

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
BEGIN AT 9:00 PM



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
OFFICE PH. 636-745-3864

JANUARY 2020

Jan 5	Mary Sue Sitton	Greeter/Usher	Jan 19	Roland Niemann	Greeter/Usher/Reader
	Mildred Groeper	Reader		Paul Saunders	Usher
	Linda Martin	Usher		Lavelle Requat	Usher
	Lee Fast	Usher		Lois Meyer	Guestbook/Usher
	Terry Leap	Guestbook/Usher	Jan 26	Donna Jones	Greeter/Usher/Reader
Jan 12	Aaron Wilber	Greeter/Usher/Reader		Alice Windmann	Usher
	Darrell & Judy Engelage	Ushers		Laureen Hoffman	Usher
	Betty Zuhone	Guestbook/Usher		Loretta Bierer	Guestbook/Usher

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 2020

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Brad & Beverley Willoughby 1	Loretta Bierer 5	Virginia Tomschin 13	Barbara Requat 25
Adam & Tiffany McClenning 14	Billy Lee 7	Phyllis Fulton 14	Abby Dreyer 26
Arthur & Margaret Viehmann 27	John Hoeft 9	Jackie Nierman 14	Madelyn Reelitz 27
Gary & Cheryl Kreuger 29	Alice Marie Windmann 10	William Mikus 15	William Wehrman 28
	Lillie Schroer 11	William Groeper 19	Robin Berg 29
	Tina Day 12	Sharyn Rugh 19	Braden Engelage 29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mike Schriener 3	Mason Newcomb 12	Bud Nissen 23	Mary Mikus 30
Mary Ackmann 5	Sarah Flesch 13	Becky Reelitz 23	Austin Jones 31
	Lisa Hueffmeier 13	Jim Bueneman 25	Mary Sue Sitton 31

January Stewardship Moment

The first month, the First Day – 1 Corinthians 16:2

Resolutions or not, there is a sense of beginning again in this first month of the year. That's good. We could let the weeks pass without much thought, but we need times to reflect and look ahead.

The Scriptures do not speak about the significance of the first month, but they do focus on the importance of worship on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day. Paul advised the Corinthians to prepare for giving on the special opportunity he was encouraging. "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income."

This first month of the new year provides a marvelous opportunity to begin giving on the first day of the week through your church. That would be an important step and a blessing to you and your church. If you presently give regularly on the Lord's Day, thank the Lord for working that conviction into your heart. In this first month, make Him first, and resolve to give on the first day.

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

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



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER NEWS ARTICLES DUE

JANUARY 15

COUNCIL MEETING - November 10, 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, Terry Leap, and Aaron Wilber.

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

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

General Treasurer Report: The report was reviewed. Aaron Wilber made a motion to approve the report and Paul Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed. Beverley noted that we had credits on gas and electric budget billing at this time, but that a cold spell of weather would likely use that up.

Pastor's Report: Kelvin Lashley reported that the call agreement is being developed. After discussion about the term, it was agreed that 18 months for the call would give us more than a year to get to know the new pastor. This would also put renewing the call after the Christmas and Easter seasons. There was discussion about sick leave to be offered to the pastor and whether that would be paid or not. Also council discussed benefits that might be offered to the pastor's family in the event of his/her death. A suggestion for 90 days pay in this situation was proposed. Providing the pastor with gas for mileage was also discussed. The wording from the most recent call agreement was discussed with the addition of submitting a monthly log of dates, places, distances to visitors.

Kelvin also reported that Wayne Hoffman has been booked to lead services on December 29.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Paul Saunders reported that the light bulbs have been changed to LED bulbs. Extra bulbs are in the basement. Caps have been put on vents for air conditioning. Ceiling tiles are yet to be replaced.

Kelvin Lashley reported that Kemco Aluminum came and put a boot on a pipe and caulked around to address the problem of leaks in the bell tower. Five leaks in the flat roof of the bell tower were found. We will be looking for a company with experience in this type of repair.

Christian Workers: Mary Sue Sitton reported that our attendance for in October resulted in 198 people in attendance, with a weekly average of 50.

Evangelism & Stewardship: Abby Rosemann reported that Friendship Sunday would be the first Sunday in December. Council members are to bring in food for breakfast before church. Families to read and light Advent candles have been assigned.

Christmas Eve offering will go to Meals on Wheels.

Abby also asked about participation in Food Baskets collected by Unite Wright City and Toy Drives sponsored by the Wright City Chamber of Commerce. It was noted that Evening Circle often does something with these donations as a group.

Annual Chili Cook Off will be in January following the Annual Church Meeting on January 19.

Memorial: Another bid was obtained from Complete Facilities for the memorial project in the Fellowship Hall. After discussion on the topic Beverley Willoughby made a motion to accept this bid and Abby Roseman seconded.. The motion passed.

Pastor Relations: Aaron Wilbur reported no new concerns. Rev. Silea used the microphone clip during his past visit and it worked well.

Sub Committees

Christian Board: There was no new information to report at this time.

