

Immanuel United Church of Christ
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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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NOVEMBER 2016

Nov 6 Sermon: "Hold on to Faith"

Scriptures: Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION SUNDAY

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Roland Niemann Reader/Greeter/Usher

Richard & Margaret Ramey Ushers

Karen Cox Guestbook/Usher

Nov 13 Sermon: "The Days are Coming"

Scriptures: II Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

Recognition of Veterans

Beverly Willoughby Reader/Greeter/Usher

Linda Martin Usher

Darrell Engelage Usher

Judy Engelage Guestbook/Usher

Nov 20 Sermon: "The Reign of Christ"

Scriptures: Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

Stewardship Sunday

Mary Sue Sitton Greeter/Usher

Mildred Groeper Reader/Usher

Alice Windmann Usher

Terry Leap Guestbook/Usher

Nov 27 Sermon: "The Journey Begins Again"

Scriptures: Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

First Sunday of Advent

Terry Leap Greeter/Usher

Lois Meyer Reader/Usher

Wendell Meyer Usher

Lee Fast 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 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 14**
- Nov 6 All Saints Sunday – candle light memorial time for all members who have passed in the past year
- Nov 13 Veterans Day celebration service, All Veterans are invited & if you have received a quilt, please bring it with you for a special display.
- Nov 20 Stewardship Sunday—please bring canned/boxed foods or cash donations
- Nov 27 Bring a friend to church day—soup & sandwiches after church, First Sunday in Advent
- Dec 18 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. 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.

The Pastor Relations committee welcomes Richard Ramey to the committee. Please share any joys or concerns with committee members: Karen Cox, Marvin Schubert, Richard or Bud Nissen.

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

COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

Beverley called the meeting to order with Rev. Higgins leading us in prayer. In attendance: Beverley Willoughby, Roland Niemann, Lavelle Requat, Mary Sue Sitton, Terri Leap, Lee Fast, Bud Nissen, Darrell Schmidt and Rev. Higgins.

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

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

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

Pastor's Report: September 11 there was good attendance at Immanuel's Sunday Service and at the 911 Remembrance Service. Bud Nissen and Robert (Bob) Gentry each were invited to the Quilts of Valor where they each received a quilt.

Building & Grounds: Have some projects they need to start on.

Christian Workers: August attendance was 293 with an average of 74.

Evangelism and Stewardship: October 2 is Pastor Appreciation Day. October 30th is Reformation Sunday, so all members should wear red to Church. Nov. 13th will be Veterans Day when we will honor our Veterans and we will ask all the Veterans who have received Quilts of Valor to bring them to Church with them so we can display the quilts with the Veterans.

Memorial: Still working on getting the tables.

Pastoral Relations: All news was good news.

Evening Circle: Meeting Sept. 25, 2016

Men's Club: March 12, 2017 Sausage Dinner

Old Business: We will have Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 9:00 P.M. and we will have Sunday morning service at 10:30 A.M. on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Discussed council nominations and the 2017 budget.

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

ALL SAINTS DAY on November 6 we will have a special candlelight ceremony during the morning worship to remember and celebrate the lives of Immanuel members who have passed over the years' time since our last ceremony. This day is recognized as All Saints Day celebrating the souls of Christians who have gone to heaven.

On November 13, Immanuel UCC will have a special recognition of past and present veterans who served our country. It is our way to say thank you to them for their commitment, sacrifice and patriotism in serving in the military. All veterans who have received a quilt from the Quilts of Valor are asked to bring their quilt to church that day so the quilts can be placed on display for all to see during and after the morning service.

Members are asked to bring in food items or cash donations on Sunday, November 20th in recognition of Stewardship Sunday. The council voted to give all donations to the local Wright City pantry that is being started.

Bring a friend to church on Sunday, November 27th to celebrate Friendship Sunday and the beginning of the Advent season. After the morning service, a soup and sandwich luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall basement. The church council will be bringing the soup and sandwiches, members are asked to bring desserts or anything else they wish to add to the lunch.

