

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



## **IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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### **July 2015**

July 5 Sermon: "Are You Content?"  
 Scriptures: II Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13  
 Sacrament of Holy Communion  
 Mary Sue Sitton Greeter/Usher  
 Whitney Cox Reader/Usher  
 Marvin Schubert Usher  
 Lavelle Requat Guestbook/Usher

July 12 Sermon: "In the Fullness of Time"  
 Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29  
 Beverley Willoughby Greeter/Usher  
 Kolton Martin Reader/Usher  
 Amy Meyer Usher  
 Jackie Nierman Guestbook/Usher

July 19 Sermon: "Compassion"  
 Scriptures: Psalm 23, Mark 6:3-34, 53-56  
 Jackie Nierman Reader/Greeter/Usher  
 Roger Nierman Usher  
 Dennis Meyer Usher  
 Aimee Wilber Guestbook/Usher

July 26 Sermon: "Do Not Be Afraid"  
 Scriptures: John 6:1-21  
 Lee Fast Reader/Greeter/Usher  
 Margaret Ramey Usher  
 Richard Ramey Usher  
 Betty Zuhone Guestbook/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.***

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Immanuel UCC Women's Fellowship met Wednesday, June 3, 1:30 pm. Mildred Groeper presented the program titled, "Don't Just Do Something, Stand There".

President Mildred Groeper called the meeting to order and acknowledged our guests, Loretta Bierer, Phyliss Gentry, Vi Wehrman, Lenora Schaper, Whitney Cox, Goldie Hampton, Rosalee Schubert, Terry Leap, Peggy Sherman, Lavelle Requat, Lee Fast and Lee's friend. Roll call was answered by thirteen members and Rev. Higgins.

Minutes read and approved. Thank you read from Esther Held family for serving Esther's funeral lunch. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,255.92.

Mary Ackmann reported Emmaus Quilt Auction made \$16000.00 Arlayne Meyer has a June birthday. Inez Trump and Lillie Schroer will work July 13th clothing sale.

Mary Ackmann made motion to give Board of Christian Education \$100.00 for Vacation Bible School refreshments, seconded by Inez, motion carried.

Inez Trump had a reading "Born Before 1945".

No July meeting. Next meeting August 5th with program by Margaret Viehmann and serving Margaret and Mildred.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer by Rev. Higgins. Afternoon concluded with fellowship, sandwiches and cookies.

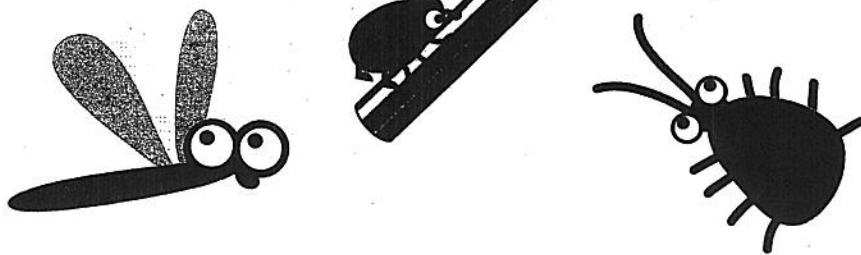
Loretta Buescher, secretary

# **Bugs Alive!**

## **VBS 2015**

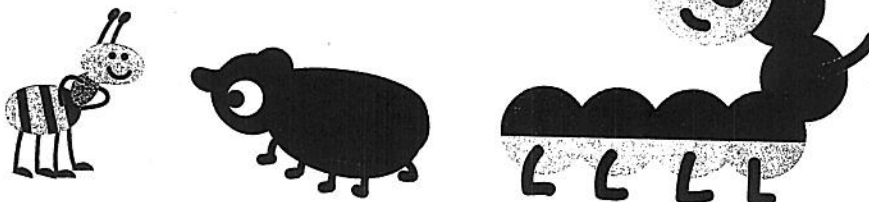
**Immanuel UCC • Wright City**

**July 27 - 31 • 5:30 - 7 pm**



**Join us in the Fellowship Hall Basement  
for some end-of-summer fun!  
We will provide dinner for the children  
along with stories, songs, crafts and games.**

**Questions?  
Call Elisabeth at 636-358-0690**



- *Just a few notes.....*
- **Vacation Bible School — Mon. July 27 thru Fri. July 31 — 5:30 pm thru 7:00 pm**
- Save the Date – **Sept 27 Immanuel UCC will celebrate its 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** Plans are to host a confirmation reunion where everyone who was confirmed at Immanuel UCC is being asked to reach out to members of their confirmation class and invite them to church to take part in the anniversary celebration. Special music and other activities are still being planned. A carry in dinner will be held after the morning worship. (Evening Circle to coordinate) So please help get the word out about the event. Please share with Jackie Nierman if you know of out of town former confirmed folks who might be attending.

