

# THE VISION

September, 2017

**IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Dearest Immanuel,

The summer is quickly coming to an end and fall is knocking on our door. Kids have packed their blessed backpacks and headed back to another hopeful school year. Fall programming at the church is underway and before we know it, pumpkin flavored everything will be satisfying our taste buds.

We are in a time of transition. A time where the seasons begin to change and we are incredibly aware that the old has gone and new is on its way. We are aware that our days of napping by the pool are over and our days of raking leaves and turning on the heater are just around the corner. The seasons are changing and with that, so am I.

As I reflect on my summer, I am reminded that this season is one that has shaped, transformed and filled my heart with so much love and passion. I have found that in the most mundane of experiences I have encountered the Holy.

Spending time in the kitchen with Sharon has reminded me that the act of cooking is a holy experience. As she patiently taught me how to crack an egg without getting any shell in the batter, I was reminded that the people of Immanuel have been patient with me as I learn to put my calling together.

Setting aside an evening to read and rock Leo and Chloe to sleep reminded me that the youngest among us in the church are the ones who remind us of the tender love and care that Jesus has for us.

Following Pastor Jackie around has been a blessing for my soul. Her compassionate heart walks me through each moment we are experiencing, giving me time to process and articulate what these moments mean for my future in ministry.

Going out of my way to bother Gary each time he walks in the church doors has reminded me that laughter and joy are a recipe for becoming another grandchild in the Koenig family.

Taking time to break bread with Emily has caused me to remember the importance of friendship and vulnerability as I continue my journey and seasonal transitions.

Sitting in the office with Anita and Jordan has proven to be a transformative experience. We have laughed, talked, and deeply cared for one another. We have opened our hearts and shared our church backgrounds to edify and discuss our experiences.

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VBS was a whirlwind of excitement and the kiddos who came were reminders that joy is deep within our souls and when we sing about it, it becomes contagious.

Making sure I say hello and hug the youth each time they walk through the church doors has been a humbling reminder that mentorship is important.

Serving lunches to the children at University Flats has reminded me of the call that Jesus gives each of us to serve. As their faces lit up as they received their Lunchables I was reminded that feeding the body also feeds the soul.

Immanuel, you have blessed my soul in ways I never expected. I couldn't possibly write about each of you without making this letter 5 pages long. Know that I am forever grateful for the moments I have spent laughing, chatting and worshipping with all of you. Thank you for loving me deeply, caring for my soul and allowing me to grow and learn in your space this summer.

The seasons are changing and I must go. Until we meet again, Immanuel.

Love,  
Brittney

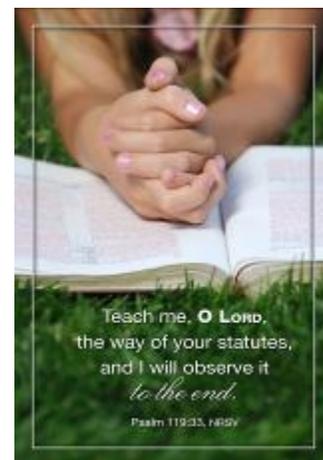
*(Brittney Gilleland is returning to classes at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL)*

## Community Children's Ministry

The Community Children's Ministry Brunch was held on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and we got a good start on the funding needed to purchase winter coats for children at Head Start, and possibly a family in need at a local school. We have also purchased Christmas gifts for one or more families in need with the monies raised. If you would still like to donate, please pick an envelope off the tree in the Hospitality Room, and place it in the offering plate. Thanks for your generosity each year for this special ministry of Immanuel UMC.

## Bible Sunday

The following children who are going into 3rd grade or older were given engraved Bibles on Bible Sunday, August 13th: **Zinnia Allen**, daughter of Jesse and Lisa Allen and granddaughter of Pat Schott; **Dillon Cowling**, grandson of Jane Hyten and nephew of Missy Carter; **Katlyn Gilleland** and **Drake Davenport**, cousins of Brittney Gilleland who attend VBS at Immanuel.



## 2017 S. A. K. Report

**Serving Area Kids** was very busy this summer. About 100 volunteers bagged and distributed 6,313 lunches to the children in the Edwardsville area. The lunches were passed out at Immanuel, Mt. Joy, Wesley Chapel, Anchored in Truth, University flats, and Quail Run.

