

# THE VISION

Newsletter of Immanuel United Methodist Church

## Faith in Action

*Faith in Action* is a program established by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a private philanthropy, to encourage congregations to work together to reach out to those who are in need of assistance to remain independent. *Faith in Action* Edwardsville/Glen Carbon began in March, 1998. Since beginning 17 years ago, the volunteer base has increased to 80 active volunteers who are currently serving over 250 local seniors. In 17 years they have served over 750 different seniors and have completed over 25,000 requests for services and have driven over 476,000 miles. They offer transportation, shopping, respite care, light housekeeping, minor home repairs and occasional yard work. There is no cost for these services. If you have a need or would like information about volunteering with *Faith in Action*, call 618-692-0480 or e-mail [fiaegc@yahoo.com](mailto:fiaegc@yahoo.com).

You are invited to attend a *Faith in Action* breakfast on Thursday, November 3, 7:30 am at Eden Village Retirement Center, 400 S. Station Road in Glen Carbon. Cost for the breakfast is \$12.00 per person. You may make your reservation by calling 692-0480.



## In Communion

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ. The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.

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## Happening This Month:

October 2  
World Communion  
Sunday  
8:45 & 10:45 am

October 9  
Charge Conference  
3:30 pm

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

October 23  
Art with Allie  
2:00 pm



## **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, October 14, 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**

We have gotten a head start on the funding needed to purchase new, warm winter coats for our neighbor children at Head Start. They will be sending us their wish list soon! In the past 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 to put your donation into. All gifts are greatly appreciated!

## **Christmas Boxes**

Christmas may be two months away, but October is the time to fill Operation Christmas Child boxes. Operation Christmas Child, through Samaritan's Purse, distributes these boxes to needy children around the world that otherwise would not be receiving a Christmas gift. Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available for you to pick-up beginning in early October and need to be returned to the church no later than November 6. Instructions and a list of suggested items is included in each box. Along with the box, pick up a label to specify whether the box is for a boy or girl and also one of the three suggested age groups. Last year our church filled 70 boxes, an increase of 9 from the previous year, and we would hope that we can again show an increase. If you are interested in this effort, Samaritan's Purse has a very informative website with information about Operation Christmas Child and also their other missionary work.

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

## **Looking Ahead...**

Our Children's & Youth Christmas Program will be presented on Sunday, December 11th. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday nights beginning on November 22. Everyone is welcome to participate in this program!



## **Yoga for the Body and Spirit**

It is not too late to join a new class called Yoga for the Body and Spirit. The class is led by Lisa Allen, who is in the process of becoming a certified yoga teacher. It is held in the Journey's Inn Room on Thursday nights at 6:00 pm and will run through October 20th. This class will be a beginning yoga class exploring yoga poses and breathing techniques. We will do standing, sitting, and lying down poses. This is not chair yoga and is not meant to replace Ageless Grace. Please bring a yoga mat and join us for some fun and relaxation! (\$5 suggested donation/class). Babysitting is available in the nursery.

## **Meet Our New Bishop**

Bishop's Day  
Sunday, November 13, 2016  
Belleville St. Matthew UMC  
1200 Moreland Drive, Belleville  
1:30—2:30 pm

## **Men's Bible Study**

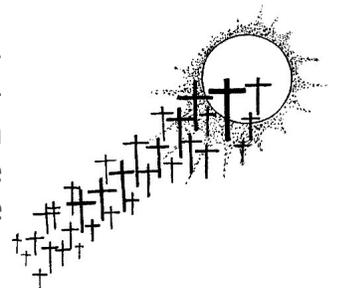
Our Men's Bible Study group is taking a brief break and the men will be contacted when it is decided to start up again. They had a good time going through the Book of James, and then the Book of Job. They saw a lot of differences in the two books. Floyd encourages you to read the two books!

## **Art with Allie**

You're invited to a paint party! We have had a great time whenever we have asked Allie to come visit us. She will bring a large quantity of paintings for you to choose and copy from—or you may create your own masterpiece. The party will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at 2:00 pm in the Journey's Inn Room. Fee is \$35.00, which includes all paint supplies, finger foods, beverage, and light dessert. This is a fun and creative way to spend an afternoon with your family or friends. Please make a reservation with Sharon Koenig, or sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room. Payment should be made in advance if possible.

