

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

NEW START TIME ON  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 10:30 AM



**IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

OFFICE PH. 636-745-3864

Rev. Kelsey Peterson 253-353-3461

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK REV. KELSEY FOR HER SERVICE HERE.  
HER LAST DAY OF WORSHIP WITH US WILL BE SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH.  
WE WANT TO WISH HER THE BEST FOR THE FUTURE.

**SEPTEMBER 2019**

Sept 1	Mary Sue Sitton	Greeter/Usher	Richard & Margaret Ramey	Ushers
	Lee Fast	Reader/Usher	Abby Rosemann	Guestbook/Usher
	Lavelle Requat	Usher	Sept 22 Donna Jones	Greeter/Usher/Reader
	Aimee Wilber	Guestbook/Usher	Lois Meyer	Usher
Sept 8	Aaron Wilber	Greeter/Usher	Loretta Bierer	Usher
	Jackie Niernan	Reader/Usher	Jackie Niernan	Guestbook/Usher
	Roger Niernan	Usher	Sept 29 Beverley Willoughby	Greeter/Usher/Reader
	Betty Zuhone	Guestbook/Usher	Brad Willoughby	Usher
Sept 15	Roland Niemann	Greeter/Usher/Reader	Kolton Martin	Usher
			Karen Cox	Guestbook/Usher

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**Immanuel Women's Fellowship** met Wed. June 5th for their annual "Guest Day". There were 13 present. A luncheon was served at noon followed by our speaker for the day, Heidi Halleman. She represents "Unite Wright City" which has been organized to help people in need. It will connect those in need with those who can help. She can be reached at 636-384-0618 or Heidi.r.box@gmail.com.

Our next meeting will be Aug. 7 at 1:30 pm. Guests are always welcome.

**Immanuel Women's Fellowship** met for its regular meeting on Aug. 7th. Margaret Viehmann gave a program on "kindness".

President Alice Windmann opened the meeting. Roll call was answered by 9 members. The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurers report were read and approved. Committee reports were given. The clothing sale on Sat. Aug. 10th will be a "bag sale".

The business meeting was spent planning for the "Quilts of Valor" on Sept. 18th at the Lion's Club. We will be providing and serving the noon lunch for 75 quilters.

The new, big, double-door refrigerator has been installed in the kitchen. It was purchased mostly with donations from 2 people. We are grateful to them for their generosity.

Our next meeting will be Wed. Oct 2 at 1:30 pm Alice Windmann will give the program and she and Doris Brakensiek will serve refreshments.

Visitors are always welcome.

## **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: dendebymeyer@yahoo.com or thru the church Facebook page.*

**We are on the WEB**

**Look for us at "immanuelucc.weebly.com"**

**FACEBOOK**

***Search for Immanuel United Church of Christ***



**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER NEWS ARTICLES DUE**  
**SEPTEMBER 15**

**COUNCIL MEETING -July 14, 2019**

The meeting was called to order, and began with a prayer, by Paul Saunders.

Council members present: Kelvin Lashley, Paul Saunders, Donna Jones, Roland Niemann, Mary Sue Sitton, Aaron Wilber, Abby Roseman, and Terry Leap.

Council members absent: Kelvin Lashley, Beverley Willoughby  
Guests: Mildred Groeper, Loretta Buescher, Alice Windmann

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

Financial Secretary Report: This report was read and a motion was made to approve by Mary Sue Sitton and seconded by Terry Leap. The motion passed.

General Treasurer Report: There was no report at this time.

Pastor's Report: It was suggested that we have all church meetings 2 times per year to keep people informed, that council meetings be set so that the pastor can attend some of the meetings, and that our council and the council of Zion UCC meet to share information at least quarterly and to discuss what is working well and what might need to improve in our partnership.

**Concerns Presented by Guests:**

- A question has arisen about the responsible party for the supply of paper towels and toilet paper for Fellowship Hall.
- Faucets are not working in women's bathroom in Fellowship Hall basement.
- Freezer in Fellowship Hall kitchen had been unplugged and food was thrown out. It is unclear which group might be unplugging kitchen appliances. The women put a tag on the electrical cord to remind people using the kitchen to not unplug this appliance.
- There is a need for a new vented exhaust fan in the kitchen.
- When a stove or other appliances in the kitchen are removed, the guests would like to be informed so that they can clean the wall and floor thoroughly.
- When preparing for luncheons the guests expressed a need for more refrigeration space.
- The guests would like to see more information in the newsletter about what is going on in church and more detail about what topics are discussed at council meetings. An example given was that with more information about the needs of the church, donations could be sought for items needed by the church or groups within the church. A copy of the spring newsletter of Zion UCC in Troy stated that starting time for worship would change to 9:00am on June 30th. The guests requested a congregational meeting to discuss Immanuel UCC worship starting time.

