

THE VISION

March, 2016

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Holy Week



Events



March 20—27, 2016

Palm Sunday
March 20

9:00 am
Joint Contemporary
Worship

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:00 am
Palm Sunday Brunch

10:30 am
Traditional Worship
with Easter Cantata
"The Lamb of Promise"

11:30 am
Palm Sunday Brunch



Maundy Thursday
March 24

7:00 pm
Worship with
Holy Communion



Easter Sunday
March 27

7:00 am
Sunrise Service in
Prayer Garden
(weather permitting)

10:00 am
Easter Celebration Service
Children's Program

11:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday Brunch—March 20



Join us for a light Brunch after the 9 am service (around 10 am) and again after the 10:30 am service (around 11:30 am) in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to enjoy sweet rolls, biscuits and gravy, fruit

and more.

Anyone wanting to contribute food items please see the sign-up sheet in the Hospitality Room, or contact Sharon Koenig at 633-2659.

Children's Ministries

Children's Easter Program

Our Sunday School children will participate in the 10:00 am Easter Celebration Service this year, with readings and songs. Practices will be held during the Sunday School time each Sunday in March in their Sunday School classroom.



Easter Egg Hunt

The children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held immediately following the 10 am worship service on Easter Sunday.

Donations of plastic eggs, individually wrapped candy and small prizes—stickers, toys, etc. (things that will fit in the eggs) are needed. Your donations may be brought to the Hospitality Room. Thank you!

Kid's Night Out

If your child age 3 through 5th grade is looking for something fun, then they need to attend our next Kid's Night Out event on Friday, March 18th. The children have a great time sharing a meal, working on crafts, playing games, watching a movie and eating popcorn. No child will feel like a stranger—everyone is welcomed with open arms. There is no cost for your child to attend. The evening begins at 5:30 pm and ends at 8:30 pm. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office, 656-4648, or sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room if you know your child will attend.

Easter Lilies

It is time to place the order for our Easter lilies! The lilies will cost \$9.00 again this year.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room if

you would like to order an Easter lily. You may indicate if you are ordering the lily in memory of someone or in thankfulness or honor of someone.

We are appreciative of the beauty that these lilies bring to our chancel area during the celebration of Easter!



World Day of Prayer



Immanuel will host Church Women United's World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4th. Donations of personal care items for the Glen Ed Pantry are requested. Fellowship time

begins at 9:15 am including light breakfast and a short business meeting, followed by the program at 10:00 am. All are invited to attend.

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One Great Hour of Sharing

On Sunday, March 6, we will receive a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing, one of the six special Sundays of the United Methodist Church. Your gift helps cover the operating expenses of UMCOR and allows 100% of your designated donations to get to those who need them most. It will help provide immediate assistance in the wake of conflicts like the civil war that has broken out in Syria, and supports ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. Giving to One Great Hour of Sharing ensures that UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) can respond anywhere in the world.



**Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 13 • 2:00 am**

*Remember to Set Your Clocks
Ahead One Hour on
Saturday Evening!!*

55+ Fellowship

GO GREEN with the 55+ group on Sunday, March 13th. We will meet in the Journey's Inn room to enjoy an evening of Irish Pot Luck. Anyone, Any Age is welcome to attend. Those attending are

asked to bring an Irish food entrée and a side dish or dessert to share with everyone. Polish up on your Irish singing or music making, story telling, jokes and of course, Dress In Green.

Join us for an evening of fellowship on Sunday, March 13 at our NEW TIME, 6:00 pm. If you have any questions, call Sharon at 633-2659.



UMW News

The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, March 3 at 7 pm at the Eden Village Community Room in the Cottonwood area of Glen Carbon.

The purpose of United Methodist Women is fourfold: To be a community of women; to know God; to develop a creative and supportive fellowship; to expand concepts of mission. All women are welcome.

United Methodist Men

The next meeting of the United Methodist Men will be held on Saturday, March 5th beginning at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Coffee and donuts will be served, and a new Bible Study will begin. All men are invited and will be warmly welcomed.