## **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.

## **\*\*\*A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

### **RELATIONS COMMITTEE\*\*\***

Pastor Tom has been with Immanuel for a full year now. We have been truly blessed to have him as our pastor. We continue to receive a lot of good compliments on our services.

It is wonderful to have so many guests attending as well. Members are reminded to extend the hand of fellowship to visitors at Immanuel. As always please share concerns or compliments with members of pastor relations committee or any council member.

Share your thoughts with committee members Bud Nissen, Karen Cox or Marvin Schubert.

## **We are on the WEB**

**Look for us at “[immanuelucc.weebly.com](http://immanuelucc.weebly.com)”**

***Changed the name of our website last month. 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](https://www.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.



## ***FROM THE PASTOR:***

I do like history, however; I must confess that when I was in school I thought most of the lessons were boring. It was only later I discovered that what happened in the past, helps to make the present more understandable. Now I like to learn about the past.

When it comes to churches, I really like to hear what it was like "back then". This morning, Roland Niemann stopped by the office and brought me a copy of the 1955 Anniversary Booklet of Immanuel. It was very interesting and certainly added to my knowledge of what many of you have shared with me over the past year since I came to Immanuel.

For those of you who are newer members, Immanuel was started in 1880. This means that we are celebrating 135 years of ministry in Wright City.

I hope sometime this year we can do something to recognize 135 years! Maybe some of you who have always been members, as well as your families, can write down an event from the past and we/I can lift up some of these happenings this fall.

When I looked at the 1955 Anniversary Booklet, some of your ancestors' pictures were there. Did you know that in 1955, 51 people joined the church? So many wonderful memories and now we are making new memories and the challenges are great as we pull together to make Immanuel come alive in a new way.

In Christian Love, Pastor Tom

## ***Back to School Food Drive –***

Area students will be heading back to school August 13. Many families in the Wright City community find themselves in need of assistance from Agape. We are asking members of Immanuel to bring in food items anytime between now and August 16 to help support Agape and families in need.

We are looking for food items children like and could use for breakfast, snacks or lunches. Items like fruit cups, cereal, pudding cups, peanut butter crackers, popcorn, snack size items like pretzels, gold fish crackers, juice boxes etc.

Bring items to church and place in cart in ramp area. We will see that Agape receives the items. Agape appreciates all that members of Immanuel does to support the food pantry. Thank you!

## **Council Meeting – April 12, 2015**

Council Meeting – May 13, 2015

Beverly called the meeting to order and Rev. Higgins led us in prayer.

In attendance: Beverly Willoughby, Darrell Schmidt, Lee Fast, Lavelle Requat, Jackie Nierman, Bud Nissen, Mary Sue Sitton, Terry Leap and Rev. Higgins

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

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

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

Pastor's Report: Rev. Higgins will be meeting with the Conference, May 14. Masonic Lodge of Wright City will worship with us on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Rev. Higgins looks for the Emmaus Home to close. Rev. Higgins will be on vacation June 23 thru June 29. Rev Higgins will have been with us one year the first Sunday in June.

Buildings & Grounds: Parking lot sealing started. Having someone who needs community service paint the Church's outside east exit stairs brown, weed and mulch and wash the church sign. Checking the floor tile in fellowship hall basement as some might be loose.

Christian Workers: May attendance was 391 with an average of 98

Memorial: Transfer Esther Held's memorials to the parking lot fund.

Pastors Relations: Very pleased with Rev. Higgins

Christian Board: Meeting Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Sunday-School breakfast May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Evening Circle: Mother's Day program went well. Meeting June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Men's Club: Buying the paint for fellowship hall basement. Fixed bathroom.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned with everyone saying the Lord's Prayer.