Our volunteers came from the following churches: Immanuel Methodist, Mt. Joy Baptist, Eden UCC, First Presbyterian, St. Boniface Catholic, Wesley Chapel AME, St. Mary's Catholic, Newsong Fellowship, and Trinity Lutheran. We also had volunteers from ADK (Teacher Sorority) and other individuals who just wanted to help.

We received monetary donations and donations of supplies from several groups. The following gave donations: Junior Service Club, Restore Décor, The Churches, Church Women United, Glen-Ed Pantry, EHS Student Council, Edwardsville Education Association, and many anonymous donors.

The following is a daily schedule for the S.A.K. volunteers:

9:00 – 9:30	Bag nonperishable items
10:00 – 10:30	Fill coolers with Lunchables, fruit and drinks
11:00	Pick up supplies and go out to locations
11:30 – 12:30	Serve the lunches
12:30 – 1:00	Refill bins with bags and coolers with drinks

The S.A.K. program has the most hard-working and fun-loving volunteers. It was a true joy to be around them. For 59 days, which included 2 days of rain and some very hot temperatures, the volunteers always arrived with a smile. The volunteers reported the children were polite and happy to see them every day.

Special thanks to the following individuals: Anita Seehausen for all her secretarial assistance, to Melanie Cruse and Helen Rios for sitting in the Prayer Garden every day, to Gary Koenig for repairing the signs, and to Don Schaaake for putting up and taking down the signs. Evelyn Schaaake, Kathy Coady and Diane Moore were always there when I needed a little extra help or support. Many thanks to everyone involved with the S.A.K. program this summer, because of everyone working together, we broke a five-year record for the most lunches served. Volunteers can be very proud of themselves for a job well done.

God Bless Everyone,  
Sherry Buhrmester

## **TWIGS Program**

The kids summer lunch program chosen by Praise Community Fellowship, TWIGS, served approximately 1,800 lunches this summer at two Glen Carbon locations. Way to go!!

## **Kid's Night Out Resumes**

Our very popular monthly Kid's Night Out will resume in September, with children ages 3 through those in 5<sup>th</sup> grade meeting on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. The children eat a meal together, and then enjoy crafts, games, and various other activities before ending the evening with watching a movie and munching on popcorn. You can RSVP to the church office via phone or e-mail, 656-4648, or [anita@immanuelonmain.org](mailto:anita@immanuelonmain.org), or sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room. There is no cost to attend, and all children and friends are welcome! Helpers are always needed! Speak to Kif-fon Lewis or Jill Winte.

## **Head Start Readers**

Do you love books and children? We are looking for volunteers to read to the children at Head Start again this year. They have one class each day from 9 am until 3 pm. They would like us to read on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays as in the past, at 2:15 pm. You may bring your own book or they will provide you with one. They ask that you read no more than 10 minutes, and that the books you choose do not include any reference to any holiday or religion. This has been a very enjoyable opportunity for both Immanuel and Head Start for many years. Call the church office, 656-4648, to be put on the schedule for the 2017-18 school year. Please do not assume that Anita will know that you want to read this year. Thanks!



## United Methodist Women

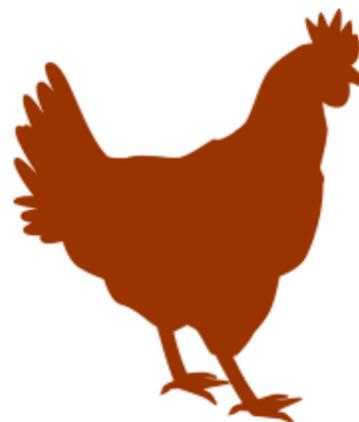
Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> will be UMW Sunday, as our United Methodist Women will lead our 10:45 am worship service. The focus of the worship service will be children, and special music will be provided by the youth of Immanuel United Methodist Church. All are invited to worship as the UMW continues their witness and ministry to the future of our church. The guest speaker, Sandy Sinnett, from Spero Family Services in Mt. Vernon, will speak at both services.

## 55+ Fellowship Group

Immanuel's 55+ group will be meeting on Sunday evening, September 24 at 5:30 pm in the Journey's Inn room for a meal and fellowship. Our program will be announced soon. The entrée will be sloppy jo (provided) so those attending please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert dish. Everyone is welcome to come join us on Sunday, September 24 at 5:30 pm. Questions call Sharon at 633-2659.

