

# THE VISION

October, 2017

**IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

## **Contemplative + Contemplation = Complete**

As one of my first chosen activities of which to participate in beginning my spiritual leave, I attended Sunday morning's Catholic Mass. My first evening was spent at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in O'Fallon, IL. Sunday Morning's Catholic Mass was quite the joy! There is a sense of appreciation of ritual and respect. As members of the parish arrived, they entered into the holy space, went to their selected pew, knelt down in the attitude of holiness and bowed their heads toward the cross. As time approached for the worship service to begin, the procession was made of two altar girls that wore white robes, a layman carrying a wooden cross, a lay woman carrying the Bible, and the Priest singing the opening song. It was not too different from our Traditional Worship Service on Sunday mornings. We appreciate a sense of holiness, order, and grace to express our love to God and God's people.

I have also found our Wednesday night worship service, called "Hevel", provides that same kind of opportunity. Hevel is a Hebrew word found in Ecclesiastes. The word carries many meanings, but is most appropriately known as "Vapor". The Wednesday worship service, like the word Hevel, desires to point out the vapor in our lives; the things that cloud our view, the things that are temporary, the things that weigh us down, the things we invest so much energy in, but give nothing back. As the Hevel in our lives is pointed out, we are then invited into a space to let the vapor go, and dwell instead in the holy presence of God. As we gather, the sanctuary is candlelit. A focus is presented for the evening, such as Sabbath, Communion, the Holy Spirit, and more. All who attend join in a Call to Worship, as an invitation to recognize that we have come to be community. We participate in a guided meditation by closing our eyes, allowing stillness to overcome us, and listen to the words and scriptures of the evening.

As we get comfortable and meditate and pray, I feel God's presence – God's reminder of love – God's extension of Grace – God's gift in sending Jesus – God's reminder of priorities and provisions. Bottom line – in taking the time to come and sit in the quiet and candlelight, I EXPERIENCE GOD! I believe God yearns for humanity to come to the silence, to slow down, to be touched by the loveliness of God. I believe God loves us so much more than what our brains can comprehend. It requires us to be still, be quiet, and be present with God as we soak in God's love. The Wednesday worship service experience is about 30 minutes. Sometimes individuals stay at the altar longer or sit in the pew longer, with a desire to stay in the same space where we have been refreshed. Whenever, however, each person wishes to complete prayer and community time, hot tea is offered in the hospitality room to take for our journey or stand and visit for a while.

As a Pastor of God's People, I encourage participating in this opportunity of worship and meditation, because I believe that as we come and gather in the quiet presence of God, we process and complete the work that God has for us in a more holy way. As we feel God's love for our own hearts, we innately desire to share that love with others. Quietness, Intentionality, Holiness is good for our souls. May each of you feel welcome!



### **Dine Out with Immanuel**



Tired of cooking Sunday Dinner? On Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 11 am until 3 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. There are sign-up sheets in the Hospitality Room. Please join us for a great day of fellowship and good food.

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

Kid's Night Out will be held on Friday, October 20, beginning at 5:30 pm with a meal for all children ages 3 through those in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This free monthly event features supper, crafts, games, other activities, and a movie with popcorn. Adult helpers are greatly appreciated. Reservations are requested but not required. You may sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room.

### **Charge Conference**

Charge Conference will be held at Immanuel on Sunday, October 29 beginning at 1:30 pm. All Church Council members are encouraged to attend this meeting with our District Superintendent. Anyone who is interested is also welcomed to attend.



an education program by the alzheimer's association

The Alzheimer's Association is hosting, *Understanding Alzheimer's: Every Minute Counts*, an educational program on Thursday, October 12 at Immanuel. The program will consist of an overview of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Participants will view clips from the PBS documentary special "Alzheimer's: Every Minute Counts" and engage in a panel discussion. Panelists will include Nancy Berry, Executive Director of St. John's Community Care, John Becker, Executive Director of Senior Services Plus in Alton and Linda Perry, an Alzheimer's caregiver. "We want to raise awareness of programs and services available to Edwardsville and the surrounding communities" said Elyse Murrell, Alzheimer's Association Education and Outreach Manager. "This is an opportunity for families to get connected and get their questions answered." Today more than five million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and caregivers put in an estimated 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care last year. With Alzheimer's projected to rise exponentially in the years to come, raising awareness and educating community members is important to ensure proper care for people living with the disease and their caregivers.

Light refreshments will be provided, and registration is requested, but not required. You may call the church office to register or go to [alz.org/greatermissouri/understandingalz](http://alz.org/greatermissouri/understandingalz).

Betty Gengler serves as our Alzheimer's Faith Ambassador and is another resource when you have questions or want to make connections.

