

CHILD OF PROMISE, CHILD OF BLESSING—This morning we baptize Paige Elizabeth O'Bryan, daughter of Taylor and Rachelle O'Bryan, sister of Peyton and Parker, granddaughter Becky Anderson and Glenn & Lynn O'Bryan, and great granddaughter of Leonard and Carolyn Land. We pray that Paige abides in God's grace all of her days.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins tomorrow! Our Maker Fun VBS promises to be another week filled with making friendships, learning God's promises, and having lots of fun playing games and doing crafts. An optional free meal begins at 5:30 pm each evening. VBS runs from 6-8:30 pm Monday through Friday. Take a few moments to view the extensive preparations in the Lower Level at Immanuel. It is not too late to invite children to attend VBS—you can register at the door. VBS is for all children age 3 through those who have just completed 5th grade.

GLEN-ED PANTRY—Today is the final day of our school supplies collection. Next Sunday will be **Sudsy Sunday**—donations of dishwashing soap and laundry detergent are needed at the Pantry. Thank you for your contributions!!

SCRIP ORDERS will be taken next Sunday. Please fill out your order form and give it along with your check to Teresa or Christal Akers-Helle. Gift cards will be delivered to you on Sunday, August 13. Order forms and details about this fundraising program may be picked up from the table in the Hospitality Room.

BIBLE SUNDAY—AUGUST 13—Immanuel has a tradition of giving engraved Bibles to children entering 3rd grade. If you have a child who will be entering 3rd grade this year, please contact the church office before this Wednesday, July 26th, as we will be ordering the Bibles this week.

Give+: When You're APP-sent from Church—Gone on vacation? Hit snooze too many times on your alarm? Forgot your tithe at home? Have no fear, a new way to give is here. Give+ is a new program our church will be launching Sunday, July 23rd. Designed to be easy and convenient, Give+ is a free app for both Apple and Android smartphones. Once downloaded, you can locate Immanuel UMC in Edwardsville as your home church, and you are free to give! You can do one time gifts, or set up a recurring gift for the church. Once you have selected the destination and amount, your gift can be saved and will be sent to our church's appropriate account. It's that easy! We are excited to grow with Give+! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jordan Grammer at 618-979-4765, or email him at jagscw@gmail.com.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: What a busy summer...vacations, patriotic holidays, outdoor worship, mission trips, summer camps, baptisms, anniversaries, SAK lunches and now VBS. We at Immanuel are certainly blessed with opportunities to serve the community and give glory to the Lord. Summer rushes by so quickly that it's easy to lose track of the financial support necessary to the programs and opportunities that we celebrate. Here's a reminder. In order to meet current expense and apportionment needs for the month of July, donations of approx. \$6000 are needed by 7/27/17. In addition, benevolence giving has left us about \$1400 short of our commitment so far in 2017. Please join us in prayer that our next celebration be one for the blessings of financial generosity.

BENEFIT LUNCH AT TEXAS ROADHOUSE—This Thursday, July 27, you can receive a free lunch at Texas Road House from 11 am until 2 pm. Local law enforcement officers will be serving you lunch. Simply leave a donation at your table and 100% of your donation will go to the Special Olympics, Illinois. Lunch includes pulled pork sandwich, corn, fresh-baked-bread with honey cinnamon butter and a beverage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

Sunday, July 23

- 8:45 am Contemporary Joint Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Education/
Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship
- 12:00 pm Hall in Use

Monday, July 24

- 10:00 am TOPS—Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am SAK Volunteers Arrive
- 5:30 pm VBS Optional dinner
- 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School
- 7:00 pm Praise Team
- 7:15 pm AA
- 9:45 pm Panera Pick-Up—Krieger

Tuesday, July 25

- 11:00 am SAK Volunteers Arrive
- 5:30 pm VBS Optional dinner
- 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 26

- 11:00 am SAK Volunteers Arrive
- 5:30 pm VBS Optional dinner
- 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School
- 8:00 pm Worship

Thursday, July 27

- 10:00 am Yoga—Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am SAK Volunteers Arrive
- 1:00 pm Newsletter Team
- 5:30 pm VBS Optional dinner
- 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School
- 7:00 pm AA

Friday, July 28

- 11:00 am SAK Volunteers Arrive
- 11:00 am Free Lunch Friday to 1:00 pm
- 5:30 pm VBS Optional dinner
- 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 30

5th Sunday Blended Worship—10:00 AM

SCRIP ORDERS DUE

- 9:00 am Sunday School/Adult Education/
Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 am Worship Service

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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

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July 23, 2017

You are invited to join us in this mission ...

