

Immanuel United Church of Christ
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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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June 2015

June 21 "FATHER'S DAY"

June 7 Sermon: "What a Paradox!"

Scriptures: I Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20, Mark 3:21-35

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lavelle Requat Greeter/Usher

Roland Niemann Reader/Usher

Loretta Buescher Usher

Terry Leap Guestbook/Usher

June 14 "FLAG DAY"

Sermon: "God's Vision—Our Vision"

Scripture: I Samuel 15:31-16:13, Mark 4:26-34

Bud Nissen Greeter

Aaron Wilber Reader/Usher

Darrell Engelage Usher

Judy Engelage Guestbook/Usher

Sermon: "In the Midst of the Storm"

Scriptures: I Samuel 17:32-49, Mark 34-41

Darrell Schmidt Greeter/Usher

Betty Zuhone Reader/Usher

Elmer Vahle Usher

Lee Fast Guestbook/Usher

June 28 Chad Thompson Greeter/Usher

Donna Lapreta Usher

Velma LaFave Usher

Lois Meyer Guestbook/Usher/Reader

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.

FROM THE PASTOR:

First we want to recognize our two confirmands: Anthony Freund and Kolton Martin who received the Rite of Confirmation on May 17. They are now full members of Immanuel. Be sure to greet and welcome them when you have the chance. Anthony's memory verse is Romans 1:16 and Kolton's memory verse is Philippians 4:13. Do you remember your memory verse? I challenge you to look up your memory verse and share it with me.

On June 21 we will have the Masonic Lodge of Wright City be our guests in worship. We look forward to greeting them and some of our Immanuel Members and part of the Lodge.

On June 28 I will be on vacation so that I can attend the 55th Anniversary of my high school graduation. I am not sure who will be our guest pastor that Sunday but I urge you to be supportive of Immanuel with your attendance at worship. I will actually be out of town June 23-June 29. In case of pastoral emergency please call our president, Beverley Willoughby.

We are in the process of sealing our church parking lot at a cost of over \$4,000. If you would like to help support this project, please make a check to Immanuel and designate it to "Parking Lot Fund." Thank you.

We are in the process of completing the paper work so that I can be officially installed as your pastor. The paper work goes through the Eastern Association Church and Ministry Committee of the United Church of Christ.

Peace to all of you, Pastor Tom

Council Meeting – April 12, 2015

Beverley called the meeting to order and Rev. Higgins led us in prayer. In attendance: Beverley Willoughby, Darrell Schmidt, Lee Fast, Lavelle Requat, Jackie Nierman, Bud Nissen, Mary Sue Sitton and Rev. Higgins.

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

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

General Treasurer's Report: Bud made the motion to approve as presented. Mary Sue seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation will be May 17, 2015. Rev. Higgins paid a family's electric bill and asked how things like this are handled. Rev Higgins would like to get Marcus Engel to come some Sunday. Rev Higgins would like to have some friends from Immanuel East that sing come some Sunday this summer for special music. Waiting until Fall to have Bible study again. Taking a vacation the week of June 24 thru July 01, 2015.

Stewardship Moment – June 2015

"Open the Windows"

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10

Spring and summer are upon us. We have the windows to our home open for fresh air to come in. When that fresh air blows in are you reminded about the blessings and goodness God has blessed you with? Just as the fresh air blows and refreshes our homes, God is blowing through those very windows and pouring out blessings on you today. God wants to open the windows of heaven and pour out goodness, love and mercy that you can share with others.

But you have to do your part to receive those blessings. You have to be a faithful tither and be obedient to the Lord with your finances. When we are faithful stewards, the Lord entrusts us with more. He opens the windows of heaven! Help to prove to God you are thankful for all the blessings bestowed upon you and that you are ready to receive more blessings, that you are a good steward who is willing to receive the blessings of heaven and willing to share them with others. Let God open the windows of heaven in your life!

Would like to have Don Sabbert preach some Sunday. Rev. Higgins installation will be June 07, 2015.

Christian Workers: March attendance was 321 with an average of 81.

Building & Grounds: Discussed John Bridgman from Hannibal filling cracks and sealing the parking lot for \$4,900.00. Jackie made the motion to accept the bid and Lee seconded it. Checking into why the furnace in the Fellowship Hall basement is not working.

Evangelism & Stewardship: Special music for the 06-07-15 service. Children to sing in church Mother's Day.

Memorial: Did not meet.

Pastor's Relations: Everything is still good.

Christian Board: Had 300 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Women's Fellowship: Guest are invited for the June meeting.

Evening Circle: Mother's Day lunch and program after Church 05-03-15.

Men's Club: Going to send a kid to church camp. Sponsoring a ball team. Donating to the parking lot fund

With no further business to discuss Lee made the motion to adjourn and Darrell seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

APRIL 2015

GENERAL FUND

Offering	\$4902.00	
Interest-First State Comm.Bank	110.96	
Building Use	50.00	
Building Use-Warrem County	50.00	
Building Use-Memorial Society	50.00	
		\$5162.96

BENEVOLENT FUND

Offering	\$ 70.00	
For Agape W.C. food pantry	413.33	
		\$ 483.33

BUILDING FUND

Offering	\$ 55.00	
		\$ 55.00

MEMORIAL FUND

<i>Esther</i> Ester Held	\$ 90.00	
Dorothy Hoeft	465.00	
		\$ 555.00
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		\$6256.29

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

Dorothy & Wayne Graeler 17
 Sharyn & Gene Rugh Sr 19
 David & Janet Gerdeman 20
 Don & Betty Zuhone 20
 Gary & Betty Lashley 21
 Robert & Maria Diefenbacher 25
 Paul & Linda Martin 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linda Nadler 2
 Sharon Niemann 3
 Nick Gironde 9
 TJ Bueneman 10
 Wayne Sitton 10
 Brian Bertke 12
 Joshua Clemons 12
 Robert Diefenbacher II 12
 Arlayne Meyer 14