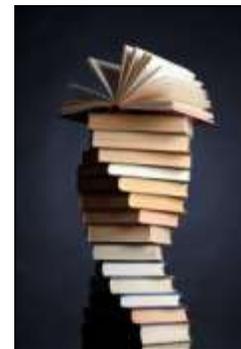


<p>NEW SERVICE TIMES BEGINNING APRIL 3</p>
<p>> > 8:45 am Joint Contemporary</p> <p>> > 9:45 am Christian Education</p> <p>> > 10:45 am Traditional</p>

Based upon the surveys that were in the bulletins for three weeks, the Church Council made the decision to change our worship hours beginning April 3rd. They felt this was the change that was needed to accommodate growth by allowing additional time for our Sunday School and Christian Education programs. Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey.

“Books Etc. Sale”

We are looking for a few good books for our Book Sale that will be held in May. You may place your books in the Fellowship Hall on the ledge outside of the Nursery. Along with books, baked goods and a few plants will be sold, too.



Scrip

You are asked to consider purchasing Scrip gift cards for items that you are currently already purchasing: groceries, gas, clothes, entertainment, etc. For example, if you regularly spend

\$200 at Shop 'n Save each month, if you purchase two \$100 Shop n Save gift cards, Immanuel will receive \$8.00. Hundreds of different vendors offer different percentages back to Immanuel. To

view all vendors, go to our website, www.immanuelonmain.org

then click on “Click Here for PDF” under the heading ATTENTION. Our next Scrip order will be placed on

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Hundreds More Gift Cards Available!!

Congratulations!



Sophie Eileen was born to Toby and Amanda Connoyer on February 17th. Sophie weighed in at 7 lbs, 13 oz, and was 19.5” long.

She joins proud big brothers Grant, Dane and Trent. We are so happy for this new life and wish God’s blessings upon the family.



Thank You!

We wish to express our appreciation to Nancy Phillipe whose creative talents have graced our sanctuary as she decorated it for Christmas for many years, and kept beautiful floral arrangements on our altar. Nancy has expressed a desire to “retire”. We truly do appreciate all of the hard work and hours spent to make our sanctuary beautiful. And we welcome Joanie Green and LaVonne Timmins to the Worship Committee. Thanks to all you ladies!

New Website Coming!

We are in the process of developing a brand new website for Immanuel. We are excited about this change and will keep you updated

on the progress. We are very grateful to Al Davis for maintaining our current website so faithfully for many years. Our new website is being

developed by **Teresa Akers-Helle, Jeff Helle, and Jordan Grammer.**

New Website Coming to Immanuel!

April Newsletter

Please note that we will have an early deadline for news articles for our April edition of The Vision. All dates and news articles should be in the church office by Friday, March 11th. We will distribute the newsletter on Friday, March 18th.

Prayer Ministry († Indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

- † Lida Gillham, hospitalized following a stroke
 The family of Dorothy Tite, grandmother of Brittney Gilleland, who passed away this week
 The family of Marion Davison, sister of Larry Worthey who passed away last week
 Congratulations to Toby & Amanda Connoyer on the birth of daughter Sophie Eileen
- ††† Donald Hardbeck, recovering at home
 Ruth Portell, doing well following knee replacement
 Karen Homan, administrative assistant in the Mississippi River District Office, not back at work but still requesting prayers for healing
- †††† The family of Gladys Freitag
 Irma Whyers, now at Edwardsville Rehab on Marine Road
 Michael Spengler, health issues
 Gene Kohlmiller and family on the death of his wife, recent knee surgery and a heart attack
 Dave Stoeckel, father of Christal Akers-Helle, that he stay infection free



Kid's Night Out

April 15, 5:30-8:30 pm

May 27, 5:30-8:30 pm

Books Etc. Sale

May 13—14

Vacation Bible School

July 25—29

Kent's Blog



To receive Pastor Kent's blog, which will keep you up-to-date on all Praise Community Fellowship happenings, prayer requests, information and sermon updates, go to

www.praisecommunityfellowship.com

and click on Read Blog. On the right hand side of the blog post will be a place you can subscribe by entering your email. All blogs will then automatically come to your e-mail account.

Welcome!