**Committee Reports**

Building & Grounds: This group will look at faucets upon completion of the meeting. One was fixed. The other will need to be replaced and a new faucet installed. Plans will be made to scrap the old stove and the guests will be notified so that the floor and wall can be cleaned before any new appliances come in. Per the request of the guests, Roland Niemann has agreed to take on the job of getting toilet paper and paper towel supplies for Fellowship Hall.

Christian Workers: Mary Sue Sitton reported that our attendance for 4 Sundays in June resulted in 234 people in attendance, with a weekly average of 47.

Evangelism & Stewardship: Abby Roseman reported that the church would be taking part in a food collection during August for the backpack program through the school. Single serve items that children could eat at home on the weekends are focus of this food collection. Items need to be non perishable and can be microwavable. Examples include applesauce, macaroni and cheese, granola bars, and other meal items that do not require refrigeration.

Memorial: The memorial project suggested by Darrell Schmidt through Beverley Willoughby has one bid. Other bids are still being sought.

Pastor Relations: Aaron Wilber had no concerns other than those mentioned prior in these minutes.

**Sub Committees**

Christian Board: Terry Leap reported that Vacation Bible School will be the last week of July. All supplies that have been asked for have been donated.

Women's' Fellowship: Concerns brought by guests. No other report at this time.

Evening Circle: This group recently met. No new concerns were brought at that time.

Men's' Club: Men's' group has updated the landscaping in the front of church and Fellowship Hall.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

**New Business**

Upon consultation of the Constitution and By-Laws, it was determined that in order to give 2 weeks of notice prior to a Congregational Meeting, it would need to be set on August 4, 2019 to discuss the start times for worship at Immanuel UCC moving forward. A congregational meeting was set for August 4, 2019 following worship service to discuss that one topic.

The Council invites any and all interested members to consider one of the 3 council positions that will be up for election in January, 2020. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talent to the church in this way. Feel free to contact any council members with questions.



## **COUNCIL MEETING CONTINUED FROM JULY 14**

Any congregational members who see a need for the church or who have a suggestion are **strongly encouraged** to contact council members in person, by telephone, by email, or to submit any and all suggestions to the box located in the sanctuary in order for the council members to be aware of questions, concerns, suggestions, or ideas that members may have to offer. If any group would like more of their information reported in the council minutes, please make sure that the information to be shared is sent to a council member prior to meetings on the second Sunday of each month.

With no further business to discuss, Roland Niemann made the motion to adjourn and Mary Sue Sitton seconded. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

### **Congregational Meeting August 4, 2019**

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

It was determined that a quorum was present with 39 members present.

Kelvin addressed the topic for the meeting as starting time for worship. He acknowledged that the change was not made as in our original agreement at a past congregational meeting. In knowing that Pastor Kelsey's time with us might be short, we did not make the change until we knew more about her departure.

In order to have a full time pastor, it seems that Immanuel would benefit most from staying in partnership with another church. In order to compromise with Zion UCC in Troy, who is used to 9 months of one start time and 3 months of another, it was proposed that we vote on which start time we would like to have for the next 6 months- 9:30 or 10:30 am.

For now, starting in September, we will be sharing the same substitute pastors, Jay Weisner, and Susan Shumway for communion Sundays.

Judy Engelage asked about the Troy church and what their wants are.

Kelvin responded that in speaking with Mende Kemper, their council president they were willing to be flexible with us but would also be meeting soon after the results of this meeting are shared.

Bill Flesch asked how long Pastor Kelsey would be here. Kelvin responded that she would be here until August 25, 2019.

Also the question was asked if the time mattered to the 2 substitute pastors. Kelvin's response was that it did not

matter to them since they had done some substituting for us in our current partnership so that they are aware of the situation coming in to it.

The ballot was explained. Members were to circle the time that they would like for worship to start beginning on September 1st for a 6 month period.

Bill Flesch asked if it did not matter to you as an individual then you could choose not to vote. Kelvin confirmed that statement.

Paper ballots were passed out and returned.  
The results are as follows:

10:30 am - 34  
9:00 am - 3  
Blank - 2

Worship will start at 10:30 am beginning in September 2019.

Lee Fast made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Cox seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.



## **CHURCH SERVICES**

### **WILL START AT**

### **10:30 AM**

### **ON**

### **SUNDAY**

### **SEPTEMBER 1**





# Wright City Churches Update

God be with you today!

School has now begun here in Wright City and all of the parents said, "Amen!" I hope that your church has had a wonderful summertime with: Mother's Day, Father's Day, Pentecost, vacations, camps and Vacation Bible School! Unite Wright City held a beautiful time in the park recently to help families prepare for back to school bringing together several groups to help! Great job for our Wright City neighbors in need!

