

Immanuel United Church of Christ
141 N. Service Rd. West
Wright City, MO 63390

**CHURCH WILL START
AT 9:00 AM BEGINNING ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 1**



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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MARCH 2020

MARCH 2020			Laureen Hoffman	Usher	
Mar 1	Roland Niemann	Greeter/Usher	Loretta Bierer	Guestbook/Usher	
	Whitney Schuenemeyer	Reader/Usher	Mar 22	Judy Engelage	Greeter/Usher
	John Schuenemeyer	Usher		David Cox	Reader
	Karen Cox	Guestbook/Usher		Darrell Engelage	Usher
Mar 8	Donna Jones	Greeter/Usher	Terry Leap	Usher	
	Lavelle Requat	Reader/Usher/Guestbook	Aimee Wilber	Guestbook/Usher	
	Alice Windmann	Usher	Mar 29	Kelvin Lashley	Greeter/Usher
	Linda Martin	Usher		Beverley Willoughby	Reader/Usher
Mar 15	Roger Nierman	Greeter/Usher	Mason Newcomb	Usher	
	Mildred Groeper	Reader	Lois Meyer	Guestbook/Usher	
	Lee Fast	Usher			

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 2020

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Robert & Denise Freund 22	Michael Dreyer 8	Jane Blanton 20	Doris Brakensiek 30
Roger & Jackie Nierman 26	Megan Flesch 12	Jeanne Ewald 21	Doug Gerdeman 30
	Roger Nierman 12	Donna Jean LaPointe 22	Darrell Engelage 31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Velma LaFave 1	William Schriener 16	Amber Bill 25	John Krueger 31
Richard Ramey 4	Paul Dutton 17	Kim Fast 28	
	Jordan Rosen 18	Diane Dreyer 29	

Stewardship Moment

Be Generous

"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

So many of us go around overwhelmed, tired, worn down, barely getting by. But that's not being our best and it's not what God wants for us. Did you know one way to refresh ourselves is to be generous to others? Is there someone at work you could be a blessing to? Can you lighten someone's load? Maybe a family member or a friend is going through a hard time. Can you help them out? Cook a meal, do an errand or simply just listen to them. Refreshing someone can be as simple as a smile or an encouraging word. Don't wait until you feel like doing it, that day may never come. Do it because the scripture tells us to. Do it because it blesses the Lord. As you reach out to others, God will know and you will find His blessing in your life too!

President	Kelvin Lashley	636-279-0763
Vice President	Paul Saunders	636-290-6870
Secretary	Donna Jones	636-745-2954
Financial Secretary	Roland Niemann	636-745-2547
General Treasurer	Beverly Willoughby	636-384-6693
Christian Worker	Judy Engelage	636-463-2923
Evangelism/Stewardship	Abby Roseman	636-384-0071
Memorial	Roger Nierman	636-745-3096
Pastorial Relations	Aaron Wilber	636-579-2954



Thank you to the congregation for your overwhelming generosity during our Annual Souper Bowl Sunday soup collection. The canned soup went to the Wright City Community Food Pantry. They graciously appreciated it.

The 6th Annual Chili Cook off took place January 19, 2020. Thank you to everyone who participated by making chili, and to those who came to have lunch and try out all the delicious chilis. The judges said it was hard to choose they were all delicious. The crowd thought so too. It was a fun event and great comfort food for a cold day.

1st Place – Beverley Willoughby
2nd Place – Lee Fast
Crowd Pleaser – Aimee Wilbur

Lenten Services

February 26 – Ash Wednesday Soup/Sandwiches 6:00 pm with Service at 7:15 pm
Wednesdays During Lent – Soup/Sandwiches 6:00 pm with Service at 7:15 pm
April 9 – Maundy Thursday – Soup/Sandwiches 6:00 pm with Service at 7:15 pm

Easter Sunday April 12 – Worship 9:00 am

Christian Board of Education Schedule for 2020

Mar 22 All are invited to go to the St. Louis Aquarium Adults \$25.00 Children will be guests of the Christian Board of ED. Looking into getting a bus. Please let Karen Cox or any Christian Board Member know if interested.

July 20-24 Bible School 5:30—7:00 pm

July 26 Warrenton Swimming Pool

Sept 13 Rally Day

Oct 25 Halloween Party at the Meyer Farm 3:00 pm

Dec 13 Christmas Program

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.

Also, members in need of prayers for any reason are listed in our weekly bulletins. Contact Margaret Viehmann to have names added or removed from the 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 correct 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.

MARCH 15

COUNCIL MEETING - January 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order, and began with a prayer, by Kelvin Lashley.

