

Immanuel United Church of Christ
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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JULY 2016

July 3 Sermon: "Lessons for Discipleship?"
Scriptures: Galatians 6:1-16, Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Roland Niemann Greeter/Reader/Usher

Denise & Robert Freund Ushers

Jackie Nierman Guestbook/Usher

July 10 aSermon: "And Who Is My Neighbor?"
Scriptures: Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

Beverley Willoughby Greeter/Usher

Todd Bill Reader/Usher

Mason Newcomb Usher

Lavelle Requat Guestbook/Usher

July 17 Sermon: "Maturity in Faith"
Scriptures: Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

Mary Sue Sitton Greeter/Usher

Amber Bill Reader/Usher

Loretta Buescher Usher

Amiee Wilber Guestbook/Usher

July 24 Sermon: "Teach Us to Prayer"

Scriptures: Luke 11:1-13

Jackie Nierman Greeter/Usher

Paul & Sandra Saunders Ushers

Bev Willoughby Reader/Guestbook/Usher

July 31 Sermon: "For God or For Me?"

Scriptures: Hosea 11:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

Terry Leap Greeter/Usher

Loretta Bierer Usher

Peg Sherman Usher

Betty Zuhone Reader/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.

- ***Just a few notes.....DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER AUGUST 15***
 - Sun. July 17 Science Center — Leaving right after church
 - Mon—Fri July 25—29 Bible School, see included flyer
 - Sun. Sept. 11—Community 911 Remembrance Services at the WCHS Football Field, no services at our church that day.
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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. 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.

The pastoral relations committee Bud Nissen reported that Pastor Tom is having concerns about the drop in attendance at Sunday morning services. They would appreciate feedback from members of what could

be done to encourage regular attendance. Please contact Bud, Marvin Schubert, or Karen Cox with suggestions.

August Sermons & Scriptures:

Aug. 7 Sermon: "Living into the Promise"

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Aug. 14 Sermon: "Restore Us"

Scripture: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Aug. 21 Sermon: "Healing Happens"

Scriptures: Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

Aug. 28 Sermon: "Open Table"

Scriptures: Hebrews 13:1-, 15-16,

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

JULY

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

Gene & Imogene Bilyeu 12

Pam & Stuart Sida 18

Michael & Terry Fingers 19

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pat Brockmeyer 5

Wesley Jaspring 6

Kristin Paul 7

Paul Meyer 9

Audrey Chapman 10

Whitney Schuenemeyer 13

Aaron Wilber 15

Gary Perkins 15

Trever Birk 19

Brittney Clemons 24

Lauren Shriver 26

Leah Jones 28

Aubrey Meyer 29

Autumn Wilber 29

Gary Kreuger 31

AUGUST

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Donna & Austin Jones 1

Todd & Amber Bill 5

Jeanne & Tom Ewald 5

Margie & Ricky Fowler 10

Bruce & Martha 13

Emmet & Doris Ann Brakensiek 14

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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 14

Ruth Colboth 18

Cheryl Kreuger 19

Tricia Dattilo 19

Elisabeth Thompson 20

Rev. Eldon Russell 20

Sylvia Davis 22

Lacy Hoeft 24

Robert Viehmann 24

Scott Harris 24

Leah Taylor 25

Wendell Meyer 29

James Paul Hunt 30

Jeremy Johnson 30

Arlene Waguespack 31

Stewardship Moment – July 2016

"Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one other, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

(Hebrews 10:25, NLT)

Scripture encourages us to come together with other believers. That's for our own good and protection. When we come together, we are strengthened and encouraged. We are empowered to stay strong in faith day after day. When we are connected to a group of like-minded believers, we can pray for one another and help each other through the difficult times. Even during the summer months when some are traveling, make time to visit a church or don't just skip attending your home church!

Make sure that you stay faithful to a good, Bible-based church. Be consistent to serve in any way you can. Whether you are a greeter, usher or children's worker, you play a vital role in the body of Christ. Together we are His hands and feet in the earth!

COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 15, 2016

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

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

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

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

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

Pastor's Report: The High Hill Church will be giving Rev. Higgins the title of Pastor Emeritus in July or August. Rev. Higgins will be on vacation the last two weeks of July and he will find someone to preach on July 17 and July 31. Rev. Higgins was concerned about the attendance in Church being low.