We are now looking to upcoming months and seeking churches who would like to host the community Thanksgiving Service, Sun. Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 6pm or Easter Sunrise Service, Sun. April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Thank you very much to Harmonie Church who hosted our previous Thanksgiving Service and Wesley-Smith UMC who hosted our Easter Sunrise Service this past year. It was such a great time to be together as one family and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Please let me know if you would like to host.

## **Food Pantry**

The pantry opens on the second and fourth Saturday of the month and by appointment. We will be open this Saturday, 8/24 @ 9am. There is still deer meat. Stop by and get some. It is time to move it on. We handed out food for: 74 people in May, 70 people in June, and 70 people in July.

The Summer Lunch Program began on July 1<sup>st</sup> and ran through Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. Our focus is on food for children and teens but the lunches are for everyone. During the 6 ½ weeks that the school cafeteria was closed we served a sack lunch in the Brookview/Northridge Apartments area, Monday - Friday. After serving an hour each day in that location we took any leftover lunches to other families in need in the area. We served a total of 1,517 lunches during the 33 days. This program was totally funded by donations from our community and totally staffed by volunteers. Over 150 volunteers hours were logged! Praise the Lord! The Lord does great things!

Thank you to YOU, the churches of Wright City, and to the many other businesses, and people who have donated to the pantry. Your investment into the purpose of the pantry helps children, teens, and families remain stable in their most vulnerable times. You give life!

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> the pantry will be announcing details for the 2019 Holiday Drive at the monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting. There will be opportunities to give toward food baskets for the poor and adopt a family for Christmas. Plus we are adding a toy drive for needy kids in Wright City. It is going to be an awesome holiday season! Plan to be a part.

Needed (Talk to Pastor Joe – contact info below)

-Looking for someone to coordinate stocking & dating of items on the shelf.

-Looking for someone to coordinate volunteers.

## **FYI**

- 100 People Who Care is Friday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> @ Heiliger Building, 6pm. This is a fundraising event sponsored by the mayor and is open to any 501c3 operating in Wright City. Call city hall for details.
- Strassenbash is right around the corner, Sept. 20-21
- The city Trunk-or-Treat will be Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> at Diekroger Park

## **FAQ**

-The pantry is located in the modular behind the Church of the Nazarene. Donations can be made out to "Wright City Community Food Pantry" and mailed to 521 W. Service Rd. N., Wright City, MO 63390. You can call the Nazarene church phone number, 636.745.3821, leave a message about the pantry, and we will return it.

-The food pantry is a charitable 501c3 organization that operates with a governing board that meets quarterly.

-The pantry is scheduled to open on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month from 9am till 12:00pm and by appointment.

-Food Donations of any kind can be given by setting up a time through Pastor Joe Purl, church 636.745.3821 or cell 636.295.0540.

-Other info:

Facebook: search for Wright City Community Food Pantry

[www.Wrightcitycfp.org](http://www.Wrightcitycfp.org)

Be Christlike to those God brings to you today!

Blessings,

Pastor Joe

[joeandkimpurl@gmail.com](mailto:joeandkimpurl@gmail.com)

cell – 636.295.0540



# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

## SEPTEMBER 2019

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bill & Vi Wehrman 3  
Audrey & Thomas Chapman 10  
Amy & Jeff McDonnell 10  
Wayne & Shelly Requat 20  
Karen & Patrick Schulte 20  
Patty & Shawn Birk 21  
Paul & Amy Meyer 24  
Becky & Shawn Reelitz 27  
Robert & Phyllis Gentry 28

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Vickie Creech 1  
Steve Mueller 2  
Mark Howeth 7  
Brian Balkenbusch 8  
Judy Engelage 9  
Denise Maloney 10  
Dennis Meyer 10  
Erin Dixon Greco 13  
Marie Hollenbeck 13  
Janis Requat 15

Christine Tomschin 16  
Robert Freund 16  
Amy McDonnell 18  
Lisa Kleinschmidt 19  
Dylan Worlitz 21  
James Windmann 22  
Pamela Sida 22  
Paul Martin 24  
Carolyn Rockett 25  
Danielle Freund 25  
Larry Mikus 25

Jermey Johnson 26  
Joseph Holiway 26  
Kim Turner 27  
Bruce Groeper 28  
Greg Engelage 28  
Kevin Schriener 28  
Marley Jo Meyer 28  
Jesse Rosen 29  
Larry Pettig 30  
Rev. Dianna Niemann-Harris 30  
Robert Phegley 30

### Stewardship Moment

*"Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38*

Notice how this verse starts, "Give, and it will be given to you". That's because your giving sets the blessing of God into motion in your life. Giving is like a seed. When you plant an apple seed, it doesn't just grow a single fruit. That one seed grows into a tree that produces an abundance of apples! That's what happens when you obey God in your giving. You receive an abundant harvest in return.