## **All Saints' Day**

We will be celebrating All Saints on Sunday, November 6th. During the worship services we will be commemorating persons in our church family or other loved ones who have passed away since last All Saints' Day. If you have a loved one who has joined "that great cloud of witnesses" described in the Book of Hebrews, please inform the church office with an e-mail, telephone call, or pick up and return a form that can be found in the Hospitality Room.



## Charge Conference

We have received word that our Charge Conference will be held at 3:30 pm on Sunday, October 9th here at Immanuel. All Church Council members are encouraged to attend this meeting with our District Superintendent. Anyone who is interested is also welcome to attend.

## Community Thanksgiving Meal

Immanuel UMC, along with Praise Community Fellowship, who served over 7,000 lunches to school children this past summer, recognizes that assistance with food is a need in our community. To help meet that need, a free Thanksgiving meal will be served to anyone who would like to attend on Sunday, November 20th at noon. Watch for more information about this exciting outreach mission.

## Looking Ahead...

Youth Fundraiser—Butter Braid Sales  
During November

UMW Soup & Sandwich Luncheon  
November 11

UMW Craft Bazaar  
November 11 & 12



Free Lunch Friday Thanksgiving Feast  
November 18

Christmas Cantata  
December 4

Children's Christmas Program  
December 11

## 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 October 16th at 10:00 am in Tower Grove Park. See us for more information.

## New E-Mail Addresses!

Please add these new e-mail addresses to your contact lists so that you will receive correspondence from us:

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

Pastor: [astorjackie@immanuelonmain.org](mailto:astorjackie@immanuelonmain.org)

## Custodial Position Available

We were deeply sorry to hear that our custodian, Wally Maedge, will be retiring from his position at the end of the month. Our custodian works 24 hours a week. If you are interested in applying for this position or would like more information, please speak to Pam Newman, (618) 633-2423.

Any words of thanks or appreciation, feel free to place a card in the mail to: Wally Maedge, 1355 Franklin Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025. We will be receiving any kind of Love Offering this week



## **Bless the Beasts and the Children**

The Great Rivers Choral Society, along with the St. Boniface and St. Mary's Children's Choirs, invites you to their concert, 'Bless the Beasts and the Children' on Saturday, October 15th, 7:30 pm and Sunday, October 16th, 3:00 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton, Illinois, and on Sunday, October 23rd, 2:00 pm at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville. These concerts are free to the public. A free-will offering will be taken. The choir is made up of 40-60 volunteer artists from all age groups and walks of life who enjoy singing. Immanuel member Jill Garbs is a member of this chorus. More information is available at [GRCS-SING.ORG](http://GRCS-SING.ORG).

## **Learn to Color Outside the Lines**

Women are invited to a day filled with worship, breakout sessions and learning that will focus on empowering women to explore who they are and how they relate to others. At this conference, women will learn to explore their creativity and God-given potential by discovering their personality style. The date is Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9 am to 2:30 pm at St. John's United Methodist Church in Edwardsville. Women of all ages and artistic abilities are invited to attend.

## **"Souls to the Polls"**

The Edwardsville NAACP is supporting "Souls to the Polls" events, Sunday, October 30th and Sunday, November 6th. The Souls to the Polls campaign allows people an opportunity not to have to rush from work or rush from daycare to come out and exercise their basic right to vote. The Madison County Administration Building (157 Main Street, 1st Floor) will be opened from 10 am to 4 pm to allow early voting on Sunday, October 30th and Sunday, November 6th.

## **Donation Drive**

Help to raise funds by cleaning out your closets! Bring donations on Saturday, October 1 from 9 am to 3 pm to Cottonwood Family Church, 180 Cottonwood Road in Glen Carbon. Items collected help fund Hagar Village for Homeless Families. Collecting clothing, shoes, accessories, books, linens and small household items.

