Lee Fast	Reader/Greeter/Usher	Dec 23	Paul Saunders	Greeter/Usher
	Diana & Gary Schlueter	Ushers		Richard & Margaret Ramey	Ushers
	Loretta Bierer	Guestbook/Usher		Lee Fast	Guestbook/Usher/Reader
Dec 9	Lavelle Requat	Greeter/Usher	Dec 30	Roland Niemann	Greeter/Usher
	Mason Newcomb	Usher		Whitney Schuenemeyer	Reader/Usher
	Linda Martin	Usher		John Schuenemeyer	Usher
	Karen Cox	Guestbook/Usher/Reader		Terry Leap	Guestbook/Usher
Dec 16	Kelvin Lashley	Greeter/Usher			
	Marvin Schubert	Usher			

.Just a note to our new members & anyone else. If you are getting your newsletter by mail or picking it up at church. Please let me know, if you would rather receive it by email. You can email me (Debbie Meyer) at dendebmeyer@yahoo.com

PASTORIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Council Rep. Paul Saunders, Karen Cox, Aaron Wilber, Judy Engelage

*Pastor Relations – If anyone is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact Rev. Kelsey Peterson at 253-353-3461 or kelsey@dancingpastor.com

COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2018

Kelvin called the meeting to order and led us in prayer.

In attendance: Kelvin Lashley, Abby Roseman, Mary Sue Sitton, Lee Fast, Terry Leap, Beverley Willoughby, and Paul Saunders.

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

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

General Treasurer's Report: Lee made the motion to approve the report as presented, Terry seconded, motion carried. Beverley sent Liberty Christian Academy a bill for use of the Church's parking lot.

Pastor's Report: Beverley and Rev. Kelsey Peterson are planning to meet soon.

Building & Grounds: The round window in front of the Church has been caulked and painted as well as the outside of Fellowship Hall. The furnaces have been winterized and the Church basement furnace A/C drains rust have been worked on. Want to stain the Fellowship

***Volunteers** are needed to help with the Advent candle lighting and litany readings during morning worship services in December. If you would like to help bring God's light into our services, please contact Abby Rosemann at 636-384-0071 or by e-mail at abbyrosemann@centurylink.net

Hall back stairs sometime. The 4-H club will paint the Church fence in the spring.

Christian Workers: September attendance was 259 with an average of 52.

Evangelism & Stewardship: In Gathering Sunday will be Nov. 18th with donations going to the Wright City Community Food Pantry. Dec. 2nd will be Friendship Sunday where you bring a guest to Church. The Church Council is planning a brunch after the Church Service.

Memorial: All Saints Sunday Recognition will be Nov. 4th.

Pastoral Relations: People like Rev. Kelsey Peterson.

Christian Board: Dec. 20th will be the Sunday School Christmas Program at 7:00 P.M.

Evening Circle: For Christmas they will be decorating the Church Sanctuary Nov. 25th. Lee Fast will be taking the Christmas Poinsettias orders.

Men's Club: Sausage Dinner March 10th.

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

Friendship Sunday / Bring a Guest to Church – December 2

Don't forget to invite a guest or call a member who hasn't been to church in a while to worship service, then after service a brunch will be served by the church council. All are welcome to attend.



- *Just a few notes.....DEADLINE FOR "JANUARY" NEWSLETTER IS DECEMBER 15*
- Nov. 29—Thurs. Bible Study begins at 6:00 pm every Thursday
- Dec. 2—Friendship Sunday, Bring a friend, Council Brunch after Church.
- Dec. 5th— **Wednesday Night Advent Dinner & Worship Services at Zion UCC in Troy** Join our partner church for a 5:30pm dinner and 6:15pm worship on Wednesdays during Advent. Dinners will be simple, and worship will be done by 7pm. All are welcome!
- Dec. 20th — Wed. Sunday School Christmas Program 7:00 pm
- Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve Service at 9:00 pm, Offering to Meal on Wheels
- Jan. 20th—Sun. Chili Cookoff

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.

