

THE VISION

May, 2017

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

It Takes a Village to Grow the Church

I'm sure you have heard, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child." I believe that statement is true. But equally so, it takes a village to grow the church—the Kingdom of God! As we have journeyed through Lent this idea keeps popping up in my heart and mind as I have seen so many of you in the congregation working so hard!

I have watched you all work so hard in faithfully serving your community of faith. During the Lenten Season meals were carefully prepared for respect of no-meat Fridays. Prayers were prayed, Sermons were preached, Lives were surrendered. And, moving into the Easter Season, everything from planting flowers to wiping off prayer-garden benches, setting up outside sound to hiding 700 Easter Eggs has covered all the needs for our church. Signs were changed to inform the community of our invitational nature. Lawns were mowed and manicured, weeds were pulled, children were taught poems and choruses, Cantatas and Praise Songs were rehearsed and sung, bulletins were prepared, palms were purchased, grape juice was poured, bread was broken—and Hearts and Souls were renewed. The Resurrection Memory was upon us once again! Jesus Christ truly is our Lord and Savior and the empty grave story once again reminds us that there is truly hope for tomorrow, grace for today, and forgiveness for yesterday.

The question is why—why do we go to such great lengths to prepare for this story? Because it is the greatest story ever told. We go to great lengths to make sure that the environment that we create will be a testimony unto God as we perform all the activities that I have just mentioned. Possibly one of God's children will find beauty in the grounds and facilities that we have prepared, and as a result see God. Possibly many of God's children will be touched by the prepared music, and as a result see God. Perhaps parents will see the presence in their own child as they tell the story of God's love in their lives. Truly, our lives might be changed as we are informed of the many ways in which our church longs for all God's children to come and meet to praise the Risen Christ. This is the Kingdom of God—Folks! We are the living proof of God's love, God's plan, and God's provision. May we rejoice as we continue to grow the Kingdom of God! It takes a Village!!! It takes You!!!!

— *Pastor Jackie*



Our free Kid's Summer Lunch Program begins on Monday, May 22nd! Lunches will be served each weekday at all of these Edwardsville locations from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm:

Immanuel UMC Prayer Garden
800 North Main Street

Anchored In Truth Ministries
510 Garfield Avenue

Mt. Joy Baptist Church
327 Olive Street

University Flats
2900 Sand Road

Wesley Chapel AME
418 Aldrup Street

Quail Run
5100 Kay Drive

All school-aged children are welcome to come and receive a lunch—no questions asked. S.A.K. is sponsored by local churches, and the program is run out of Immanuel UMC. If you have questions about this mission program, speak to Sherry Buhrmester. You can sign up to volunteer through the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4ca9a829a5fe3-summer>

The final organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Immanuel.

Donations of bottled water and snack items are greatly appreciated! Last summer over 100 volunteers bagged and served 4,792 lunches!

Kid's Night Out

On Friday, May 12, children age 3 through those in 5th grade are invited for an evening of fun at Kid's Night Out. The children will enjoy a meal, games, crafts, activities, a movie and popcorn. There is no cost to attend. The evening begins at 5:30 pm and ends at 8:30 pm. A reservation is appreciated but not necessary. You may RSVP to the church office. This will be the final Kid's Night Out of the 2016-2017 school year. The program will begin again in September. All children are invited to attend our Vacation Bible School July 24—28!!

Vacation Bible School

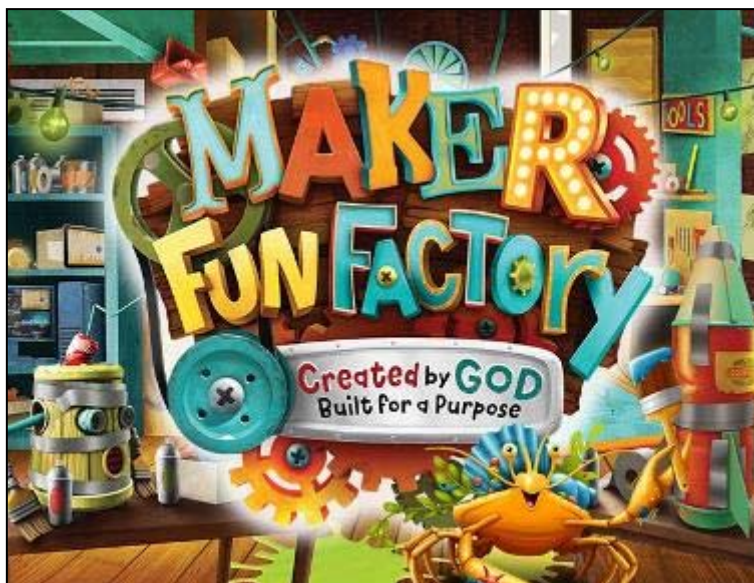
Mark your calendars—VBS will be held July 24—28 from 6:00—8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served nightly at 5:30 p.m.

