

# THE VISION

June, 2016

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## **It's Had a Main Street Address for 157 Years!**

I was so blessed and excited last Sunday when Ron Goldsmith brought to Sunday Worship, the article that was written and published in the Edwardsville Intelligencer about Immanuel United Methodist Church! With having no formal training in Marketing and Design, I am always feeling the challenge of the most efficient and effective way to advertise the goodness of the Church. Mass mailings, street signs, billboard advertisement, word of mouth, social media, flyer distribution, all have been ways in which folks at Immanuel United Methodist Church have tried to share the goodness of our church. And, there it was! Low and behold, right in front of my eyes, the enlarged picture of Immanuel Methodist Church was **covering an entire half page of the Edwardsville Intelligencer! We didn't pay anything! We didn't post anything! Efforts to live righteous lives for 157 years paid off in the best form of advertisement possible!** This was proof of the living stories from good people, sharing the goodness of church for 157 years.

My heart was touched in reading that Immanuel Methodist Church found the earliest roots of formation as a few folks held worship services in a space that was owned by other denominations. **"Services were first held in a local school house, then in church buildings owned by other denominations. From 1865 to 1869 they rented space from the Episcopal Church and on September 11, 1869, the struggling Episcopal congregation sold its Main Street building to the Methodists for \$15.00."** And where does Immanuel United Methodist Church find themselves today but worshiping once again with other denominations. This reality affirms the writer of Hebrews, **"Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever."** — Hebrews 13:8

One quality that has remained the same about Methodism since its conception has been a **sense of understanding that we are all God's children. John Wesley repeatedly proclaimed we all live with enormous doses of God's grace to share the gospel message. Wesley never meant to begin a denomination. His efforts were focused upon living with holiness and piety unto the glory of God. And in that spirit, today, we still understand that we are all invited to respond with the love of Christ in holy places and holy spaces, sharing God's holy calling. In fact, the slogan for United Methodism is, "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors!"** Immanuel Methodist Church was surely given birth by that same spirit. God has many exciting days planned ahead for the people of God that dare to approach the holy works done in our holy spaces through our holy people at 800 North Main Street in Edwardsville, IL—the church that has had a Main Street address for 157 Years!

— Pastor Jackie



## Serving Area Kids (S.A.K.)

Free lunches to school-aged children (no questions asked) will be distributed at the following Edwardsville locations this summer:

Wesley Chapel AME, 418 Aldrup Street

Immanuel UMC, 800 North Main Street

Mt. Joy Missionary Baptist, 327 Olive Street

Anchored in Truth Ministries, 510 Garfield Avenue

University Slats (Stone Meadows) Mobile Home Park, 2900 Sand Road

Our first day for serving lunches was Wednesday, May 25th. Lunches will be served from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm each weekday, except on May 30th and July 4th. This mission is sponsored by local churches, who have come together to feed

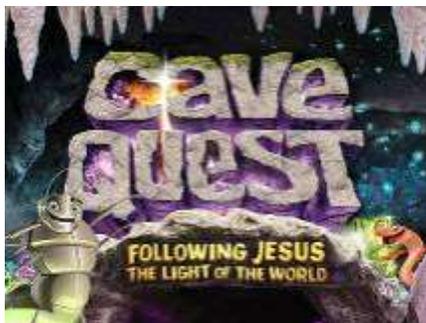
## Kid's Night Out

If your child age 3 through 5th grade is looking for something fun, then bring them **to our next Kid's Night Out event on Friday, May 27th. The children have a great time making new friends, sharing a meal, working on crafts, playing games, watching a movie and eating popcorn.**

There is no cost for your child to attend. The evening begins at 5:30 pm and ends at 8:30 pm.

**There will be no Kid's Night Out in June**—all children are invited to attend the **Sundae Sunday event on Sunday, June 26 at 9:45 am, as a preview of this year's VBS.** More details about Sundae Sunday are found on page 3 of this newsletter.

## Vacation Bible School—July 25—29



Mark your calendars—our Cave Quest Vacation Bible School will be held July 25—29 from 6-8:30 pm. An optional dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Our children will go spelunking through dark caves with Jesus as their light! Cave Quest VBS encourages kids to follow Jesus where ever He will lead them!



## Sundae Sunday—June 26

Join us Sunday, June 26 at 9:45 am in Journey's Inn to preview this year's Vacation Bible School. Families can enjoy a free ice cream sundae as they learn more about our theme, and how they can help make this year's event a success.