Building & Grounds: The old church sign is done. The lights in the ramp and fellowship hall are fixed. The light in the office does not work, need to get an electrician to fix it.

Christian Workers: April attendance was 283 with an average of 71.

From the Pastor

There are two dates that concern you as a congregation. The first is that St. John's United Church of Christ in High Hill and I have agreed on a date for the Pastor of Emeritus recognition that they want to give me. The date is August 14. Members of Immanuel are invited to a dinner at High Hill immediately following our regular worship service (10:30 a.m.). This means that dinner would be about noon on the 14th. Following the meal there will be a brief worship with conferring the honor of Pastor Emeritus. There will be no cost for the meal.

We do not have to make a reservation for the meal, however; I would like to give them some idea as to how many might attend. There will be a bulletin insert in the coming week to indicate your intention of attending. The exact time of the service will be announced later.

The second date is that our Church Council has decided that we will participate with the other churches in Wright City to recognize the anniversary of 9-11. So on September 11 the churches of Wright City will join in worship and for a joint meal at the high school in Wright City. This means that we will not have worship at Immanuel on September 11 but participate in the community service at the high school.

Evangelism and Stewardship: Rev Purl wants to have a 911 Remembrance Service at the Wright City High School Football Field on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10:30 A.M. After some discussion, Lee made the motion to cancel our Church Service so members could go to the 911 Remembrance Service. Darrell seconded, motion carried.

Memorial: Beverley was getting a Costco gift card so we would be able to buy the 12 round tables and cart to store them on.

Pastoral Relations: Everything seems okay.

Christian Board: May 29 meeting and Sunday School Breakfast. June 5th going to the Science Center, Not the Zoo.

Women's Fellowship: Everyone invited to their June 1st meeting with a meal at noon and Duane Lewis from E.C.H. as the quest speaker.

Evening Circle: Meeting May 22nd after Church.

Men's Club: Kelvin Lashley is joining the Men's Club.

Old Business: Building and Grounds Annual Meeting report has not been seen in a Church Newsletter. Beverley is checking into why.

No further business to discuss, Darrell made the motion to adjourn with Lavelle seconding. Everyone joined hands in the Lord's Prayer.



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: dendebmeyer@yahoo.com or thru

Immanuel United Church of Christ – May 2016

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| Beginning Balance | \$28,546.96 |
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| GENERAL FUND | |
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| General Fund Totals for May 31, 2016: | \$5,080.23 | \$3,851.64 | \$8,954.76 |
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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 |

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| Protect Our Church Fund Totals for May 31, 2016: | \$- | \$- | \$10,841.25 |
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| ID | Recipient | Description | Received | Disbursed | Balance |
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| | Beginning Balance | | | | \$1,097.00 |
| 5/9/2016 | Deposit | Offering | \$55.00 | \$- | \$1,152.00 |
| 5/10/2016 | Deposit | Offering | \$15.00 | \$- | \$1,167.00 |
| 5/23/2016 | Deposit | Agape | \$20.00 | \$- | \$1,187.00 |
| 5/23/2016 | Deposit | Shriners Hospital | \$25.00 | \$- | \$1,212.00 |
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| | | | \$- | \$- | \$1,212.00 |

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| Benevolent Fund Totals for May 31, 2016: | \$115.00 | \$- | \$1,212.00 |
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| BUILDING FUND | | | | | |
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| ID | Recipient | Description | Received | Disbursed | Balance |
| | Beginning Balance | | | | \$(565.17) |
| 5/9/2016 | Deposit | Offering | \$70.00 | \$- | \$(495.17) |
| 5/10/2016 | Deposit | Offering | \$10.00 | \$- | \$(485.17) |
| 5/10/2016 | Deposit | Memorial for Judy Flesh Building Fund | \$25.00 | \$- | \$(460.17) |
| | | | \$- | \$- | \$(460.17) |
| | | | \$- | \$- | \$(460.17) |
| | | | \$- | \$- | \$(460.17) |
| | | | \$- | \$- | \$(460.17) |
| Building Fund Totals May 31, 2016: | | | \$105.00 | \$- | \$(460.17) |

