

# The Vision

## Let the Administrative Work Begin!

September is always the time of year for United Methodists to begin plans for 2017—establishing new committees, setting a new budget, updating reports on the properties, etc. So, in efforts to form committees for 2017, the openings are indicated below. Just to remind you, the Lay Leadership Team takes suggestions and recommendations from the congregational members that may wish to serve on various committees. Pastor Jackie chairs the Lay Leadership Team and that team is scheduled to meet on September 8th at 6:30 pm in the Church Office. Recommendations then go to the Church Council for voting purposes and ultimately ends up at **Charge Conference on October 9th at 3 pm**. The following lists show the committee members we have for the new year, with blank lines indicating open spots for opportunities. Committee members and participants are asked to always look toward making decisions that always glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ by growing the Kingdom of God. If you feel God asking you to serve in one of the following areas of leadership, please let Pastor Jackie know by calling the church office (618) 656-4648 or her cell phone. (618) 531-9134.

### Finance Committee

Pastor, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Chairs of Committees, Lay Leaders, Lay Delegates		
Butch Mestemacher	Christal/Teresa Akers-Helle	Rhonda/Jordan Grammer
Peggy Worthey	Mary Ann Goldsmith	_____
LeeAnn Kane	Gwen Cornell	_____

### Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

Pastor, Lay Leaders, Lay Delegates		
Pam Newman	Ron Goldsmith	_____
Sheila Page	Barb Taliana	_____
Marc Franke	Bill Phillipe	_____

### Trustees Committee

Tim Moline	Sharon Koenig	Cindy Cameron
Mike Portell	Norman Schoettle	_____
Gary Koenig	Matthew Lewis	_____

### Lay Leadership Team

Pastor, Lay Leaders, Lay Delegates		
LeeAnn Kane	Isabelle Kane/Sydney Grammer	_____
Sherry Buhrmester	Betty Gengler	_____
Ashley Starks	Trish Rader	_____

## Kid's Night Out

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join in an evening of fun that includes dinner, games, crafts, popcorn and a movie! Kid's Night Out will be held on Friday, September 16 from 5:30—8:30 pm. There is no cost to attend.

Please call the church office, 656-4648 to register your child, or sign them up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room. Helpers are always needed! Speak to Kiffon Lewis or Jill Winte.



## Community Children's Ministry

The Children's Community Ministry Brunch (formerly called Koats for Kids Brunch) was held on Sunday, August 14 and we got a good start on the funding we need to purchase winter coats for Head Start children and possibly a family in need at a local

school. We have also purchased Christmas gifts for one or more families in need with the monies raised. If you would still like to make a donation, pick an envelope off of the Christmas Tree in the Hospitality Room. All donations are greatly appreciated.

**Still Accepting Donations for our Community Children's Ministry to Purchase Coats for Children at Head Start and Help a Needy Family**

## Bible Sunday

We were happy to give Bibles to two children on Bible Sunday, August 14th! Receiving Bibles were Layna Hueter, granddaughter of Mike and Ruth Portell, and Eve Scarborough, granddaughter of Mark and Phyllis Fisher. Both

of these girls participate in our Kid's Night Out and Vacation Bible School programs, and were excited to receive their engraved Bibles from Immanuel.



## Head Start Readers

Do you love books and children? We are looking for volunteers to read to the children at Head Start again this year. They are reorganizing their program, and will have just one class each day from 9 am until 3 pm. They would like to have us read on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays as we have

done in the past, but we will need just one reader each day, at 2:15 pm, beginning on Wednesday, September 28th. You may bring your own books or they will provide you with one or two to read to the class. This has been a very enjoyable opportunity for both Immanuel and Head Start for

several years. Call the church office, 656-4648, to be put on the schedule this year.

## VBS Thank You!!

We want to recognize the following people who staffed our VBS this year. You are very much appreciated!!

Kiffon Lewis, Jill Winte—Directors  
 Pastor Jackie—Opening/Closing  
 Grace Havis—Kid Vid Video Leader  
 Alexis Tharp—Crafts Leader  
 Brittney Gilleland—Bible Quest Leader  
 Dave & Trish Rader—Games Leaders  
 Jordan Grammer—Songs Leader  
 Matt Lewis—Dinner Coordinator  
 Rhonda & Sydney Grammer—Cavern Café (snacks)

Team Leaders/Co-Leaders & Other Helpers:

Eloise Allen  
 Lisa Allen  
 Paige Brase  
 Phyllis Fisher  
 Izzy Kane  
 Maddi Kane  
 Brandy Page  
 Hannah Penelton  
 Kendall Smith



Help with/Cook Dinners and Clean-Up:

Pastor Jackie  
 Sharon Koenig  
 Penny May  
 Judy Schoettle  
 Kent & Bonni Schuette



## Final S.A.K. Report for 2016

S.A.K. had another very successful summer. With the help and dedication of over 100 volunteers, we bagged and served 4,792 lunches. Also, 3 dogs were given treats.

