

Immanuel United Church of Christ  
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## IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### JUNE 2017

June 4 Sermon: "Tasks for US"

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23

#### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Lee Fast Greeter/Usher

Whitney Schuenemeyer Reader/Usher

Amy Meyer Usher

Terry Leap Guestbook/Usher

June 11 Sermon: "The Promise"

Scriptures: Psalm 8, Matthew 28:16-20

#### **TRINITY SUNDAY**

Lavelle Requat Greeter/Usher

Karen Cox Reader/Usher

John Schuenemeyer Usher

Lee Fast Guestbook/Usher

June 18 Sermon: "I Did Not Laugh(?)"

Scriptures: Genesis 18:1-15, Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8

#### **FATHER'S DAY**

Kelvin Lashley Greeter/Usher

Margaret & Richard Ramey Ushers

Lois Meyer Reader/Guestbook/Usher

June 25 Sermon: "Discipleship: Do WE Want It?"

Scriptures: Genesis 21:8-21, Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Darrell Schmidt Greeter/Usher

Kolton Martin Reader/Usher

Marvin Schubert Usher

Jackie Nierman 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 JULY & AUGUST NEWSLETTER JUNE 15***
- Wed. June 7—Women's Fellowship — Guest Day
- Wed. June 7—Church Council Meeting
- Sat. June 10—WCHS Alumni Dinner/Dance
- Special celebration for Pastor Tom, 50 years since being ordained, Sunday, June 11
- Sun. June 18—Father's Day lunch after church

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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.

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***\*\*\*\*\*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: dendebymeyer@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 Niernan & Beverley Willoughby are the administrators of this sight. You can send info to these people to put on our page.

## **COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 09, 2017**

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

Secretary's Report: Terry made the motion to approve the report as presented, Beverley seconded, motion carried.

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

General Treasurer's Report: Terry made the motion to approve the report, Lee seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Higgins will be preparing a beef brisket for the Women's Fellowship meeting in June. David Cox is fixing the men's toilet seat in the Fellowship Hall restroom.

Building & Grounds: Need to get the ramp carpet going. Wanting to get a bid on new carpet for the inside ramp.

Christian Workers: March attendance was 315 with an average of 79. Ash Wednesday, Lent and Maundy Thursday attendance was 130 with an average of 26.

Evangelism and Stewardship: May 7<sup>th</sup> Evening Circle is providing the meal for Mother's Day and everyone is invited. We now have two (2) seniors for Senior Sunday. Rev. Higgins is planning some special music for June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Memorial: Working at getting a new altar chair for Rev. Higgins.

Pastoral Relations: No suggestions yet.

Christian Board: Went bowling. Have eggs ready for Easter.

Women's Fellowship: Two (2) interested in Camp MoVal Scholarships.

Evening Circle: Mother's Day lunch on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: As the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month is Mother's Day in May and Rev. Higgins 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an ordained pastor in June the Council voted to move their May meeting to Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and their June meeting to Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **From the Pastor:**

One June 11, I will celebrate my 50th anniversary as an ordained pastor. It actually happened on June 11. I am inviting all the members and friends of Immanuel to join in the service of worship at 10:30 a.m. My wish is that we worship together and then share a meal which I will have catered and provided. Some of my family will be able to join us and I am pleased about that. The Service will be a worship service to thank God for God's blessings. I have some special music planned. I absolutely do not want any gifts nor any recognition except to worship together.

I am so grateful that God has given me the privilege of being a pastor for 50 years. It is humbling and overwhelming and I look forward to sharing it with all of you who can be there.

## **PASTORIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Council Rep Kelvin Lashley, Karen Cox, Aaron Wilber, Judy Engelage

***Congratulations to seniors***, Hailey Latin & William Creech. They will be recognized during the June 4<sup>th</sup> worship service.



# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

June 2017

## HAPPY

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### ANNIVERSARY

Kelvin & Janice Lashley 11

Sharyn & Gene Rugh Sr 19

David & Janet Gerdeman 20

Don & Betty Zuhone 20

Gary & Betty Lashley 21

Maria & Robert Diefenbacher 25

Paul & Linda Martin 27

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

Rick Schmitt 19

Mark Pettig 22

Alice Zoellner 23

Elaine Bilyeu 24

Sherry Walker 24

Denise Freund 25

Fred Harold Mueller 25

Andy Dreyer 26

Robert Gentry 29

Linda Jaeger 30



President	Roland Niemann	636-745-2547
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Secretary	Mary Sue Sitton	636-673-2265
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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

## **Stewardship moment - June**

### Matthew 25:21:

*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!*

As Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we need to embrace this larger biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world.

We need to be faithful stewards of all God has given

us within the opportunities presented through his providence to glorify him, serve the common good and further his Kingdom.