We are gearing up for Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School and need lots of fun decorations. You can help by using your imagination to create a robot—using recyclables, craft items, or ANYTHING—for our **Design a Robot Contest**. You can work individually or as a team. All robots will be displayed with your name, during VBS, so that all of the children can appreciate your hard work.



Robots should be completed and brought to the church by May 21st. Feel free to bring them early to the Hospitality Room. All votes are only \$1 each, so vote early and often! Voting runs until June 4th, after the traditional service. The winning robot will receive a nifty prize! All money raised benefits VBS!!

Need inspiration? Check out the samples and bulletin board in the front entryway of the church. Note — our samples were made entirely of things we found around the house!



Small Group Offered: *You Are Free*

We invite you to our summer Small Group entitled *You Are Free*, led by Rhonda Grammer. This group will focus on overcoming the exhaustion of trying to meet the expectations of others, releasing stress to uncover peace in God's presence, finding permission to grieve past experiences, and discovering the courage to step boldly into what our good God has for you. Freedom is for everyone who wants it. It's for those who gave up trying years ago. It's for those angry and hurt, brilliant and burnt by the Christian song and dance. You are the church, the people of God. You were meant to be free. Start Date: Wednesday May 17th, 6:00pm in the Journey's Inn Room at IUMC. Be sure to sign up in the Hospitality Room, as there are only 12 spots open!

Pictorial Directories Have Arrived!

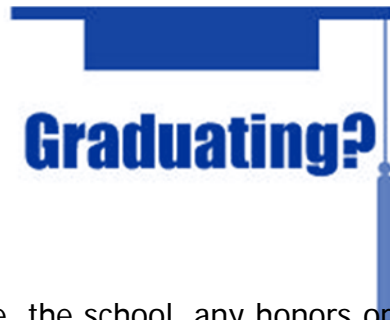
Our new pictorial directories have arrived! If you had your picture taken, you may pick up the directory that has your name on it. They are located on the table in the Hospitality Room. We have a few copies available to purchase for \$4.00. Speak to Anita in the church office. Watch for more information about the online directory that will be made available to everyone soon. If you have a change of address or telephone number, please alert the church office. Our online directory can be kept up to date if we have the necessary information

World Vision's Global 6K for Water

On May 6, people around the world will unite to walk/run on the same day for the same cause. That cause is water. Every Global 6K for Water participant provides clean water to one child in need through their \$50.00 registration fee, and will get to wear the name and photo of a clean water recipient on their race bib during the race. Each participant will also receive a t-shirt and finisher's medal. It's fun for the whole family! Register online at worldvision6k.org. We are **Team Holy Walkamolies**. Join us on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 8:00 am at Immanuel to walk or run 6k (3.72 miles). This Spring, change a life. Join thousands of advocates around the world to help end the water crisis.



If you or someone in your family will graduate from High School or College this Spring, we want to know so that we can honor this milestone!



Please let us know the name of the graduate, the school, any honors or accomplishments, degree received if graduating from college, and future plans. You may pick up a sheet to fill out from the Hospitality Room, or call or e-mail the church office with the information. Thank you!

Basic CPR Class Offered

A Basic CPR class will be offered at Immanuel to anyone that may be interested on **Tuesday, May 23** beginning at 6:30 pm. A session is about one hour in length and will be taught by an Edwardsville Fire Department EMT at no cost. Sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room.

Pictures Needed for Facebook

Teresa Akers-Helle, our webmaster and media coordinator, would like to have pictures from you, either announcing things that will happen, but more so, as follow up of events. If you take pictures at one of the events at Immanuel, and would not mind having them shared on Facebook, please e-mail them to Teresa at eeore4@gmail.com so people can see first-hand all of the great activities going on at Immanuel. Thanks!