## Area Octoberfests

### St. Michael's Parish - Staunton

Saturday, October 1 7-11 pm

Food, Refreshments, Country Store, & music by  
the Robert Perry Band

Sunday, October 2 11 am—4 pm

Chicken Dinner

Entertainment by

The Gary Moore Band from 1—4 pm

and Doc Holliday

from 5—9 pm

### St. Paul Lutheran - Wood River

Sunday, October 23 11:30 am—2:00 pm

All you can eat bratwurst, hot dogs,  
potato salad, baked beans, beverage  
and dessert

## Wheelchair Needed

Immanuel is in need of a wheelchair. If you have one in good condition that is no longer needed, please consider donating it to our church.

## Ushers Needed

If you would enjoy greeting people as they arrive for worship on Sunday mornings, please contact Anita in the church office: 618-656-4648.

October Noisy Offering:  
Community Children's  
Ministry

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## Thank You's Received

"Thank you to all for the beautiful floral arrangements I got for my birthday in June. I enjoyed the visits and phone calls and all the cards I received. Also thank you to L & P for the stamps. It is nice to be remembered and I appreciate all". — Ethel Witschie

Thank you for your recent gift of \$202 to the Preacher's Aid Society and Benefit Fund. We appreciate this generous gift, and we give thanks for your continued witness and ministry. God bless you as you serve the needs of your church, Edwardsville, and beyond! — Rev. Keith Anderson, Executive Director, Preacher's Aid Society & Benefit Fund

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

- † Ruth Portell, knee replacement on September 26th  
Ron & Bruce Tuley, brothers of Barb Taliana, health concerns  
Collin Rives, grandson of Bill & Judy Daubenspeck, continued cancer treatment  
Brayden Prott, grandson of Jerry & Sharon Prott, healing for severely injured finger  
Dane Connoyer, healing for broken arm  
Lisa Taliana, recovering from serious surgery on Wednesday
- ++ Pastor John Shear, healing following second foot surgery this month
- +++ David Stoeckel, father of Christal Akers-Helle, fighting infection following surgery
- ++++ Christine Doss, sister of Andre Doss, health issues

## Receipts to 8/30/2016

	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	August	
Contrib.	\$ 9,559.19	\$11,532.35	
Online	1,690.00	2,160.00	
Other	<u>2,754.06</u>	<u>2,730.85</u>	
	\$14,003.25	\$16,423.20	

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

### CONTACT US!

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Maurice "Butch" Mestemacher  
Instrument Director

David Bryant  
Choral Director

Jordan Grammer  
Contemporary Worship Leader

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

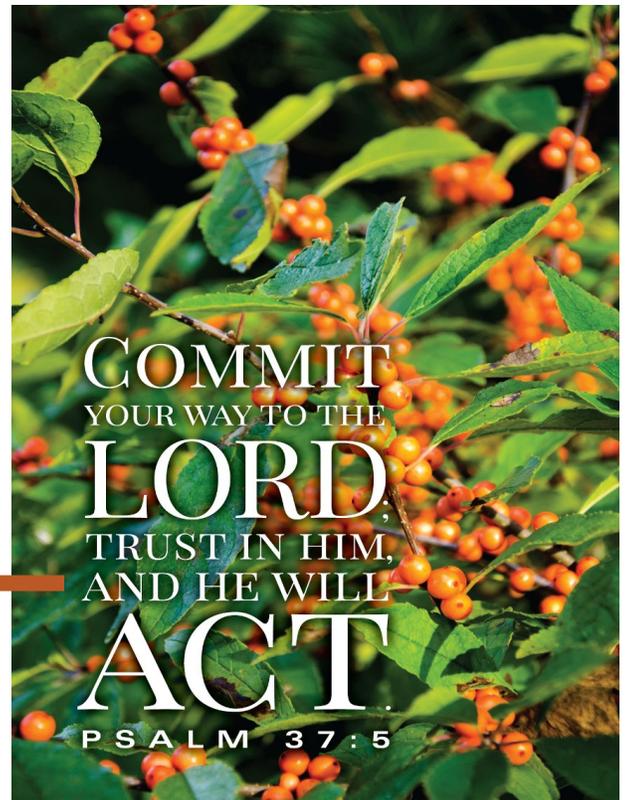
**Joint Contemporary Service**  
8:45 a.m.  
In Sanctuary

**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**



## Immanuel United Methodist Church

*The Old Church with the New Attitude*

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