| MEMORIAL FUND | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|----------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| ID | Recipient | Description | Received | Disbursed | Balance |
| | Beginning Balance | | | | \$7,115.00 |
| 5/18/2016 | Deposit | Judy Flesh | \$25.00 | \$- | \$7,140.00 |
| 5/23/2016 | Deposit | Marilyn Benson | \$160.00 | \$- | \$7,300.00 |
| Memorial Fund Totals for May 31, 2016: | | | \$185.00 | \$- | \$7,300.00 |

| INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND | | | | | |
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| ID | Recipient | Description | Received | \$- | Balance |
| | Beginning Balance | | | | \$4,775.30 |
| 11361 | Christopher Sadler | Lawn service - April - Cemetary | \$- | \$100.00 | \$4,675.30 |
| | | | \$- | \$- | \$4,675.30 |
| | | | \$- | \$- | \$4,675.30 |
| Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for May 31, 2016: | | | \$- | \$100.00 | \$4,675.30 |

| SCHOLARSHIP FUND | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| ID | Recipient | Description | Received | Disbursed | Balance |
| | Beginning Balance | | | | \$401.85 |
| 5/18/2016 | Deposit | Judy Flesh memorial for this fund | \$495.00 | \$- | \$896.85 |
| | | | \$- | \$- | \$896.85 |
| Scholarship Fund Totals for May 31, 2016: | | | \$495.00 | \$- | \$896.85 |

| PARKING LOT FUND | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| ID | Recipient | Description | Received | Disbursed | Balance |
| | Beginning Balance | | | | \$755.14 |
| | | | \$- | \$- | \$755.14 |
| | | | \$- | \$- | \$755.14 |
| | | | \$- | \$- | \$755.14 |
| Parking Lot Fund Totals for May 31, 2016: | | | \$- | \$- | \$755.14 |

| MUSIC FUND | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| ID | Recipient | Description | Received | Disbursed | Balance |
| | Beginning Balance | | | | \$319.30 |
| | | | \$- | \$- | \$319.30 |
| Music Fund Totals for May 31, 2016: | | | \$- | \$- | \$319.30 |

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| SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS: | | | \$5,980.23 | \$3,951.64 | \$30,575.55 |
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT
MAY 2016

GENERAL FUND

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|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Offering | \$4924.00 | |
| Building use-Warren county | 50.00 | |
| Building use | 100.00 | |
| Initial offering | 5.00 | |
| | | \$5079.00 |

BENEVOLENT FUND

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| Offering | 70.00 | |
| Agape | 20.00 | |
| Schriners Hospital | 25.00 | |
| | | 115.00 |

BUILDING FUND

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| Offering | 80.00 | 80.00 |
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MEMORIAL FUND

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| Donation to fund | 25.00 | |
| Marilyn Benson | 160.00 | |
| Judy Flesch-scholarship fund | 495.00 | |
| Judy Flesch-building fund | 25.00 | |
| | | 705.00 |
| | | <hr/> \$5979.00 |

Billboard outside St. Dominic Savio Catholic Church in
Affton, MO:

SAINT DOMINIC SAVIO
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Masses 7-8:30 — 10-11:30 a.m.
& Sat. 5 p.m.

COME EARLY & GET A BACK SEAT

A bus driver went to a church for the first time and sat in the first row. After his sermon, the pastor went to the man and asked him why he sat in the front row alone.

"Well," the driver said, "I just sat up here to see what you did to make everyone move to the back."

—Msgr. Arthur Tonne
Jokes Priests Can Tell

Rev. Sidney Laing of Dublin, Ireland, got tired of listening to the same old excuses from people who don't attend church. At the end of his tether, he wrote the following item, titled "Ten Reasons Why I Never Wash," for his church bulletin:

- ★ I was made to wash as a child.
- ★ People who wash are hypocrites. They reckon they are cleaner than other people.
- ★ There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one was right.
- ★ I used to wash, but it got boring so I stopped.
- ★ I still wash on special occasions, like Easter and Christmas.
- ★ None of my friends wash.
- ★ I'm still young. When I'm older and have got a bit dirtier I might start washing.
- ★ I really don't have time.
- ★ The bathroom is never warm enough.
- ★ People who make soap are only after your money.

JULY 25-29, 5:30-7:00 PM



VBS

DETECTIVES

2016

TOP SECRET

FREE

- DINNER
- GAMES
- CRAFTS
- MUSIC

- DISCOVERING TRUTHS OF THE BIBLE
- DECIDING OUR BELIEFS
- DEFENDING OUR BELIEFS TO THE WORLD



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