

THE VISION

January, 2017

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We'll Take A Cup of Kindness Yet!

In 1788, Robert Burns used these words as he pinned Auld Lang Sine. The phrase Auld Lang Sine roughly translates into, "for old time's sake." The focus of the song honors the preservation of relationships and events that have happened over the last year. The melody and the words invite us to pause and take a cup of kindness to remember people and places, activities and opportunities.

In the Bible, Abraham often took the time to remember people and places, activities and opportunities as well! As Abraham begins his travels with God, the first altar he builds is recorded in Genesis 13:4. As Abraham begins his journey, he pauses to take a cup of kindness and offer his praise to the Lord!

As we begin this new year of 2017, we are invited to look back and look forward. Where have you spread the cup of kindness? Who has toasted your way? Have you built an altar as Abraham to give God thanks for the kindness God has shown to you? We all can count the highs and lows of the past 12 months. All of our stories have various ins and outs, ups and downs. But I am hoping that at the end of the day, we will take a cup of kindness and share with each other and give God the glory. And, I am hoping at the end of the year, we are able to take a cup of kindness and share with others and give God the glory!

Has God provided financially? Has God given you energy when you felt weary? Has God brought you to the places in which you have found God's goodness? Has God restored your joy even in the midst of sorrow? Has God offered healing for a broken spirit and a contrite heart? Has God given you the cup of kindness?

So, looking forward we are to remember for old time's sake, raise the cup of kindness to each other. Let it slosh over your own soul and seep into the pours of your heart. For God has been so good to us and God will continue to be so good to us. For old time's sake, for our on-going relationship with God—we toast and drink from the cup of kindness. To God Be the Glory! Here's to 2017!

—*Pastor Jackie*



Christmas Eve Services

We will offer two candlelight Christmas Eve services:

6:30 pm Worship led by Praise Community Fellowship

11:00 pm Worship led by Immanuel United Methodist

Both services will offer Holy Communion.



Christmas Day Worship



We will celebrate the birthday of Jesus with one worship service on Sunday, December 25th, beginning at 10:00 am. There will be no Sunday School classes.

New Year's Day Worship

ONE SERVICE • 10:00 am

Nashville recording artist Darla McFadden, a Christian music artist from Lake St. Louis, Missouri, will be appearing at our 10:00 am worship service on Sunday, January 1. Darla is in her 27th year of traveling and ministry. Her experiences have led her to develop a ministry that is heartfelt and sincere. Darla's ability to speak to the broken spirit and understand their pain is a gift she shares from her heart. We look forward to welcoming Darla on January 1st!



Holy Communion in January

Please note that due to the Darla McFadden concert on the first Sunday of the month, Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, **January 8th** at both services.

One Service—January 29

Please be aware that on Sunday, January 29th we will have just one blended worship service at 10:00 am. This is a 5th Sunday, when we get a chance to worship with our friends who attend “the other” service normally. Take this opportunity to get reacquainted!

Welcome New Member!

On Sunday, November 27th, we received **Breck Newman** as a full member of Immanuel United Methodist. Breck lives in Glen Carbon with her husband, Jake and their dogs, Mowgli and Mila. She is originally from Nashville, Illinois. Breck is active in animal rescue, serving on the Board of Partners for Pets. She works at HireLevel in Edwardsville, selling staffing services, and enjoys playing golf, traveling and volunteering. Be sure to take the time to introduce yourself to Breck and give her a warm welcome to Immanuel.

Kid's Night Out

Children ages 3 through those in 5th grade will meet on Friday, January 16th beginning at 5:30 pm. A meal will be shared, and then the children will enjoy crafts, games and other activities. The evening always ends with a movie and popcorn. This is a free event, open to all children. Children should be picked up at 8:30 pm. RSVP to the church office, 656-4648. This program is growing and helpers are very much appreciated, and necessary. Sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room if you can help with the meal, help with the games and crafts, or help to supervise during the movie. We are now averaging approximately 40 kids that look forward to this evening each month. Thanks to Kiffon Lewis and Jill Winte for their faithfulness in planning the activities for each month, and for providing an atmosphere that children can thrive in. You are a blessing!!

Bring in the New 2017 With Our 55+ Friends!

Come join us for a warm evening of fellowship and hot soups or chili. On Sunday, January 22nd, 6:00 pm come join us in the Journey's Inn Room. Bring a small pot of soup or chili to share with everyone or a side dish or a dessert. We always have good foods and an enjoyable time. Tableware and drinks are provided.