We had 6 locations which included Immanuel, Mt. Joy, Wesley Chapel, Anchored In Truth, University Flats Mobile Home Park and Quail Run Mobile Home Park.

The churches that provided volunteers were Immanuel, Mt. Joy, Eden, First Presbyterian, Wesley Chapel and St. Boniface.

Our volunteers were from kids to senior citizens, men and women, boys and girls. We had a lot of teachers, retired teachers, and the ADK

(Teacher Sorority). We also had SIUE Wrestlers and members of the Daughter of Isabelle. The Cedarhurst Memory Care volunteers helped to fill the bags. And there were several others that just wanted to help.

We received monetary donations and also donations of supplies from several different groups. The following gave donations: Junior Service Club, Restore Décor, University Flats, the Churches, Glen-Ed Pantry, EHS Student Council, and many anonymous donors.

I would like to give a very special thank you to all the wonderful volunteers. We had a fun time working together to serve the children of Edwardsville. There are a few people

that deserve an extra special thank you. To Anita Seehausen for all her secretarial assistance, to Wally Maedge for helping to carry in the supplies, to Melanie Cruse and Helen Rios for sitting in the Prayer Garden every day this summer, and to Gary Koenig for putting up the signs and building the ramp, and Don Schaake for taking the signs down. Evelyn Schaake and Kathy Coady were always there when I needed extra help or support. Many thanks to everyone involved with S.A.K.

God Bless You All,

Sherry Buhrmester

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## TWIGS

Praise Community Fellowship partnered with the TWIGS children's summer feeding program out of Granite City this summer. They had two locations in Glen Carbon, and handed out 2,977 lunches.

Together, the churches at Immanuel served 7,769 lunches to children in our community!

## Chancel Choir to Resume

Immanuel's Chancel Choir, under the direction of Mr. David Bryant, will resume their Wednesday evening rehearsals on September 7th at 7:00 pm.

The Chancel Choir sings each week at the 10:45 am Traditional Worship Service begin-

ning on Sunday, September 18th.

All are welcome to join. If you enjoy singing, there is a place for you!



## Celebration of Weddings

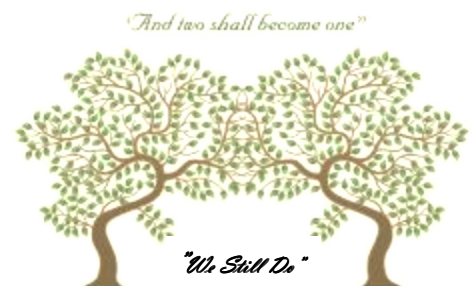
On Sunday, September 25th at 6:00 pm in the Journey's Inn Room, our 55+ group will be meeting for a pot luck dinner and fellowship night. Bring a small entrée and a side dish to share with everyone. Always a great meal!

That evening we will be showing a video of OLD Immanuel wedding pictures. Some are quite old and some faces you will recognize. If you care to share your wedding pictures or have a funny or interesting story about your wedding or a family or friend, please share them with us.

Pastor Jackie will be there to offer a Blessing to couples that would like to have a BLESSING OF COMMITMENT to their spouse and their life together.

We may even have a few flower girls and some music.

Anyone and everyone no matter your age is welcome to come to share an evening of food and fellowship. Be part of the celebration by participating or being part of the celebration with good wishes. Join us on Sunday, September 25th at 6:00 pm in the Journey's Inn room.



If you have any questions, contact Sharon Koenig at 633-2659.



## Walk for PKD

Millions of people have polycystic kidney disease worldwide, including members of Immanuel. This year, once again, we are walking to end PKD and we ask for your support! If you would like to make a donation, see Ron & Joann Schaake or Dave & Trish Rader. If you would like to join our team to walk we would love to have you! We walk September 16th at 10:00 am in Tower Grove Park. See us for more information.

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## Thank You!!

I want to say Thank You to my church friends for all the hugs, handshakes, prayers, transportation to my doctors and love during my past months of going through radiation. I am finished with my treatments now and visit my doctor every 4-6 months to check my PSA numbers. The numbers are good now and I hope they stay good. It's nice to know so many people care about me.