Hospitality Hosts Needed

We are looking for volunteers to provide and set up sweet breads, donuts and/or fruit and make coffee on Sunday, April 30 (food already prepared!), and Sundays May 7, 21, June 4 and June 18. Sign up in the Hospitality Room or call the church office if you can help.

THANK YOU to the following families who furnished Easter lilies for our altar at Easter:



Sherlyn Buhrmester
In Memory of the Buhrmester
and Cheney Families

Carter Family
In Memory of Family and Friends

Bill & Judy Daubenspeck
In Memory of Collin Rives from
Grandma and Grandpa

Floyd & Deloris Fisher
In Memory of the Fisher and
Ziegler Families

Jill & Doug Garbs
In Memory of Ryan Garbs

Joanie Green
In Honor of Children & Grandchildren
Sara, Ben, Noah & Anna
In Memory of Mary Belle
Brueggemann

Charles & Judy Hall
In Memory of Edward E. & Eva Hall
In Memory of Thomas E. & Ann
Phillips
In Memory of Helen Marie Stafford
and James P. Hall

Sid & June Helle
In Memory of Oliver & Ethel Spitze
In Memory of Rev. & Mrs. Wilbur Helle
In Memory of all the Spitze Families

Koenig-Franke-Kane Family
In Memory of Son, Parents and Other
Loved Family Members

Dennis & Joan Kuba
In Memory of Mike & Helen Kuba
In Memory of Joe & Tillie Dalla Riva

Joe & Pam (Schaake) Newman
In Memory of Loved Ones

Bill & Nancy Phillipe
In Memory of Loved Ones

Roberta Piper
In Memory of Loved Ones

Mike & Ruth Portell
In Memory of Loved Ones

Norman & Judy Schoettle and Destiny
In Memory of Loved Ones

Schott/Allen Families
In Memory of Loved Ones

***If you have not yet taken your lily home,
please feel free to do so!***

Glen-Ed Food Pantry

Immanuel has been making a HUGE difference in the lives of the people who rely on the Glen-Ed Food Pantry! For the last couple of months we have designated items to be our focus for two weeks. You have responded!!

Sundays, April 2 & 9 were ***Boxes & Cans Sundays***. You donated a total of 226 pounds of boxes and cans: 25 soup, 5 ravioli; 11 chili; 11 sardines; 10 beef stew; 5 luncheon meat (Spam); 1 spaghetti and meatballs; 51 boxes of a variety of crackers; 3 chicken & dumplings; 36 chicken; 4 cans chicken & rice; 2 cans herring; 31 Vienna sausages; 10 cheese & crackers; 1 crab meat; 3 ham; 9 salmon; 13 coffee packets; 1 catsup; 4 salad mix; 8 toilet paper; 3 dishwashing soap; 1 mac & cheese; 8 small fruit; 1 each shampoo & conditioner; 36 Fruit Rollups; 1 bath oil; 1 large grape juice; 2 toothpaste; 1 vinegar; 1 bar soap; 1 chocolate glaze and 1 icing.

Sundays, April 16, 23 & 30 are ***Condiments & Spices*** Sundays. So far you have donated 122 pounds: 10 catsup; 16 mustard; 10 BBQ sauce; 17 salt; 9 black pepper; 6 cinnamon; 7 garlic salt; 3 garlic powder; 2 sweet relish; 1 steak seasoning; 1 chili powder; 8 dozen eggs; 1 baking powder; 8 toilet paper; 1 powdered sugar; 1 dish soap; 1 mac & cheese; 2 taco shells; 1 tabasco sauce; 7 Jello; 2 pudding mixes; 5 coffee; and 2 Hershey's syrups.

Sundays, May 7 & 14 will be ***Bake the World a Better Place!*** Sundays: Flour and sugar (1-2# bags), cake mixes, frosting, Jello, pudding, cookie mixes, etc. All items are available at Dollar Tree!

