

**Immanuel United Church of Christ**  
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**IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**FEBRUARY 2020**

Feb 2	Beverley Willoughby	Greeter/Usher	Feb 16	Paul Saunders	Greeter/Usher
	Aaron Wilber	Reader/Usher		Sandra Saunders	Reader/Usher
	Brad Willoughby	Usher		Paul Nichols	Usher
	Aimee Wilber	Guestbook/Usher		Lee Fast	Guestbook/Usher
Feb 9	Abby Rosemann	Greeter/Usher	Feb 23	Kelvin Lashley	Greeter/Reader/Usher
	Betty Zuhone	Reader/Usher		Christin Whitehead	Usher
	Mary Sue Sitton	Usher		Mason Newcomb	Usher
	Judy Engelage	Guestbook/Usher		Lavelle Requat	Guestbook/Usher

# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

## FEBRUARY 2020

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

William Flesch 1	Shelly Requat 12	Karen Gironde 16	James Logan 21
Emogene Witthaus 4	Darla Key 13	Lyla Cox 16	Brooke Bill 26
Debbie Meyer 6	Theresa Leap 14	Kelvin Lashley 17	Robert W Bote 28
Ann Meyer 8	Terry Lashley 15	Margaret Viehmann 18	
Gary Lashley 12	Thomas Hoeft 15	Beverley Willoughby 20	
	Angela Case 16	Kevin Schlueter 20	

Thank you to all who donated to the Love Gift. It is very much appreciated,

Debbie Meyer

### Stewardship Moment

Genuine Love, Genuine Giving  
2 Corinthians 8:8

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. While not a new statement, this still merits our consideration. Genuine, sincere love involves giving, and giving expresses our love, John wrote, "For God so loved the world, that he gave is one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." We have numerous opportunities to give time, energies, and money through our church. Paul confessed to the Corinthian church that he wanted "to test the sincerity of your love."

We are not members of the Corinthian congregation, but Paul's counsel still is wise. If we love God, love our church, and love the new life we have in Christ, we will give. If genuine love motivates our giving, we will give like God--our best.

What is shaping your giving? Are other motivations, less biblical and inspiring, determining your giving pattern? Let giving be a primary means of expressing the sincerity of your love.

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

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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		
Evangelism/Stewardship	Abby Roseman	636-384-0071
Memorial		
Pastorial Relations	Aaron Wilber	636-579-2954





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## FEBRUARY 15

### COUNCIL MEETING - December 8, 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, Beverley Willoughby, Abby Roseman, and Terry Leap.  
Council members absent: Aaron Wilber.

Secretary Report: This report was read and a motion was made to approve the report by Beverley Willoughby and seconded by Roland Niemann. The motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report: This report was read and a motion was made to approve by Mary Sue Sitton and seconded by Terry Leap. 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. Beverley noted that budget billing amount for natural gas went down from \$395 per month to \$370 and the electricity bill dropped from \$265 to \$213.

Pastor's Report: Kelvin Lashley reported that the call agreement is continuing to be developed. After discussion about the term, we determined that moving the term to 30 months would extend the time we could commit to a new call agreement and move the need to renew to a time after church holidays. Paid or unpaid sick days were discussed for the new pastor's call agreement. 12 paid days is suggested by the conference. After discussion, 6 paid sick days were proposed for the new call agreement. Mary Sue Sitton made a motion that we offer 6 paid sick days. Abby Rosemann seconded the motion and it passed. Another topic for future discussions with new pastor would be about which days we need or expect the pastor to be in the office here at Immanuel UCC.

Kelvin Lashley also reported that a group of congregants would like to have a grief support group led by Rev. Dianna Niemann-Harris. She sent a letter to church asking for the possibility of this group meeting at Immanuel UCC in Fellowship Hall at a time that would not interfere with other regularly scheduled meetings. Beverley Willoughby made a motion that we give permission for this group to begin meeting. Terry Leap seconded the motion and it passed. When a new pastor is given a call, he would need to be aware of this group meeting but would not necessarily be taking over the group.

### Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Paul Saunders reported that the floodlights in the front of the church have been broken by vandalism and the cross of the front of the church was attempted to be pried off. After discussion it was determined to replace the flood lights with ones that have motion detectors on them. Abby Rosemann stated

that her husband Jerry might be able to help with this project.

