

Immanuel United Church of Christ
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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

OFFICE PH. 636-745-3864

JULY & AUGUST 2017

			Anthony Freund	Usher
July 2	Roland Niemann	Reader/Greeter/Usher	Betty Zuhone	Guestbook/Usher
	Loretta Buescher	Usher	Aug 6 Lee Fast	Reader/Greeter/Usher
	Robert Freund	Usher	Diana & Gary Schlueter	Ushers
	Lavelle Requat	Guestbook/Usher	Karen Cox	Guestbook/Usher
July 9	Mary Sue Sitton	Greeter/Usher	Aug 13 Lavelle Requat	Greeter/Usher
	Mildred Groeper	Reader Only	Todd Bill	Reader/Usher
	Lee Fast	Usher	Mason Newcomb	Usher
	Elmer Vahle	Usher	Loretta Bierer	Guestbook/Usher
	Aimee Wilber	Guestbook/Usher	Aug 20 Kelvin Lashley	Greeter/Usher
July 16	Beverley Willoughby	Reader/Greeter/Usher	Peggy Sherman	Reader/Usher
	Paul & Sandra Saunders	Ushers	Darrell Engelage	Usher
	Abby Rosemann	Guestbook/Usher	Judy Engelage	Guestbook/Usher
July 23	Terry Leap	Greeter/Usher	Aug 27 Darrell Schmidt	Greeter/Usher
	Lee Fast	Reader/Usher	Betty Zuhone	Reader/Usher
	Linda Martin	Usher	Alice Windmann	Usher
	Beverley Willoughby	Guestbook/Usher	Lee Fast	Guestbook/Usher
July 30	Jackie Nierman	Greeter/Usher		
	Amber Bill	Reader/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 IS AUGUST 15***

July 2 - Pastor John Silea

July 9 - Pastor John Silea

July 16 - Rev Dianna Niemann-Harris

July 17-21 — Bible School 5:30 to 7:00 pm

July 23 - Rev Dianna Niemann-Harris — Swimming after church

July 30 - Rev Dianna Niemann-Harris

August 6 - Pastor Shari Maddox (Chaplain from Emmaus Home)

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.

*******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 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.

Pastoral Relations

The church council held its monthly meeting in June and would like to share with everyone what was discussed regarding pastor coverage while Pastor Tom is out.

First of all, we have been fortunate to have Rev. Dianna here several Sundays in June. We thank her and appreciate her time in helping on Sundays and her time to keep us posted on Pastor Tom's progress.

We wanted everyone to know that as a council, we are trying not to burden any of our supply ministers with too much responsibility. We are using our resources with other ministers to give us the ample coverage we will need during our congregation's time of need.

At this time, we do have guest ministers scheduled through August 6. We have a few different ones who will be with us to accommodate schedules and limited availability. So hopefully by using several different ministers we will be able to fill the void until Pastor Tom returns.

The council has not made any arrangements with anyone in particular for anything more than leading worship on Sundays during pastor Tom's absence. If anyone in the congregation has need of pastoral services, please contact Council President Roland Niemann at 636-745-2547. Or if anyone has any concerns that the council should discuss please contact Kelvin Lashley or place your suggestions in the suggestion box on table in the wing.

Stewardship Moment - July

Are you a good steward?

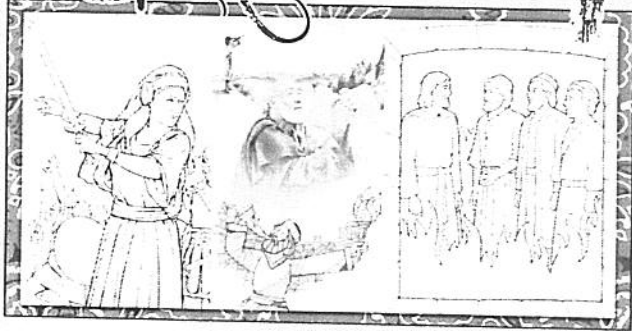
This is a good question to ask yourself. The Bible says that someone who is faithful with a little thing will be faithful with much (Luke 16:9-11). So, if we are honest and do the right thing when no one is looking, we will be able to be trusted when people are looking.

Stewards are mentioned in the Bible quite a bit. The basic message from the Bible about being a good steward is that God has entrusted us with things down here on earth and it is our responsibility to do something good with them.

As stewards we have a responsibility to use what we have been given wisely. Just like in the parable of the talents, it is up to us how we use what we have been given. We can choose to bury it like the "lazy" steward or

WANTED

OUTLAWS FOR GOD



REWARD:

WILD WEST VBS

An Adventure in the Wild West and the Word!

July 17-21, 2017

5:30-7:00 pm

Immanuel UCC Wright City

we can make more from what we have been given like the "good" stewards. If we refuse to use a gift or skill that God has given us because of being afraid or "lazy", you could be behaving the same way as the steward with one talent.

So give being a good steward some prayerful thought. The great thing is that as we prove ourselves faithful in small things we will be given more and bigger things to be stewards over.