Reverend Jackie K. Havis-Shear
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Today's Worship Leaders:

Greeters: (8:45 am)
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Acolyte:
Liturgist:
Sunday School:

Instrument Director:
Worship Leader:
Ministers:

Gary & Sharon Koenig
Mrs. Donna Condrey
Mr. Tim Moline
Noah Penelton
Ms. Brittney Gilleland
Miss Katie Akers
Ms. Pat Schott
Mr. Maurice Mestemacher
Mr. Jordan Grammer
All of Us

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

ONE SERVICE: 10:00 AM

Greeters:
Sunday School: (9:00 am)

Teresa & Christal Akers-Helle
VBS Program Rehearsal

Word faithfully. Accept and Serve God's people lovingly.

We invite you to record your attendance on the pad found at the end of the pew.

A nursery is available in the basement level of the church.

Order of Worship **Contemporary** **8:45 am**

Music by Praise Community Fellowship

Getting Ready for Worship...

This Is My Father's World Countdown

Opening Music

Welcome/Announcements

Celebration of Worship...

Worship & Praise

Celebration of the Spoken Word...

Prayer

Offering & Noisy Offering

Children's Sermon

VBS Commissioning

Community Sharing

Healing Prayer

Selections from Genesis 1

Exodus 3:3-5

Sermon—*God the Maker*

Celebration of Going Forth...

Song

Benediction

Closing Song

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Celebrating Birthdays this Week: 7/23—Jay Worthey; 7/24—Missy Carter, Kevin Prott; 7/25—Cindy Cameron; 7/26—Bill Phillipe; 7/27—Judy Hall, Mike Portell; 7/28—Urias Carryl; 7/29—Mark Fisher

Celebrating Their Anniversary: 7/29—John & Jennifer Fowler; Paul & Ellen Worthey

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Order of Worship **Traditional** **10:45 am**

WE GATHER TOGETHER...
...to Express Our Unity in Christ

Gathering Music Brass Ensemble
Ringing of the Bell
Prelude
Welcome/Announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Why have you come this morning?

C: We have come to encounter the Holy One.

L: You know you'll never be the same if you do.

C: We have come to wrestle with our faith, our doubts, and even our convictions.

L: Then come; let us venture into this time of worship and prepare to encounter God face to face.

(Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu, *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*)

***Hymn—All Things Bright and Beautiful** #147

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

O God of nighttime visits and daylight assurance, we come to this time of worship to wrestle with who we are, and who you call us to be. Search our hearts and know us thoroughly. We long to meet you face to face, even if the encounter leaves us forever changed. With open ears and ready hearts, touch us with your words and transform us with your presence. Amen.

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Children's Sermon
VBS Commissioning

...to Share With Commitment and Love

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

#895

***Hymn—How Great Thou Art**

#77

***Passing the Peace**

Offering and Noisy Offering

Brass Ensemble

***Doxology**

#95

Baptism of Paige Elizabeth O'Bryan

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...to Hear the Word of God

Scripture Readings

Selections from Genesis 1

Exodus 3:3-5

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The People Respond

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—*God the Maker*

...so We May Go Out and Serve

***Closing Hymn—I Stand Amazed in the Presence** #371

***Responsive Benediction**

L: God promised that every family of the earth would be blessed through God's people.

C: You are blessed to be a blessing.

L: You have been blessed.

C: Now go and be a blessing! Amen.

(Mary J. Scifres & B. J. Beu, *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017*)

***The Postlude** Brass Ensemble

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***All who are able, please stand**

MANY THANKS ... to **Kiffon Lewis** and **Jill Winte** for all of their preparations for VBS ... to the **Brass Ensemble** for providing all the music for our 10:45 am worship ... to **Sherry Buhrmester** and all of our SAK volunteers—this week on Wednesday they had their biggest day ever—handing out 166 lunches! ... to **Deloris Fisher, Izzy Kane, Maddie Kane, Penny May, Brandy Page, Roberta Piper** as well as any others who helped **Kiffon Lewis** and **Jill Winte** iron logos on t-shirts ... to **Teresa Akers-Helle** for purchasing and installing a chromecast streaming device in the JI Room

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

+ Phyllis Field, friend of Joanie Green, that cancer treatment brings healing For students, teachers and helpers at VBS this week at Immanuel

++ Pastor John Shear, recovering from foot surgery
Marge May, recovering from knee replacement
Rev. Bob Hollis, former pastor of Immanuel, health issues

+++ Family of Mary Alice Luter, former sister-in-law of Joanie Green, at her passing

++++ Cathy Watson, health concerns
Donna Hart and family at the passing of her husband, Dave
Kerry Baugher and family at the passing of his brother, Jack
Jack Butler, recovering from heart surgery
Kyle Brammeier, 44 years old with bone cancer
Bonnie and Stan Rutkowski