## VBS Donations Needed

We are in need of the following donations:

- Large pieces of foam core or form board
- Extra-large pieces of cardboard (such as from furniture or appliances)
- Brown Kraft/shipping/packing paper
- Sturdy cardboard tubes (wrapping paper, carpeting, paper towels, *not toilet paper*)
- Cans of Great Stuff insulating spray foam (available at Wal Mart or hardware stores)
- Dark-colored plastic tablecloths—gray, black, brown
- Plastic Solo-type cups
- Glitter—any color
- Bottles of Clear Elmer's glue or Elmer's glitter glue**
- Pool noodles
- Brown paper grocery bags and lunch bags
- Monetary Donations are always welcome!

We will have a box in the Hospitality Room for smaller-size donations. Larger-size donations, such as foam core or large pieces of cardboard can be put behind the **partition in the Children's Sunday School Room.**

We are also in need of volunteers for VBS. Watch for sign-up sheet in Hospitality Room.

## Small Group Ministry



In our season of growth within the church, we are seeking to bring us all closer together in love. Starting July 12th, we will be starting our Small Group Ministry! Unlike a Bible study, Small Groups are for people to **come together and meet in someone's welcoming home**. The groups will have a focus for conversation, but the point of these groups is to build fellowship with each other and grow our spirits together. We will have three Small Groups, each with 15 slots for sign up. Sign ups will begin in the middle of June. Anyone is welcome! Members of Immanuel, PCF, the churches down the street, or your next door neighbor.

## Small Group Host Homes

We believe every person is born with at least one spiritual gift from God that can be used to build His Kingdom and connect with others. Some of you may have the gift of hosting. You may feel at peace when organ-

izing and cleaning your home. It may allow you to connect with God when inviting others into your home. A host will need to have space for 15 people to meet on a weekly basis for 6 weeks. Times will vary with each

Small Group. If you have questions or are interested in being a Host Home, please call Jordan Grammer at 618-979-4765. **Please don't hesitate to call!**

## Men's Small Group

**All men are invited to attend our Men's Small Group that meets at 9:00 am every Saturday.** The purpose of the group is to spend time getting to know each other as followers of Christ. It is an opportunity for you to get to know who you really are, what God has in store for you, and how we as a group can support each other. The group will begin looking at the Book of Job at their next meeting. All men are welcome!!

## Community Service Award Received!

We were excited to learn that Immanuel United Methodist Church was selected by the Edwardsville Branch of the NAACP to receive the Community Service Award for 2016. We will receive the award at the Freedom Fund Banquet which will be held on June 5 at 3:00 pm in the Meridian Ballroom on the campus of Southern Illinois University. We will be represented by Pastors John Shear and Jackie Havis-Shear, Gary and Sharon Koenig, and Sherlyn Buhrmester. Our Free Lunch Friday and S.A.K. programs will be showcased at this banquet. Thanks go to so many of our volunteers who have supported these and other outreach programs through the years!

## June 5 Worship Services & All-Church Picnic

On Sunday, June 5th, there will be the Contemporary Worship Service and All-Church Picnic at Glik Park. It will begin at 10 am. The Traditional Worship Service will be held at Immanuel United Methodist Church at 10 am as well. Since both services will worship at the same time, all interested participants will be able to attend the all-church picnic at Glik Park. We are asking that each bring a monetary donation for the picnic. Praise Community Fellowship will coordinate Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Side Dishes. And whoever wants to bring a dessert is welcome. Drinks and paper goods will be provided. Let's enjoy the fellowship, fun, and festivities! Blessings!

## Last Call — Graduates!!

If you will be graduating from High School or College this Spring, we want to recognize your achievement! Please pick up a form from the Hospitality Room and return it to the church office along with a picture of yourself as soon as possible. Graduate Sunday will be celebrated on June 19th.

## Love Fellowship Outreach

**As many of you will remember, Love Fellowship Outreach met in our Journey's Inn Room a couple of times a week a number of years ago as they were searching and praying for a permanent home. They moved to temporary quarters in Granite City when they left Immanuel. They have now been blessed with a beautiful church home. We have received the following invitation from Pastor Ware. You may call Immanuel's church office to make a reservation.**

*As many of you know, the Lord has blessed us with a beautiful church located at 3025 National Avenue in Granite City, Illinois! This gift is a wonderful expression of the grace and mercy of God.*

*In honor of this monumental season, the Lord has layed it upon my heart to extend an invitation to all of the members/friends who have served or impacted Love Fellowship Ministries in the past 11 years. This service will serve as a way to say thank you and to celebrate every contribution that has allowed this ministry to become a staple in the community.*

*The service will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 3:30 with dinner served immediately following the am morning service. We will be making presentations so we request that you RSVP if you plan to attend. Our theme for this service is "Graced and Empowered by God to Finish!" Our Scriptural reference is as follows: "Then Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every skillful person in whom the LORD had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him, to come to the work to perform it." Exodus 35:21*

*We hope that you will be with us for this homecoming service. If you are unable to attend, allow me to take this time to say thank you for your service to LFOM!*

