

Immanuel United Church of Christ
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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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MAY 2017

May 7 Sermon: "Knowing the Shepherd"

Scriptures: I Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Beverley Willoughby Greeter/Usher

Gary & Diana Schlueter Ushers

Betty Zuhone Reader/Guestbook/Usher

May 14 Sermon: "The Unique God in Christ"

Scriptures: I Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

MOTHER'S DAY

Mary Sue Sitton Greeter/Usher

Peggy Sherman Reader/Usher

Lois Meyer Usher

Loretta Bierer Guestbook/Usher

May 21 Sermon: "If You Love Me..."

Scriptures: I Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

Terry Leap Greeter/Usher

Aaron Wilber Reader/Usher

Mason Newcomb Usher

Karen Cox Guestbook/Usher

May 28 Sermon: "Not of the World"

Scriptures: I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Jackie Nierman Greeter/Reader/Usher

Roger Nierman 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.....DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER MAY 15**
- Everyone invited to special celebration of family on Sunday, May 7th after worship service. The Evening Circle will be hosting a lunch of Chicken Spaghetti and other goodies for everyone. A short program after lunch, "Pieces of family history" will be presented. Come join in the fun and fellowship.
- Sun. May 28—Sunday School Breakfast
- Sat. June 10—WCHS Alumni Dinner/Dance
- 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: 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 Nierman & Beverley Willoughby are the administrators of this sight. You can send info to these people to put on our page.

COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 19, 2017

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

in attendance: Roland Niemann, Beverley Willoughby, Jackie Niernan, Lee Fast, Lavelle Requat, Terry Leap, Darrell Schmidt, Mary Sue Sitton, Kelvin Lashley and Rev. Higgins.

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

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

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

Pastor's Report: The Conference Minister is wearing Muslim clothes during Lent so she knows what it is like to be a Muslim. Rev. Higgins wishes to pay for the dinner after Church June 11, 2017 in his celebration of being ordained for 50 years. The meal will be catered by Wright City Meat Company.

Building & Grounds: Darrell met with Hugh Hunt who gave us a bid of \$800.00 to lay new carpet on the outside ramp. Beverley made the motion to have a red cabana tweed carpet put down with Lee seconding, motion carried. The Men's Club have offered to pay for it.

Christian Workers: February attendance was 274 with an average of 69.

Evangelism and Stewardship: Need to put up the Wooden Cross with the Purple Cloth for Palm Sunday and Easter. Marie Hollenbeck has a film that was made on Reinhold Niebuhr's life and the Council discussed showing it to the Wright City community at the Diekroger Park. Need to see if the Fire Department would help with their projector. Senior Sunday will be June 4th and we have one senior, Haley Lattin.

Memorial: Having a meeting March 19, 2017.

Pastoral Relations: Working on getting the committee together.

Christian Board: Going bowling after Church the 1st Sunday in April. There are now 2 Sunday School classes for the children.

Women's Fellowship: Will meet in April.

Evening Circle: Will have a Mother's Day luncheon and program May 7th.

Men's Club: Sausage Dinner was about 30 plates down from last year but still made a profit of about \$1230.00. They plan to donate \$100.00 to a special needs child.

Darrell made a motion to give the Ash Wednesday, Lent and Maundy Thursday offerings to the Wright City Food Pantry, Kelvin seconded, motion carried.

We only received one bid for mowing the Church and Indian Camp Cemetery from Chris Sadler. Kelvin made the motion to accept the bid of \$75.00 once per week for the Church and \$50.00 bi-weekly for Indian Camp Cemetery. As Chris did our mowing last year and everyone approved of his mowing, Darrell seconded the motion, motion carried.