We are on the WEB

Look for us at "immanuelucc.weebly.com"

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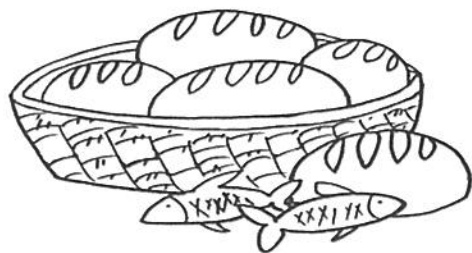
HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Wright City Community Food Pantry

It is our privilege to help those most vulnerable and underserved here in the Wright City area. The Wright City Community Food Pantry is again partnering with businesses, churches, and individuals for the Holiday Food Drive of 2018. We are simply neighbors helping neighbors. **Here are ways you can partner this year:**

1. Thanksgiving Baskets/Christmas Food Baskets

Your group can provide the entire family basket. Below is a list of items needed. ***Accept the challenge to feed as many families as you can!*** You can provide any part of the meal or other canned food items. We'll make sure all the items get to the appropriate families. You are welcome to give monetary donations – and we will do the shopping for you! The cost is around \$50 per basket. Checks may be made out to Wright City Community Food Pantry. Please put in the memo section "Holiday Food Drive 2018". Mail to: Wright City Community Food Pantry, 521 W. Service Rd. N., Wright City, MO 63390.



Your donations can be dropped off at Legacy Drug Store in Wright City or the Church of the Nazarene in Wright City. We'll even come pick them up if you like! We would appreciate having all donations in for Thanksgiving meals by Nov. 11th. Donations for Christmas meals begin Nov. 26th and are due by Dec. 9th.

2. Adopt a family for Christmas – Partnership with Parents as Teachers

There are underserved Wright City families who desire help with children's Christmas presents under the tree. The pantry is partnering with the Wright City Parents as Teachers and its director, Kamie Williams, to connect with these families in need. We will help you adopt a family that matches the resources you can provide. A list of suggestions will be given with clothes/toys/needs so you can purchase! You can also give a financial gift and we will do the shopping for you. This is a great option for families, businesses, or your office group to make a difference in a child's life! Contact Pastor Joe (info below) or Kamie Williams (cell 314.496.5525; kamie.williams@wrightcity.k12.mo.us) to participate. Purchases are due to Parents as Teacher director, Kamie Williams by Dec. 7th @ the Wright City Middle School.

If your business or group can assist in Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas baskets, or adopting a family for Christmas contact Pastor Joe Purl (cell 636.295.0540; church 636.745.3821; joeandkimpurl@gmail.com) or Rachel Hakim (cell 937.689.9585; rachelbrusman@gmail.com). Please call or email if you have questions, we'd love to talk to you!



5th Annual Chili Cook Off at Immanuel UCC – January 20, 2019

Do you have a special chili recipe? If so, you need to enter our 5th Annual Chili Cook Off on Sunday, January 20. Bring your special chili, preferably in a crockpot, to Fellowship Hall by 9:30 am on the morning of the 20th. Chili will then be judged by our volunteer expert chili tasters. After the annual meeting that day, everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall to enjoy the variety of chili's and hotdogs. Everyone attending the lunch will also vote on crowd favorite! Potato soup will be provided for any non-chili eaters, so everyone of all ages can come join in the fun and fellowship.

The challenge is on to have lots of different chili's in the contest. Chili's are judged on spice factor, thickness as well as taste! Prizes will be awarded including the presentation of the traveling first-place golden soup ladle. Last year's winner was Mason Newcomb. The more entries, the more fun!

The Church Council decided to have a free will offering at the Chili Cook Off lunch. The donations will go to Heifer International to purchase a trio of rabbits for \$60.00

(Heifer International is a nonprofit dedicated to helping the least of these around the world lift themselves out of hunger and poverty. The faith programs allows congregations like ours to join them in their journey toward a poverty-free future. www.heifer.org/faith)

Every year our **Christmas Eve** offering is designated to benefit others. This year's Christmas Eve Offering will go to "Meals on Wheels." Christmas Eve service is at 9:00 pm

There are three youth in Confirmation, they are learning a lot about Liturgy & Worship. The history of Immanuel UCC, the history of Christianity and now they are learning more about the Bible. Karen Cox is helping to teach. The classes are being held at Zion UCC, before church.

