

THE VISION

November, 2016

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Immanuel UMC Leadership for 2017

Church Council

Chairperson	Joe Newman
Lay Leader(s)	Al Davis/Missy Carter
Lay Delegate(s)	Pam Clarkin/Jordan Grammer
Chairperson of SPPRC	Pam Newman
Chairperson of Finance	Rhonda/Jordan Grammer
Trustee Representative	TBA
Treasurer	Shelby Grammer
Youth	Dave/Trish Rader
Youth/Faith Coalition	Kendall Smith
Sunday School Representative	Kiffon Lewis/Jill Winte
Recording Secretary	Missy Carter
Pastor	Rev. Jackie K. Havis-Shear
Worship Leaders	Butch Mestemacher/Jordan Grammer
Worship Committee	Joanie Green
Communications	Teresa Akers-Helle
Missions	Don/Evelyn Schaake
PCF/IUMC Liason	Floyd Fisher
Small Group	Christal Akers-Helle

Board of Trustees

Tim Moline	Sharon Koenig	Cindy Cameron
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In Training—Dustin Franke, Trevor Page		

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee—Chair Pam Newman

Pastor, Lay Leaders, Lay Delegates		
Pam Newman	Ron Goldsmith	Isabelle Kane/Sydney Grammer
Sheila Page	Barb Taliana	Floyd Fisher
Marc Franke	Evelyn Schaake	Paige Brase

Finance Committee—Co Chairs Rhonda Grammer and Jordan Grammer

Pastor, Council Chair, Lay Delegates, SPPRC Chair, Lay Leaders, Treasurer, Trustee		
Maurice Mestemacher	Christal/Teresa Akers-Helle	Rhonda/Jordan Grammer
Peggy Worthey	Mary Ann Goldsmith	Betty Gengler
LeeAnn Kane	Jacob Newman	Emily Spitz
Treasurer—Shelby Grammer		

Lay Leadership—Chair, Rev. Jackie K. Havis-Shear

Lay Leaders		
LeeAnn Kane	Isabelle Kane/Sydney Grammer	LaVonne Timmins
Sherry Buhrmester	Betty Gengler	Jan Zelasko
Ashley Starks	Trish Rader	Missy Carter

Annual Craft Fair and Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12, are the days chosen by the United Methodist Women for their Annual Craft Fair and Soup & Sandwich Luncheon. The Luncheon will be held on Friday, November 11 from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm, and will feature your choice of three kinds of homemade soup, chicken salad on a croissant as well as pie and a beverage. The cost is \$8.00 for the meal.

The Craft Fair will be held on Friday, November 11 from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, and on Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. It will feature Blessing Baskets, Holiday crafts, ornaments, décor and gifts, handmade crafts, cards & stationary, needle crafts, upcycled crafts, jewelry and much, much more.

Let's Build Relationships!

Can't remember the name of the person you enjoyed sitting next to at a church event? A new photo directory is coming to your rescue! The photos will be taken on November 8th, 9th, 13th and 14th. Lifetouch encourages you to bring props that reflect your personality and have fun with the session.



Be Yourself

Classic, casual, musical, sporty, fun ... it's up to you!

Make it Special

Bring meaningful items and special people

Portrait Greeting Cards

Give the gift of portraits this Christmas



Please go to our website, www.immanuelonmain.org to schedule a photography session, or call the church office, (618) 656-4648. Schedule your photography session today! Each participating family receives a complimentary 8x10 & a free directory. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits if you'd like.

From the Finance Committee

As we near the end of 2016, we want to give thanks for all the blessings we have received during the year. We look forward to 2017 being another great year for celebration and growth at Immanuel. We encourage you to continue to be intentional and prayerful when considering your pledge for the upcoming year, knowing that tithing is an act of worship, and teaching us that God will honor the areas of our lives where we put Him first.

