

# THE VISION

July, 2016

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 25—29, 2016 • 6—8:30 pm**

Meal Available at 5:30 pm Each Evening

Kids!!...

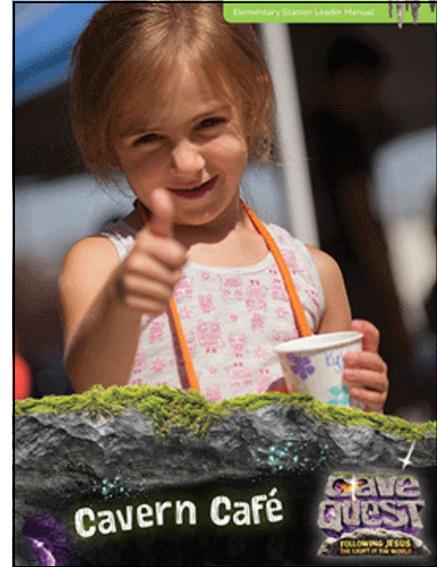
- Gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure!
- Be grounded in the solid rock foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times.



## Vacation Bible School

For All Children Age 3 Through  
Those in 5th Grade

All children are welcome at the Cave Quest VBS at Immanuel. Your child will spend each day spelunking through activity stations with the Cave Crews (small groups of up to 5 kids and one leader). Every station is designed to reinforce the daily Bible Point in a hands-on, interactive way that keeps everyone engaged. Stations include: Sing & Play Rock, Deep Bible Quests, KidVid Cinema, Spelunker Sports & Games, Imagination Station, and Cavern Café.



We need many volunteers to help make VBS a success — both adults and youth! We particularly need Crew Leaders & Assistant Crew Leaders, who lead small groups of kids to different stations. Crew Leaders do not need to prepare lessons or teach activities. You just get to be there and enjoy the children as part of your Crew!

This year, we will be serving an optional dinner each night at 5:30 pm, so we also need volunteers to help prepare and serve dinner and help with dinner clean-up. In addition we would appreciate dinner “sponsors” or monetary donations to off-set the costs of the dinner.

A volunteer sign-up sheet is available by the VBS display in the Hospitality Room. If you have questions, please talk to Kiffon Lewis or Jill Winte.

We still are in need of the following donations:

- Sturdy cardboard tubes (wrapping paper, carpeting, paper towels, but not toilet paper)
- Glitter—any color
- Bottles of Clear or White Elmer’s glue
- Dark Gray or Black Craft Paint (not Tempura)
- And, of course, monetary donations are always welcome!



There is a box for donations by the VBS display in the Hospitality Room.

A registration form is included on our website. You can mail the form to 800 N. Main Street, Edwardsville, IL 62025 or you can bring it in on a Sunday morning. There is no cost to attend VBS or eat the evening meal with us.

## Small Group Update



It's almost time for Small Groups! We are so excited to begin this new ministry with you. We long for everyone to grow closer to God and with each other. Our Small Groups are a safe space that we can come together to talk about our relationship with God, our shortcomings, and how we can better support each other in faith and action. It is only a 6 week commitment, one gathering a week. They are absolutely free. All you need is yourself and an open heart. Anyone and everyone is invited!

Sign up sheets will be in our Hospitality Room starting June 26th. We only have three groups this session, so sign up before the slots are filled! If you have any questions at all about serving in Small Groups, attending a Small Group, or just general information, call Jordan Grammer at 618-979-4765, or email him at

[jordangrammer@yahoo.com](mailto:jordangrammer@yahoo.com).

## 55+ Fellowship

### ***"No Bugs at Our Picnic"***

The Immanuel 55+ group will enjoy an evening of picnic foods and Birthday Treats without "Bugs or Ants". On Sunday, July 17th at 6:00 pm the group will be meeting in the FELLOWSHIP HALL for our evening together. It's summer picnic and birthday foods sooo bring something—a small entrée, side dish or dessert we can all enjoy. Let's celebrate everyone's BIRTHDAYS that evening with "ICE CREAM and BIRTHDAY TREATS" (furnished by 55+). Share your vacation stories and/or pictures, summer activities, possibly special Birthday celebrations, anything summer-related that will make us smile. ALL are welcome to come and share an evening with us at our "Indoor Picnic with No Bugs".

Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm • July 17, 2016

Please remember to bring SCHOOL SUPPLIES for the Pantry that night!!! Contact Sharon Koenig with questions.