Christian Workers: Mary Sue Sitton reported that our attendance for in November resulted in 207 people in attendance, with a weekly average of 52.

Evangelism & Stewardship: Abby Rosemann reported that Friendship Sunday breakfast went well. The Annual Chili Cook Off will be held on January 19, 2020 after the annual congregational meeting. In February we will have a food collection of soups for Souper Bowl. Ash Wednesday will be February 26 this year so we will have more plans for that coming soon.

Memorial: The contractor that was given the project to restore the hallway of Fellowship Hall has not yet begun work but it is hoped this will happen soon.

Pastor Relations: No new concerns to report at this time other than the proposed grief counseling group.

### Sub Committees

Christian Board: This group will have the Birthday Dinner coming up in February and the Fathers' Day Dinner for 2020.

Women's' Fellowship: This group has no new information at this time and will meet again in February.

Evening Circle: This group has decorated the sanctuary for Christmas season and gotten the poinsettias for sanctuary decorations.

Men's' Club: The Sausage Dinner will be held on March 8, 2020. Church members will be able to eat before dinner opens to the larger public population since by this time our worship service start time will be 9:00 am again. This arrangement worked well for last year's dinner and minimized waiting time.

Old Business: Liberty Christian Academy representatives met with Beverley Willoughby but could not give detailed information about the number of students, classroom space or times needed. There would be further questions about supplies they would need, where these might be stored, or other logistical details about having other groups using the church facilities on a daily basis. Changes in our insurance coverage would also need to be considered if this proposal moves forward.

New Business: Three council terms will be expiring and we will be looking for new members. Kelvin Lashley has agreed to be on council again for another term. There will need to be replacements for Mary Sue Sitton and Terry Leap.

All council members were reminded to have annual report information to Margaret Viehmann by January 12, 2020.



## Church Council Minutes cont.

Building and Grounds committee plans to install a new Carbon Monoxide detector in Fellowship Hall. They are also going to look into having fire extinguishers checked.

Roland Niemann passed out new membership lists to

council members. It currently has 99 active members and around 286 inactive members.

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

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### "Souper" Bowl Sunday

We are celebrating a different type of Souper Bowl Sunday on February 2, 2020. We will be having a "Souper" Bowl day at church. We are asking everyone to bring in cans of soup that will be donated to the Wright City Food Pantry. We need to continue to help those in need even after the holidays. Bring your cans of soup to church by Sunday, February 2.

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Christian Board of Education Schedule for 2020

Feb 16 Birthday Dinner Pot Luck after church

Mar 22 All are invited to go to the St. Louis Aquarium Adults \$25.00 Children will be guests of the Christian Board of ED. Looking into getting a bus. Please let Karen Cox or any Christian Board Member know if interested.

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

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### 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.*



# Immanuel United Church of Christ – December 2019

## GENERAL FUND

**\$72,439.76**

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$30,542.21
12/2/2019	Deposit	Offering			
12/4/2019	Guide One	ACH insur prem	\$1,746.00		\$32,288.21
12/4/2019	Rev. John Silea	#11975 Nov 3rd service		\$1,199.08	\$31,089.13
12/4/2019	Rev. John Silea	#11685 Dec 1st service		\$200.00	\$30,889.13
12/9/2019	Deposit	Offering		\$200.00	\$30,689.13
12/9/2019	Jay Wiesner	#11686 Dec 3 sundays	\$1,088.75		\$31,777.88
12/10/2019	Centurylink	ACH telephone & internet		\$600.00	\$31,177.88
12/12/2019	PWSD #2	ACH water & sewer		\$209.03	\$30,968.85
12/12/2019	J & S Janitorial	#11687 Nov cleaning		\$22.57	\$30,946.28
12/16/2019	Deposit	Offering		\$276.00	\$30,670.28
12/16/2019	Ameren	ACH gas end of year adjustment	\$1,042.00		\$31,712.28
12/16/2019	Ameren	ACH electric fellowship hall		\$92.15	\$31,620.13
12/17/2019	Grace Hauling	#11688 trash nov		\$193.00	\$31,427.13
12/17/2019	Whitney Schuenemeyer	#11663 flower reimbursements		\$39.66	\$31,387.47
12/23/2019	Deposit	Offering		\$90.00	\$31,297.47
12/30/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$1,656.00		\$32,953.47
12/31/2019		Accr Earnings Pymnt	\$1,021.17		\$33,974.64
12/31/2019		Transferred to Designated Funds	\$6.26		\$33,980.90
General Fund Totals for December 31, 2019:			\$6,560.18	\$1,105.00	\$32,875.90
				\$4,226.49	\$32,875.90

## PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$10,841.25
Protect Our Church Fund Totals for December 31, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25

## BENEVOLENT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$610.00
12/2/2019	Deposit	OCWM			
12/9/2019	Deposit	OCWM	\$80.00		\$690.00
12/16/2019	Deposit	OCWM	\$30.00		\$720.00
12/23/2019	Deposit	OCWM	\$250.00		\$970.00
12/23/2019	Deposit	Christmas Fund	\$30.00		\$1,000.00
12/23/2019	Deposit	Strengthen Our Church	\$30.00		\$1,030.00
12/26/2019	Deposit	Meals on Wheels christmas eve	\$40.00		\$1,070.00
12/30/2019	Deposit	OCWM	\$362.00		\$1,432.00
12/30/2019	Deposit	WCCFP	\$30.00		\$1,462.00
			\$5.00		\$1,467.00
Benevolent Fund Totals for December 31, 2019:			\$857.00	\$-	\$1,467.00

## BUILDING FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,832.73
12/2/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$25.00		\$5,857.73
Building Fund Totals for December 31, 2019:			\$25.00	\$-	\$5,857.73

## MEMORIAL FUND

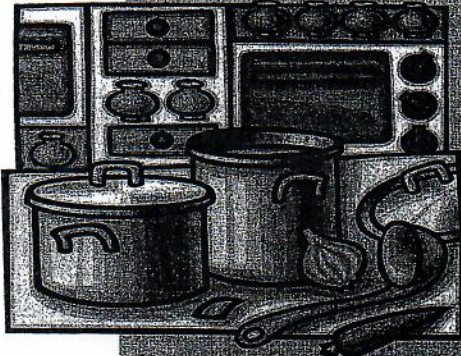
Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$16,681.08
12/9/2019		Don Zuhone	\$25.00		\$16,706.08
12/9/2019		Bob "Corky" Gentry	\$20.00		\$16,726.08
12/23/2019		Bob "Corky" Gentry	\$520.00		\$17,246.08
12/30/2019		Bob "Corky" Gentry	\$20.00		\$17,266.08
Memorial Fund Totals for December 31, 2019:			\$585.00	\$-	\$17,266.08



# Whole Hog Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner

Time: 11am to 2pm

Date: 03/08/2020



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

Carry Outs Available

Located at Immanuel UCC  
Wright City at 141 W Service Rd  
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## On the menu:

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

Coffee, Tea and Water

Birthday  
Pot Luck  
Dinner on  
Feb. 16  
after Church

St. Louis  
Aquarium  
Trip 22  
March  
All Invited

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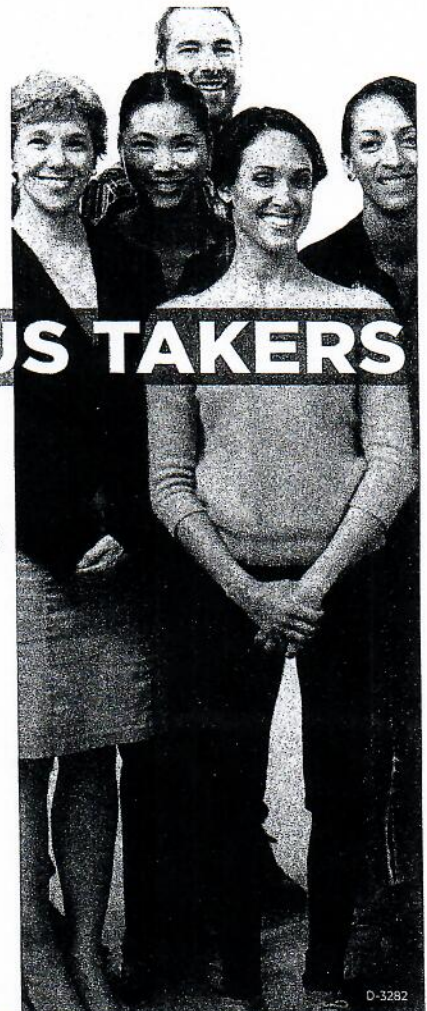
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