## **Sponsor a Bulletin**

If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, please fill out the info to the right & drop it in the offering plate (council member will see that it gets put on desk in office), tape to office door or put in my mail slot in quilter's room (located on top shelf of bookcase—marked "Margaret Viehmann") Please be sure to include your donation for sponsoring a bulletin. \$15.00 has been suggested for sponsoring.

Margaret Viehmann 636-327-6081 or email:

mviehmann@hotmail.com

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YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE #:(if any questions) \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF:

IN MEMORY OF:

DATE of BULLETIN SPONSORED:

REASON of SPONSORSHIP: (example anniversary, birthday, just because)

## **Scriptures, Sermons & Helpers for August**

Aug 2 Sermon: "Give Us This Bread"

Scriptures: Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Terry Leap Greeter/Usher

Elisabeth Thompson Reader/Usher

Linda Martin Usher

Loretta Bierer Guestbook/Usher

Aug 9 Sermon: "The Will of God Is To Believe"

Scriptures: Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35,41-51

Lavelle Requat Greeter/Usher

Sharon Niemann Reader

Lee Fast/Alice Windmann Ushers

Karen Cox Guestbook/Usher

Aug 16 Sermon: "True Bread"

Scriptures: Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

Bud Nissen Greeter

Mildred Groeper Reader/Usher

Whitney Cox/Darrell Engelage Ushers

Judy Engelage Guestbook/Usher

Aug 23 Sermon: "Do You Want to go Away"

Scriptures: Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

Darrell Schmidt Greeter/Usher

Roland Niemann Reader/Usher

Mary Sue Sitton Usher

Terry Leap Guestbook/Usher

Aug 30 Sermon: "Sound Teachings"

Scriptures: James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-18, 14-15,  
2-23

Chad Thompson Greeter/Usher

Elmer Vahle/Beverley Willoughby Ushers

Lee Fast Guestbook/Reader/Usher

# ***ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS***

## ***For July & August***

### **HAPPY**

### **ANNIVERSARY**

#### **July**

Pam & Stuart Sida 18  
Michael & Terry Fingers 19  
Diane & John Dreyer 23

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

#### **July**

Patricia Brockmeyer 5  
Wesley Jaspering 6  
Kristin Paul 7  
Paul Meyer 9  
Audrey Chapman 10  
Judy Flesch 10  
Whitney Cox 13  
Aaron Wilber 15  
Gary Perkins 15  
Trevor Birk 19  
Betty Groeper 22  
Brittney Clemons 24  
Lauren Shriver 26  
Leah Jones 28  
Aubrey Meyer 29  
Autumn Wilber 29

Gary Kreuger 31

### **HAPPY**

### **ANNIVERSARY**

#### **August**

Donna & Austin Jones 1  
Jeanne & Tom Ewald 5  
Margie & Ricky Fowler 10  
Bruce & Martha Groeper 13  
Emmet & Doris Brakensiek 14

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

#### **August**

Jill Shriver 2  
Rosalee Schubert 2  
Louise McLaughlin 3  
Lois Meyer 5  
Shanon Bote 5  
Sharon Vohsen 7  
Aimee Wilber 8  
Michael Windmann 8  
Nicole Flesch 8  
Gary Witthaus 10  
Peggy Gutermuth 10  
Kayleen Martin 11  
Lavelle Requat 13

Waylon Cox 13

Dakota Meyer 14  
VJ Reckamp 14  
Karen Schulte 15  
Linda Martin 15  
Darrell Schmidt 16  
William Gatewood 17  
Brad Nierman 18  
Rachel Brockman 18  
Ruth Colboth 18  
Cheryl Kreuger 19  
Tricia Dattilo 19  
Elisabeth Thompson 20  
Rev. Eldon Russell 20  
Sylvia Davis 22  
Robert Bierer 23  
Robert Viehmann 24  
Scott Harris 24  
Leah Taylor 25  
Wendell Meyer 29  
James Paul Hunt 30  
Jeremy Johnson 30  
Arlene Waguespack 31





#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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5/22/2015

Pastor Thomas Higgins  
Immanuel United Church of Christ  
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Pastor Higgins and Immanuel UCC Congregation,

Thank you so much for hosting the Community Easter Sunrise Service this year. I don't think there are many other occasions as great as rising early on Easter Morning and gathering together to worship our Risen Savior! The service along with the special music was absolutely wonderful.

