

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



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

OFFICE PH. 636-745-3864

FEBRUARY 2018

Feb 18 1st Sunday in Lent

Feb 4 Sermon: "Why Did WE Come?"

Isaiah 40:21-31, Mark 1:29-39

Lee Fast Greeter/Usher/Reader

Mary Sue Sitton Usher

Darrell Engelage Usher

Judy Engelage Guestbook/Usher

Sermon: The Easy Way..or the Hard Way?

(Recognizing Real Temptation)

Psalm 15:1-5, James 1:12-16, Luke 4:1-13

Kelvin Lashley Reader/Greeter/Usher

Jackie & Roger Nierman Ushers

Terry Leap Guestbook/Usher

Feb 11 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Sermon: "Spiritual Caterpillars"

Psalm 50:1-6, Mark 9:2-9

Lavelle Requat Greeter/Usher

Aaron Wilber Usher/Reader

Alice Windmann Usher

Jackie Nierman Guestbook/Usher

Feb 21 Jesus: The Crucified One

Mark 15:16-37

Feb 25 2nd Sunday in Lent

Sermon: What's In Your Heart?

Galatians 5:13-25, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Paul Saunders Greeter/Usher

Kolton Martin Reader/Usher

Sandra Saunders Usher

Lois Meyer Guestbook/Usher

Feb 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

Forgiveness and Healing

Mark 15:16-37

Feb 28 Jesus: Obedient Servant

I Corinthians 1:18-31

COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 10, 2017

Roland called the meeting to order and Rev. Tyler Connoley lead us in prayer. In attendance: Roland Nieman, Mary Sue Sitton, Lee Fast, Lavelle Requat, Terry Leap, Beverley Willoughby, Jackie Nierman, Kelvin Lashley and Rev. Tyler Connoley.

Roland then turned the meeting over to Rev. Connoley, Minister for Search and Call Discernment from the Missouri Mid-South Conference who wanted to inform us as to what we as a Council needed to do going forward to get a new part-time minister.

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

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

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

Pastor's Report: We will meet Tuesday, December 12th at 5:00 P.M. to fill out a Local Church Profile for an Intentional Interim who will guide us with our profile for a new Minister. Rev. Dianna Niemann-Harris will lead us in worship January 2018 and February 4th and 11th. Lavelle made the motion to have Rev. John Silea lead us in worship Ash Wednesday thru Easter, Jackie seconded, motion carried without Roland voting. Beverley made the motion to have Lent every Wednesday evening as we have in the past, Lavelle seconded, motion carried.

Building & Grounds: Roger Nierman helped work on the Fellowship Hall basement furnace. The freezer in the small refrigerator in Fellowship Hall basement does not work.

Christian Workers: November attendance was 227 with an average of 57

Evangelism and Stewardship: We decided to have a reflection time the first of each month during the morning service for any volunteer who would like to express why they feel Immanuel UCC is important to them. We will have communion at our Christmas Eve Service Not Christmas morning service. The Annual Meeting will be Jan. 21st with the 4th Annual Chili Cook Off after the meeting. Bring cans of soup to Church before Feb. 4th for our "Souper" Bowl Sunday

Memorial: Nothing to report.

Pastoral Relations: No suggestions.

Christian Board: Sunday School and the 4H kids plan to go caroling. Christmas program will be Dec. 20th at 7:00 P.M.

Evening Circle: Plan to take down the Christmas Decorations Sunday Jan. 7th.

New Business: The Council approved of Mildred Groeper getting the Church piano tuned. Jackie made the motion to accept the 2018 Budget for the Annual Meeting, Kelvin seconded, motion carried.

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

During Lent, we will have a soup and sandwich dinner before each Wednesday night service. Anyone who would like to volunteer to make soup or desserts please contact Jackie Nierman at 636-745-3096. Dinner will be at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall and the service will follow in the hall at 7 pm. If you can't make it for dinner, please come to the service.

Pastor Silea will be our minister throughout the Lenten season.

Note from Pastor Silea

On the Wednesday evenings from February 21 through March 21 we will focus on the cross of Jesus..seeking to understand some of the many powerful dimensions of Jesus' death for our sake.

"Souper" Bowl Sunday

We are celebrating a different type of Super Bowl with our own "SOUPER" Bowl day. Bring in cans of soup that will be donated to Wright City Food Pantry. We need to continue to help out even after the holidays. Bring your cans of soup to church by Sunday, February 4th.



