

2018 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS can be picked up this morning from the narthex or Hospitality Room and brought back before the end of the year. As you consider your giving for 2018, please remember that we have several options for your giving.

- We have boxed contribution offering envelopes for those who give checks or cash and prefer traditional envelopes. If you do not have a boxed set, you may contact Anita in the church office.
- If you do not want envelopes, you'll still have an assigned number for the records for tax purposes that you can write on checks or blank envelopes.
- If you would like your gift withdrawn automatically from your checking account (monthly or bi-weekly) to our Current Expense account, you may contact Anita in the church office.
- Lastly, to give to any account, you may download the "Give+" app on any smartphone for free. If you find Immanuel UMC, Edwardsville, on the app, you can give any amount, anytime, from the comfort of your smartphone.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY is one of the six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge. What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together. The United Methodist Student Day offering will be received next Sunday, November 26th.

KID'S NIGHT OUT meets next on Friday, December 1, beginning with a meal at 5:30 pm. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Hospitality Room for those who plan to attend. This is a terrific, free activity open to all children age 3 through those in 5th grade. Adult helpers are greatly needed and appreciated.

HELP PUT THE "MERRY" IN MERRY CHRISTMAS! The Food Pantry emphasis for the month of November is for new, unwrapped Christmas gifts for children whose families are served by the Pantry. Gifts may be brought to the narthex and placed in the Food Pantry boxes. If you are donating gift cards, it is suggested that you give them to Evelyn Schaake, or bring them to the church office for safe keeping. Last week you donated 84 lbs to the Pantry: 1 4-lb sugar, 21 detergents, 3 large trucks and 7 small trucks. Way to go! The Pantry continues to be appreciative of any and all types of donations.

FRUITS AND NUTS FUNDRAISER FOR TRIAD MARCHING BAND
Isabelle Kane is taking orders for holiday Fruit Boxes of apples, oranges, grapefruits and Fruit Baskets, as well as Holiday Nuts: almonds, pecans, peanuts, cashews and trail mix. She will be taking orders today and next Sunday, November 26th. Delivery will be on Sunday, December 10. Please consider helping the Triad Marching Band.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19

No Contemporary Joint Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Education/
Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Traditional Worship
12:00 pm Free Community Thanksgiving
Meal in Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm Yoga in Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 20

10:00 am TOPS—Journey's Inn Room
6:15 pm Ageless Grace
7:15 pm AA
9:45 pm Panera Pick-Up—Schaake

Tuesday, November 21

10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:45 am Kiwanis
6:00 pm Finance Committee
6:30 pm Church Council

Wednesday, November 22

Church Office Closed
8:00 pm Contemplative Service

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed
Fellowship Hall in Use

Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed
No Free Lunch Friday
6:00 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club

Sunday, November 26

Scrip Orders Taken

United Methodist Student Day

8:45 am Contemporary Joint Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Education/
Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Traditional Worship
11:45 am Decorate Church for Christmas
4:00 pm Yoga in Fellowship Hall

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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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November 19, 2017

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

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Today's Worship Leaders:

Greeters: (10:45 am)	Matt & Kiffon Lewis
Acolyte: (10:45 am)	Noah Lewis
Liturgist:	Mrs. Betty Gengler
Sunday School:	Miss Katie Akers
	Ms. Missy Carter
Instrument Director:	Mr. Maurice Mestemacher
Worship Leader:	Mr. Jordan Grammer
Pianist:	Mrs. Rhonda Grammer
Ministers:	All of Us

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

Greeters: (8:45 am)	Teresa & Christal Akers-Helle
Greeters: (10:45 am)	Norman & Judy Schoettle
Acolytes: (10:45 am)	Ayden Hendriex
	Noah Penelton
Liturgist: (10:45 am)	Mr. Jordan Grammer
Sunday School:	Mrs. Kiffon Lewis
	Ms. Pat Schott

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 Traditional 10:45 am

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

Gathering Music Saxophone Quintet

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Words

Turn to the Lord our God, our greatest good and our Living Source.

Turn to the Lord with eyes full of wonder. Turn to our God and live.

*Call to Worship

L: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

L: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

C: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

*Hymn—*We Gather Together* #131

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Our God, the times they are a-changing. It used to be simple to mark the season, it seems. But today, pity the parent who is to teach the child in the supermarket stroller about times and seasons: Is it Thanksgiving or Christmas? And whatever happened to Advent?

Well, it's Thanksgiving time, and so in practiced postures we express our gratitude for the life of our making.