Council members present: Kelvin Lashley, Paul Saunders, Donna Jones, Roland Niemann, Mary Sue Sitton, Beverley Willoughby, Abby Rosemann, and Terry Leap.

Council members absent: Aaron Wilber.

Secretary Report: This report was read and a motion was made to approve the report by Beverley Willoughby and seconded by Terry Leap. The motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report: This report was read and a motion was made to approve by Abby Rosemann and seconded by Beverley Willoughby. The motion passed.

General Treasurer Report: The report was reviewed. Terry Leap made a motion to approve the report and Roland Niemann seconded the motion. The motion passed. Beverley noted that there is an increase in insurance premiums of about \$300 per month. Beverley will be contacting our agent and the company, Guide One, about this change. Next, we looked at the proposed budget for 2020 along with expenses in 2018 and 2019. The significant changes were in insurance and pastoral salary. Mary Sue Sitton made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Paul Saunders seconded the motion. It passed.

Pastor's Report: Kelvin Lashley shared the Shared Ministry Agreement with Zion and the Call Agreement with Jay Weisner, signed this morning, with all council members. The call agreement will take effect on January 19, 2020. At this time the day he will be in the office is tentatively planned for Thursday, from 10am -2 pm. Kelvin will be getting a set of keys to Jay soon. Jay would like to know when all events are happening at the church. Beverley said that he could start with the calendar in the hall and one on the desk in the office. Margaret Viehmann is the one who adds items to this calendar.

Roland Niemann reported that someone approached him about adding the Statement of Faith or Apostles' Creed back into service on a more regular basis. Roland has shared this information with Jay Weisner and he expressed agreement with this.

The proposed grief support group to be led by Rev Dianne Niemann-Harris may still be in the planning stages. The council does not know at this time further details about this.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Paul Saunders reported that he is working on getting a new exhaust fan for the kitchen in Fellowship Hall. Kelvin Lashley reported that he was present when the fire extinguishers were inspected. There was a suggestion that all smoke detectors and

carbon monoxide might need replacement. Kelvin investigated this and the total funds to do this would be around \$200. After much discussion about possibilities, Beverley Willoughby made a motion that we replace the carbon monoxide detector at this time and check the batteries of the smoke detectors for now. The motion was seconded by Abby Rosemann and passed. Beverley also mentioned that the CO detector might be going off due to a small gas leak from disconnected gas stove. Kelvin said that he would check into this.

Kelvin also offered to check with the ambulance district about the effectiveness of the AEDs in church buildings. He would also propose building a shelf or box for them so that they are easily accessible and have an easily visible designated home.

Other building and grounds issues to be addressed soon are:

- A screw out of the doorbell in Fellowship Hall
- A repair kit needed for one of the urinals in Fellowship Hall recommended by a plumber
- A leak in the clothing building around the chimney
- A problem with mice getting into church basement and clothing building.

A need for an exterminator to look into this problem & a clearing out of some excess items in these places

Christian Workers: Mary Sue Sitton reported that our attendance for in December including Christmas Eve service resulted in 296 people in attendance, with a weekly average of 50. The average attendance for the year 2019, was 52 people.

Evangelism & Stewardship: Abby Rosemann reported that the Annual Chili Cook Off will be held next Sunday after the annual congregational meeting on January 19, 2020. A free will donation taken at the Chili Cook Off will go to Meals on Wheels.

On February 2, 2020, we will have a food collection of canned soups for "Souper Bowl". These will go to the local food pantry.

Abby also plans to send out cards with information on starting service times and details about our new pastor to members. She plans to make bags for visitors that do not include food and to clear and straighten the table near the door by the ramp. The hope is to have room for these bags to be there to be given out by greeters.

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Abby has also been working to change the sign regularly but said that it leaks. The men from the Building and Grounds committee said that when it was warmer, they would look into this issue.

Memorial: The contractor has been given the days of Monday and Tuesday as the least busy at Fellowship Hall. The work is yet to begin at this time but the contractor could contact Beverley Willoughby or Darryl Schmidt with any questions.

Pastor Relations: No new concerns to report at this time.

Sub Committees

Christian Board: This group will be meeting soon and have the Birthday Dinner coming up in February and the Fathers' Day Dinner for 2020.

Women's' Fellowship: This group has no new information at this time and will meet again in February.

Evening Circle: This group has taken the decorations down in the sanctuary. They will be discussing with Jay about Lenten Meals to begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. We will have to coordinate with Zion UCC on the start times so Jay can be present for both churches when possible. Last year our meals were at 6 pm and service was at 7 pm.

Men's' Club: The Men's Club is preparing for the Sausage Dinner to be held on March 8, 2020.