All are welcome—young and older. If you have any questions,



Lifetouch Photographs

If you requested that your complimentary 8"X10" photograph be sent to the church rather than to your home, please pick it up from the table in the Hospitality Room.

Pictorial Directory Update

The next step that needs to be done to complete our directory is for us to get all the contact information necessary to put together the roster. If you did not have your picture taken for the directory, please pick up a green sheet from the narthex or Hospitality Room, fill it out and place it in the offering plate or on the secretary's desk in the church office. If you are an Immanuel member whose address or telephone number has changed (for example, have you dropped your land line?) please fill out this green sheet. You may have two telephone numbers and one e-mail address in this directory. If you wish to submit a photo, please be sure to do that as soon as possible. Only people who were photographed or who submit photos will receive a copy of this directory. There will be a copy available online to everyone else. We want our roster to be as accurate as possible, so we are counting on everyone to help out.



Thank You!!

We want to thank everyone who furnished poinsettias for our holiday display this year:

Anonymous

In Memory of All Immanuel Saints

Lisa Allen & Pat Schott Family

In Memory of Loved Ones

Wilma Jene Bond

In Honor of Jack Butler

Sherry Buhrmester

In Memory of the Buhrmester and Cheney Families

Missy Carter

In Memory of Bob & Chloe McIntyre

Donna Condrey

In Memory of Richard H. Condrey

Bill & Judy Daubenspeck

*In Honor of Collin Rives
In Memory of Our Parents*

Floyd & Deloris Fisher

In Memory of Loved Ones

Jill & Doug Garbs

*In Honor of the Neely Family—Matt,
Melanie, Olivia & Cooper*

Joanie Green

*In Honor of Noah and Anna Middlekamp
In Memory of my Mother, Mary Belle
Brueggemann*

Koenig, Franke & Kane Families

*In Memory of our Son, Edward Koenig,
Parents and Family Members and
Loved Friends*

Wanda Marth

In Memory of Families and Loved Ones

Bill & Nancy Phillippe

In Loving Memory of our Son, Regis

Mike & Ruth Portell

In Memory of Loved Ones

Norman & Judy Schoettle & Family

*In Memory of our Relatives and Friends
That Have Gone Before Us*

Barbara Taliana

In Honor of Lisa Taliana

James Tuley

In Memory of Kristen Blazek

Gary & Cathy Watson

In Memory of our Son, Brett Watson

Barbara Weiss

In Memory of Charles 'Chuck' Weiss

**You may take your poinsettias home
following both Christmas Eve services.**



\$10/Person — 8 People/Table

Popcorn Provided Free

Soda & Bottled Water Available to Purchase

**Immanuel United Methodist Church in Edwardsville
Leadership for 2017**

Church Council

Chairperson	Joe Newman
Pastor	Rev. Jackie K. Havis-Shear
Director Congregational Development	Jordan Grammer
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
Worship Leaders	Butch Mestemacher/Jordan Grammer
Worship Committee	Joanie Green
Communications	Teresa Akers-Helle
Missions	Don/Evelyn Schaake
PCF/IUMC Liaison	Floyd Fisher
Small Group	Christal Akers-Helle

Board of Trustees

Tim Moline	Sharon Koenig	Cindy Cameron
Mike Portell	Norma Schoettle	Grace Havis
Gary Koenig	Matthew Lewis	William Kreutzberg
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 Spitze
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

Spring Book Sale

We will once again be having a Book Sale this Spring. If you have books to donate you are welcome to bring them in at any time. We accept all types of books—science fiction, action and adventure, self-help, mystery, children's, cookbooks, thriller, poetry, history, romance, health, travel, science, religious, biographies, autobiographies, fantasy, you get the idea.... Thanks!



United Methodist Women—Change in Meeting Time

Beginning in January, 2017, the United Methodist Women will be meeting monthly on the second Thursday of the month at 12:00 noon. This change will allow members to attend who do not like to go out in the evening. The Women would welcome any new members who wish to attend.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed the week after Christmas. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Jackie's cell phone, 618-531-9134.

Inclement Weather Policy

If the weather outside becomes frightful and you are wondering if we will be holding church services, please go to our website:

www.immanuelonmain.org

where the latest information will be posted. If services are cancelled, the first call will be to Teresa Akers-Helle, who will post that information on the website. Then those who do not have the internet available to them will be called.