John Graeler 17
 Rick Schmitt 19
 Mark Pettig 22
 Alice Zoellner 23
 Sherry Walker 24
 Denise Freund 25
 Fred Harold Mueller 25
 Andy Dreyer 26
 Robert Gentry 29
 Linda Jaeger 30

• ***Just a few notes.....***

- Wed. June 3 — Women's Fellowship "Guest Day" Ladies of the Church you are invited to spend the afternoon with the Women's Fellowship 1:30 pm.
- Sun. June 21 — Masonic Lodge of Wright City will be guests in worship.
- Mon. June 15 — Deadline for July & August Newsletter info— NO NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST, next deadline for Sept. is Aug. 17
- **Vacation Bible School — Mon. July 27 thru Fri. July 31 — 5:30 pm thru 7:00**

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***

We continue to see an increase in our attendance and hearing positive feedback on our worship services. Pastor Tom reminded us that we should encourage the congregation to reach out to visitors to make them feel welcome. We want visitors who have been to Immanuel to leave our worship feeling positive about their visit and want to return and be a part of the fellowship. Members are encouraged to sit with visitors helping them to not feel like strangers. It's the small things that can make an impression. If anyone has anything to share about our worship or ideas to welcome others, please contact one of our committee members or a 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"

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**

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.

Immanuel United Church of Christ – April 2015

Beginning Balance \$25,311.20

GENERAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$(993.51)
ACH 4/3	GuideOne	Insurance premium	\$-	\$765.08	\$(1,758.59)
4/6/2015	Interest earned	Immanuel CD	\$36.99	\$-	\$(1,721.60)
4/8/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$2,078.00	\$-	\$356.40
ACH 4/8	Ameren	Utilities	\$-	\$393.00	\$(36.60)
ACH 4/8	Ameren	Utilities	\$-	\$147.00	\$(183.60)
ACH 4/8	Ameren	Utilities	\$-	\$155.00	\$(338.60)
11239	Thomas Higgins	Love offering	\$-	\$100.00	\$(438.60)
11203	Margaret Viehmann	Love offering	\$-	\$50.00	\$(488.60)
ACH 4/9	Wright City	Water/sewer bill	\$-	\$23.46	\$(512.06)
ACH 4/10	Centurylink	Phone/Internet service	\$-	\$129.80	\$(641.86)
11237	The Hermitage Art Co. Inc.	Bulletins	\$-	\$20.84	\$(662.70)
11241	MO Media Group	Ad - Easter	\$-	\$60.00	\$(722.70)
11238	Thomas Higgins	1st half of April salary	\$-	\$1,000.00	\$(1,722.70)
4/16/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$1,181.96	\$-	\$(540.74)
4/20/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$762.00	\$-	\$221.26
11245	Missouri Publishing Co	Business cards - Rev Higgins	\$-	\$153.89	\$67.37
4/29/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$1,141.00	\$-	\$1,208.37
11243	Thomas Higgins	balance of April salary	\$-	\$1,000.00	\$208.37
11244	J&S Janitorial Service	April cleaning	\$-	\$276.00	\$(67.63)
11247	Bulletin Services	Jun thru Aug	\$-	\$77.92	\$(145.55)
4/30/2015	Interest earned	accrued earning payment	\$1.04	\$-	\$(144.51)
			\$-	\$-	\$(144.51)
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General Fund Totals for April 31, 2015:			\$5,200.99	\$4,351.99	\$(144.51)

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 April 31, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25

BENEVOLENT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,727.25
4/8/2015	Deposit	Agape - Maundy Thurs & Easter Sunrise	\$408.33	\$-	\$2,135.58
4/8/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$10.00	\$-	\$2,145.58
11240	MO Mid-South Conference	Donations	\$-	\$808.25	\$1,337.33
11242	Agape	Wright City Food Pantry	\$-	\$1,327.33	\$10.00
4/16/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$55.00	\$-	\$65.00
4/20/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$70.00
4/29/2015	Deposit	Agape	\$5.00	\$-	\$75.00
Benevolent Fund Totals for April 31, 2015:			\$483.33	\$2,135.58	\$75.00

BUILDING FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,781.00
4/8/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$10.00	\$-	\$1,791.00
4/16/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$35.00	\$-	\$1,826.00
4/20/2015	Deposit	Offering	\$10.00	\$-	\$1,836.00
Building Fund Totals April 31, 2015:			\$55.00	\$-	\$1,836.00

MEMORIAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$6,220.00
4/16/2015	Deposit	Ester Held	\$40.00	\$-	\$6,260.00
4/16/2015	Deposit	Dorothy Hoeft	\$465.00	\$-	\$6,725.00
4/20/2015	Deposit	Ester Held	\$50.00	\$-	\$6,775.00
			\$-	\$-	\$6,775.00
			\$-	\$-	\$6,775.00
Memorial Fund Totals for April 31, 2015:			\$555.00	\$-	\$6,775.00

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,830.50
4/10/2015	Interest earned	Indian Camp CD	\$1.33	\$-	\$5,831.83
			\$-	\$-	\$5,831.83
			\$-	\$-	\$5,831.83
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for April 31, 2015:			\$1.33	\$-	\$5,831.83

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

PARKING LOT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,964.67
			\$-	\$-	\$1,964.67
Parking Lot Fund Totals for April 31, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$1,964.67

MUSIC FUND

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

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:

\$6,295.65	\$6,487.57	\$25,119.28
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