To belong to our congregation is to be a steward. Some may say that “stewardship” is just a polite way of referring to financial giving to the church. But it’s far more than that. One character in some of Jesus’ parables is the steward — the servant charged by the master to care for the master’s property. It is the master, not the steward, who owns the property, but the steward is responsible for it and is accountable to the master. As God’s stewards we have three responsibilities:

Receiving: We receive with joyful thanksgiving the many gifts that God showers upon us — time, talent, treasure, our bodies, our friendships, natural resources, and the beauty around us.

Managing: We take good care of what we have received. We manage these resources wisely — for our own good and the good of others.

Giving: We may think that our financial resources are our own. But when we understand that the time, the energy, the good health, and the opportunities for employment behind these dollars are all gifts from God, we see that the funds belong to God too. We are the stewards; God is the owner. So questions about what we earn, how we earn it, how we save, spend, and give it away, are all questions of Christian stewardship.

One vital aspect of our stewardship is our giving to Christ’s work in the world. We’ve learned that giving is most effective when we commit ourselves to give a definite portion of our income through the church. Our challenge for the church this year is to decide whatever the amount, we will discover the joy in giving to God the “first fruits,” an amount “off the top” of our income, not what’s left over at the end of the month.

"Celebrating the offering is a spiritual act of worship every believer can actively participate in each week. Giving becomes a celebration when the believer discovers the joy of generosity, which grows out of God's grace." — Melvin Amerson, *Celebrating the Offering*

Yours in Christ,

Rhonda and Jordan Grammer
Finance Committee Co-Chairs

Kid's Night Out



Children from age 3 up through 5th grade are invited to join us each month on the third Friday for Kid's Night Out—a time for kids to make new friends, do fun games and activities, eat a meal together, and view a movie while munching on popcorn in a safe and loving environment. Our next Kid's Night Out will be held on Friday, November 18th from 5:30-8:30 pm in the lower level of Immanuel. This is a free event. We ask that if possible, you let us know if your child (ren) will attend. Their friends are welcome to join them. Please phone 618 656-4648 to sign up, or e-mail us at anita@immanuelonmain.org. A sign-up sheet is also available in the Hospitality Room.

2016 Christmas Program

Our Sunday School children will be presenting their Christmas program to the congregation on Sunday, December 11th at 10:00 am. (We will have just one worship service that day.) Rehearsals for the program will be held on Tuesday evenings, November 22 and 29, and December 6 from 6:30—8:00 pm in the Journey's Inn Room. All children age 3 and up are invited to participate.

Operation Christmas Child

There is still time to pick up an empty shoebox and fill it with items that will bring joy to a needy child that might not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. The deadline to return the boxes is Sunday, November 6th. Directions for filling the boxes are included in each box. We ask that you include \$7.00 to cover the cost of shipping. Please make a check payable to Immanuel UMC with "OCC" on the memo line.



Butter Braids Available

Just in time for the holidays our youth are taking orders for delicious Butter Braid pastries, cookie dough and pizza. Place your order with any youth group member or leader by November 6th. Delivery is set for November 21st.

Christmas Decorating



The sanctuary and lower level of our church will be decorated for Christmas on Sunday, November 27th beginning at 2:00 pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and lend a hand!

Glen-Ed Food Pantry

Please remember to pick up extra non-perishable food items, paper goods or personal hygiene products for donation to the local Food Pantry. There is a need for donations of all kinds. You may bring your donations to church and place them in the boxes in the corner of the Hospitality Room.



Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday, November 6
At 2:00 am

Turn Your Clocks Back One
Hour on Saturday Evening!