Is there something the Lord is telling you to give today? It could be financial, material or even your talents and service to others. What do you have in your hand that you can use to bless someone else? Plant that seed of giving and it will come back to you.

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity in donating food items for the Wright City Schools Backpack Program that helps children in our community that are in need.

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	Beverley Willoughby	636-384-6693
Christian Worker	Mary Sue Sitton	636-673-2265
Evangelism/Stewardship	Abby Roseman	636-384-0071
Memorial	Terry Leap	636-384-0410
Pastorial Relations	Aaron Wilber	636-579-2954





# Immanuel United Church of Christ – July 2019

**\$71,673.94**

## GENERAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$30,273.32
7/2/2019	Deposit	Offering			
7/2/2019	Kelsey Peterson	#11646 June services	\$1,321.64		\$31,594.96
7/3/2019	Guide One	ACH insurance prem		\$1,650.00	\$29,944.96
7/8/2019	Deposit	Offering		\$1,199.08	\$28,745.88
7/10/2019	Centurylink	ACH telephone & internet	\$1,017.00		\$29,762.88
7/12/2019	PWSD #2	ACH water & sewer		\$199.04	\$29,563.84
7/15/2019	Deposit	Offering		\$20.05	\$29,543.79
7/16/2019	Bank	ACH safe deposit box rental	\$1,635.46		\$31,179.25
7/17/2019	Ameren	ACH gas		\$17.00	\$31,162.25
7/17/2019	Ameren	ACH electric church		\$395.00	\$30,767.25
7/17/2019	Ameren	ACH electric fellowship hall		\$193.00	\$30,574.25
7/19/2019	Sumner One	#11651 copier contract		\$265.00	\$30,309.25
7/19/2019	Grace Hauling	#11649 June trash		\$172.00	\$30,137.25
7/19/2019	Hanny's Market	#11650 communion supplies		\$38.50	\$30,098.75
7/22/2019	Deposit	Offering		\$10.78	\$30,087.97
7/24/2019	Chris Sadler	#11648 June mowing 4x church	\$921.11		\$31,009.08
7/29/2019	Deposit	Offering		\$300.00	\$30,709.08
7/31/2019		Accr Earnings Pmnt	\$1,117.97		\$31,827.05
7/31/2019		Transferred to Designated Fund	\$3.04		\$31,830.09
				\$365.00	\$31,465.09

**General Fund Totals for July 31, 2019: \$6,016.22 \$4,824.45 \$31,465.09**

## PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$10,841.25
					\$10,841.25

**Protect Our Church Fund Totals for July 31, 2019: \$- \$- \$10,841.25**

## BENEVOLENT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$324.00
7/2/2019		Offering OCWM	\$50.00		\$374.00
7/8/2019		Offering WCCFP	\$5.00		\$379.00
7/15/2019		Offering OCWM	\$280.00		\$659.00
7/29/2019		Offering WCCFP	\$5.00		\$664.00

**Benevolent Fund Totals for July 31, 2019: \$340.00 \$- \$664.00**

## BUILDING FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,918.73
7/2/2019		Offering	\$25.00		\$5,943.73

**Building Fund Totals for July 31, 2019: \$25.00 \$- \$5,943.73**

## MEMORIAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$16,681.08

**Memorial Fund Totals for July 31, 2019: \$- \$- \$16,681.08**

## INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,581.26
7/12/2019	Earnings Trans Dep	cdxxxx6123	\$2.39		\$3,583.65
7/24/2019	Chris Sadler	#11648 mowing x2		\$100.00	\$3,483.65

**Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for July 31, 2019: \$2.39 \$100.00 \$3,483.65**



## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$936.85

<b>Scholarship Fund Totals for July 31, 2019:</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$936.85</b>
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## PARKING LOT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,005.14

<b>Parking Lot Fund Totals for July 31, 2019:</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$3,005.14</b>
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## MUSIC FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$149.30

<b>Music Fund Totals for July 31, 2019:</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$149.30</b>
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<b>SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$6,383.61</b>	<b>\$4,924.45</b>	<b>\$73,133.10</b>
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### FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

JULY 2019

#### GENERAL FUND

OFFERING	\$ 3,080.57
DONATION-WOMENS FELLOWSHIP	300.00
DONATION-M.VIEHMANN-BULLETINS	387.00
INTEREST-AMERICAN BANK	47.26
INTEREST - AMERICAN BANK	340.42
INTEREST- AMERICAN BANK	216.29

\$ 4,371.54

#### BENEVOLENT FUND

DONATION-WOMENS FE4LLOWSHIP	250.00
OCWM	60.00
W, C, FOOD PANTRY	10.00

320.00

#### BUILDING FUND

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\$ 4,691.54