

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



## **IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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### **March 2015**

John 3:14-21

**Mar 1** Sermon: "Are You Kidding Me"  
 Scriptures: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Mark 8:31-38  
 Sacrament of Holy Communion  
 Beverley Willoughby Greeter/Usher  
 Lois Meyer Reader/Usher  
 Linda Martin Usher  
 Lavelle Requat Guestbook/Usher

**Mar 8** Sermon: "The Will of God?"  
 Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17, John 2:13-22  
 Mary Sue Sitton Greeter/Usher  
 Donna LePreta Usher  
 Loretta Buescher Usher  
 Betty Zuhone Reader/Guestbook/Usher

**Mar 15** Sermon: "God's Amazing Grace"  
 Scriptures: Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2:1-10

Jackie Niernan Reader/Greeter/Usher  
 Richard Ramey Usher  
 Margaret Ramey Usher  
 Loretta Bierer Guestbook/Usher

**Mar 22** Sermon: "We Would See Jesus"  
 Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33  
 Terry Leap Greeter/Usher  
 Whitney Cox Reader/Usher  
 Velma LaFave Usher  
 Karen Cox Guestbook/Usher

**Mar 29** Sermon: "At the Name of Jsus" Palm Sunday  
 Scriptures: Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 11:1-11  
 Lee Fast Reader/Greeter/Usher  
 Elmer Vahle Usher  
 Darrell Engelage Usher  
 Judy Engelage 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.....***

- Sunday, March 8—Friendship Day before church
- Sunday, March 8 — **\*\*SAUSAGE DINNER\*\*** after church, 11:00 to 2:00 pm
- Sunday, March 15— Sunday School Bowling @ O'Fallon Bowling Alley 12:30 pm
- Monday, March 23 — Easter Lily Requests due, contact Karen Cox
- Saturday, March 28 — Annual Blue & Gold Dinner Auction @ Wright City Lion's Club, 5:00 pm
- Sunday, April 26 — Spring Concert, First United Methodist Church, St. Charles 2:30 pm
- Sunday, May 3 — Mothers Day Program — Wedding Dress Fashion Show, after church

## **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\*\*\***

Do you have any ideas for worship topics? We continue to receive good feedback from the congregation about Pastor Tom and our services, but Pastor Tom would love to hear of your suggestions for worship topics. Share your thoughts with committee members Bud Nissen, Karen Cox or Marvin Schubert.

## **We are on the WEB**

### **Look for us at “iucc.weebly.com”**

***Please pass on this website to others who may not receive a newsletter, all of the past several months of newsletters & other information is posted.***

### **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.



## FROM THE PASTOR:

The holy days of Lent and the Easter season are soon upon us. Maundy Thursday is on April 2 and we will have a service of worship at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday is the day we remember when Jesus' started the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the Upper Room with his disciples. It was their observance of Passover (the Jewish remembrance of God's deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt). This, of course, was the day before Good Friday when Jesus was crucified.

In my opinion, we cannot truly grasp the joy of Easter until we have experienced in worship the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The joy of resurrection means to us, the raising of Jesus from the dead, and our hope of eternal life. It is the hope of every Christian and our participation in the life of God's plan of salvation.

I hope that you will be in worship on Easter, if you are physically able, and invite others to join us in this wonderful celebration of joy.

In Christian Love,  
Pastor Tom

Forgot to add Pastor Tom's address to the new members list last month. Here it is: 2036 Silent Spring Drive  
Maryland Heights, MO 63043  
Email: higgins-thomas@att.net

## March 2015 Stewardship Moment –Living to Give

*"One man gives freely; yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty."*

Proverbs 11:24

Is it really possible to become richer by being generous? Well that is just what this verse in Proverbs is telling us. The world says to hold on to as much as possible, but God blesses those who give freely of their possessions, time and energy. When we give, God supplies us with more so that we can give more. God wants to bless you and give you what you need, so why not give?

You may think that there is very little, if anything, that you can give, but that's just not true. You've got plenty to give because many times giving has nothing to do with money or possessions. You can give a smile, you can give a word of encouragement, you can pray for others, or you can give your time. Begin each day with the determination to be a blessing to as many other people as possible. When you focus on meeting the needs of others, you won't have time to worry about your own needs. So if you want God to satisfy you with every good thing go out and help somebody in need. Live to give!