Thanks—**Gary Koenig**

**Midwest Mission Distribution Center** wishes to thank everyone who took the time to vote for them online. Because of your votes they won the \$5,000 equipment package. They say "we could no have done it without you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts." Midwest participated in the *Make My Non-Profit Run Better* contest by RK Dixon and they are so excited to be able to update their technology. This donation will help the staff be able to work more efficiently and keep up with all the volunteers.

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## Wired Word Sunday School Class

The Wired Word Sunday School Class deserves to be highlighted as a great opportunity for all adults on Sunday mornings. The class is an Adult Sunday School Class and addresses current day issues. Each week a lively discussion and various viewpoints are shared. The Bible has clear advice for living in current times of reality, but more often than not, it requires the community of relationships to "wrestle out" and dialogue to discover that truth. The Wired Word meets in what we call the "used-to-be Quilter's Room." It is a Sunday School classroom downstairs that is directly off the hallway of the educational wing. Feel free to get your hospitality cup of coffee and donut and head down at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings! Welcome to All!

## UMCOR Plea

The flooding from heavy rainfall in Louisiana claimed at least seven lives and prompted the rescue of more than 20,000 people. Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey estimates at least a dozen United Methodist churches have flood damage. Many church members have major flood damage to their homes. As UMCOR assists people affected by recent Louisiana floods, churches in IGRC may donate to Advance #901670—U.S. Disaster Response Fund.

If you wish to donate directly to the Louisiana Annual Conference, donations may also

be sent to the following address:

Louisiana Annual Conf.  
Attn: Flood Buckets  
527 North Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Please note 'AUGUST 2016 FLOOD' in the memo field on your check.

Donations sent to the Louisiana Annual Conference will go directly to Louisiana relief efforts. The current appeal is for flood bucket funding. Many will be needed when people are able to return to their homes and churches are once again accessible.

Volunteers will be requested at a later time. We need to stay out of the way until the Louisiana Conference is ready to receive volunteer teams. It will take some time for volunteer deployment to be fully coordinated.

In the meantime, let's all be in prayer for all who are suffering from loss in the aftermath of the flood.

**September Noisy Offering:**

**United Methodist Youth Month  
Red Bird Mission  
School Scholarships  
KY Advance Special 773728**

## Meet Our New Bishop

The **Rev. Frank Beard**, pastor of Castleton United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, has been elected as a United Methodist bishop by delegates at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference. Rev. Beard told delegates that in 1968, he was a "snotty-nosed" kid playing around a United Methodist church when its members invited him for cookies and Kool-Aid—and then provided a scholarship so he could attend United Methodist Church camp. "That little Methodist Church took me under their wing," he said. "In 1968 it wasn't popular for white churches to invite little black boys to be part of their congregation." Beard said that church blessed him and God called him to the glorious task of preaching the good news. His duties as Bishop of the Illinois Area will begin on September 1st. Bishop Beard will be installed on Sunday, September 11th, 3:00 p.m. at Springfield First United Methodist Church.

**Prayer Ministry** (+ indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

- +** Christine Doss, sister of Andre Doss, health issues  
 Collin Rives, grandson of Bill & Judy Daubenspeck, continued cancer treatment  
 Dane Connoyer, who broke his arm  
 Faye, sister of Wanda Marth and aunt of Janice Zelasko, recovering from hip replacement surgery at the age of 86  
 Charlie Renfrow, friend of Gary Koenig, diagnosed with cancer  
 Brian Soden, son of Becky Mestemacher, health issues  
 Pastor John Shear, recovering from foot surgery  
 David Stoeckel, father of Christal Akers-Helle, has new surgery date of August 31  
 Lorel Hart and family, friend of Emily Spitze, at the sudden death of her dad, Rev. Howard Self
  
- ++** Sharon Capps and family upon the death of her husband, Roger  
 Alyssa Brase who broke her ankle in a trampoline accident  
 Lisa Taliana for her upcoming surgery  
 Trey Harris, injured police officer shot in line of duty in Carbondale
  
- ++++** Sally McLaughlin and family at the passing of her mother  
 Alexis Tharp and family at the passing of her grandmother

**Receipts to 7/31/2016**

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

	April	May	June
Contrib.	\$11,435.36	\$14,510.01	\$12,511.38
Online	1,640.00	1,640.00	1,665.00
Other	<u>1,945.92</u>	<u>3,567.85</u>	<u>2,797.37</u>
	\$15,021.28	\$19,717.86	\$16,973.75