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



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

May 2017

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

Bryan & Courtney Martin 7

Roland & Sharon

Niemann 9

Julie & Jerry Rosemann 23

William & Liz Flesch 29

Todd & Christine

VanZuyen 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aimee Rosen 1

Jill Mueller 2

Tanya Jones 2

Betty Zuhone 3

Paul Windmann 4

Liz Flesch 5

Jordan Birkner 7

Raymond Hollenbeck 8

Katelyn Thompson 9

Korey Gerdeman 10

Arthur Viehmann 11

Mildred Groeper 11

Donald Tomschin 12

Larry LaFave 12

Marvin Schubert 12

Pastor Tom Higgins 12

Andrew & Reese

Greco 14

Kathy Hintze 14

Cara Ballard 17

Margaret Ramey 22

Mary Groeper 22

Kolton Martin 23

Douglas Rugh 24

Chad Thompson 28

Margaret Lange 31



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

Stewardship moment - May

How Does God See You?

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness

will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

This month is a happy one for many. Graduation has come at last; the summer vacation is just ahead; and the weather is much more pleasant. All of these are marks of the season we anticipate and enjoy.

While enjoying the benefits of the season, try to remember the words of our Lord, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20:35, NIV), as a way to experience happiness all year long and to have a good appearance that God will see in your heart.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT
MARCH 2017

GENERAL FUND

Offering	\$5060.50	
Lenten offering	456.00	
Donation for sandwiches	50.00	
Donation	25.00	
Initial offering	2.00	
Interest-American Bank of Mo.	55.48	
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		\$6166.92

BENEVOLENT FUND

Offering	\$ 70.00	
One Hour of Sharing	917.00	
		\$ 987.00

BUILDING FUND

Offering	\$ 45.00	
		\$ 45.00

MEMORIAL FUND

Opal Twiehaus	\$ 680.00	
		\$ 680.00 +
		<u>\$7878.92</u>

Immanuel United Church of Christ – March 2017

Beginning Balance **\$37,398.78**

GENERAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$12,518.22
3/6/17	Office Max	office supplies		\$78.64	\$12,439.58
3/7/17		Deposit	\$2,663.00		\$15,102.58
3/7/17	GuideOne Mutual Insurance	ACH monthly premium	\$-	\$814.25	\$14,288.33
3/9/17	Thomas Higgins	1/2 salary #11442	\$-	\$1,100.00	\$13,188.33
3/10/17	J&S Janitorial	Cleaning #11443	\$-	\$276.00	\$12,912.33
3/10/17	On the Go	Trash Bill #11445		\$38.50	\$12,873.83
3/13/17	Centurylink	ACH telephone	\$-	\$182.24	\$12,691.59
3/13/17	Wright City Utilities	ACH water/sewer bill	\$-	\$28.25	\$12,663.34
3/13/17	Wright City Hardware	carpet glue #11444 (building fund)	\$-	\$12.95	\$12,650.39
3/14/17		Deposit	\$1,074.50		\$13,724.89
3/17/17	Ameren	ACH electric fellowship hall	\$-	\$171.00	\$13,553.89
3/17/17	Ameren	ACH electric church		\$238.00	\$13,315.89
3/21/17		Deposit	\$1,376.00		\$14,691.89
3/27/17	Thomas Higgins	1/2 salary #11446	\$-	\$1,100.00	\$13,591.89
3/28/17		Deposit	\$1,654.41	\$-	\$15,246.30
3/30/17	Copying Concepts	3 month copier charge	\$-	\$136.00	\$15,110.30
3/31/17		Deposit	\$1,111.01		\$16,221.31
3/31/17	J&S Janitorial	Cleaning #11447		\$276.00	\$15,945.31
3/31/17		Accrued Interest Deposit	\$1.64	\$-	\$15,946.95
3/31/17		Transferred to designated fund	\$-	\$1,337.00	\$14,609.95
General Fund Totals for March 31, 2017:			\$7,880.56	\$5,788.83	\$14,609.95

PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

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

BENEVOLENT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$165.00
	Deposit	offering OGHS	\$562.00	\$-	\$727.00
	Deposit	offering	\$60.00	\$-	\$787.00
Benevolent Fund Totals for March 31, 2017:			\$622.00	\$-	\$787.00

BUILDING FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$(275.88)
	Deposit	Offering	\$35.00	\$-	\$(240.88)
	Wright City Hardware	carpet glue		\$12.95	\$(253.83)
Building Fund Totals for March 31, 2017:			\$35.00	\$-	\$(240.88)

MEMORIAL FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$6,281.00
	Deposit	Opal Twiehaus	\$680.00	\$-	\$6,961.00
Memorial Fund Totals for March 31, 2017:			\$680.00	\$-	\$6,961.00

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$4,092.90
3/17/2017		Interest on CD XXXX6121	\$3.34	\$-	\$4,096.24
3/24/2017		Interest on CD XXXX6120	\$1.11	\$-	\$4,097.35
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for March 31, 2017:			\$4.45	\$-	\$4,097.35

SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$401.85
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			\$-	\$-	\$401.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for March 31, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$401.85

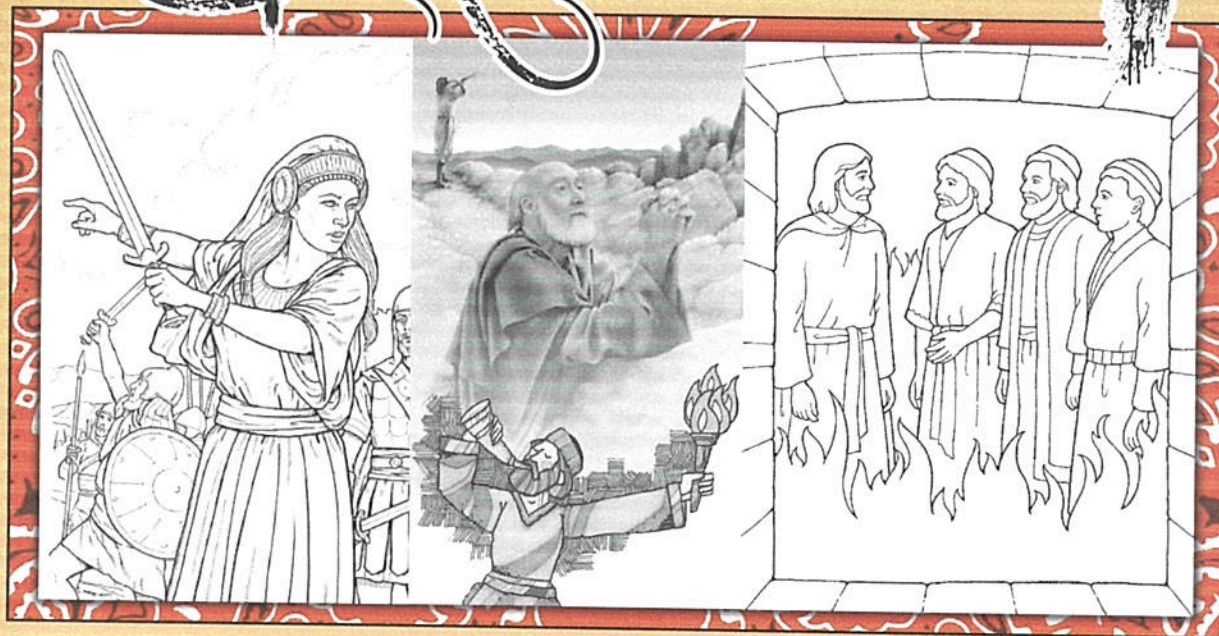
PARKING LOT FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$755.14
			\$-	\$-	\$755.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for March 31, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$755.14

MUSIC FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$505.05
			\$-	\$-	\$505.05
Music Fund Totals for March 31, 2017:			\$-	\$-	\$505.05

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$9,222.01	\$5,788.83	\$40,831.96
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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