**Pastor Tom is planning to have bible study sessions during lent. We will also have a Maundy Thursday service with soup and sandwiches on April 2nd.**

### CONCERT DATES

Some of you attended the concert of the Missouri Choral Society at Christmas time, of which I am a member. We are having our spring concert on April 26 at the First United Methodist Church in St. Charles at 2:30 p.m. We have had two practices already and I can truly say the spring concert will be a wonderful experience. We are singing many upbeat numbers! I invite you to attend if you would like to.

**Friendship Day**—March 8, We had such a good turnout for our friendship day last November that the council would like to have another one on March 8. We would like to encourage members to bring a friend or relative to church and then to the Sausage Dinner. Let's extend the hand of fellowship and reach out to others. ***Let's see if we can get over 100 people in church that day!***

### Sausage Dinner sponsored by the Men's Club—

March 8, Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the dinner, please contact Jackie Niernan at 636-745-3096. We are looking for helpers in the dining room and kitchen areas. Also, if you can bring a dessert or homemade bread, please see Jackie to sign up. Serving from 11:00 to 2:00, Adults \$10, Children \$5.00 (ages 6-12)

**Sunday School Bowling** will be at O'Fallon Bowling Alley on March 15 at 12:30 pm. Directions, I-70 to O'Fallon K&M exit. Go North on Highway M until you reach the North Outer Road (Terra Lane). Make a right onto the north outer road. Left on Sonderen at the first light, bowling alley on right.

**Evening Circle** will be taking orders for Easter Lilies again this Easter. The lilies will be \$6 each and will be on the altar area Easter Sunday and can be given in memory or honor of anyone. Contact Evening Circle member Karen Cox by March 23<sup>rd</sup> to place your order.

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	Beginning Balance	\$22,892.18
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		GENERAL FUND	
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**PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND.**

Deposit	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$10,841.25
			\$-	\$-	10,841.25
<b>Protect Our Church Fund Totals for January 31, 2015:</b>			<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$10,841.25</b>

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ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$780.00
1/6/15	Deposit	offering	\$50.00	\$-	\$830.00
1/6/15	Deposit	Christmas Fund	\$10.00	\$-	\$840.00
11213	Mo Mid South Conference	donations	\$-	\$775.00	\$65.00
1/13/15	Deposit	offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$70.00
1/22/15	Deposit	offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$75.00
1/26/15	Deposit	offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$80.00
1/26/15	Deposit	Food Pantry	\$6.00	\$-	\$86.00
<b>Benevolent Fund Totals for January 31, 2015:</b>			<b>\$81.00</b>	<b>\$775.00</b>	<b>\$86.00</b>

BUILDING FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$1,651.10
1/6/15	Deposit	offering	\$25.00		\$1,676.10
1/13/15	Deposit	offering	\$5.00		\$1,681.10
1/22/15	Deposit	offering	\$5.00		\$1,686.10
1/26/15	Deposit	offering	\$5.00		\$1,691.10
Building Fund Totals for January 31, 2015:			\$40.00	\$-	\$1,691.10

MEMORIAL FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,285.00
			\$-		\$5,285.00
Memorial Fund Totals for January 31, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$5,285.00

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,824.69
1/12/15	Interest earned	Indian Camp CD	\$1.36	\$-	\$5,826.05
			\$-	\$-	\$5,826.05
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for January 31, 2015:			\$1.36	\$-	\$5,826.05

SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$401.85
			\$-	\$-	\$401.85
			\$-	\$-	\$401.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for January 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 January 31, 2015:			\$-	\$-	\$1,964.67

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

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$4,731.78	\$5,141.48	\$22,482.48
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## **Sponsor a Bulletin**

If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, please fill out the info to the right & drop it in the offering plate (council member will see that it gets put on desk in office), tape to office door or put in my mail slot in quilter's room (located on top shelf of bookcase—marked "Margaret Viehmann") Please be sure to include your donation for sponsoring a bulletin. \$15.00 has been suggested for sponsoring.

Margaret Viehmann 636-327-6081 or email:

mviehmann@hotmail.com

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YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE #:(if any questions) \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF:

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IN MEMORY OF:

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DATE of BULLETIN SPONSORED:

\_\_\_\_\_

REASON of SPONSORSHIP: (example anniversary, birthday, just because)

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January Council Meeting January 11, 2015

James called the meeting to order and led with an opening prayer.

In attendance: Beverley, Lee, Lavelle, Jackie, Chad, Terry, Mary Sue, James, Bud & Rev. Higgins

Secretary Report: November minutes Bud motion to approve with addition of names of new member. Seconded by Lee, motion carried.

Rev. Higgins thanked the Church for the Christmas Gift.