But our confession, O God, is that genuine gratitude is often hard for us, for we are also gifted with self-sufficiency, with the means to choose our way. Affluence in our country is the ability to buy space. It is to have the wherewithal to protect ourselves and our loved ones from ... "others," really, to distance ourselves from the harsher realities of our world that define the lives of peripheral people who hunger and despair and live out the darker side of the American dream.

God, our feelings of gratitude are so often just pangs of relief that we and ours are blessed and spared.

May your blessings of talent and wealth never separate us from our sisters and brothers who share in the same hope that in our better moments brings us to our knees in true gratitude: the gift of new life in your Son, Jesus Christ.

In this Thanksgiving season, teach us gratitude, our God. Amen.

(Israel Galindo, [Let Us Pray](#))

*Gloria Patri #70
Children's Sermon/Noisy Offering

...to Share With Commitment and Love

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer #895

*Hymn—*For the Beauty of the Earth* #92

*Passing the Peace

The Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings Saxophone Quintet

*Doxology #95

...to Hear the Word of God

Old Testament Reading—Deuteronomy 8:7-18 p. 159 OT

Epistle Reading—1 Peter 2:1-3 p. 219 NT

The People Respond

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—"Longing For Purity & Prosperity"

...so We May Go Out and Serve

*Closing Hymn—*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* #694

*Announcements

*Benediction

L: God's love and care never ends.

C: May our lives be a thankful response to God's nurture and bounty.

L: Go in God's love and care, to love and care for your neighbor.

*The Postlude Saxophone Quintet

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*All who are able, please stand

DID YOU KNOW? ...

... We donated \$804 to Faith Coalition for Thanksgiving Baskets!

... We filled 65 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year!

... The front rooms of the Parsonage have a fresh coat of paint. Thank you, PCF!

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

+ Congratulations and love to Jake and Breck Newman on the birth of their daughter, Harper Olivia and to proud grandparents, Joe and Pam Newman.
Sharon Koenig, outpatient surgery on Wednesday, two spots of cancer removed
Tiana Washington, classmate of Sydney Grammer, bone cancer
Vicki Aufdemberge, cousin of Anita Seehausen, cancer
Emily Chionchio and newborn son Maverick who will be in NICU for at least 3 months

++ Marge May, recovering from knee replacement
First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas

+++ Al Davis, recovering from lung surgery

++++ Laurie Wolf, friend of Libby Levin, suffering with breast cancer

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8). Before we dine at our holiday tables on Thursday, let us feast on the Word of the Lord. Welcome!

PRINGLES FOR PROPERTY CANS can be turned in today, or can be returned next Sunday. Thanks to everyone who participated in this fundraiser.

A FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL will be served by Immanuel UMC and Praise Community Fellowship at 12 noon today in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

SCRIP ORDERS will be taken next Sunday! This will be your last opportunity to order gift cards that will arrive before Christmas. Order forms with a listing of all of the merchants can be picked up from the Hospitality Room table this morning. If you have any questions, you may ask Teresa or Christal Akers-Helle.

POINSETTIAS—If you would like to place a poinsettia on our altar for Christmas, we ask that you order them today. You may place your poinsettia(s) in honor or in memory of loved ones. Please indicate that on the sign-up sheet in the Hospitality Room. Poinsettias cost \$9.00 again this year.

LET'S PLAY TRIVIA! Our Youth Group is inviting you to join them for an evening of fun with an '80's Trivia Night on Saturday, December 9. Doors open at 5:30 pm, and play begins at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$10/person, with 8 people per table. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Hospitality Room.

CLOSINGS—The **church office** will be closed from Wednesday, November 22 through Friday, the 24th. Also, there will be **no Free Lunch Friday** this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

WE WILL 'DECK THE HALLS' NEXT SUNDAY! We will put up Christmas decorations following the Traditional Worship Service next Sunday, November 26th. Everyone is welcome to help put up trees, lights, etc.

DECEMBER EDITION OF 'THE VISION' - All news articles for the newsletter, and meeting dates for the December calendar are now due in the church office. During this busy holiday season, your promptness is greatly appreciated!!

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be presented on Sunday, December 17th at 10:00 am. Rehearsals for the program will begin during the Sunday School hour next Sunday, November 26. Please note that we will have just one worship service at 10:00 am on December 17th.

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: 11/19—Becky Anderson; 11/22—Deloris Fisher; 11/23—Donald Piper