

Immanuel United Church of Christ
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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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MARCH 2017

Mar 5 Sermon: "Temptation — Jesus and Ours"

Scriptures: Matthew 4:1-11

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Beverley Willoughby Greeter/Usher

Denise & Robert Freund Ushers

Karen Cox Reader/Guestbook/Usher

Mar 12 Sermon: "Not to Condemn"

Scriptures: John 3:1-17

Mary Sue Sitton Greeter/Usher

Kolton Martin Reader/Usher

Anthony Freund Usher

Judy Engelage Guestbook/Usher

SAUSAGE DINNER AFTER CHURCH

Mar 19 Sermon: "Come and See!"

Scriptures: Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

Terry Leap Greeter/Usher

Margaret & Richard Ramey Ushers

Lee Fast Reader/Guestbook/Usher

Mar 26 Sermon: "One Thing I Know"

Scriptures: John 9:1-41

Jackie Nierman Greeter/Usher

Whitney Schuenemeyer Reader/Usher

Marvin Schubert Usher

Terry Leap 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 APRIL NEWSLETTER MARCH 15***
- During Lent, we will have a soup and sandwich dinner before each Wednesday night lent service. Anyone who would like to volunteer to make soup or desserts please contact Jackie Nierman at 636-745-3096 to volunteer.
- Sunrise service will be at the Baptist Church this year
- Mother's Day Program and Luncheon, Sponsored by the Evening Circle, Sunday, May 7, Everyone is invited to attend, More details to follow
- Special celebration for Pastor Tom, 50 years since being ordained, Sunday, June 11

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.

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2017

After the Annual Congregational Meeting President Beverley Willoughby called a short Church Council Meeting to reorganize the Council. The 2017 Church Council will be:

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| • President | Roland Niemann |
| • Vice-President | Darrell Schmidt |
| • Secretary | Mary Sue Sitton |
| • Financial Secretary | Lavelle Requat |
| • Treasurer | Beverley Willoughby |
| • Christian Workers | Lee Fast |
| • Evangelism/Stewardship | Jackie Nierman |
| • Memorial Committee | Terry Leap |
| • Pastoral Relations | Kelvin Lashley |

The next Council meeting will be February 12, 2017 and the second Sunday of each Month after that. The installation of the new Church Council will be during the Sunday morning Church service on February 12, 2017.

No further business to discuss Lee made the motion to adjourn, Lavelle seconded. Meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 08, 2017

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

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

Evangelism and Stewardship: Don't forget the Chili Cook-off after the annual meeting Jan. 15.

Feb. 5 we will have "Souper Bowl Sunday" when everyone will bring a can of soup to Church to be donated to the Wright City Food Pantry. Jackie made the motion to give \$200.00 from the Christmas Eve Service to Meals On Wheels, Lavelle seconded, motion carried.

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

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

General Treasurer's Report: Lee made the motion to approve the report as presented, Bud seconded, motion carried. Lee made the motion to present at the annual meeting the proposal for the 2017 budget as presented,

Roland seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Higgins will start teaching the Adult Sunday School Class on Jan 22. We need to start working on making a new membership list.

Building & Grounds: Lavelle fixed the toilet in the clothing building. Reflectors for parking lot. The lights in the Church's sign have burned out or need to be checked.

Christian Workers: The attendance for December 2016 was 251 with 91 at the Christmas Eve Service, 46 on Christmas Day and 65 at the Sunday School Christmas program which was on a Tuesday night due to weather and Church being canceled. The average for 2016 was 71.

Pastoral Relations: Thanks to Rev. Higgins for a job well done.

Christian Board: They did not have a meeting in December. The Christmas Program went well. The next meeting will be Sunday morning, Jan. 15th.

Memorial: No report.

Women's Fellowship: Had a meeting in December to reorganize for 2017

Evening Circle: Reorganized at their last meeting.

Men's Club: Flyers for Sausage Dinner, March 12.