The donation from that morning and the offerings throughout your Lenten season came to a total of \$1527.33 that was received by Agape - Wright City on behalf of your hospitality. This donation was outstanding!

Agape's resources extend from providing food, personal care items, household items, clothing, furniture, Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, school supplies, to child care subsidy for parents completing their post-secondary education. We are so grateful for the continued support we receive from the Wright City Neighborhood Churches for without it we could not provide these resources.

As Agape comes to the close of another fiscal year, we thank you again for helping us meet our mission of fighting hunger and preventing homelessness in our community.

Saved to serve,

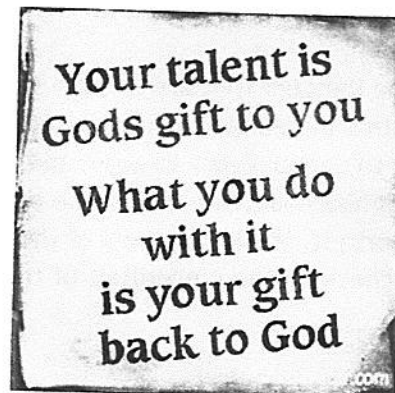
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT  
MAY 2015

GENERAL FUND		
Offering	\$6185.75	
Initial offering	6.00	
Member donation	325.00	\$6516.75
BENEVOLENT FUND		
Offering	\$ 85.00	
For Food Pantry	10.00	
One Hour of Sharing	5.00	
Donation-Womens Fellowship	250.00	
Donation-Member	195.00	\$ 545.00
BUILDING FUND		
Offering	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00
MEMORIAL FUND		
Esther Held	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
PARKING LOT FUND		
Offering	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Total		<hr/> \$7306.75

**Are you embracing Stewardship?  
Take the test.**

- Do you pray every day?
  - Do you read the Bible at least once a week?
  - Do you attend church on a regular basis?
  - Are you actively involved in our church?
  - Do you reach out to fallen Christians?
  - Do you share your treasure?
  - Do you share your God given talent?
- If you answered "Yes" to 4 or more questions, you are committed to Stewardship.





Immanuel United Church of Christ – May 2015

	Beginning Balance	\$25,119.28
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		GENERAL FUND	
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General Fund Totals for May 31, 2015:	\$5,473.81	\$4,433.04	\$896.26
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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 May 31, 2015:	\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25
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BENEVOLENT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$75.00
5/5/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$255.00	\$-	\$330.00
5/11/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$10.00	\$-	\$340.00
5/19/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$250.00	\$-	\$590.00
5/26/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$595.00
5/26/2015	Deposit	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$5.00	\$-	\$600.00
			\$-	\$-	\$600.00

<b>Benevolent Fund Totals for May 31, 2015:</b>	<b>\$525.00</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
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BUILDING FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,836.00
5/5/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$40.00	\$-	\$1,876.00
5/11/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$10.00	\$-	\$1,886.00
5/19/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$30.00	\$-	\$1,916.00
5/26/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$1,921.00
			\$-	\$-	\$1,921.00
			\$-	\$-	\$1,921.00
			\$-	\$-	\$1,921.00
Building Fund Totals May 31, 2015:			\$85.00	\$-	\$1,921.00

MEMORIAL FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$6,775.00
5/13/2015	Transfer funds	to Parking Lot Funds	\$-	\$695.00	\$6,080.00
5/26/2015	Deposit	Esther Held	\$20.00	\$-	\$6,100.00
Memorial Fund Totals for May 31, 2015:			\$20.00	\$695.00	\$6,100.00

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	\$-	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,831.83
			\$-	\$-	\$5,831.83
			\$-	\$-	\$5,831.83
			\$-	\$-	\$5,831.83
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for May 31, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$5,831.83

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

PARKING LOT FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,964.67
5/13/2015	Transfer funds	From Memorial Funds	\$695.00	\$-	\$2,659.67
11249	Bridgman Asphalt	Deposit	\$-	\$2,400.00	\$259.67
5/26/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$20.00	\$-	\$279.67
Parking Lot Fund Totals for May 31, 2015:			\$715.00	\$2,400.00	\$279.67

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

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$6,818.81	\$7,528.04	\$24,410.05
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