Evangelism Equipping Event

The Mississippi River District Office is sponsoring an Evangelism Equipping Event to be held at St. John’s United Methodist Church in Edwardsville on Saturday, January 28th from 1:30-5:00 pm. Breakout Sessions include: Evangelism Through Preaching; Evangelism Through Faith Sharing By Laity; Evangelism: Reaching Young Adults and Families; Evangelism: Reaching Children; Evangelism Through Missions; Evangelism Through Trustees; and Effective Communications Online and Outloud. Cost is \$10/person for this event. You may register by calling the church office, 656-4648,

Receipts to 11/30/2016

	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	October
Contrib.	\$ 9,341.50	\$11,963.85
Online	1,690.00	1,738.00
Other	<u>1,418.99</u>	<u>5,117.67</u>
	\$12,450.49	\$18,819.52
	November	
Contrib.	\$11,963.85	
Online	1,738.00	
Other	<u>5,117.67</u>	
	\$18,819.52	

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

Finance Training Workshop

Training to better equip Finance Committee members is scheduled for January 10, Tuesday at 6:30 pm. This is an informational workshop to better understand how our budget works, how to read and understand the budget, and answer questions that leaders might have pertaining to specific areas of our budget.

Scrip Orders

We will not place a Scrip order in December, so the next order will be due on Sunday, January 29th. You may visit our website for information about this easy and terrific fundraising program, or pick up a packet of information from the table in the Hospitality Room.

Free Lunch Friday Holiday Break

After the Christmas Feast is served this Friday, December 16, there will be no Free Lunch Friday on December 22 or 29. The next meal will be served on Friday, January 5th, 2017.

Online Contributions

To simplify your giving to Immanuel, we are able to set up a bi-weekly or monthly draw from your account to our bank. There is some simple paperwork to fill out and give to the secretary, Anita.

If you are currently giving online and want to change the amount of your withdrawal, please fill out just the Online Banking Authorization Form found on the table in the Hospitality Room. We appreciate your gifts!

2017 Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes for 2016 have been prepared and may be picked up in the narthex. If you would like to receive a boxed set of envelopes and one has not been prepared for you, please contact the Secretary, Anita, in the church office and she will fix one up for you. Those who choose not to receive a boxed set of envelopes have numbers assigned so that we can track your contributions for tax purposes. A listing of those names and numbers can be found by the boxed envelopes. Please use your number on your check or pew envelope so we are sure to credit your contributions correctly. If you want your donation to go to a fund other than Current Expense, be sure to write that on your check or pew envelope also. We appreciate your support of Immanuel and our ministries.

Prayer Ministry (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue)

- + Collin Rives, continued treatment for cancer
Carol Mestemacher, undergoing treatment for cancer
Floyd Fisher and Family on the sudden passing of his Uncle Bob—Bobby Earl Johnson
Lynn Abernathy, friend of Gwen Cornell, health issues
Skye Edwards, 9 year old from Tennessee, diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- ++ Jerry Green and family on the passing of his brother Glenn Green
- +++ Pastor John Shear, healing for newest skin graft
- ++++ Lida Gillham, recovering from partial hip replacement surgery
Lisa Taliana, for good health
A former student of Jan Zelasko, who is having medical issues

Scenes from "Star Trip—Our Faith Awakens"

Presented by our Sunday School children on Sunday, December 11th. Photos courtesy of Dave Kriege. Thanks to our special visitors from up north!



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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 ...

CONTACT US!

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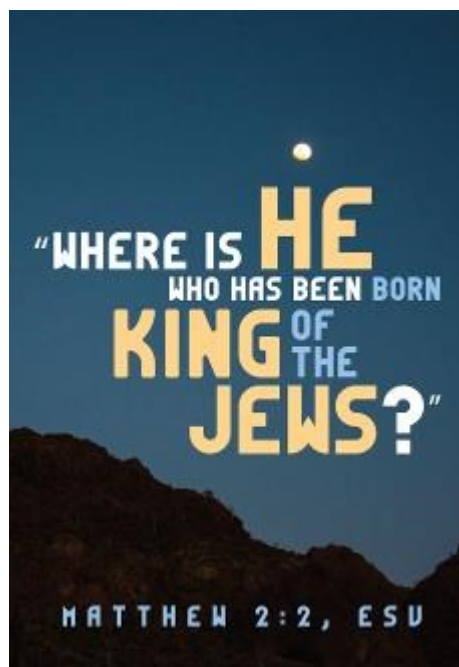
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Reverend Jackie Havis-Shear
Cell Phone: (618) 531-9134

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**