## World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 1. WCS is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It is also one of the six special Sunday offerings taken each year by the United Methodist Church. Gifts to World Communion Sunday fund graduate racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships, with at least one-half of the annual amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. Donations also provide for undergraduate U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs. Your gift makes a world of dif-



## United Methodist Women

The Troy United Methodist Women will be hosting the UMW cluster meeting on October 12, 2017. Gathering and social time from 6:00 until 6:30, dinner at 6:30 followed by entertainment by an ensemble from Edwardsville High School and guest speaker, Christopher Coleman from Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House. Reservations are requested by Monday, October 2. All women are invited; please call Penny May 655-0706 with your reservation.

The United Methodist Women will meet on the first Thursday of November at noon, November 5th, not the second Thursday due to the cluster meeting.

Church Women United will be hosting *World Day of Prayer* on Friday, November 3 at St. John's United Methodist Church in Edwardsville. The event begins at 9:30 am.



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Women

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## Christmas Boxes

Christmas may be two months away, but October is the time to fill Operation Christmas Child boxes. Operation Christmas Child, through Samaritan's Purse, distributes these boxes to needy children around the world that otherwise would not be receiving a Christmas gift. Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available for you to pick-up beginning in early October and need to be **returned to the church no later than November 6**. Instructions and a list of suggested items are included in each box. Along with the box, pick up a label to specify whether the box is for a boy or girl and also one of the three suggested age groups. Last year our church filled 59 boxes and we hope to show an increase this year. If you are interested in this effort, Samaritan's Purse has a very informative website, [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) with information about Operation Christmas Child and also their other missionary work.



## Community Children's Ministry

We are expecting to receive the list of coats and sizes needed from Head Start this week. The Community Children's Ministry Brunch that was held on Sunday, August 13 got a good start on the funding needed to purchase these coats, and possibly a family in need at a local school. In the past, 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.

## Hot Dog Give Away

On October 31, join us for fun and free hot dogs at the Joiner Law Office! As everyone gets ready for the Halloween Parade we know you want to get the best place to see and have fun. Praise Community Fellowship and Immanuel UMC are invited to hand out free hot dogs and hot chocolate to anyone who wishes! This will begin anywhere between 5-5:30 pm. All are invited! The Joiner Law firm is located on 116 West Street in Edwardsville.

## **Thanksgiving Baskets**

Faith Coalition is providing coordination and leadership for Thanksgiving Baskets Give-Away this year. Each basket costs \$30 and we will be sending the check to Faith Coalition on November 12. Faith Coalition will be placing the order with DK's Market in Hamel, IL. Thank you Mark and Denise for giving Faith Coalition a good deal on this effort!!! As you contribute, checks can be made out to the church and please make a notation on your check, requesting the funds to go toward Thanksgiving Baskets. If you choose to give cash, feel free to make a notation on your envelope. All recipients of the Thanksgiving Baskets are to have an address within the boundary lines of Edwardsville District 7. Judy Moody from the Glen Ed pantry is making sure the needs of many will be met as the distribution will go through her office at Glen Ed Pantry.

## **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.

## **Public Health 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 [angelamhoward@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angelamhoward@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.



We will be celebrating All Saints on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. During both worship services, we will be commemorating persons in our church family or other loved ones who have passed away since last All Saints' Day. If you have a loved one who has joined "that great cloud of witnesses" described in the Book of Hebrews, please inform the church office with an e-mail, telephone call, or pick up and return a form that can be found in the Hospitality Room.

## Yoga

Yoga has resumed at Immanuel each Sunday at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us to recharge and energize for the week ahead. Accessible to beginners. Please bring a mat. \$5.00 donations accepted but not expected.

## October Noisy Offering

Our noisy offering in October will be going to the **Community Children's Ministry Fund** for the purchase of coats for needy children, as well as possibly some Christmas presents for a family in December.

## Congratulations!

**Isabelle Kane** participated in the Metro East Marching Band Competition on Saturday, September 9. She plays trumpet with the Triad Knights, who won Grand Champion in the 1A-2A class! They also received a 1st in Musical Performance, Visual Performance and Percussion. This is quite an accomplishment, and we just had to "toot her horn!" Congratulations, Izzy!



## Glen-Ed Food Pantry

*"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."* Luke 3:11

Immanuel has done a good job of remembering to bring something each week for the Food Pantry:

Sunday, September 17, 41 lbs:

- 8 2 in 1 shampoo and conditioner
- 2 conditioner
- 5 deodorant
- 3 dishwashing soap
- 4 extra detergent
- 20 rolls toilet paper
- 9 coloring books
- 3 dozen eggs

Sunday, September 10, 16 lbs:

- 2 Ajax dishwashing
- 2 hand soap
- 2 moisturizer
- 2 shampoo
- 2 conditioner
- 2 soup
- 1 Manwich
- 1 bag pretzels
- 1 Worcester sauce

Current needs of the Pantry include:

- body lotion
- razors
- shaving cream
- body wash
- conditioner
- liquid hand soap
- ensure
- chicken and dumplings
- beef stew
- liquid detergent
- liquid dishwashing soap

Our thanks to Don and Evelyn  
Schaaque for faithfully carrying  
our donations to the Pantry  
each week.