Women's Fellowship: This group will decorate church on November 29.

Evening Circle: The group just hosted guest day in October.

Men's Club: No new information to report for this group at this time.

Old Business: The church was given a refund of \$420.72 from Schroer Heating and Cooling due to being charged ahead of our Fall Check. Our contract with them for bi-yearly checks on HVAC systems has expired. All furnaces have new motors at this time.

Kelvin asked that his name be added to the church account at the local hardware store.

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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.

Liberty Christian Academy has contacted the church about possible use of classroom space during the school day. Beverly Willoughby, who received the request, will contact the school to find out more details and to show them what space might be available. Details will be further discussed if the school is interested after seeing the available space.

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

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 services start at 9:00 pm

"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.

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: dendebymeyer@yahoo.com or thru the church Facebook page.

6th Annual Chili Cook Off is January 19 2020 after the Annual Meeting

Do you have a favorite chili recipe? If so, you need to enter our 6th Annual Chili Cook off on Sunday, January 19. Bring your special chili in a crockpot to Fellowship Hall by 9:30 am on the morning of the 19th. 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 the crowd favorite! Potato soup will be served 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 for 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 Lavelle Requat. The more entries, the more fun!

Our Church Family extends their sympathy to the families of Don Zuhone & Robert (Corky) Gentry. They will be greatly missed by all who knew & loved them.

Immanuel United Church of Christ – November 2019

\$71,961.24

GENERAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$30,265.97
11/4/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$2,010.01		\$32,275.98
11/5/2019	Guide One	ACH insur prem		\$1,199.08	\$31,076.90
11/12/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$595.00		\$31,671.90
11/12/2019	Centurylink	ACH telephone & internet		\$210.51	\$31,461.39
11/12/2019	PWSD #2	ACH water & sewer		\$26.91	\$31,434.48
11/12/2019	Jay Wiesner	#11683 services Nov 10,17,24th		\$600.00	\$30,834.48
11/13/2019	Grace Hauling	#11678 trash oct		\$39.66	\$30,794.82
11/14/2019	Ameren	ACH gas		\$395.00	\$30,399.82
11/14/2019	Ameren	ACH electric fellowship hall		\$193.00	\$30,206.82
11/14/2019	Ameren	ACH electric church		\$265.00	\$29,941.82
11/14/2019	Hanny's Market	#11681 communion supplies		\$10.24	\$29,931.58
11/18/2019	J & S Janitorial	#11677 October cleaning		\$276.00	\$29,655.58
11/19/2019	Chris Sadler	#11679 Mowing 3x church		\$225.00	\$29,430.58
11/20/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$797.00		\$30,227.58
11/25/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$754.00		\$30,981.58
11/30/2019		Accr Earning Pmnt	\$5.93		\$30,987.51
11/30/2019		Transferred to Designated Funds		\$210.00	\$30,777.51

General Fund Totals for November 30, 2019: \$4,161.94 \$3,650.40 \$30,777.51

PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

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

Protect Our Church Fund Totals for November 30,2019: \$- \$- \$10,841.25

BENEVOLENT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$225.00
11/4/2019	Deposit	OCWM	\$50.00		\$275.00
11/20/2019	Deposit	OCWM	\$80.00		\$355.00
11/25/2019	Deposit	OCWM	\$30.00		\$385.00
11/25/2019	Deposit	WCCFP	\$25.00		\$410.00

Benevolent Fund Totals for November 30, 2019: \$185.00 \$- \$410.00

BUILDING FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$6,000.75
11/4/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$25.00		\$6,025.75
11/12/2019	Paul Saunders	reimbursement		\$30.35	\$5,995.40
11/12/2019	Beverly Willoughby	reimbursement mailbox		\$109.73	\$5,885.67
11/14/2019	WC Hardware	Bulbs & Filters		\$52.94	\$5,832.73

Building Fund Totals for November 30, 2019: \$25.00 \$193.02 \$5,832.73

MEMORIAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$16,681.08
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Memorial Fund Totals for November 30, 2019: \$- \$- \$16,681.08

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,142.88
11/19/2019	Chris Sadler	#11679 mowing x1		\$50.00	\$3,092.88
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for November 30, 2019:			\$-	\$50.00	\$3,092.88

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$936.85

Scholarship Fund Totals for November 30, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$936.85
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PARKING LOT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,755.14

Parking Lot Fund Totals for November 30, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$3,755.14
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MUSIC FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$149.30

Music Fund Totals for November 30, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$149.30
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SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$4,371.94	\$3,893.42	\$72,439.76
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2019

GENERAL FUND

OFFERING	\$ 3,796.01	
HALL RENTAL-MEMORIAL SOCIETY	.50.00	
HALL RENTAL-ANN MEYER	100.00	
		<u>\$ 3,946.01</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

OFFERING	\$ 50.00	
W.C. FOOD PANTRY	25.00	
O C W M	110.00	
		<u>185.00</u>

BUILDING FUND

OFFERING	\$ 25.00	
		<u>25.00</u>
		<u>\$ 4,156.01</u>