Thanksgiving Dinners

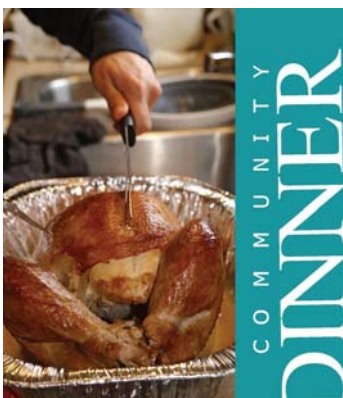


Free Lunch Friday

Fall has arrived and the time for autumn leaves, cool nights, warm days and Turkey Dinners is here. On **Friday, November 18th** from 11 am until 1 pm, the Free Lunch Friday program will be serving their Thanksgiving Dinner with ALL the fix'ins. Anyone is welcome to come and share a free meal, and enjoy some fellowship and Christian love. If you would like to be part of this great day you can come and help cook or serve or make a dessert, or if you would just like to pray for a good day it will be appreciated. If a monetary donation is what you would like to make, speak to Sharon Koenig or you can drop it in the offering plate marked "Free Lunch Friday." Thanks for any support you may be giving.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE!

Free Thanksgiving Meal



Immanuel UMC and Praise Community Fellowship began thinking about the families of the TWIGS and SAK Programs this summer and felt there was a need that we could fill by offering a Free Thanksgiving Meal on a Sunday. In the midst of connecting with others in the community of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon, the realization has become very clear that the circle of need is much broader than just the families of SAK and TWIGS. So, there's room for everyone to help. We are planning for 200 people and the sign-up sheets are found in the hospitality room of IUMC. Any financial contributions toward this effort can be noted to go toward "Free Thanksgiving Nov 20." Please join us in the outreach ministry of connecting with our community people and offering food for those who are hungry. The menu includes, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce and hot rolls!

November 20th

Thinking About Holiday Gifts?

It's a great time to purchase Scrip gift cards!! Did you know that you can purchase Discover and Visa gift cards if you are looking to give a gift that can be used almost anywhere? Does your family do a gift exchange at Thanksgiving? Note that gift cards ordered on October 30th will be delivered on November 14th, and cards ordered on November 27th will be delivered on December 12. Pick up a newly reorganized Scrip Order Form from the Hospitality Room. Orders should be given to Teresa or Christal Akers-Helle this Sunday, October 30, or on Sunday, November 27th.

Order Your Poinsettias!!

A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Hospitality Room for you to order poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one this Christmas. The poinsettias will decorate our altar area and can be taken home after the Christmas Eve service. The cost of the poinsettias will be the same as last year, \$9.00, and orders must be placed by November 10th.



Meet Our New Bishop

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

Faith in Action Breakfast

Everyone is invited to attend the *Faith in Action* breakfast on Thursday, November 3 beginning at 8 am at Eden Village Retirement Center in Glen Carbon. Cost is \$10.00. You may RSVP at 692-0480.

World Community Day

World Community Day began in 1943 as a day in the Fall set aside for the study of peace by church women. CWU continues to emphasize peace but has been broadened to include justice. Now a global scope of a wide range of problems can be emphasized on World Community Day. The 2016 CWU celebration's theme is "Gathered at God's Table." WCD will focus on sharing gifts at the table. Although we come with different cultures, family traditions, religious practices, and are of varied ages, those differences provide gifts that we can share with one another. Let us honor and rejoice in those differences, and may they unite us in new ways. All women are invited to the Fall Celebration of Church Women United at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville on Friday, November 4th. The celebration begins at 9:15 am.

Thank You Received

Dear Friends in Mission: Thank you for your gift received on 9/12/2016 of \$180.25 to the General Board of Global Ministries through The Advance, the designated mission giving channel of The United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that 100% of your contribution will go to Pastors and District Superintendent Salary Support, Advance #15124A. Your gift is improving substandard living conditions and preventing a shortage of pastors by supplementing income in Liberia. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission.

Information on Advance projects and missionaries can be accessed online at www.umcmmission.org. We also invite you to sign up on our website to receive our electronic newsletter, Connect N Mission. This monthly publication will keep you informed about Global Ministries' work.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer, Global Board of Global Ministries

Homemade Soup & Bread Dinner

New Bethel United Methodist Church on 131 North Main Street in Glen Carbon invite you to their Homemade Soup & Bread Dinner on Saturday, November 5th. The hours are 11 am until 4 pm. You will have dozens of varieties of soups to choose from—all you can eat. Adults are \$7, Children ages 5-12 are \$4, and Children under 5 are free. While you are there be sure to visit the Country Market for some delicious baked goods and holiday crafts.