Steward the everyday things. Living God's purpose doesn't always require big change. It starts with the little moments.

*"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me."*  
Erma Bombeck

## Immanuel United Church of Christ – April 2017

**Beginning Balance      \$40,831.96**

### GENERAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
Date	Beginning Balance				\$15,302.90
4/4/2017		Deposit	\$1,882.00		\$17,184.90
4/4/2017	Guide One Mutual Insurance	ACH monthly premium		\$814.25	\$16,370.65
4/10/2017		Deposit	\$1,526.00		\$17,896.65
4/10/2017	Office Max	POS Payment	\$-	\$40.17	\$17,856.48
4/10/2017	Wright City Utility	ACH water/sewer bill	\$-	\$21.24	\$17,835.24
4/11/2017	Centurylink	ACH phone bill		\$182.24	\$17,653.00
4/18/2017	Ameren UE	ACH Gas bill	\$-	\$73.55	\$17,579.45
4/18/2017	Ameren UE	ACH electric fellowship hall	\$-	\$171.00	\$17,408.45
4/18/2017	Ameren UE	ACH electric church	\$-	\$238.00	\$17,170.45
4/18/2017	Thomas Higgins	1/2 salary #11449	\$-	\$1,100.00	\$16,070.45
4/18/2017	On the Go	trash bill #11450		\$38.50	\$16,031.95
4/19/2017		Deposit	\$2,149.50		\$18,181.45
4/26/2017		Deposit	\$726.00		\$18,907.45
4/26/2017	Thomas Higgins	1/2 salary #114451	\$-	\$1,100.00	\$17,807.45
4/30/2017		Accrued Earning Deposit	\$1.76		\$17,809.21
4/30/2017		Transferred to designated fund		\$295.00	\$17,514.21
<b>General Fund Totals for April 31, 2017:</b>			<b>\$6,285.26</b>	<b>\$4,073.95</b>	<b>\$17,514.21</b>

### PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$10,841.25
<b>Protect Our Church Fund Totals for April 31, 2017:</b>			<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$10,841.25</b>

### BENEVOLENT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,152.00
4/4/2017	Deposit	Offering	\$50.00	\$-	\$1,202.00
4/10/2017	Deposit	Offering	\$5.00		\$1,207.00
4/19/2017	Deposit	Offering	\$10.00		\$1,217.00
<b>Benevolent Fund Totals for April 31, 2017:</b>			<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$1,217.00</b>

BUILDING FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$(243.83)
4/4/2017	Deposit	Offering	\$125.00	\$-	\$(118.83)
4/19/2017	Deposit	Offering	\$5.00		\$(113.83)
Building Fund Totals April 31, 2017:			\$130.00	\$-	\$(113.83)

MEMORIAL FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$6,961.00
4/4/2017	Deposit		\$100.00	\$-	\$7,061.00
Memorial Fund Totals for April 31, 2017:			\$100.00	\$-	\$7,061.00

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$4,097.35
4/12/2017		Interest on CD xxxx6123	\$1.33	\$-	\$4,098.68
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for April 31, 2017:			\$1.33	\$-	\$4,098.68

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

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

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

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$6,581.59	\$4,073.95	\$43,339.60
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT  
APRIL 2017

GENERAL FUND

Offering	\$6773.50
Building use	50.00
Warren County-polling place	50.00
Lenten service	86.00
Maundy Thursday	170.00
Interest-American Bank of Mo.	200.54

\$7330.04

BENEVOLENT FUND

Offering	\$ 65.00
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\$ 65.00

BUILDING FUND

Offering	\$ 180.00
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\$ 180.00

MEMORIAL FUND

Donation	\$ 100.00
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\$ 100.00

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\$7675.04

**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**

# Puzzle Fifty-nine

## Names in Genesis

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

GOD  
 GOMER  
 HAGAR  
 HANOCH  
 ISAAC  
 ISRAEL  
 JACOB  
 JAPHETH  
 JOSEPH  
 JUDAH  
 JUDITH  
 KETURAH  
 LABAN  
 LEAH  
 LORD  
 LOT  
 MACHIR  
 MANASSEH  
 MILCAH  
 MOAB  
 NAHOR  
 NOAH  
 PHARAOH  
 POTIPHAR  
 RACHEL  
 REBEKAH  
 REUBEN  
 SARA  
 SHEM  
 TAMAR  
 THEUEL  
 ZEBULUN

ABIMELECH  
 ABRAHAM  
 ABRAM  
 ADAH  
 ADAM  
 AMRAPHEL  
 ARPHAXAD  
 ASENATH

BENJAMIN  
 BILHAH  
 CAIN  
 DEBORAH  
 DINAH  
 EPHRON  
 ESAU  
 EVE