

Immanuel United Church of Christ
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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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FEBRUARY 2016

Feb 7 Sermon: "Pay Attention!"

Scriptures: Exodus 34:29-35, Luke 9:28-36

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Lee Fast	Greeter/Usher
Karen Cox	Reader/Usher
Alice Windmann	Usher
Jackie Nierman	Guestbook/Usher

Feb 14 Sermon: "Prepared for the Worst"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Luke 4:1-13

Lavelle Requat	Greeter/Usher
Todd Bill	Reader/Usher
Tom Bill	Usher
Aimee Wilber	Guestbook/Usher

Feb 21 Sermon: "Take Off the Glasses"

Scripture: Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

INSTALLATION OF ALL OFFICERS FOR CHURCH GROUPS & CHURCH COUNCIL

Bud Nissen	Greeter
Lee Fast	Usher
Kolton Martin	Reader/Usher
Anthony Freund	Usher
Beverley Willoughby	Guestbook/Usher

Feb 28 Sermon: "One More Chance"

Scriptures: Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13:1-9

Darrell Schmidt	Greeter/Usher
Amber Bill	Reader/Usher
Kelvin Lashley	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 MARCH NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 15***

- Sunday, January 31st, Pinochle Day, carry in lunch
- Sunday, February 7th, "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY
- Wednesday, February 10th, ASH WEDNESDAY, Soup & Sandwich Meal before Lent Services again this year. Soups on at 6:00 pm with services starting at 7:00 pm, downstairs of Fellowship Hall. Seeking volunteers to help Bringing soup & desserts each week. If you are interested in helping out, contact Jackie Niernan at 636-745-3096.
- Sunday, February 21, date for all church groups & church council to have installation of officers during morning Worship. Annual Birthday Dinner after church, carry in dinner. Sponsored by the Board of Education.

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.

WHY HAVE A PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE?

There are three basic reasons for a congregation to have a PRC:

1. Building Up The Body of Christ

The first reason is to build up the life of the church and its ministry. The church is the body of Christ, knit together by God for the mutual up-building of life. Ephesians 4:15-16 says: Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and up-builds itself in love. This responsibility calls for sensitive care and careful discernment regarding what is beneficial, and is to be exercised in a humble and loving way.

2. Support

The second reason to have a PRC is to provide

focused, consistent support for the pastor. Ministry is a high stress profession. The high levels of personal and congregational expectations contribute to the need for support. Being a primary care-giver, the pastor needs a supportive environment for renewal.

3. Feedback And Communication

The third reason for a congregation to have a PRC is to provide a regular channel of communication for cultivating an open, affirmative and creative relationship between the pastor and congregation, and enabling the church to fulfill its mission effectively. Communication is a vital ingredient in the provision of support.

Please keep these thoughts in mind as we move through 2016 working to keep an open relationship with our minister and congregation. Contact committee chairperson, Bud Nissen or Pastor Tom with your thoughts about our ministry at Immanuel UCC.

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



FROM THE PASTOR:

Lent is one of the most important times in life of the church. It prepares us for the celebration of Easter and the resurrection of our Savior. Lent is 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays as every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection). The date of Easter varies from year to year. The date is determined in this way: the first Sunday after the first full moon of the spring equinox! Therefore, in 2016 Easter will be March 27.

Ash Wednesday will be February 10. We at Immanuel will be observing Lent by having worship services each Wednesday with a light meal in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. and the service will be at 7:00 p.m.

I plan on having services last no longer than 45 minutes since children will need to get to bed at a reasonable time and also for those who get up early

for work. The Evening Circle will get people to prepare soup and then there will be sandwiches and dessert.

This year I am planning of preaching each week on one of the Seven Last Words Jesus spoke from the cross. On Ash Wednesday, the title will be "Father, Forgive Them for They Know Not What They Do." We will also have Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

February 17 the Word from the cross will be "Today, Thou shalt be with me in Paradise." February 24 the Word from the Cross will be "Son, Behold Your Mother - Mother Behold Your Son."

In March we will continue with the remaining words.

May God bless all of you, Pastor Tom

COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 2015

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

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

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

Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Darrell made the motion to approve the report as presented. Bud seconded. Motion carried.