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

Matthew 25:21-22

COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 10, 2017

Roland called the meeting to order with Rev. Higgins leading us in prayer. In attendance: Roland Niemann, Beverley Willoughby, Darrell Schmidt, Lavelle Requat, Lee Fast, Mary Sue Sitton, Terry Leap, Kelvin Lashley and Rev. Higgins.

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, Kelvin seconded, motion carried.

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

Pastor's Report: Rev. Higgins will be going to the every three (3) year boundary training May 25th. Dianna Niemann-Harris is our Conference Delegate and will be attending the Conference in Columbia, Mo. June 8th, 9th and 10th. We should be getting some new members in May or June. He will be ordering a book written by Rev. Katterjohn's son.

Building & Grounds: The pampas grass planted on the tree stumps did not grow. What do we want to try and plant on the stumps? The plexiglass on the old Church sign is broken. Darrell will check on a bid for indoor or outdoor carpet for the inside ramp. Need to check on getting a sign to help visitors find the Church Sanctuary from the lower parking lot. The bell tower is leaking.

Christian Workers: April attendance was 434 with an average of 87. There were 165 in Church for Easter.

Evangelism and Stewardship: No report

Memorial: Ordered two (2) new altar chairs with Opal Twiehaus and Arlayne Meyer's memorials

Pastoral Relations: Nothing in the suggestion box.

Christian Board: Sunday School Breakfast May 28th. Vacation Bible School July 17th thru 21st. Going swimming July 23rd.

Women's Fellowship: Meeting June 7th with all women of the Church being invited.

Evening Circle: Mother's Day lunch went well.

Men's Club: Paying for the outside ramp carpet.

New Business: Ameren will be charging new customer for having a meter. The Church's gas bill was \$73.55 for April and we are \$1,729.06 behind due to the budget billing which will be reviewed by Ameren in May. We had a surplus in October so Ameren did not charge us for November, December, January and February's actual gas fee.

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

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

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

If the scripture reader would like the scriptures before Sunday, please contact Margaret Viehmann after Wednesday. Her contact number is 636-327-6081.



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

JULY & AUGUST 2017

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

Pam & Stuart Sida 7/18
Michael & Terry Fingers 7/19
Donna & Austin Jones 8/1
Jeanne & Tom Ewald 8/5
Todd & Amber Bill 8/5
Margie & Ricky Fowler 8/10
Bruce & Martha Groeper 8/13
Emmet & Doris Ann Brakensiek 8/14

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Patricia Brockmeyer 7/5
Wesley Jaspering 7/6
Kristin Paul 7/7
Paul Meyer 7/9
Audrey Chapman 7/10
Whitney Schuenemeyer 7/13
Gary Perkins 7/15
Aaron Wilber 7/15
Trevor Birk 7/19

Brittney Clemons 7/24

Lauren Shriver 7/26

Leah Jones 7/28

Aubrey Meyer 7/29

Autumn Wilber 7/29

Gary Kreuger 7/31

Rosalee Schubert 8/2

Jill Shriver 8/2

Louise McLaughlin 8/3

Shanon Bote 8/5

Lois Meyer 8/5

Sharon Vohsen 8/7

Nicole Flesch 8/8

Aimee Wilber 8/8

Michael Windmann 8/8

Peggy Guteruth 8/10

Gary Witthaus 8/10

Kayleen Martin 8/11

Waylon Cox 8/13

Lavelle Requat 8/13

Dakota Meyer 8/14

VJ Reckamp 8/14

Linda Martin 8/15

Karen Schulte 8/15

Darrell Schmidt 8/16

William Gatewood 8/17

Rachel Brockman 8/18

Ruth Colboth 8/18

Brad Nierman 8/18

Tricia Dattilo 8/19

Cheryl Kreuger 8/19

Elisabeth Thompson 8/20

Sylvia Davis 8/22

Scott Harris 8/24

Lacy Hoeft 8/24

Robert Viehmann 8/24

Leah Taylor 8/25

Wendell Meyer 8/29

Jeremy Johnson 8/30

Arlene Waguespack 8/31

President	Roland Niemann	636-745-2547
Vice President	Darrell Schmidt	636-384-0491
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	Jackie Nierman	636-497-6220
Memorial	Terry Leap	636-384-0410
Pastorial Relations	Kelvin Lashley	636-279-0763