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

- † Pat Davis, recovering from pneumonia and strep throat  
Family of Mary Jean Phelps, aunt of Pam Clarkin and Penny May, who passed away this week  
Donna Hardbeck, very ill with bronchial issues  
Torrin Shaw, 2 year old great grandson of Floyd & Deloris Fisher, grandson of Janet & Brad  
Browning, health issues and eye surgery on September 28  
Cathy Favre Pulling, cousin of Pam Clarkin and Penny May, pancreatic cancer  
Those whose lives have been impacted by Hurricane Irma  
Cathy Watson, health issues  
Emily Bowers, daughter of Will and Donna Bowers, cancer
- †† Bruce Tuley, brother of Barb Taliana, health issues  
Those whose lives have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey
- †††† The Helle family upon the loss of their son and brother, Mark  
Tiana Washington, classmate of Sydney Grammer, bone cancer  
Carolyn Land, at Meridian Village for physical therapy

### You're Invited!

Ruth's House Memory Care will celebrate their Grand Opening on Sunday, October 1 from 1-3 pm. Enjoy Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks, Tours, and Live Music. This is a free family friendly event open to the public. **Please RSVP to Sara Hoelscher by phone or email by September 24:** 618-979-3602. Ruth's House Memory Care is located at 7325 Marine Road in Edwardsville.

### Thank You!

Thank you for your recent gift of \$225 to the Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund (PASBF). We appreciate your support, generosity, and thoughtfulness! We give thanks for your continued witness and ministry to your church, Edwardsville, and beyond. ... The PASBF is able to serve those who served us because of the generosity of people and churches like yours. Established in the Civil War Era, the PASBF was to serve "worn out and tired clergy." Today, the PASBF is pleased to serve those who served us by paying for the health insurance of the retired clergy and their spouses who are in our health care plan. Again in 2017, the PASBF will contribute \$1.5 million for our Medicare Supplement Policy. In addition to the health insurance benefit, the PASBF continues to connect retirees to the Conference, supports and cares for retirees and spouses, plans social activities, and offers financial and estate planning at no cost. Thank you for supporting this unique ministry!

In Christ, Rev. Keith Anderson, Executive Director

## Looking Ahead...

**The UMW Soup & Sandwich Luncheon** will be held on Friday, November 10 from 11:30 am until 1 pm. A **Craft Fair** will be held in conjunction with the Luncheon in the Journey's Inn Room on Friday, November 10 from 10 am until 5 pm, and on Saturday, November 11 from 9 am until 1 pm.

**The Thanksgiving Feast** at Free Lunch Friday will be held on Friday, November 17. There will be no Free Lunch Friday on November 10 or November 24.

**The Free Lunch Friday Christmas Feast** will be served on Friday, December 15. There will be no Free Lunch Friday on December 22 or 29.

**Faith in Action** is having their *Community of Angels Gala* on Friday, November 10th. It is to be at the N. O. Nelson Complex. There will be a silent and oral auction. The Robert Perry Band will provide the entertainment for the evening. The cost of each ticket is \$60 per person. The purpose of this Gala is to provide the opportunity for funds to be raised for the further ministry of Faith in Action within the community of Glen Carbon and Edwardsville. Please share with your friends of this worthy event and invitation for community to be experienced and enjoyed.

## Octoberfest Celebrations

**St. Michael's Parish** in Staunton, Illinois, will hold it's 38th annual Octoberfest on October 7 and 8 at their parish—Exit 41 off of I-55.

Saturday, October 7 kicks off at 9 am with a 5k run and an Auction will begin at 10:30 am. Great food and refreshments, Games, Raffles, Country Store and music by Borderline Band from 7-11 pm.

Sunday, October 8 begins with a Polka Mass at 10 am. Their famous Chicken Dinner will be served from 11 am until 4 pm, with entertainment all day, including The Gary Moore Band from 1-4 pm and Hashtag 80 from 5-9 pm. Visit the website for a full schedule of events at [www.stmichaelsoctoberfest.com](http://www.stmichaelsoctoberfest.com)

**St. Paul Lutheran Church** on Route 111 in Wood River, Illinois will be serving bratwurst , pulled pork and hot dogs on Sunday, October 22 from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm. Sides include potato salad, baked beans and chips, plus homemade deserts of all types. Children will enjoy a bounce house, face painting and more.