## Bibles for 3rd Graders

We will celebrate Backpack Sunday, give Bibles to children going into 3rd grade, and have our Children's Ministry Brunch on Sunday, August 14th. *If you have a child going into 3rd grade, please notify the church office as soon as possible so we can order the engraved Bibles.*

## Youth Trivia Night



Our Youth Group is planning a Trivia Night to be held on Saturday, July 30th in the Fellowship Hall. The doors will open at 5:30 pm, and play will begin at 6:00 pm. Each table can have up to 8 players. Get a group together and play Trivia! This is a fun evening for everyone, and a fundraiser for our youth. Cost is \$10 per person.

## Christmas in July

There is an Angel Tree ministry need in our area for a woman who recently took in her sister's 3 children after she was sent to prison. This is the needs/wish list they gave me. Monetary donations are also welcome for shopping for these gifts. Please consider this opportunity to show Christ to people outside of our walls. Many of these items can be purchased at the resale shop next to Pantera's Pizza. Any questions, please call Rhonda Grammer, 618-444-4871.

One year old girl needs 24 months-2T clothing, used car seat, used riding toy, size 5 diapers and wet wipes.

13 year old girl needs shirts size 10/12, pants size 10/12 and shoes size 8.

11 year old boy needs pants, size youth XL, shirts size youth XL and shoes size 11.5. He also asked for a scooter from Walmart.

## Meals on Wheels

Immanuel United Methodist Church delivers Meals on Wheels every year in August. This usually takes no more than an hour of your day. If you would like to volunteer to deliver meals, sign up on the calendar in the Hospitality Room. Please also include your cell phone number. If you have any questions, speak to Don or Evelyn Schaake.

## Men's Small Group Time Change

All men are invited to join our Men's Small Group that meets every Saturday morning, now beginning at **9:30 am**. The men enjoy fellowship, getting to know each other better and discovering God's plan for their lives. They are currently looking at the Book of Job and discussing why God allows bad things to happen.

## Lay Leadership Changes

Our Church Council approved the following changes to our Lay Leadership committees: **Matt Lewis** and **Cindy Cameron** will now be serving on the Board of Trustees, and **LeeAnn Kane** will serve on the Finance Committee. Please pray for the leaders of our church and support important decisions that are made in these committee processes.

## Pew Card Update

In an effort to reduce the cluttered look of our pew card holders, a new Welcome card has been designed that you may encourage a visitor to fill out, (we love knowing their names!) and you can also use it for a Prayer Ministry request. If you have a prayer request, you may use the bottom portion of the card.

## Krieger Wedding Reception

Ron Krieger and Micki Randa will be getting married in Ontario, Canada on Saturday, July 2. The couple plan to have a wedding reception at Immanuel on Saturday, July 16th beginning at noon. A catered lunch will be available from 1:00 until 4:00 pm. This reception is open to anyone from Immanuel. We are so happy for Ron and Micki and wish them God's blessings in their lives together.



## Last Call for School Supplies!

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

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	

Place your donations in the Pantry Donation Boxes in the Hospitality Room. The supplies are needed by Wednesday, July 27th, as they will be given out on August 3rd. Thank you for making a difference in students' lives!





## FEELING THE PINCH!

The Finance Committee would like to send out a reminder: YOU MATTER and your faithful contribution matters. So as summer gets underway and families become busy with vacations and activities, please consider online contributions or perhaps mailing in your designated gift for the weeks you are unable to attend. We depend on all of you!

## Convergence

Young adults of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference will converge for a retreat at East Bay Camp from August 9 to August 12, 2016. If you are between the ages of 18 and 30, this retreat is for you! SIU Wesley Foundation Director, Sherri Smedshammer, will be the main speaker at the four day retreat. Matt Sherrill from Bloomington Wesley UMC will provide music. Bloomington's Home Sweet Home Ministries, which has been serving the homeless and hungry with Christ's love in Bloomington, Illinois since 1917, offers an opportunity for mission. At Convergence Young Adults will also have an opportunity to worship, network, and enjoy informal fellowship. The only cost for the young adult is lodging and meals, which will be \$155. Program expenses are covered by a grant from the IGRC. Scholarships are available. The Young Adult Council defines young adults as persons—single or married, in college or in the work force—18-30 years of age and persons up to 35 years who self-identify as young adults. Register for Convergence online at: [Young Adult Convergence](#). For program questions, please contact Rev. Erin Totten at 309-221-9374 or email her at [etotten0623@gmail.com](mailto:etotten0623@gmail.com). For registration questions, please contact the Camping and Retreat Office at 217-529-2646 or email them at [camping@igrc.org](mailto:camping@igrc.org).