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

Pastor's Report: There will be 8 new members joining Immanuel the end of December. Easter is March 27, 2016 and Ash Wednesday Feb. 10th with Wednesday Lent Services having soup and sandwiches. Maybe having a Good Friday service March 25th.

Building & Grounds: Darrell made the motion to buy a new light for the pole light outside of Fellowship Hall as that light does not work. Lee 2nd. M Turpin Service LLC will do our snow removal again this year.

Christian Workers: November attendance was 457 with an average of 92.

Evangelism and Stewardship: Jan. 17th chili cook off after annual meeting. Jan 31st pinochle and carry in dinner. Bring cans of soup for Agape on Feb 7th "Souper" Bowl Sunday.

Memorial: Did not meet.

Pastor's Relation: Everything is ok but discussed setting up a meeting with Rev. Higgins to see how he feels everything is going every few months.

Christian Board: Flea market is going great.

Men's Club: Sausage Dinner March 13th.

New Business: Communication between Immanuel and Liberty Christian Academy needs to improve.

Beverley made the motion to donate the Christmas Eve service offering to Meals On Wheels. Everyone approved. Jackie made the motion to make up the difference in the love offering so everyone would receive \$50.00. Lee 2nd. Motion carried.

Old Business: Jackie made the motion to accept the 2016 Budget and Darrell 2nd. Council nominations are Lavelle Requat, Roland Niemann, and Lee Fast.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned with everyone joining hands in the Lord's Prayer.

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

February

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

Joyce & Jim Manley 14

Rev. Glenn & Ann Davis 14

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

William Flesch 1

Emogene Witthaus 4

Debbie Meyer 6

Jamie Eilmann 6

Ann Meyer 8

Patty Birk 10

Gary Lashley 12

Shelly Requat 12

Darla Key 13

William McLaughlin 13

Theresa Leap 14

Terry Lashley 15

Thomas Hoeft 15

Angela Case 16

Karen Gironde 16

Margaret Viehmann 18

Sophia Rucker 18

Steven Krueger 19

Beverley Willoughby 20

Kevin Schlueter 20

James Logan 21

Andy Fingers 23

Michael Fingers 23

Brooke Bill 26

Gloria Russell 28

Robert W Bote 28

I need to apologize to Marilyn Benson, I missed her on the Birthday list for December.

Her birthday is on the 18th, Happy "Belated" Birthday Marilyn.

Also, I put the wrong date on Bill Groeper for Jan, his date is on the 19th.

Stewardship moment — February 2016

What does stewardship look like in your life?

In the beginning God created everything and put Adam in the Garden to work it and to take care of it. It is clear that man was created to work and that *work is the stewardship of all of the creation that God has given him*. This is the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship. God owns everything; we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf.

As Christians in this modern day, we need to embrace the larger biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though those are important; it connects everything we do with

what God is doing in the world.

We need to be faithful stewards of all God has given us within the opportunities presented through his providence to glorify him, serve the common good and further his Kingdom.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Colossians 3:23-24

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT
DECEMBER 2015

GENERAL FUND

Offering	\$4772.37
Donation-Womens Fellowship	400.00
DONATION_Member	1000.00
Interest-First State Community bank	112.20
Love Gifts	159.32

\$6443.89

BENEVOLENT FUND

Offering	\$ 530.00
Christmas Eve-Warren county	692.00
Senior Center-meals	
Christmas Fund (retired Pastors)	100.00
Agape	100.00

\$1422.00

BUILDING FUND

Offering	\$ 95.00
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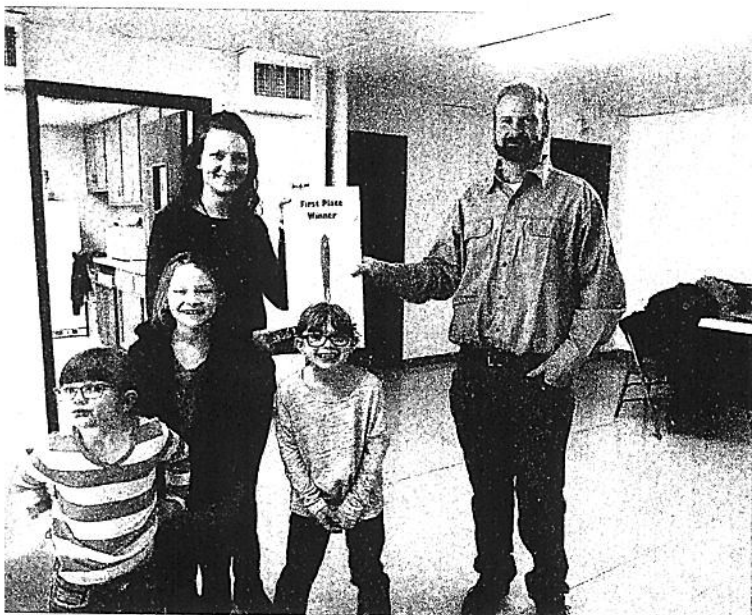
MEMORIAL FUND