November 4th was "All Saints Day". Here is a little history & a list of those who we remembered at our church.

Totenfest is a German word that means "Feast of the Dead" or "Festival for the Dead." It was established in 1816 by Prussian Emperor Fredrick William III as a day to remember that nation's soldiers who had died in the recently concluded Prussian War. Obviously it became an important observance in the Evangelical Church in Prussia (established by the same emperor in 1817) as a day to remember not only the war dead, but also church members who had died in the previous year.

Helen Schaper Sprick	January 15, 1934—November 2, 2017
Bryan Martin	March 20, 1972—November 17, 2017
Adam Wade Meyer	April 20, 1979—November 27, 2017
Dorothy May Merlotti	January 2, 1933—April 29, 2018
Roger Brinkmann	April 23, 1943—May 16, 2018
Imogene Bilyeu	December 17, 1925—August 28, 2018
Virginia "Carol" Combs	April 12, 1942—September 4, 2018
Lenora Harrell Schaper	March 22, 1926—October 25, 2018

Immanuel United Church of Christ – October 2018

Beginning Balance \$77,689.95

GENERAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$33,476.27
10/1/2018	Rev. Kelsey Peterson	#11587 September		\$1,250.00	\$32,226.27
10/2/2018	Deposit	Offering	\$1,680.06		\$33,906.33
10/3/2018	GuideOne	ACH insurance		\$890.58	\$33,015.75
10/9/2018	Depository	Offering	\$1,494.00		\$34,509.75
10/10/2018	Centurylink	ACH phone bill		\$198.11	\$34,311.64
10/12/2018	PWSD #2	ACH water & sewer bill		\$16.68	\$34,294.96
10/15/2018	Ameren	ACH gas church		\$444.00	\$33,850.96
10/15/2018	Ameren	ACH electric fellowship hall		\$160.00	\$33,690.96
10/15/2018	Ameren	ACH electric church		\$233.00	\$33,457.96
10/18/2018	Deposit	Offering	\$1,028.00		\$34,485.96
10/18/2018	Sumner One	#11590 copier contract		\$159.00	\$34,326.96
10/18/2018	J&S Janitorial	#11588 cleaning sept & oct		\$552.00	\$33,774.96
10/19/2018	Grace Hauling	#11592 trash sept & oct		\$77.00	\$33,697.96
10/19/2018	Schraer H&C	#11593 invoice 88435 88436 88448		\$1,055.24	\$32,642.72
10/19/2018	Chris Saddler	#11591 mowing x3		\$225.00	\$32,417.72
10/23/2018	Deposit	Offering	\$1,019.00		\$33,436.72
10/30/2018	Deposit	Offering	\$786.00		\$34,222.72
10/30/2018	Rev. Kelsey Peterson	#11595 October		\$1,250.00	\$32,972.72
10/31/2018		Accr Earnings pymnt	\$3.29		\$32,976.01
10/31/2018		Transferred to Designated Funds		\$553.00	\$32,423.01

General Fund Totals for October 31, 2018: \$6,010.35 \$7,063.61 \$32,423.01

PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$10,841.25
					\$10,841.25

Protect Our Church Fund Totals for October 31, 2018: \$- \$- \$10,841.25

BENEVOLENT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$898.00
10/2/2018		Offering - WCCFP	\$25.00		\$923.00
10/9/2018		Offering - NIN	\$128.00		\$1,051.00
10/18/2018		Offering - NIN	\$100.00		\$1,151.00
10/23/2018		Offering - NIN	\$20.00		\$1,171.00
10/23/2018		Offering - OCWM	\$50.00		\$1,221.00
10/30/2018		Offering - WCCFP	\$5.00		\$1,226.00
					\$1,226.00