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Bi-Weekly UMC Newsletter

United Methodist Now is a new biweekly e-newsletter designed just for you. United Methodist Church members can learn about individuals and congregations who put our faith into action, and get tips on how to have a richer spiritual life. You can sign up for free. Go to:

Board of Trustees Update

The Board of Trustees hopes everyone has seen the beautiful improvements that have been completed in the church. The Board is continually trying to keep the church and the Parsonage in good repair. Our next project will be some painting in the Parsonage that is very much needed. We are hoping the congregation will be generous in their giving to the Property Fund so we can keep these much needed repairs and painting jobs done and complete when needed. We ask your cooperation in these projects with your prayers, concern and donations to the Property Fund (mark on your envelope or write on memo line of your check). If you have any questions about any of these projects, contact any of the Board of Trustees members.

Work Day Scheduled

There will be an all church work day at Immanuel on June 3 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Donuts and lunch will be furnished. Anyone that can and would like to come help with a little cleanup, reorganizing, painting, or outside clean-up, PLEASE let us know. Any and all help is needed and appreciated.

Sharon Koenig, Tim Moline, Co-Chairs
Board of Trustees

Scrip Fundraiser

We have a great fundraising program in place at Immanuel called "Scrip". You can purchase gift cards to hundreds of local merchants for your personal use or to give as gifts. You pay the face value of the card, but Immanuel receives a percentage of what you spend. The various merchants give different percentages back—between 2% and up to 16%!! You can pick up an informational packet in the Hospitality Room, along with an order form, or print them off from our web site.

Scrip Orders will be taken this Sunday, April 30. We will not be placing a Scrip order at the end of May due to it being Memorial Day weekend, so plan ahead!! Remember that gift cards might make a nice Mother's or Father's Day gift. See Teresa or Christal Akers-Helle to place your order.

Summer Gifts

Summer time is here again! Many of us will be taking vacations, going on fun trips, and enjoying God's beautiful weather outside. To ensure our church's ministries continue and our bills are paid on time, it's important for us to remember to remain intentional with our financial gifts as we make our summer plans. An excellent way to do this is through online giving, which can be set up on a timed schedule. Gifts may also be brought to our church office during the week if you are not able to attend a worship service. If you are interested in online giving, please give Anita a call at 618-656-4648, or fill out a form in the hospitality room. We appreciate all your financial gifts. Thank you so much. Ministry is only possible through you.

United Methodist Children's Home

As of Thursday, March 30th, the United Methodist Children's Home changed their name to SPERO FAMILY SERVICES. Their mission, vision and values remain the same and their affiliation with the United Methodist Church and the IGRC remains unchanged. Their commitment to being a faith-based, Christ-centered organization also stays the same. In 2017, the label of "children's home" has become an outdated concept. Many people still think of them as an orphanage instead of a residential treatment facility. Unfortunately, most people don't know about all the other valuable services provided in Mt. Vernon and throughout Southern Illinois. Given that they are poised to grow and offer an ever-increasing array of services, it was decided that the was in the best interest of the agency to undergo a rebranding initiative that better tells their story.

2017 Annual Conference

This year's Annual Conference will be held June 8-10 at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria. The theme for the Annual Conference is *Let's Get Fired Up...for Kids*, based on Luke 2:1-3. Pam Clarkin, Jordan Grammer and Pastor Jackie will be attending to represent Immanuel.



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

- + Jan Fuhler, friend of Rhonda Grammer, having back surgery May 3
Brenda McClellan, friend of Anita Seehausen, cancer reoccurrence
- ++ Betty Gengler, recovering from car accident
Dave Seneczyn, friend of Joanie Green, colon cancer
- +++ Ron Jones, father of Rhonda Grammer, recovering from brain surgery
Janice Schoonover, health issues
Mary Luter, friend of Joanie Green, lung and bone cancer
- ++++ Reverend Bob Hollis, health issues
Donald Hardbeck, health issues

To My Friends at Immanuel,

God woke me up this morning with all of you on my mind and in my heart. As I left, you all gave me many words of kindness and thanks. Now it is my turn to say thank you.

Through my years at Immanuel, any service or love that I gave was returned to me by a large multiplier. Your care and support guided me through life's hills and valleys and helped me grow my faith. But your support went beyond that. You were role models in love to help me raise two loving and caring sons. You welcomed my mom with loving arms when we both needed the love and stability of church. that is what church is about — sharing God's love.