## Dine Out with Immanuel

Tired of cooking Sunday Dinner? On Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 11 am until 8 pm, Immanuel will sponsor a full chicken dinner at the Edwardsville Moose Lodge #1561 located at 7371 Marine Road in Edwardsville. The meal will consist of FRIED CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, CORN, GREEN SALAD, TEA, COFFEE, all for the cost of \$9 for adults, and \$4 for kids age 5-12. Carry outs will be available, and desserts will be sold separately. Proceeds will benefit the IUMC Property maintenance project.



Tickets are available from Immanuel members or at the door that day. We are asking for dessert donations and for workers on that day. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Hospitality Room. Please join us for a great day of fellowship and good food.

## Mobile Church Directory

We have added a "members only" tab to our webpage where you can go to view a mobile directory of all the people that attend Immanuel. Their picture is displayed, plus you can get phone numbers, addresses with directions and possibly e-mail addresses. Thanks to Teresa Akers-Helle for working to set this all up! Please call the church office for the password to access this directory.



To keep this directory up to date, please be sure to notify the church office of a change of address, telephone number, e-mail, etc. We are able to make changes to this directory as necessary so that it is always up to date.

You are also asked to look at the information we have for you to be sure it is accurate. You can add or delete information that you want made available to those who attend Immanuel by calling the church office.

## Understanding Alzheimer's



We are excited to be chosen to host a program by the Alzheimer's Association that will be held on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm in the Journey's Inn room. We hope you will join the Alzheimer's Association for an overview of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Clips will be viewed from the PBS documentary special *Alzheimer's: Every Minute Counts* and engage in a panel discussion. Light refreshments will be provided. Save the date – registrations will be accepted in September by calling 800-272-3900 or visiting the education page at [alz.org/greatermissouri](http://alz.org/greatermissouri).

*The local Alzheimer's Memory Walk will be held on Saturday, September 23 at SIUE. Visit the website for donations for virtual walkers and registration for teams/organizations.*

## In Christian Love & Sympathy

On Monday, August 7th, Ron Goldsmith was called home to eternal life. Ron's desire was for a simple grave-side service, which was held on Friday, August 11th at Valley View Cemetery. We will always remember Ron's quiet leadership and kindness. Condolences can be sent to Mary Ann at 208 Matterhorn Court, Glen Carbon, IL 62034. Memorials may be given to Immanuel United Methodist Church or the Metro East Humane Society.



## Thank You

"Leonard and I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food and phone calls while I was sick. I am on the mend finally. It is so wonderful to have such great friends." -- Carolyn Land

## 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 make a pledge or join our team to walk, we would love to have you! We walk this year on October 8th at 10:00 am in Tower Grove Park. See us for more information.

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

- † The Helle family upon the loss of son/brother Mark Helle on Wednesday  
Nancy Darnell and family in the loss of her brother and mother-in-law  
Tommy George, relative of Anita Seehausen, making difficult choices concerning cancer treatment
- †† The family of Ron Goldsmith  
John Mars, health issues  
Sheila Beegle and family on the death of her son, Sean  
Pastor John Shear, health issues  
Rev. Bob Hollis, former pastor of Immanuel, health issues
- †††† Barb Taliana, health issues  
Tiana Washington, classmate of Sydney Grammer, bone cancer  
Dale Brueggeman, father of Joanie Green, prayers for life transitions

## “How Are the Kids?”

This question, common among folks who haven’t talked in a while, is at the center of the mission of five facilities in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church. These child welfare agencies are The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children’s Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, and Spero Family Services. Together they have provided 608 years of services to Children, focusing on their physical, mental, social and spiritual development.

The new IGRC Bishop, Frank Beard, introduced his initiative in support of these agencies at the 2017 Annual Conference meeting in Peoria. His goal, and that of the conference, is to raise \$2.5 million by 2020 to permanently endow the spiritual development programs of the five agencies.

The endowment will allow the staff at these facilities to continue to do what they do we well: dispense love to the MOST VALUABLE COMMODITY IN THE WORLD, our kids.

John Wesley exhorted early church members to “diligently instruct the children in every place.” Bishop Beard intends that the initiative, identified as “Our Conference Our Kids”, will provide support for that to happen until (in his words) Christ returns.