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

- † Lisa Taliana, recovering from surgery at home
Chris Slaby, brother of Tyler, whose home was robbed
- †† Chris Zelasko, recovering from surgery
Fountain Methodist Church in Marion, Illinois, whose pastor had a heart attack and died—June and Sid Helle attend this church when they are at the Lake
Mary Etherton, friend of Shannah Wagner from Metropolis, Illinois, health issues
- ††† Pastor John, healing for the skin graft on his foot
- †††† Bill Phillipe and family on the passing of his brother-in-law in Oklahoma
Caitlyn Brodecker, friend of Ashley Gorham, diagnosed with lymphoma
Family of Charlie Renfrow, friend of Gary Koenig
Judy Koonce, recovering from knee replacement
All Area Churches

Receipts to 9/30/2016

	January	February
Contrib.	\$14,605.00	\$11,923.00
Online	1,590.00	2,085.00
Other	<u>4,294.76</u>	<u>1,594.16</u>
	\$20,489.76	15,602.16
	March	April
Contrib.	\$10,642.50	\$11,435.36
Online	1,640.00	1,640.00
Other	<u>3,306.05</u>	<u>1,945.92</u>
	\$15,588.55	15,021.28
	May	June
Contrib.	\$14,510.01	\$12,511.38
Online	1,640.00	1,665.00
Other	<u>3,567.85</u>	<u>2,797.37</u>
	\$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>
	\$15,648.49	\$18,446.60
	September	
Contrib.	\$ 9,341.50	
Online	1,690.00	
Other	<u>1,418.99</u>	
	\$12,450.49	

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

Looking Ahead ...

Sunday, December 4
Christmas Cantata Presented by
Immanuel's Chancel Choir
10:45 am

Sunday, December 11
Children's Christmas Program
One Service—10:00 am

Friday, December 16
Free Lunch Friday Christmas Feast
11:00 am—1:00 pm

Friday, December 16
Kid's Night Out
5:30—8:30 pm

Saturday, December 24
6:30 pm—Contemporary Service
Led by Praise Community Fellowship

11:00 pm—Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion
Led by Immanuel UMC

Sunday, December 25
One Service—10:00 am

Sunday, January 1
One Service—10:00 am
Featuring Darla McFadden

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Noisy Offering

During the month of November, our
Noisy Offering will go towards the
Glen-Ed Food Pantry

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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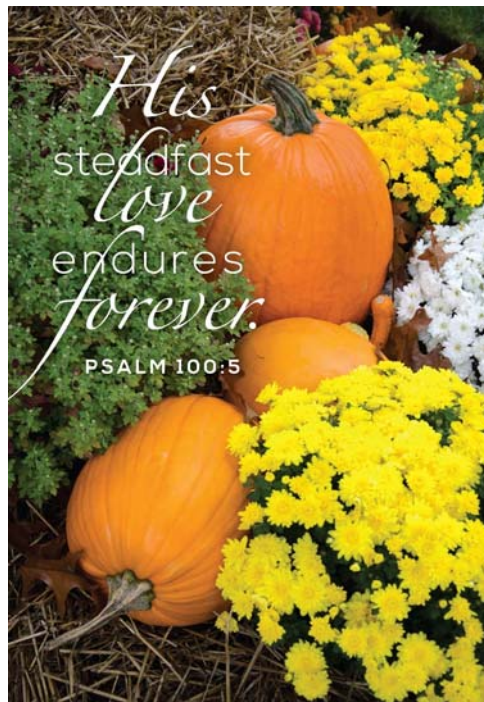
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Maurice "Butch" Mestemacher
Instrument Director

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
Choir Rehearsal

Traditional Service
10:45 a.m.
In Sanctuary

**Nursery Available All
Morning**