New Business: Lavelle made the motion to **NOT** call anyone when we cancel Church as we have it on KWRE, KFAV radio, channels 2,4,5,11 TV and e-mail, Darrell seconded, motion carried. We need to get the request for mowing bids in the Feb. newsletter.

No further business to discuss Lee made the motion to adjourn, Lavelle 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

Pastor Tom will be having Bible Study each Sunday morning starting at 9:15 am.

Easter Lilies are used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The lilies can be purchased for \$6 each in honor or memory of family or friends.

If you would like to purchase one, contact Evening Circle member Jackie Nierman at 636-745-3096. Need to have orders by April 2.

The Elementary Schools are looking for volunteers to be Lunch Buddies with the children.

Involves going to the school during student lunch time and just having lunch with them and sit and talk to them, making them feel special.

If you would like to participate in this program call the Wright City District central office at 636-745-7200 for more information on how to volunteer.

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 1. We will have our worship service at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have the Imposition of Ashes and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We will have a soup/sandwich meal at 6:00 p.m. All are invited and you are encouraged to bring a friend.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Our theme for this Lenten Season will focus on prayer. During the Wednesdays of Lent (excluding Ash Wednesday) we will explore questions we have concerning prayer such as: does God answer all our prayers, how do we know when the answer to prayers is "no," how should we pray, the temptation to quit praying, what do we do when we do not know the "right words," and any other questions you might have.

Remember that we will enjoy wonderful soups (and a wide variety of soups) at 6:00 p.m. and worship will be at 7:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there.

INDIAN CAMP CHURCH 1935



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

March 2017

HAPPY

Michael Dreyer 8

Betty Lashley 20

Kim Fast 28

ANNIVERSARY

Grace Howeth 11

Bryan Martin 20

Diane Dreyer 29

Robert & Denise Freund 22

Megan Flesch 12

Jane Blanton 20

Doris Brakensiek 30

Roger & Jackie Nierman 26

Roger Nierman 12

Jeanne Ewald 21

Doug Gerdeman 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Steven Bilyeu 12

Donna LaPointe 22

Darrell Engelage 31

Velma LaFave 1

William Schriener 16

Lenora Schaper 22

John Krueger 31

Richard Ramey 4

Paul Dutton 17

Jana Moss 23

Jordan Rosen 18

Amber Bill 25

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

March Stewardship moment – To Give Willingly or Not

“For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.”

2 Corinthians 8:12 NIV

One of Pastor Tom's sermons in February touched on the difference of offering or collecting. He gave a good comparison using the altar plates as an example stating that they are called offering plates and not collection plates. Because, collection plates are when someone is taking/collecting from you and offering being that you are giving or offering your donation.

This is a good stewardship lesson. Are you giving willingly your offering or donation to the church or do you feel obligated and burdened to give to the church? Something to give serious thought.

Stop and consider though how much God gives to us. In the natural realm, we exchange money for the

things we want and need. But in the spiritual realm, faith is what we exchange. Everyone is given a measure of faith by God's will, but we have to steward it and help it grow to reap the blessings of God. When we believe, and have faith and pray, the promises of God come to pass in every area of our lives.

Lent will soon be here. Many look at this as a time to give up something. This season why not look at Lent as a season to do something extra for God, not to give something up. Give of yourself willingly not as if someone is taking from you. Remember, faith is heaven's currency. Why not give or offer with a loving heart your time, talents and tithes this lent season.

Wanted: Volunteers!

We are looking for folks to help make soup or desserts for the soup and sandwich lent dinners

Contact Jackie Nierman at 636-745-3096 to sign up

All U Can Eat Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner

**Time: 11am to
2pm**

**Date:
03/12/2017**



**Adults -\$10.00
Children 6 - 12 \$5.00
Under 6 - free**

Carry Outs Available

**Located at Immanuel UCC
Wright City at the Corner of N
4th and Elm**

On the menu:

**Link Pork Sausage
Sauerkraut
Mashed Potatoes
And Gravy
Green Beans
Applesauce
Homemade Bread
And Dessert**

**Coffee, Tea and
Water**

Immanuel United Church of Christ – January 2017

Beginning Balance \$35,210.67

GENERAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
date	Beginning Balance				\$11,978.47
1/4/2017		Deposit	\$1,449.00	\$-	\$13,427.47
1/4/2017	GuideOne Mutual Insurance	ACH monthly premium	\$-	\$814.25	\$12,613.22
1/6/2017	On the Go	Trash bill #11429	\$-	\$38.50	\$12,574.72
1/10/2017		Deposit	\$1,158.00	\$-	\$13,732.72
1/10/2017	Centurylink	ACH Telephone bill	\$-	\$182.45	\$13,550.27
1/10/2017	Mildred Groeper	Love Gift #11427	\$-	\$100.00	\$13,450.27
1/11/2017	Wright City Utility	ACH Water/Sewer bill	\$-	\$32.16	\$13,418.11
1/12/2017		Earning Deposit CD #xxxx6123	\$1.36	\$-	\$13,419.47
1/18/2017	Ameren	ACH Electric Fellowship Hall	\$-	\$171.00	\$13,248.47
1/18/2017	Ameren	ACH Electric Church	\$-	\$238.00	\$13,010.47
1/18/2017	Missourian Media Group	Christmas Eve AD #11430	\$-	\$20.00	\$12,990.47
1/19/2017	Thomas Higgins	1/2 salary #11428	\$-	\$1,100.00	\$11,890.47
1/23/2017	Postmaster	Roll of Stamps #11432	\$-	\$47.00	\$11,843.47
1/24/2017		Deposit	\$1,713.63	\$-	\$13,557.10
1/24/2017	Minuteman Press	Bulletins #11433	\$-	\$399.60	\$13,157.50
1/24/2017	J & S Janitorial	Cleaning #11434	\$-	\$276.00	\$12,881.50
1/26/2017	Thomas Higgins	1/2 salary #11431	\$-	\$1,100.00	\$11,781.50
1/30/2017		Deposit	\$939.00	\$-	\$12,720.50
1/31/2017		Accrued Interest Deposit	\$1.52	\$-	\$12,722.02
1/31/2017		Transferred to Designated Funds	\$-	\$213.36	\$12,508.66
General Fund Totals January 31, 2017:			\$5,262.51	\$4,732.32	\$12,508.66

PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

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

BENEVOLENT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$903.00
		OCWM offering	\$85.00	\$-	\$988.00
		Strengthen the Church offering	\$47.00	\$-	\$1,035.00
		Schrieners Hospital in memory of Inez Trump	\$20.00	\$-	\$1,055.00
Benevolent Fund Totals for January 31, 2017:			\$152.00	\$-	\$1,055.00

BUILDING FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$(475.88)
		Offering	\$50.00		\$(425.88)
Building Fund Totals for January 31, 2017:			\$50.00	\$-	\$(425.88)

MEMORIAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,151.00
		Inez Trump	\$10.00		\$5,161.00

Memorial Fund Totals for January 31, 2017:			\$10.00	\$-	\$5,161.00
INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$4,091.54
Interest Earnings			\$1.36	\$-	\$4,092.90
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for January 31, 2017:			\$1.36	\$-	\$4,092.90
SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$896.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for January 31, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$896.85
PARKING LOT FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,505.14
					\$1,505.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for January 31, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$1,505.14
MUSIC FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$319.30
					\$319.30
Music Fund Totals for January 31, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$319.30
SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$5,475.87	\$4,732.32	\$35,954.22

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT
JANUARY 2017

GENERAL FUND

Offering	\$4662.00
Initial offering	2.00
Interest-American Bank of MO	205.00
Donation-Wright City Senior Citizens	25.00
Donation-Member for printer	153.63

\$5047.63

BENEVOLENT FUND

Offering	\$ 85.00
Strengthen the Church	47.00
For Shriner Hospital in memory of Inez Trump	20.00

\$ 152.00

BUILDING FUND

Offering	\$ 50.00
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\$ 50.00

MEMORIAL FUND

Inez Trump	\$ 10.00
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\$ 10.00

\$5259.63