With commitment from the leadership and membership of the church, may it be so.



## Glen-Ed Food Pantry

We appreciate so many of you who responded so enthusiastically to our special pleas for the Pantry for the last few months. For now we will not have a new designation every two weeks—just remember that the Pantry is always in need of any kind of donations. Especially needed at the moment are brownie mixes, Jell-O, pudding, chicken & dumplings, and beef stew. Thanks!

## Small Group to Begin



Our church will have a new Small Group beginning on Tuesday, September 12. This 6-week Small Group will be led by Christal Akers-Helle in our Journey's Inn space downstairs. If interested, be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet with more details in the Hospitality Room. The group is free, but we will have limited space, so be sure to sign up!

## Faith in Action Sunday

September 10th is Faith in Action Sunday. Faith in Action is a community service for adults age 60 and over. This organization provides rides to places such as doctor appointments, grocery shopping trips, and pharmacy errands. Faith in Action also assists with light housekeeping and occasional yard work. Churches within our community are celebrating together today in learning more about the services provided by Faith in Action. So as all other services, Faith in Action needs volunteers to assist in meeting some of these needs within our community. If you are in need of calling on Faith in Action, or if you are interested in being a volunteer, please call Marcia Golden at 618-692-0481 or go to the website, [www.fiaegc.org](http://www.fiaegc.org).

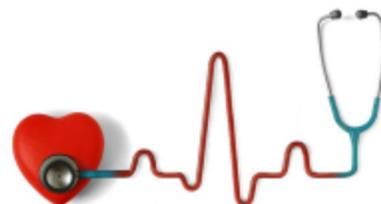


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## Public Health Care Fair

Many Americans have been adversely affected by heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, cancer and other chronic problems. As we go through life we make decisions, both conscious and unconscious, that may affect our future health. Health education is important to all of us. In response to this public health need, the Edwardsville NAACP is sponsoring a public health care fair on Saturday, October 14 from 2 – 4 pm at the Main Street Community Center. This program will present and discuss health care prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment of many common diseases that affect us and our loved ones. A panel of recognized health care professionals will be available to discuss these common problems and answer any question you may have. The program is free and open to the public, however due to limited seating, reservations are required. Reservations may be made by calling Donnie Howard at 618-650-0948 or by emailing him at [angelam-howard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angelam-howard@sbcglobal.net). You may also RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Hospitality Room. The NAACP hopes this program will provide information and resources that improve the quality of life for all attendees.



## “Walking with Wanda”

The Main Street Community Center and Eden Village Retirement Community have collaborated to create a new walking club! “Walking with Wanda” walks are held every Tuesday at 9:00 am through August, and at 9:30 am beginning in September. Walks are self-paced, allowing walkers of all abilities to participate. We explore area parks, nature centers and historic districts. If you enjoy exercise in the beautiful outdoors, the company of friendly, welcoming fellow walkers, and often a little bit of history, please join us! For walk schedule please contact The Main Street Community Center at 618-656-0300 or call Wanda Todoroff at Eden Village at 618-406-5474.

## Noisy Offering

We thank you for your generous contributions to our Noisy Offering each Sunday! September gifts are earmarked for United Methodist Youth Month, with money being donated to Redbird Mission School Scholarships, Kentucky Advance Special 773728.



## A New Way to Give

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 an incredibly powerful and helpful way for people to bring their gifts to the church, even when they aren't able to attend or they forgot their checkbook at home.

Give+ is a free app for both Apple and Android smartphones. Once downloaded, you can either create an account that will keep your information safeguarded and secure, or you can just give as a guest without creating an account, no strings attached. Once you have located Immanuel UMC in Edwardsville as your home church, you are free to give! You can do one time gifts, or set up a recurring gift for the church. Currently, our church has 3 places to place your gifts:

**Current Expense-** This account is used for all of our day to day expenses such as air conditioning, lights, payroll, office supplies, youth curriculum, and more.

**Benevolence-** This account is used for our Benevolence contribution, which goes toward emergency response, disaster relief, financial support of global missions, and other mission efforts on behalf of the global church.

**Property-** This account is used for the church building, the parsonage, and maintenance needed on both of these properties. If we have projects going on that involve repairs to the buildings, or improvements to the grounds, this is the account for those efforts.