Old Business: All council members have annual report information to Margaret Viehmann by January 12, 2020. (today)

Three council terms will be expiring and we will be looking for new members. Kelvin Lashley has agreed to be on council again for another term. At this time, Roger Niermann and Judy Engelage have agreed to run for council positions.

Roland Niemann reported that he would send a reminder to the newsletter that if a copy of annual donations was needed by congregation members, that he could print one. He felt there is no need to further use the carbon copied versions we had been using in the past since tax law changes eliminated the eligibility of this deduction for many people.

New Business: A new topic for discussion was church safety. The council all agreed that it was hard to walk the line between everyone feeling secure in the space, even with unfamiliar people and being a welcoming church sanctuary. A discussion with the local police department resulted in the suggestion of calling the local office dispatch number with situations that are minor in nature and not truly disruptive of church service. If 911 is called then all county agencies may be dispatched with lights and sirens which will certainly disrupt worship time. As a council, it was determined that we need to have a plan of action moving forward that we develop with Jay. We will be looking into other resources that may help us with this.

Determining whether to cancel services due to inclement weather was another discussion. Also discussed was how to let church members know this. Jay would like to hold services if he can get to Wright City from Troy.

With no further business to discuss, Beverley Willoughby made the motion to adjourn and Terry Leap seconded. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Annual Congregational Meeting of Immanuel United Church of Christ - January 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Kelvin Lashley, Council President.

It was determined that a quorum was present with 34 members in attendance

Roland Niemann made a motion to accept the agenda on the printed annual report. Lois Meyer seconded this motion. The motion passed.

Karen Cox made a motion to accept the minutes for the 3 congregational meetings for the year: January 20, 2019; August 4, 2019; and October 6, 2019. Beverley Willoughby seconded this motion. The motion passed.

Doris Ann Brakensiek made a motion to accept the all council reports as presented in the document. Mary Mikus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Roland Niemann made a motion to accept the remaining reports in the annual report as presented. Beverley Willoughby seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business; None was discussed at this time

New Business: Three council positions are open for new candidates. Kelvin Lashley has agreed to stay on council for another term. Roger Nierman and Judy Engelage have agreed to run for Church Council. Karen Cox made a motion to accept the 3 candidates for church council. Lavelle Requat seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board of Christian Education has an opening for a new member. Aimee Wilber has agreed to run for this position. Karen Cox made a motion to accept her as a new board member. Terry Leap seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Delegates are needed for representation to Missouri Mid-South Conference/ Eastern Association. Kelvin Lashley and Paul Saunders agreed to attend. Donna Jones agreed to attend if Paul was unable due to work schedules. Lee Fast made a motion to accept these conference delegates. Loretta Buescher seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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Immanuel United Church of Christ – January 2020

\$76,247.19

GENERAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$32,875.90
1/6/2020	Deposit	Offering	\$1,546.00		\$34,421.90
1/6/2020	Guide One	ACH insur prem		\$1,436.00	\$32,985.90
1/6/2020	Jay Wiesner	#11690 xmas eve & Jan 5th & 12th		\$600.00	\$32,385.90
1/8/2020	Centurylink	ACH telephone & internet		\$209.18	\$32,176.72
1/10/2020	PWSD #2	ACH water & sewer		\$27.36	\$32,149.36
1/13/2020	Deposit	Offering	\$637.00		\$32,786.36
1/13/2020	Mildred Groeper	#11697 love gift		\$100.00	\$32,686.36
1/15/2020	Grace Hauling	#11701 trash Dec		\$39.66	\$32,646.70
1/15/2020	Rev Wayne Hoffman	#11689 Dec 29th service		\$200.00	\$32,446.70
1/16/2020	Sumner One	#11692 copier agreement		\$172.00	\$32,274.70
1/16/2020	J & S Janitorial	#11691 Dec cleaning		\$276.00	\$31,998.70
1/16/2020	Debbie Meyer	#11696 love gift		\$100.00	\$31,898.70
1/17/2020	Ameren	ACH gas		\$370.00	\$31,528.70
1/17/2020	Ameren	ACH electric fellowship hall		\$193.00	\$31,335.70
1/21/2020	Deposit	Offering	\$865.00		\$32,200.70
1/21/2020	Jay Wiesner	#11702 partial monthly salary		\$1,145.81	\$31,054.89
1/27/2020	Deposit	Offering	\$668.00		\$31,722.89
1/31/2020		Accr Earnings Pmnt	\$6.31		\$31,729.20
1/31/2020		Transferred to Designated Funds		\$267.00	\$31,462.20
General Fund Totals for January 31, 2020:			\$3,722.31	\$5,136.01	\$31,462.20

PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$10,841.25
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Protect Our Church Fund Totals for January 31, 2020:			\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25

BENEVOLENT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,467.00
1/6/2020	Deposit	OCWM	\$80.00		\$1,547.00
1/17/2020	Missouri Mid South Conference	#11698		\$1,065.00	\$482.00
1/21/2020	Deposit	Meals on Wheels chili cookoff	\$62.00		\$544.00
1/22/2020	Warren County Senior Center	#11700		\$362.00	\$182.00
1/27/2020	Deposit	OCWM	\$90.00		\$272.00
1/27/2020	Deposit	WCCFP	\$10.00		\$282.00
1/31/2020	WCCFP	#11699		\$40.00	\$242.00
Benevolent Fund Totals for January 31, 2020:			\$242.00	\$1,467.00	\$242.00

BUILDING FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,857.73
1/6/2020	Deposit	Offering	\$25.00		\$5,882.73
1/14/2020	Spotswood Electric	#11694 electrical inspection		\$150.00	\$5,732.73
1/15/2020	American Fire Safety Inc	#11693 fire extinguisher inspection		\$169.00	\$5,563.73
Building Fund Totals for January 31, 2020:			\$25.00	\$319.00	\$5,563.73

MEMORIAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$17,266.08
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Memorial Fund Totals for January 31, 2020:			\$-	\$-	\$17,266.08

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,097.63
1/10/2020		Earnings on CD xxxx6123	\$2.42		\$3,100.05
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for January 31, 2020:			\$2.42	\$-	\$3,100.05

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$936.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for January 31, 2020, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$936.85

PARKING LOT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,755.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for January 31, 2020:			\$-	\$-	\$3,755.14

MUSIC FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$149.30
Music Fund Totals for January 31, 2020:			\$-	\$-	\$149.30

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:	\$3,991.73	\$6,922.01	\$73,316.91
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Annual Congregation meeting from a previous page

Doris Ann Brakensiek asked about the shrubs being removed from the front of the church. Kelvin Lashley reported that this had been discussed at council and reported in the minutes. The Men's Club will be doing the work to landscape in front of the church, but will wait until the city makes changes to the sidewalk so that work does not have to be duplicated.

The proposed budget for 2020 was next to review. Kelvin Lashley noted the two main changes were the pastor's salary and significant raises in insurance premiums. It was noted that currently there are no taxes being taken out of the pastor's salary and that would be discussed at the end of the designated term. That would be about \$641 more per month. The current call agreement allows for 4 weeks paid vacation and 6 paid sick days per 12 month period. Karen Cox made a motion to accept the proposed budget for 2020. Lois Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Alice Windmann asked if the pastor would be visiting the sick and homebound. Jay Weisner answered this question. He related that being new to the community, he would need people to tell him about those who might be sick and need visiting. Jay shared his personal cell phone number: **785-691-7418**. This number can receive texts or calls. He said that his office hours will be 9:30am -2:00pm on Thursdays. He said he would be taking Saturday and Monday as his 2 days per week off. Jay also said that after 6:00 pm he would not be answering his phone unless it was an emergency.

With no further business to discuss, Karen Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lee Fast seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Immediately after the Annual Congregational Meeting, the council met to reorganize.

Thanks so very much for the love gift.

It was truly appreciated.

Margaret

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

JANUARY, 2020

GENERAL FUND

OFFERING
HALL RENTAL
INITIAL ENVELOPE OFFERING
DONATION- MEMBER

\$ 3,322.00
50.00
2.00
75.00

\$ 3,449.00

BENEVOLENT FUND

OFFERING
OCWM
W.C. FOOD PANTRY
CHILI COOKOFF

50.00
120.00
10.00
62.00

242.00

BUILDING FUND

OFFERING

25.00

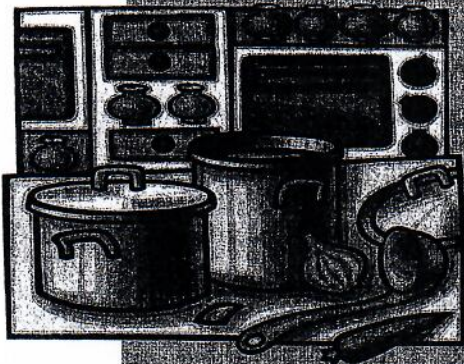
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\$ 3,716.004

Whole Hog Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner

Time: 11am to
2pm

Date:
03/08/2020



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

Carry Outs Available

On the menu:

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

Located at Immanuel UCC
Wright City at 141 W Service Rd
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Coffee, Tea and
Water