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\$ 26278.07

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



Congratulations to Elisabeth Thompson for winning this year's chili contest. The event was well attended and everyone enjoyed the chili's and other goodies. Aaron Wilber, last year's chili cook off winner is presenting the traveling trophy to Elisabeth.

Immanuel United Church of Christ – December 2015

Beginning Balance \$27,102.24

GENERAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,526.21
12/13/2015	removed in error previously	lawn care for Indian camp	\$1,080.00	\$-	\$4,606.21
11301	On The Go Inc.	December trash pickup	\$-	\$38.50	\$4,567.71
11300	J&S Janitorial Service	Cleaning - November	\$-	\$276.00	\$4,291.71
12/3/2015	Deposit	Cashed in CD	\$13,550.00	\$-	\$17,841.71
ACH 12/4	Guideone	insurance premium	\$-	\$765.08	\$17,076.63
11305	Theresa Leap	reimburse for trash bags	\$-	\$13.00	\$17,063.63
ACH 12/7	Ameren	Utilities	\$-	\$190.00	\$16,873.63
ACH 12/7	Ameren	Utilities	\$-	\$834.40	\$16,039.23
11307	American Bank	To open new CD	\$-	\$15,000.00	\$1,039.23
12/8/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$1,787.01	\$-	\$2,826.24
ACH 12/11	Centurylink	Phone/Internet service	\$-	\$163.74	\$2,662.50
ACH 12/14	Wright City	Water/sewer bill	\$-	\$22.60	\$2,639.90
12/15/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$1,000.00	\$-	\$3,639.90
12/15/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$1,312.52	\$-	\$4,952.42
12/16/2015	Interest earned	Immanuel CD	\$81.03	\$-	\$5,033.45
11302	Thomas Higgins	1st half of December salary	\$-	\$1,000.00	\$4,033.45
12/22/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$1,223.35	\$-	\$5,256.80
11309	Copying Concepts	December 2015 thru March 2016	\$-	\$126.00	\$5,130.80
11310	Creative Communications for the Parish - worship supplies		\$-	\$21.15	\$5,109.65
12/28/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$15.00	\$-	\$5,124.65
12/28/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$1,106.01	\$-	\$6,230.66
11311	J&S Janitorial Service	Cleaning - December	\$-	\$276.00	\$5,954.66
11308	Thomas Higgins	balance of December salary	\$-	\$1,000.00	\$4,954.66
12/31/2015	Interest earned	Accrued Earning Payment	\$2.68	\$-	\$4,957.34
			\$-	\$-	\$4,957.34
			\$-	\$-	\$4,957.34
General Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2015:			\$21,157.60	\$19,726.47	\$4,957.34

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 Dec 31, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25

BENEVOLENT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$205.00
11303	Agape	Donation	\$-	\$70.00	\$135.00
12/8/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$310.00	\$-	\$445.00
12/8/2015	Deposit	Christmas Fund	\$35.00	\$-	\$480.00
12/15/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$10.00	\$-	\$490.00
12/15/2015	Deposit	Agape	\$100.00	\$-	\$590.00
12/15/2015	Deposit	Christmas Fund	\$10.00	\$-	\$600.00
12/22/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$205.00	\$-	\$805.00
12/22/2015	Deposit	Christmas Fund	\$35.00	\$-	\$840.00
12/28/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$845.00
12/28/2015	Deposit	Christmas Fund	\$20.00	\$-	\$865.00
12/28/2015	Deposit	Meals on Wheels	\$692.00	\$-	\$1,557.00
			\$-	\$-	\$1,557.00
			\$-	\$-	\$1,557.00
Benevolent Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2015:			\$1,422.00	\$70.00	\$1,557.00