## A New Way to Give

You now have the option of downloading the Give+ app for both Apple and Android smartphones. 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. 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. 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. You can designate whether you want your gift to go to Current Expense, Benevolence or Property Improvement. 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:

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## Mobile Church Directory

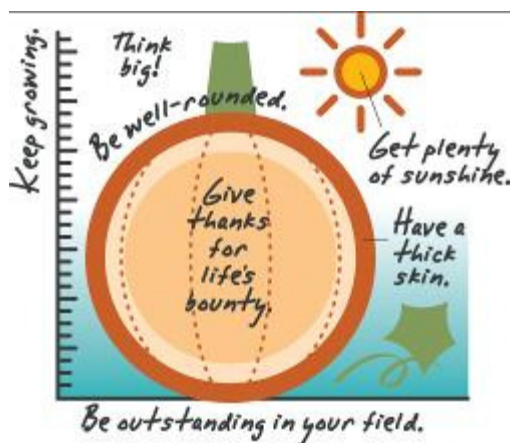
We have added a "members only" tab to our webpage where you can go to view a mobile directory of all the people that attend Immanuel. Their picture is displayed, plus you can get phone numbers, addresses with directions and possibly e-mail addresses. Thanks to Teresa Akers-Helle for working to set this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

## Advice From a Pumpkin



- Be well-rounded
- Get plenty of sunshine
- Give thanks for life's bounty
- Have a thick skin
- Keep growing
- Be outstanding n your field
- Think big!

—Ilan Shamir

## Hurricane Relief

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Grace to you and peace in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Over the past few weeks, we have watched the destructive forces of two hurricanes, A forest fire, and an earthquake. We have witnessed horrific acts wrought by nature and by apparent human carelessness. These acts and others have compelled us to pray and seek mercy on behalf of millions that have been effected.

There are many folks in the IGRC whose hearts hurt for all those that are suffering. Many are wondering how they can help. I am writing to simply remind us that now is the time to exercise prayer and patience. This is NOT the time for sending any donated items. Please only do what is asked!

In our determination to exercise generosity let us also utilize wisdom and discernment in our giving. It is okay for churches to collect an offering for UMCOR and to continue the collection of those things that our Disaster Relief Committee requests (like flood buckets).

There are a number of Advance Specials -- both at the General church and Conference levels to guide your giving:

**Advance Special #901670 -- U.S. Disaster Response.** This is the UMCOR number that is being used for offerings to assist in disaster relief efforts in the United States and U.S. territories.

**Advance Special #982450 -- International Disaster Response.** This is the UMCOR number that is being used for areas outside the United States.

**Conference Advance Special #6620 -- Midwest Mission Distribution Center.** MMDC has been in forefront of assembling and transporting flood buckets and other items from the conference and the North Central Jurisdiction to the affected areas.

**Conference Advance Special #6800 -- IGRC Disaster Response.** Funds from this Advance purchased and shipped nearly 1,500 plastic totes to Texas following its hurricane, allowing families to begin rebuilding their lives. Funds given to this Advance also undergirds our conference's disaster response whether inside the IGRC or beyond its borders.

It is okay to begin the process of identifying folks interested in serving on future work teams but please know that these devastated areas are not ready to receive any teams now. Most areas are still undergoing evaluation and assessment of needs. There will be many opportunities to do "hands on" ministry in the months to come.

The IGRC has a great record of generosity and service in response to needs brought on through crisis. I have no doubt that we will respond to the current challenges facing our brothers and sisters. You are a wonderful witness of the powerful connection that is the United Methodist Church. Thank you for modeling what it means to be a "connectional church" family.

Thank you for your spirit of compassion, caring and concern. Please keep the prayers flowing.

God Bless,  
Bishop Frank J. Beard

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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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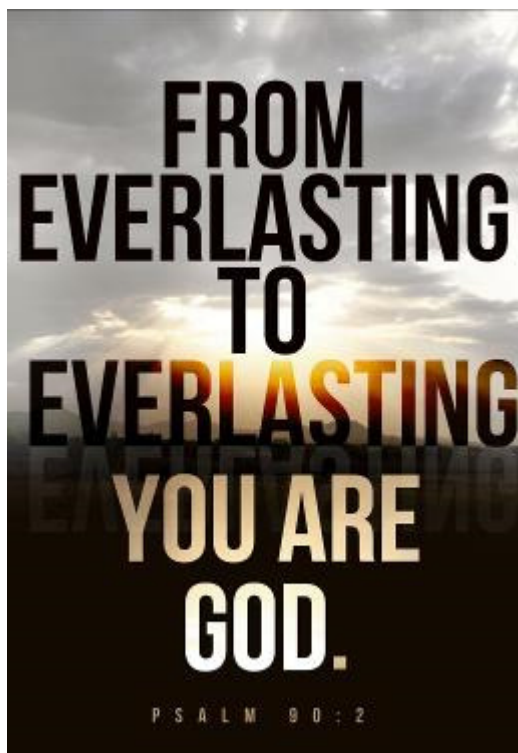
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**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  
Youth Devo  
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**