	July
Contrib.	\$ 9,559.19
Online	1,690.00
Other	<u>2,754.06</u>
	\$14,003.25

Total needed per month to meet the budget  
 and pay all of our Apportionments  
 \$17,269.00



October 14 Kid's Night Out, 5:30-8:30 pm

October 23 Art with Allie, 2:00 pm  
 \$35.00 fee for all art supplies  
 finger foods and light desserts

November 11-12  
 UMW Soup Luncheon and  
 Craft Fair



## 9/11 Memorial Service

The Edwardsville Fire Department will be presenting a special 15-Year Anniversary 9/11 Memorial Service on Sunday, September 11th at 12:00 noon at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Route 157 in Glen Carbon. This service will be dedicated to all the lives that were lost on September 11, 2001. One of the speakers for the event will be Brad Heuchert, who is a PCF member and an involved community member. We hope you will take some time on September 11 to remember and honor the lives that were lost by attending this patriotic memorial service.



## We Have New E-Mail Addresses!!

We are in the process of upgrading our telephone system at Immanuel. We will be changing our internet service provider from AT&T to Charter, because the bandwidth that Charter can provide will better meet our needs at Immanuel.

As a result of this change, our old sbcglobal.net e-mail addresses will no longer function. Effective immediately, our new e-mail address are:



Church Office:

[anita@immanuelonmain.org](mailto:anita@immanuelonmain.org)

Pastor Jackie:

[pastorjackie@immanuelonmain.org](mailto:pastorjackie@immanuelonmain.org)

Please make these changes in your contact list so that we don't miss out on receiving your e-mail. Also be aware that we will be in a transition period for a little while, and be patient while we are adjusting to all the new changes!!

## Need Computer Help?

Jarrett Firsching, grandson of Henry and Shirley Firsching, is interested in doing volunteer work to help out the community. He is especially good at helping people with computer issues, and would love to help you solve any issues you may be having with your computer. You may phone him at 618-882-8441.



## The Vision



**Immanuel United Methodist Church**  
*The Old Church with the New Attitude*  
800 North Main Street  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

### 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 ...

#### CONTACT US!

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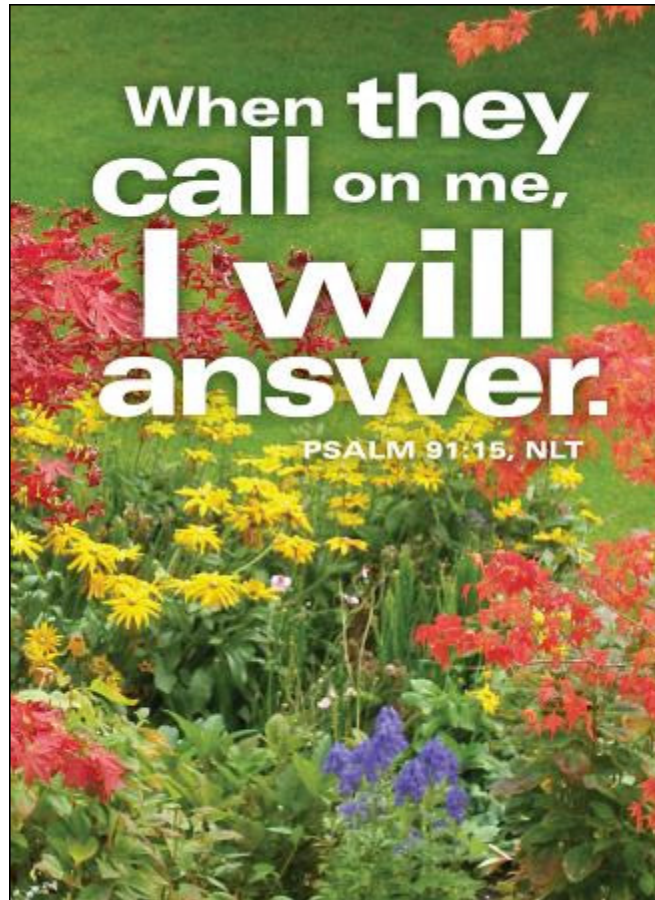
Instrument Director

David Bryant

Choral Director

Jordan Grammer

Contemporary Worship Leader



#### 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

##### Traditional Service

10:45 a.m.

In Sanctuary

##### 5th SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am Common Time

10:00 am Blended Worship

**Nursery Available All  
Morning**