Financial Secretary: Beverley motion to approve as presented. Terry seconded, motion carried.

General Treasurer: Lee motion to approve as presented. Lavelle seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Bible study is going well along with confirmation. Christmas Eve was spectacular. Lent discussion — Ash Wednesday & Wednesday services. We will have them along with Maundy Thursday. Installation of officers will be February 15th. Discussed dates for introducing ourselves and giving a brief description.

Building & Grounds: Chad to take care of the minor electrical issues for the insurance inspection. Mitchell Turpin will plowing the lot when needed.

Christian Workers: December 309 with average of 78. Christmas Eve 124.

Evangelism: Chili cook off after annual meeting. Gilbert Watkins wants to purchase a tree for the Church yard in memory of a loved one.

Memorial: Nothing to report.

Pastoral Relations: everything is great.

Christian Board: meeting January 18th at 9:30 am.

Evening Circle: Tree down & meeting next week. Mothers Day luncheon on May 3rd.

With there being no more business to discuss Beverley motioned to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



## **"Bad Weather Alert"**

Members please keep in mind for the upcoming winter months that if the weather is severe there is the possibility of church being cancelled. If the weather gets rough where it isn't safe for people to be out, church cancellation will be turned in to our local radio station, KWRE and to News Channel 5. Council members will try to call members, but it is possible someone may get missed on calls so please do not rely solely on calls and listen to the radio or check the TV.

**Lenten Services** — We will be serving soup and sandwiches before Wednesday evening Lent services. If you are interested in helping to make soup or a dessert for one of the nights, please contact Jackie Nierman at 636-745-3096 to volunteer.

*Lent is a time of giving and sharing with others. The church council has designated our Wednesday Lent service offering to go toward Agape. Agape supports our community with the food pantry and has plans to offer a healthy cooking program. They provide a very worthwhile service to the Wright City area that could benefit from any financial assistance we can offer.*

## **Save the date – Sunday, May 3 Evening Circle**

will be hosting a Mother's Day luncheon and program. This year's program will be a repeat of our very first Mother's Day program, wedding dress fashion show. **""Do you still have your dress in storage?""** We are in search of a dress from each decade. If you have one that we could use for the program, contact Jackie Nierman at 636-745-3096.

## ***ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS***

### **HAPPY**

### **ANNIVERSARY**

Robert & Denise Freund 22

Roger & Jackie Nierman 26

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Dorothy Hoeft 2

John Dreyer 2

Velma LaFave 2

Richard Ramey 4

Mildred Hollenbeck 6

Michael Dreyer 8

Voletta Kirks 9

Grace Howeth 11

Megan Flesch 12

Roger Nierman 12

William Schriener 16

Paul Dutton 17

Jordan Rosen 18

Betty Lashley 20

Bryan Martin 20

Jane Blanton 20

Jeanne Ewald 21

Donna Jean LaPointe 22

Jana Moss 23

Kim Fast 28

Diane Dreyer 29

Doris Brakensiek 30

Doug Gerdeman 30

Darrell Engelage 31

John Krueger 31

## Previous plans

"Now, how many of you would like to go to heaven?" asked the Sunday school teacher. All the eager 4-year olds raised their hands except Tommy.

"I can't," he said. "My mother told me I have to come right home after Sunday school."

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The latter part of a wise man's life is taken up in curing the follies, prejudices, and false opinions he had contracted in the former. — Jonathan Swift (1667-1745)

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Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny. — Carl Schurz (1829-1906)

## Capsule sermons

Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted.

Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.

A lifetime isn't nearly enough to figure out what it's all about.

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would have preferred to talk.

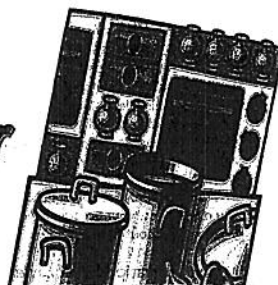
Most of our worries are reruns.

Patience is the ability to let your light shine after your fuse has blown.

It's important to learn which bridges to cross and which to burn.

A friend is that rare soul who sees right through us but sees us through.

# ***All U Can Eat Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner***



### ***Menu to include:***

*Sausage*  
*Sauerkraut*  
*Mashed potatoes*  
*Gravy*  
*Green beans*  
*Homemade bread*  
*Applesauce*  
*Pie*

**Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>  
2015**

11am to 2pm

Price \$10.00 adults

\$5.00 kids 6-12

**Carry outs Available**

Sponsored by the Men's Club

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