- ***Just a few notes.....DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER IS FEBRUARY 15***
- ANNUAL SWEETHEART BREAKFAST, PAULDINGVILLE MASONIC LODGE, Sat. Feb 10 7:00 am —11 am
- Feb 14 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES—SOUP & SANDWICH DINNER AT 6:00 PM, SERVICE AT 7:00 PM
- ALL LENTEN SERVICES ON WEDNESDAY, SOUP & SANDWICH FIRST THEN SERVICE
- Sun. Feb 18 BIRTHDAY DINNER AFTER CHURCH
- Sun. March 11, SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT DINNER, 11:00 AM TIL 2:00 PM

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 to 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 addresses we can.***

You can get in touch with me by phone, 636-459-5515 or 636-745-3319.

Email: dendebymeyer@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.

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. Kelvin Lashley, Karen Cox, Aaron Wilber, Judy Engelage

*Pastor Relations – If anyone would be in need of pastoral visit, please contact council president Roland Niemann at 636-745-2547 and he will put you in touch with Pastor Silea or Pastor Niemann-Harris. Members please know that they are also available at this time to minister for baptisms, weddings or funerals until we are able to get another minister.

Stewardship:

The council has started a new stewardship moment in 2018. On the second Sunday of each month, we are looking for folks to give a reflection of why you feel Immanuel UCC is important to you, your family or the community. What is it about having our church in this community that you feel is uplifting or doing good. By sharing our thoughts about Immanuel UCC, we hope to encourage everyone to spread positive and uplifting words about our church to others.

Thank you to Kelvin Lashley for being our first volunteer to share his thoughts about Immanuel in January. If you would like to volunteer for February, please let Jackie Nierman know. If you would rather not go up to speak, you can write your thoughts down and Jackie will read them for you. Let's help share the good about Immanuel UCC to everyone.

My Prayer Hand

My thumb is closest to my heart; so pray first for those who are closest to you.

The second finger is used for pointing; pray for those who point you toward the truth, like your teachers, minister, and those who inspire you.

The third finger is the tallest; let it stand for the leaders, both in government and in your Church.

The fourth finger is the weakest; let it stand for those in trouble, pain, injured or weak.

The little finger is the smallest; let it stand for those who are unnoticed, poor, abused or deprived.

Evening and morning and at noon will I pray and cry

aloud; and He shall hear my voice.

Psalms 55:17

Stewardship Moment – February 2018


You Are Made for a Purpose!

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us..."

(Romans 12:6, NIV)

Understanding why God put you here is one of the most important principles when it comes to discovering your unique purpose and calling in life. The reason is that knowing why you are here on earth helps you answer the question of why God has uniquely gifted you the way He has and what He has called you to accomplish individually. There's nothing more exciting than to discover your purpose, your area of calling, and really focus on it! Don't let the enemy tell you you've been forgotten or left out. God has not left anybody out. You have talents, you have abilities, you have natural strengths, and you need to be aware of what they are and make sure that you're taking advantage of them and using them for His glory. There is something important that only you can accomplish for God!

This devotion was written by Joel Osteen. It really gives us a lot to think about, what are we doing with the gifts God has given to us?



**ANNUAL
BIRTHDAY DINNER
SUN., FEBRUARY 18
AFTER CHURCH**

Immanuel United Church of Christ – December 2017

Beginning Balance \$56,449.11

GENERAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$25,695.36
12/1/2017	Postmaster	Stamps #11514		\$245.00	\$25,450.36
12/5/2017	GuideOne	ACH insurance premium		\$814.25	\$24,636.11
12/6/2017	Deposit	offering	\$1,431.00		\$26,067.11
12/8/2017	Dianna Harris	Nov 26th service #11513		\$200.00	\$25,867.11
12/11/2017	Deposit	offering	\$2,896.10		\$28,763.21
12/11/2017	Centurylink	ACH telephone bill		\$183.47	\$28,579.74
12/11/2017	Wright City	ACH water & sewer bill		\$20.99	\$28,558.75
12/12/2017	J & S Janitorial	cleaning #11516		\$276.00	\$28,282.75
12/13/2017	On the Go Hauling	trash/couch pickup #11515		\$48.50	\$28,234.25
12/14/2017	Ameren	ACH gas payoff of total		\$625.64	\$27,608.61
12/14/2017	Ameren	ACH electric fellowship hall		\$174.00	\$27,434.61
12/18/2017	Officemax	ACH office supplies		\$90.14	\$27,344.47
12/20/2017	Deposit	offering	\$1,569.00		\$28,913.47
12/27/2017	Deposit	offering	\$1,291.99		\$30,205.46
12/27/2017	Deposit	offering	\$663.00		\$30,868.46
12/31/2017	Deposit	Accr Earning Payment	\$2.49		\$30,870.95
12/31/2017		Transferred to Designated Funds		\$2,985.00	\$27,885.95
General Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2017:			\$7,853.58	\$5,662.99	\$27,885.95

PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$10,841.25
					\$10,841.25
Protect Our Church Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25

BENEVOLENT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$210.00
12/6/2017		Offering OCWM	\$50.00	\$-	\$260.00
12/20/2017		Offering OCWM	\$255.00	\$-	\$515.00
12/20/2017		Offering Christmas Fund	\$177.00	\$-	\$692.00
12/27/2017		Offering Wright City Food Pantry	\$30.00	\$-	\$722.00
12/27/2017		Offering Christmas Fund	\$20.00	\$-	\$742.00
12/27/2017		Offering Christmas Fund	\$30.00	\$-	\$772.00
12/27/2017		Offering Meals on Wheels	\$478.00	\$-	\$1,250.00
Benevolent Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2017:			\$1,040.00	\$-	\$1,250.00

BUILDING FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$4,748.74
12/6/2017		Offering	\$25.00	\$-	\$4,773.74
12/11/2017		Offering	\$25.00	\$-	\$4,798.74
12/20/2017		Offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$4,803.74
Building Fund Totals Dec 31, 2017:			\$55.00	\$-	\$4,803.74

MEMORIAL FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$6,947.00
12/6/2017		Adam Meyer Memorial	\$70.00	\$-	\$7,017.00
12/11/2017		Adam Meyer Memorial	\$1,780.00	\$-	\$8,797.00
Memorial Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2017:			\$1,850.00	\$-	\$8,797.00

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$4,435.47
12/18/2017		Interest on xxxxx6121	\$3.37	\$-	\$4,438.84
12/26/2017		Interest on xxxxx6120	\$1.12	\$-	\$4,439.96
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2017:			\$4.49	\$-	\$4,439.96

SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$896.85
12/11/2017		Bryan Martin Memorial	\$40.00		\$936.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2017:			\$40.00	\$-	\$936.85

PARKING LOT FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$2,255.14
			\$-	\$-	\$2,255.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$2,255.14

MUSIC FUND					
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$319.30
			\$-	\$-	\$319.30
Music Fund Totals for Dec 31, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$319.30

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$10,843.07	\$5,662.99	\$61,629.19
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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 2018

HAPPY

Ann Meyer 8

Thomas Hoeft 15

Kevin Schlueter 20

ANNIVERSARY

Patty Birk 10

Angela Case 16

James Logan 21

Jim & Joyce Manley 14

Gary Lashley 12

Karen Gironde 16

Andy Fingers 23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shelly Requat 12

Kelvin Lashley 17

Michael Fingers 23

William Flesch 1

Darla Key 13

Margaret Viehmann 18

Brooke Bill 26

Emogene Witthaus 4

William McLaughlin 13

Sophia Rucker 18

Gloria Russell 28

Debbie Meyer 6

Theresa Leap 14

Steven Krueger 19

Robert W Bote 28

Jamie Pauk 6

Terry Lashley 15

Beverley Willoughby 20

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2017

GENERAL FUND

Offering	\$4860.00
Interest-American Bank of Mo.	56.10
" " " "	186.99
Love Gifts	339.00
Donation--member	100.00

\$5542.09

BENEVOLENT FUND

Offering	\$ 55.00
Donation-Womens Fellowship	250.00
W.C.Food Pantry	30.00
Christmas Fund (retired Pastors)	227.00
Meals on Wheels (Christmas Eve)	478.00

\$1040.00

BUILDING FUND

Offering	\$ 55.00
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\$ 55.00

SCHOLARSHIP Fund

\$ 40.00

\$ 40.00

MEMORIAL FUND

Adam Meyer	\$2025.00
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\$2025.00

\$8702.09

President	Roland Niemann	636-745-2547
Vice President	Kelvin Lashley	636-279-0763
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	Abby Roseman	636-384-0071
Memorial	Terry Leap	636-384-0410
Pastorial Relations	Paul Saunders	636-290-6890



Puzzle Thirty-three

John 16: 19 & 20

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