Immanuel United Church of Christ – May 2017

Beginning Balance \$43,339.60

GENERAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$17,514.21
5/2/2017		Deposit from April 30th offering	\$1,391.54		\$18,905.75
5/3/2017	Guideone Mutual Insurance	ACH monthly premium		\$814.25	\$18,091.50
5/4/2017	J&S Janitorial	April cleaning #11454		\$276.00	\$17,815.50
5/5/2017	Wright City Hardward	key copy #11453		\$2.49	\$17,813.01
5/9/2017		Deposit	\$1,912.00		\$19,725.01
5/9/2017		Deposit	\$1,550.00		\$21,275.01
5/10/2017	Centurylink	ACH monthly bill		\$182.41	\$21,092.60
5/11/2017	Wright City Utility	ACH water & sewer		\$26.08	\$21,066.52
5/12/2017	On the Go	May trash bill #11457		\$38.50	\$21,028.02
5/12/2017	Missourian Publishing	easter ad #11458		\$50.00	\$20,978.02
5/15/2017		Deposit	\$1,441.00		\$22,419.02
5/15/2017	Sadler Lawn Care	April 4 @ church #11456		\$300.00	\$22,119.02
5/16/2017	Ameren	Gas bill		\$249.00	\$21,870.02
5/16/2017	Ameren	Electric Fellowship hall		\$171.00	\$21,699.02
5/16/2017	Ameren	Electric Church		\$238.00	\$21,461.02
5/19/2017	Jackie Niermann	Reimburse for Lenten Services #11455		\$84.68	\$21,376.34
5/22/2017		Deposit	\$1,174.00		\$22,550.34
5/23/2017	Thomas Higgins	1/2 May Salary #11459		\$1,100.00	\$21,450.34
5/23/2017	Thomas Higgins	1/2 May Salary #11452		\$1,100.00	\$20,350.34
5/30/2017		Deposit	\$544.37		\$20,894.71
5/31/2017		Accrued Earning Deposit	\$1.95		\$20,896.66
5/31/2017		Transferred to Designated Funds	\$-	\$1,945.00	\$18,951.66
General Fund Totals for May 31, 2017:			\$8,014.86	\$6,577.41	\$18,951.66

PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

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

BENEVOLENT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,217.00
5/7/2017	Deposit	offering	\$10.00	\$-	\$1,227.00
5/15/2017	Deposit	offering	\$100.00	\$-	\$1,327.00
Benevolent Fund Totals for May 31, 2017:			\$110.00	\$-	\$1,327.00

BUILDING FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$(113.83)
5/2/2017	Deposit	Offering	\$50.00	\$-	\$(63.83)
5/9/2017	Deposit	offering	\$60.00	\$-	\$(3.83)
5/15/2017	Deposit	offering	\$75.00	\$-	\$71.17
Building Fund Totals May 31, 2017:			\$185.00	\$-	\$71.17

MEMORIAL FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$7,061.00
5/9/2017	Arlayne Meyer		\$1,520.00	\$-	\$8,581.00
5/9/2017	Memorial for Sunday School		\$30.00		\$8,611.00
5/15/2017	Arlayne Meyer		\$100.00	\$-	\$8,681.00
Memorial Fund Totals for May 31, 2017:			\$1,650.00	\$-	\$8,711.00

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$4,098.68
5/15/2017	Sadler lawn care	2 @ cemetery #11456		\$100.00	\$3,998.68
			\$-	\$-	\$3,998.68
			\$-	\$-	\$3,998.68
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for May 31, 2017:			\$-	\$100.00	\$3,998.68

SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$896.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for May 31, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$896.85

PARKING LOT FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,505.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for May 31, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$1,505.14

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

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$9,959.86	\$6,677.41	\$46,622.05
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT MAY 2017

GENERAL FUND			
Offering		\$4657.17	
Fellowship hall use.		50.00	
Recycled monitor		2.20	
Initial offering		2.00	
			\$4711.37
BENEVOLENT FUND			
Offering		\$ 120.00	
			\$ 120.00
BUILDING FUND			
Offering		\$ 140.00	
			\$ 140.00
MEMORIAL FUND			
Arlayne Meyer		\$1620.00	
Arlayne for Sunday School		30.00	
			\$1650.00

21 Names Ending in "S"

AHASUERUS	DARIUS
ALPHAEUS	DISMAS
AMOS	DORCAS
ANNAS	GESTAS
ANTICHUS	JAMES
APOLLOS	JESUS
BARABBAS	JOSES
BARTIMAEUS	JUDAS
CLAUDIUS	JULIUS
CLEOPAS	LAZARUS
CRISPUS	LOIS
CYRUS	MALCHUS

MATTHIAS	THADDEUS
MOSES	THOMAS
NICODEMUS	TITUS
SILAS	ZACCHAEUS

J	S	F	B	A	R	T	I	M	A	E	U	S	A	G
C	A	S	U	E	A	H	C	C	A	Z	F	U	N	E
R	M	H	H	P	S	S	U	R	Y	C	E	M	T	S
I	S	U	R	E	U	S	A	H	A	T	O	E	I	T
S	I	W	S	H	U	M	T	L	I	G	A	D	C	A
P	D	O	C	R	S	H	A	T	X	N	R	O	H	S
U	M	L	A	A	A	E	U	T	N	C	S	C	U	Z
S	A	Z	C	D	B	S	S	A	T	E	M	I	S	S
M	A	R	D	A	B	A	S	O	M	H	R	N	U	S
L	O	E	G	S	A	P	J	A	J	A	I	I	D	T
D	U	W	I	O	R	O	J	N	D	A	L	A	W	H
S	A	L	P	H	A	E	U	S	M	U	L	Z	S	O
Y	A	T	L	O	B	L	P	O	J	Y	J	O	C	M
S	P	B	V	E	E	C	S	U	S	E	J	Q	I	A
A	P	O	L	L	O	S	U	I	D	U	A	L	C	S