Benevolent Fund Totals for October 31, 2018: \$328.00 \$- \$1,226.00

BUILDING FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$6,062.70
10/1/2018		Offering	\$200.00		\$6,262.70
10/19/2018	Wright City Hardware	#11589		\$17.15	\$6,245.55
10/23/2018		Offering	\$25.00		\$6,270.55
10/23/2018	Kelvin Lashley	#11594 reimburse for work day		\$244.81	\$6,025.74

Building Fund Totals October 31, 2018: \$225.00 \$261.96 \$6,025.74

MEMORIAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
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	Beginning Balance				\$19,011.86
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Memorial Fund Totals for October 31, 2018:		\$-	\$-	\$19,011.86
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INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,958.57
10/12/2018		Interest CD xxxx6123	\$2.42		\$3,960.99
10/19/2018	Chris Saddler	#11591 mowing x2		\$100.00	\$3,860.99
					\$3,860.99

Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for October 31, 2018:		\$2.42	\$100.00	\$3,860.99
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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$936.85

Scholarship Fund Totals for October 31, 2018:		\$-	\$-	\$936.85
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PARKING LOT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$2,255.14

Parking Lot Fund Totals for October 31, 2018:		\$-	\$-	\$2,255.14
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MUSIC FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$149.30

Music Fund Totals for October 31, 2018:		\$-	\$-	\$149.30
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SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:		\$6,565.77	\$7,425.57	\$76,830.15
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Christmas Food Baskets

Christmas Breakfast

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Sausage

Christmas Dinner

Ham
Potatoes
2 cans corn
2 cans green beans
Pie
12 dinner rolls
Canned gravy
Canned cranberry sauce
1 pound butter or margarine

Christmas Stocking for each child

Packet of Hot Cocoa
Candy cane
Either gloves, socks or hat
Small toy (cards, playdough, car, etc.)

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 2018

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

Dennis & Debbie Meyer 3
Bill & Patricia Brockmeyer 10
Richard & Margaret Ramey 13
George & Linda Jaeger 17
Tony & Jane Blanton 22
Ann & Mel Meyer 22
Brenda & Roger Wilkins 24
Terry & Richard Baker 27
Bill & Mary Mikus 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Emmet Brakensiek 1
Angus Maloney 2
Jesse Hollenbeck 2
David Vohsen 3
Karen Cox 3
Sherry Hollenbeck 3
AJ Wilber 7
Richard Maloney 7
Gary Schlueter 8
Anthony Freund 9

Jason Case 9

Kenneth Niemann 13
Jacob Boyd 14
Cole Bote 14
Taylor Windmann 17
Kody Martin 18
Lori Murry 19
Rebecca Schriener 19
Leona May Cox 21
Jack Groeper 25
Robert Borgers 25

Patricia Krueger 26

Sadie & Sophie 26
Whitney Schmitt 27
William Niemann 27
Philip Viehmann 28
Phyllis Gentry 28
Treesa Reckamp 28
William Creech 28
Raymond Requat 29
Jerry Johnson 31
Ronald Pauk 31

December Stewardship Moment

Those who are kind to the poor lend to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done.

Proverbs 19:17

Too often we think first about ourselves, but Jesus teaches that we need to think and care about others-and that when we serve them, we are serving Him. Our proverb for today echoes this eye-opening teaching.

But don't we often simply ignore others in need and look down on them? Or when we compare ourselves to others, don't we tend to think we're the ones who have too little?

As Jesus reminds us, there are people in this world-and very possibly in our neighborhood or at least nearby-who don't know where their food will come from today, or who don't have access to health care, clean water, or adequate education. The list could go on and on.

Like Jesus, today's proverb leads me to consider what I have done for the poor lately, and then it goes a little further. When we give to the poor, it's like lending to the Lord. Looking into their faces is like looking into the face of Jesus.

So what have we given to God recently? God wants us to take this challenge seriously, as seriously as we receive his kindness and bounty. We practice wisdom when we handle our resources the way Jesus would have us do.

(Source: Henry Kranenburg – today.reframemedia.com)

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