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!

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## **New District Superintendent**

Dr. Rose M. Booker-Jones has been appointed as the new District Superintendent of the Mississippi River District of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. Booker-Jones is in her third year as conference superintendent, having served the past two years as superintendent of the Iroquois River District.



## **Pringles for Property**

September 10 in both services the Finance Committee will invite families to choose a Pringles chip can. Each can will have a suggested amount assigned. For instance there will be \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 and \$500 cans. The idea is to put that suggested amount each week into the can that you choose. The Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 19, we are invited to return our cans to church. All the monies will go into the property account to use for needs related to building maintenance. May each of you be blessed as you choose to give generously with a cheerful heart.

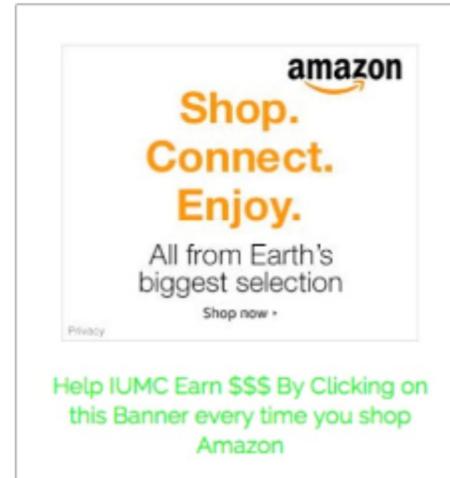
## **Christian Family Night at Edison's**

On Sunday, September 24th, 2017 from 4—9 pm, Edison's Entertainment Complex will host Christian Family Night. The package included unlimited entertainment, plus a hot dog, chips and a soda. They will also have a live Christian Rock Band. The night of fellowship and fun is \$20 plus tax per person. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Metro East Fellowship of Christian Athletes. visit [EdisonsFun.com](http://EdisonsFun.com) to RSVP today!

## Amazon Shoppers!!!!

Members, Non-Members, Friends, Family and the community can all help Immanuel UMC earn money by using our new Amazon Associate Shopping Link that is on our website. IUMC can earn anywhere from 1% to 10% from your purchases.

Here's how: Tell your family, friends, co-workers, (anyone that will listen ت) to visit [Immanuelonmain.org](http://Immanuelonmain.org). Just under the countdown clock is a link that will take you to Amazon.com. Once you are at Amazon, you can proceed with your shopping and check out. Keep in mind that you need to click, shop, check out without leaving the page for the link to give credit to Immanuel.



Also, don't forget you can also help Immanuel by ordering your gift cards from Scrip each month. Dierbergs, Shop-n-Save, Walmart, Sam's Club, Amazon, Kohls, and hundreds more. Both of these programs are simple easy ways to help fund all the wonderful work that Immanuel does for our members and community.

Teresa Akers-Helle can help or answer any questions you may have with either of these programs.

## Scrip Update

**No Scrip Orders Taken in August:** Due to a sudden and unexpected death in the family, there will not be any Scrip orders taken in August. The next day that we will order Scrip will be Sunday, September 24th. Thank you for your understanding.

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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.

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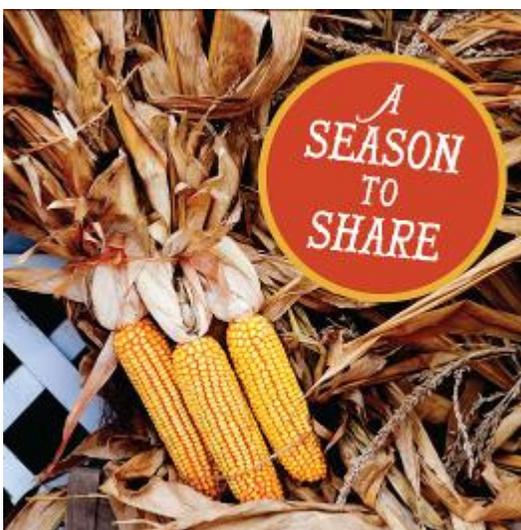
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Worship Leader



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Joint Contemporary Service**  
*With Praise Community Fellowship*  
8:45 a.m.  
In Sanctuary

**Common Time**  
9:45 a.m.  
Includes:  
Sunday School  
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**