During the advent season, we will be bringing God's light into our services through the lighting of a special candle each Sunday. Once again, plans are to have individuals or families read the litany and light the Advent candle. If you would like to volunteer to take part in the advent candle lighting during December, contact Jackie Niernan via e-mail at jackie.niernan@centurytel.net or call 636-745-3096.

Each Christmas the sanctuary of Immanuel UCC is decorated with poinsettias which are purchased and given in honor or memory of loved ones. If you would like to take part in this tradition, contact Evening Circle member Terry Leap at 636-384-0410 to place an order. The poinsettias are \$6 each. Last date to order Nov. 21.

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

Jason & Angela Case 1

Chad & Elisabeth Thompson 5

Whitney & John Schuenemeyer 13

Mary Sue & Wayne Sitton 18

David & Karen Cox 20

Aaron & Aimee Wilber 21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Roland Niemann 1

Brenda Wilkins 3

Opal Twiehaus 4

Julie (Abby) Rosemann 6

Tony Gironde 7

Angela Jones 9

Pat Gerdeman 12

Crystal Johnson 13

Stacie Clemons 13

Joseph Pauk 14

Nancy Gatewood 16

Elmer Vahle 17

Tammy Caloroso 20

Earl Requat 21

Gloria Lashley 22

Terry Fingers 24

Blake Meyer 26

Todd Bill 26

Gerri Smith 28

Joshua Rosen 28

Terri Baker 28

George Jaeger 29

From the Pastor

Seldom does it happen but 2016 it does. What am I talking about: Christmas. Christmas comes on Sunday this year. At Church Council meeting in September we decided that we will have Christmas Eve Services at 9:00 P.M. with the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the Candle Lighting Service. This is the same as what we have done the past two years.

When we discussed Christmas Day, it was my feeling that we have our regular Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. The Council agreed. People may decide to come only on Christmas Eve, but for those who want Christmas Day services, we will have a worship service at 10:30 a.m.

It does not seem possible for me that Christmas is almost here. May our Christmas Season be a blessing for all of us.

God bless you.

Pastor Tom

Love in Deed – November stewardship moment

"Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

This verse tells us that love isn't just about our words or thoughts: it's about our actions. Sometimes, meeting a person's need is as simple as sharing a smile, a hug or a word of encouragement. Sometimes it's through material means. Can you pay for someone's gas or groceries? Can you help them find a solution to a difficult situation? There are many ways our actions can be a blessing to others and share the love of God. How clearly do your actions say you really love others?

God needs for us to be his hands and feet on earth. He wants to bless people and needs to use all of us to do his deeds and show His compassion and love to people around us. The more love we share with others helps to fill the earth with the knowledge of God's glory.

Make a conscious effort to step out and show others what real love is. Every act of kindness is a seed that will produce a harvest in your own life in return. Let your love be in word and in deed and watch how God pours out His blessing to you!

Immanuel United Church of Christ – Sept 2016

Beginning Balance \$28,452.86

GENERAL FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$7,147.56
ACH 9/2	GuideOne	Insurance Premium	\$-	\$773.91	\$6,373.65
11392	Survant	service call for AC	\$-	\$89.00	\$6,284.65
9/6/2016	Deposit	Offering	\$882.00	\$-	\$7,166.65
11394	Wright City Hardware	maintenance supplies	\$-	\$26.20	\$7,140.45
ACH 9/9	Centurylink	Phone & Internet	\$-	\$178.24	\$6,962.21
ACH 9/12	Wright City	Water bill	\$-	\$21.48	\$6,940.73
9/13/2016	Deposit	Offering	\$1,094.71	\$-	\$8,035.44
11391	Thomas Higgins	1st half of September Salary	\$-	\$1,050.00	\$6,985.44
11393	Christopher Sadler	Lawn care - Church	\$-	\$240.00	\$6,745.44
ACH 9/15	Ameren	Utilities	\$-	\$355.00	\$6,390.44
ACH 9/15	Ameren	Utilities	\$-	\$190.00	\$6,200.44
ACH 9/15	Ameren	Utilities	\$-	\$247.00	\$5,953.44
9/20/2016	Deposit	Offering	\$782.00	\$-	\$6,735.44
11395	Copying Concepts	Contract - 9/10 thru 12/9	\$-	\$136.00	\$6,599.44
11396	Minuteman Press	1,000 bulletins	\$-	\$89.00	\$6,510.44
11397	Thomas Higgins	Balance of September Salary	\$-	\$1,050.00	\$5,460.44
11398	J&S Janitorial Service Inc	September cleaning	\$-	\$276.00	\$5,184.44
9/28/2016	Deposit	Offering	\$1,511.04	\$-	\$6,695.48
9/28/2016	Interest Earned	Accrued Earning Payment	\$1.20	\$-	\$6,696.68
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General Fund Totals for Sept 30, 2016:			\$4,270.95	\$4,721.83	\$6,696.68

PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$10,841.25
			\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25
			\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25
Protect Our Church Fund Totals for Sept 30, 2016:			\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25

BENEVOLENT FUND

ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$285.00
9/13/2016	Deposit	Offering	\$60.00	\$-	\$345.00
9/20/2016	Deposit	Offering	\$10.00	\$-	\$355.00
9/28/2016	Deposit	Offering	\$10.00	\$-	\$365.00
9/28/2016	Deposit	Agape	\$5.00	\$-	\$370.00
9/28/2016	Deposit	Shriners Hospital	\$25.00	\$-	\$395.00
9/28/2016	Deposit	Neighbors In Need	\$140.00	\$-	\$535.00
			\$-	\$-	\$535.00
			\$-	\$-	\$535.00
			\$-	\$-	\$535.00
Benevolent Fund Totals for Sept 30, 2016:			\$250.00	\$-	\$535.00

BUILDING FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$(556.53)
9/13/2016	Deposit	Offering	\$35.00	\$-	\$(521.53)
9/20/2016	Deposit	Offering	\$5.00	\$-	\$(516.53)
9/28/2016	Deposit	Offering	\$10.00	\$-	\$(506.53)
Building Fund Totals Sept 30, 2016:			\$50.00	\$-	\$(506.53)

MEMORIAL FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$7,350.00
9/28/2016	Deposit	Al Ruzycki	\$13,678.24	\$-	\$21,028.24
			\$-	\$-	\$21,028.24
Memorial Fund Totals for Sept 30, 2016:			\$13,678.24	\$-	\$21,028.24

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	\$-	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$4,381.17
11393	Christopher Sadler	Lawn care - Cemetary	\$-	\$100.00	\$4,281.17
9/16/2016	Interest Earned	Indian Camp CD	\$3.40	\$-	\$4,284.57
9/26/2016	Interest Earned	Indian Camp CD	\$1.13	\$-	\$4,285.70
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for Sept 30, 2016:			\$4.53	\$100.00	\$4,285.70

SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$896.85
			\$-	\$-	\$896.85
			\$-	\$-	\$896.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for Sept 30, 2016:			\$-	\$-	\$896.85

PARKING LOT FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$755.14
			\$-	\$-	\$755.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for Sept 30, 2016:			\$-	\$-	\$755.14

MUSIC FUND					
ID	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$319.30
			\$-	\$-	\$319.30
Music Fund Totals for Sept 30, 2016:			\$-	\$-	\$319.30

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:			\$18,253.72	\$4,821.83	\$41,884.75
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2016

GENERAL FUND		
OFFERING	\$3924.00	
Hall use	100.00	
Interest-American Bank of Mo.	245.75	
		\$4269.75
BENEVOLENT FUND		
Offering	\$ 80.00	
Agape	5.00	
Schrieners Hospital	25.00	
Neighbors in Need	140.00	
		\$ 250.00
BUILDING FUND		
Offering	\$ 50.00	
		\$ 50.00
MEMORIAL FUND		
Al Ruzycki trust fund	\$13678.24	
		<u>\$13,678.24</u>
		\$18,247.99