## Office Coverage Needed

Our secretary will be on vacation August 1—5. We are looking for volunteers to come in each morning from 8 to noon to answer phones and do other light office work as needed. Please call Anita at 656-4648 to volunteer or to ask questions. You can also email her at

edw8iumc@sbcglobal.net.

## America's Night Out Against Crime

*Hosted by Edwardsville Police Department*

August 2, 2016

5:30—8:00 pm

Edwardsville City Park

Free giveaways to first 100 children

Music & Entertainment

Free snow cones, hot dogs

Free bounce houses

Child Identification Station

Children's Museum Table

YMCA Craft Table for Kids

Distracted Driver Simulation

Watershed Educational Table



## Congratulations and God's Blessings!!

We want to recognize the retirement of two of our members, and thank them for their dedication and excellence in their professions!!

**Joanie Green** taught Cross-Categorical Special Education for 21 years and Specialized Special Ed, Kindergarten through 3rd grade for 3 years in Cahokia.

**Jan Zelasko** specifies that she still considers herself to be a Physical Therapist, but worked 44 years, with the last 37 being in ECUSD 7. The first 21 years in ECUSD, Jan covered 3-4 other school districts.

**Receipts to 5/31/2016**

	January	February	March	April	May
Contrib.	\$14,605.00	\$11,923.00	\$10,642.50	\$11,435.36	\$14,410.01
Online	1,590.00	2,085.00	1,640.00	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>	<u>3,567.86</u>
	\$20,489.76	15,602.16	15,588.55	15,021.28	19,269.00

Total needed per month to meet the budget  
and pay all of our Apportionments

**July Noisy Offering**

Preacher's Aid Society  
&  
Benefit Fund

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

- † Floyd Fisher, heart surgery on Friday, June 24  
Sara Middelkamp, daughter of Joanie Green, surgery  
Lois Whitworth, friend of Joanie Green, recent stroke and placed on hospice care  
Mary Ashley, friend of Brittney Gilleland, recovering from successful kidney transplant  
David Stoeckel, father of Christal Akers-Helle, has a new surgery date—July 14
- †† Sheila Page, recovering from surgery
- ††† Libby Metcalf, recovering from hip surgery  
The Cope Family, friends of JJ & Karie Prott, whose infant daughter Marlie passed away suddenly  
Texas flood victims
- †††† Annie Fisher, daughter of Bill and Tammy Fisher, recovering from surgery  
Family of Sue Blythe, long-time friend of Don and Evelyn Schaake, at her passing

# Congratulations!



On Graduate Sunday, June 19th, we recognized the following graduates at our 8:45 am worship service:



**Katlyn Akers**, daughter of Christal and Teresa Akers-Helle, graduated from Edwardsville High School on May 21, 2016. She was awarded the Charles A. Wentz Jr. Immanuel United Methodist Scholarship, as well as a Cougar Pride scholarship, and plans to study Elementary Education at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

**Lydia Bertels**, daughter of Bob and Judi Bertels, graduated from Edwardsville High School on May 21, 2016. She plans to attend Missouri Baptist University majoring in Exercise Science. She has enrolled in the Army ROTC and will graduate as a commissioned officer.



**BethAnne Havis** is the daughter of Jackie Havis Shear and David Havis. She graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on May 7, 2016 where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. she has been admitted to the one year advanced standing Master's of Social Work program at SIUE.



**Joseph Moore**, son of Dane Shortt, graduated from Edwardsville High School on May 21, 2016. He plans to attend Southwest Illinois College to study aviation mechanics.



**Trevor Page**, son of Joseph and Sheila Page, graduated from Edwardsville High School in December of 2015. Trevor will be in the plumber apprentice program for the Missouri Plumber and Pipefitter Union—Local 562. He is employed with Guinner Plumbing in St. Louis.

**Kiley Reeder**, daughter of Mark and Denis Reeder, graduated from Edwardsville High School on May 21, 2016. She plans to attend McKendree University where she will play golf and pursue a double major in Sports Management and Marketing.



**Derek Struwing** is the son of Dan and Marcia Struwing, and grandson of Floyd & Deloris Fisher. He graduated from Bartlett High School with the class of 2016. While in high school he went to Russia with the USA Deaf Olympic Hockey Team, and his local hockey team won the State Hockey Championship. Derek has signed with the St. Louis Blues Junior Hockey Team.

*God's blessings and our prayers on the next  
steps for all of our graduates!!*

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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 ...