Isn't it wonderful that God has given us love that can stretch to and from Columbia and Edwardsville and beyond.

God Bless You All,
Janice Zelasko

Gary & Janice Zelasko
4408 Crystal Rock Court
Columbia, MO 65203

Wanda Marth
The Arbors at Colony Pointe
1508 Chapel Hill Road, Apt. 17
Columbia, MO 65203

Thank You's Received

*"Faith in Action Edwardsville/Glen Carbon gratefully acknowledges the receipt of your donation in the amount of \$320.00. We are blessed to be in such a caring and supportive community. Your gift will be used to support the independence and well-being of seniors and their families in our community. Thanks again for your support of **Faith in Action.**"*

Sincerely, Marcia Golden
Executive Director

"Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**). Through your gift, you are helping to provide assistance for survivors of human trafficking, funding for health and development projects that alleviate hunger and poverty, holistic community-based health programs, and access to clean water and sanitation. Thank you for giving so generously..."

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

"Thank you for your very generous support for **Africa University**. Your gift of \$114.00, designated for the Africa University Endowment Fund is helping to equip African young people for a future with hope. Thank you for all that you have done and will do through the ministry that is Africa University..."

Yours sincerely for:
AFRICA UNIVERSITY
James H. Salley

Main Street Community Center

The Center is trying to meet the growing need of seniors in the Edwardsville-Glen Carbon area. Help is needed to continue to grow and serve those 60+ in our community. They are looking for sponsors for their services and programs. For more information about the needs they have, contact the church office.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Immanuel United Methodist Church on May 22, 2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries; abdominal aortic aneurysms; hardening of the arteries in the legs; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat; and a bone density screening. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129:

call 1-888-653-6441

visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

or text the word "circle" to 797979

NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet

The 53rd annual NAACP Edwardsville Freedom Fund Banquet will be held Sunday, June 4, 3:00 pm in the Meridian Ballroom on the campus of SIUE. The theme for this year is "From Reluctance to Resilience, YOU be the Difference," and the Keynote Speaker is Lakesha M. Butler, PharmD, BCPS with Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. Seven members from the community will be recognized and Education Grants will be awarded to Edwardsville High School students and several college students. Last year our SAK and Free Lunch Friday programs were recognized. Speak to Pastor Jackie If you would like to attend with her.

Restore Décor Mission

Restore Décor is a nonprofit resale shop, open each Saturday from 10 am until 2 pm. There is a little bit of everything and something for everyone. Volunteers are needed to paint furniture. Immanuel is sending volunteers the third Saturday of every month to work from 11 am to 1 pm. Meet at the church at 10:45. Questions? Speak to Kendall Smith or any youth group member.

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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 ...

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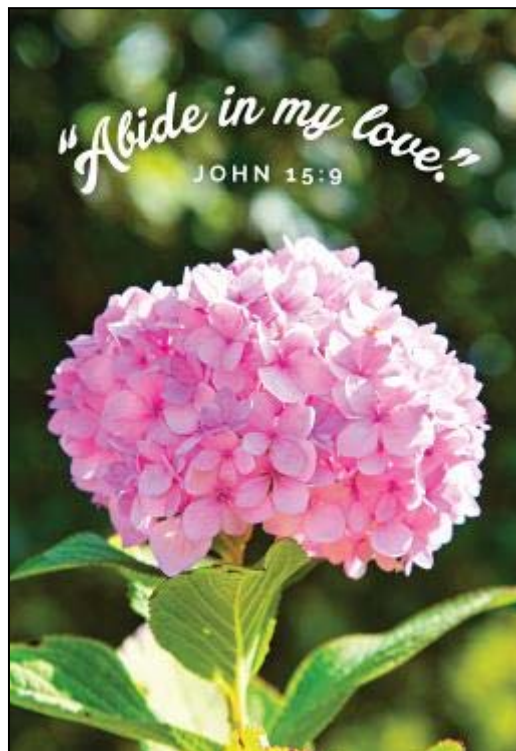
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Instrument Director

David Bryant
Choral Director

Jordan Grammer
Contemporary Worship Leader
Director of Congregational
Development



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Common Time
9:45 a.m.
Includes:
Sunday School
Wired Word Discussions
Seekers Class
Coffee + More
Choir Rehearsal

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**