Brittney A. Gilleland was received into full membership of Immanuel United Methodist Church on Sunday, January 24, 2016. She transfers from St. Paul United Methodist Church in Brighton, Illinois.

Brittney has begun taking classes at Garrett Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. We welcome Brittney to the Immanuel family, and wish her blessings on her studies to become a pastor.



More Blessings!



We also celebrate with Shelly Elizabeth McGrath and her mother, Paige Brase along with their family. Pastor Jackie baptized Shelly on Sunday, February 14th. We are blessed at Immanuel United Methodist Church as she becomes a part of our community of faith. We give witness to her faith and look forward to getting to know her.

Total Receipts in January, 2016
(Current Expense Account)

Contributions	\$14,605.00
Online Contrib.	1,590.00
Misc. Income	2,609.76
Use of Church	<u>1,685.00</u>
Total.....	\$20,489.76

Total Needed per Month to Meet Budget:
\$17,269

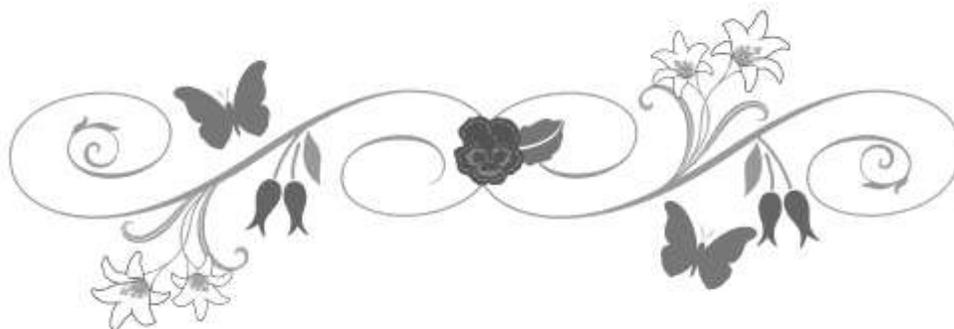
Going to Houston in a Pickup Truck??

We received the following request from John Sharp of Nacogdoches, TX:

I have purchased a Yazoo, high wheel mower from an individual in Highland, IL and need the mower to be picked up and delivered to or near Nacogdoches, TX. I would be willing to pay \$200 toward trip expenses to let the mower ride along.

(936) 564-6434

john_sharp47@yahoo.com



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

We seek to be God's people in attitude and action as we:

Experience and **Share** God's grace joyfully,

Live and **Teach** God's Word faithfully,

Accept and **Serve** God's people lovingly.

You are invited to join us in this mission ...

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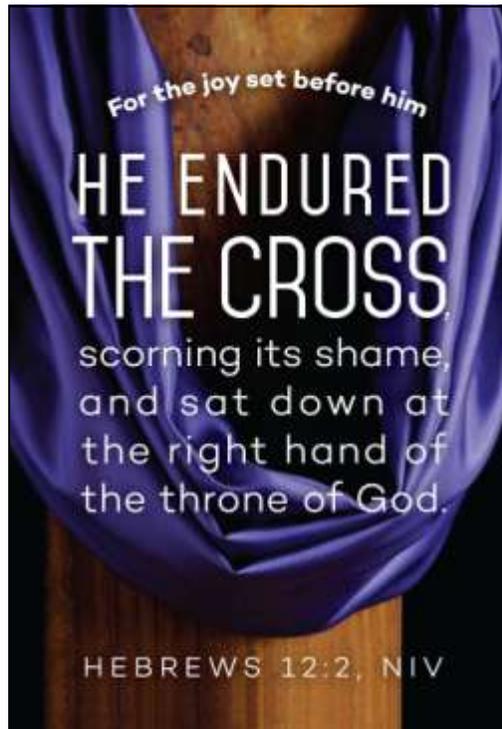
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Instrument Director

David Bryant
Choral Director

Jordan Grammer
Contemporary Worship Leader



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Contemporary Service
9:00 a.m.
In Sanctuary

Common Time
9:45 a.m.
Includes:
Sunday School
Middle School Study
Wired Word Discussions
Seekers Class
Coffee + More

Traditional Service
10:30 a.m.
In Sanctuary

Nursery Available All
Morning