BUILDING FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,796.00
11306	Wright City Hardware	supplies	\$-	\$127.38	\$1,668.62
11304	Kemco Aluminum, Inc.	Deposit - Church roof	\$-	\$12,150.00	\$(10,481.38)
12/8/2015	Deposit	from cashed in CD	\$36,450.00	\$-	\$25,968.62
12/8/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$35.00	\$-	\$26,003.62
12/15/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$35.00	\$-	\$26,038.62
12/22/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$20.00	\$-	\$26,058.62
12/28/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$26,063.62
Building Fund Totals Dec 31, 2015:			\$36,545.00	\$12,277.38	\$26,063.62

MEMORIAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$6,945.00
12/15/2015	Deposit	Al Ruzycki Trust	\$18,317.18	\$-	\$25,262.18
			\$-	\$-	\$25,262.18
Memorial Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2015:			\$18,317.18	\$-	\$25,262.18

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	\$-	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,843.62
12/13/2015	from General Fund	lawn care	\$-	\$1,080.00	\$4,763.62
12/18/2015	Interest earned	Indian Camp CD	\$3.37	\$-	\$4,766.99
12/24/2015	Interest earned	Indian Camp CD	\$1.12	\$-	\$4,768.11
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2015:			\$4.49	\$1,080.00	\$4,768.11

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$401.85
			\$-	\$-	\$401.85
			\$-	\$-	\$401.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$401.85

PARKING LOT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5.14
			\$-	\$-	\$5.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$5.14

MUSIC FUND

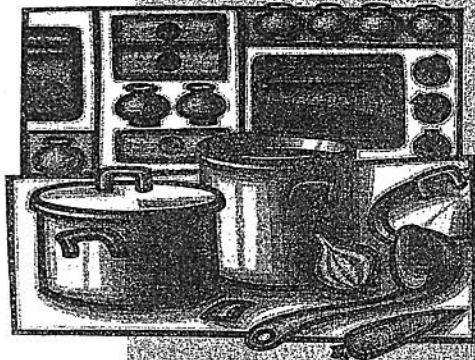
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$505.05
			\$-	\$-	\$505.05
Music Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$505.05

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:	\$77,446.27	\$33,153.85	\$71,394.66
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All U Can Eat Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner

Time: 11am to
2pm

Date:
03/13/2016



Adults \$10.00
Children 6 - 12 \$5.00
Under 6 - free

Carry Outs Available

Located at Immanuel UCC
Wright City at the Corner of N
4th and Elm

On the menu:

Link Pork Sausage
Sauerkraut
Mashed Potatoes
And Gravy
Green Beans
Applesauce
Homemade Bread
And Dessert

Coffee, Tea and
Water



FISH FRY

at the 4-way in
Wright City, MO

Sponsored by the

WRIGHT CITY FFA ALUMNI

Friday's, Feb 19, Mar 4 & Mar 18

Serving 11:00 am til 6:00 pm ?

CATFISH PLATES \$8.00

CATFISH SANDWICH \$5.00

potato salad, baked beans, fries,

hushpuppies & soda/water available

Call Debbie @ 636-459-5515 for orders
or any questions



February 20, 2016

Warren County 4H Council
7th Annual Family Friendly

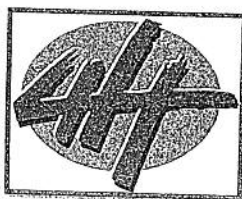
TRIVIA NIGHT

- Warrenton Lion's Club- 601 Fairgrounds Rd
Warrenton MO 97146
- Doors Open 5:00pm, Trivia begins @ 6:00pm
- \$80 per table (8 maximum players per team)
- Snacks and Drinks will be available @
concession stand - feel free to bring your own

- 8 rounds of Trivia with 10 questions each
- Mulligans 1 per game @ \$2 each
- Cash & Prizes will be awarded for 1st,
2nd & last place, and for the best themed table/team
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffle
- Fun Games

Theme: Music & Movies
Dress as your favorite band, singer, or actress/actor, movie

Trivia Hosted by Country Crossroads 4H
To pre-register or questions please contact
Heather Wisdom @ 314-662-1242
WALK-INS WELCOME



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email for announcements.
Any questions, please call a
church council member.