*Thank you,*

*Dr. Matthew L. Ware*

*Prophetess Anita Ware*





The Glen-Ed Food Pantry asks that you pick up the following school supplies this summer:

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| Backpacks                          | Calculators     |
| Combination Locks                  | Protractors     |
| Scissors                           | Colored Pencils |
| Mechanical Pencils                 | Ear buds        |
| Folders                            | Notebooks       |
| Glue                               | Pencils         |
| 3-ring binders                     | Highlighters    |
| Note cards                         | Pens            |
| Gift certificates to Shoe Carnival |                 |

Please bring the school supplies in by July 27th, as they will be handed out on August 3. We will still accept them after the 27th, as there are always some late comers looking for school supplies. Thank you for making a difference in a **students' life!**



## Thank You!

We are thankful to Pam Clarkin for all of her hard work restoring and painting our entryway. The entryway had suffered damage due to water leaking from the air conditioner in the bell tower. Now it looks beautiful again!!

## Child of Blessing, Child of Promise



On Sunday, April 24th, we celebrated with the Connoyer family the baptism of Sophie Eileen. Sophie is the daughter of Toby & Amanda Connoyer, and joins big brothers Grant, Dane and Trent, as well as Uncles **Alex and Michael Tomaszewski**. God's blessings to this family!



## Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of long-time member Irma Whyers, who died on May 9th. Her funeral service was held on May 12th at Weber & Rodney Funeral Home. Our United Methodist Women provided a meal for the family following the interment.

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whoever lives and believes in me, shall never die" John 11:25-26*

## Upcoming Events...

- June 8—11 Annual Conference in Peoria
- July 10 UMW Sunday
- July 17 55+ Fellowship, 6:00 pm
- July 25-29 Vacation Bible School



### Receipts to 4/30/2016

	January	February	March	April
Contrib.	\$14,605.00	\$11,923.00	\$10,642.50	\$11,435.36
Online	1,590.00	2,085.00	1,640.00	1,640.00
Other	<u>4,294.76</u>	<u>1,594.16</u>	<u>3,306.05</u>	<u>1,945.92</u>
	\$20,489.76	15,602.16	15,588.55	15,021.28

Total needed per month to meet the budget

and pay all of our Apportionments

\$17,269.00

### Noisy Offering

During the month of June, our Noisy Offering will go towards the Youth Mission Trip.

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

- † **Our summer children's feeding program & volunteers**  
Charles Hall and family at the passing of his brother in Louisiana
- †† Family of Irma Whyers in her passing  
David Stoeckel, father of Christal Akers-Helle, surgery now scheduled for June 2  
Annie Fisher, daughter of Bill and Tammy Fisher  
Family of Jim Keller in his passing  
Family of Gary Perkins in his passing  
Lori Bostick, sister of Rich Acuncius, fighting cancer  
Mike, nephew of Evelyn Schaaake, serious health issues
- ††† Family of Linda and Warren Witmer at the loss of their son, Austin  
Alexis Tharp, recovering from accident  
Stan Rutkowski, healing prayers double amputee  
Family of Paul Schwalb in his passing  
Family of Doug Behme in his passing
- †††† Collin Rives, friend of Sydney Grammer, undergoing treatment for cancer  
Wilma Jean Bond in the loss of her sister

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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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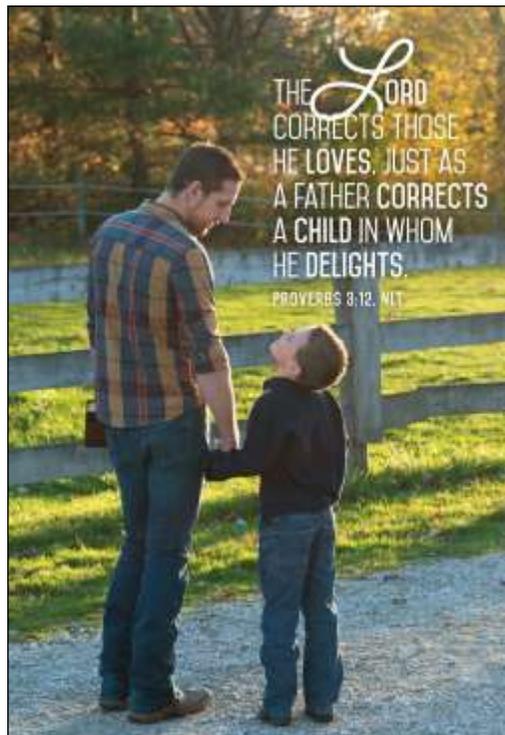
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Joint Contemporary Service  
8:45 a.m.  
In Sanctuary

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

Traditional Service  
10:45 a.m.  
In Sanctuary

Nursery Available All  
Morning