

SCRIP ORDERS will be taken today! Orders placed today will arrive in approximately two weeks, just in time for Christmas. A gift card is a great Christmas gift for those on your list who may be difficult to buy for. Plus, Immanuel UMC will receive a percentage from each card you purchase. Happy Shopping!!

SPEAKING OF SHOPPING...remember that if you shop on Amazon.com you can gift Immanuel by going to our website, www.immanuelonmain.org, and clicking on the Amazon Associates shopping link located on the home page. If you complete your transaction using this link, Immanuel will receive a percentage of your purchases.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS begin today during the Sunday School hour. Additional rehearsals will be held as follows:

- Sunday, December 3 during the Sunday School hour
- Tuesday, December 5, 6:30– 8:00 pm
- Sunday, December 10 during the Sunday School hour
- Tuesday, December 12, 6:30–8:00 pm

The program will be presented on Sunday, December 17th at 10:00 am. Please note that there will be just one service that day at 10:00 am, with Sunday School and Christian Education being held at 9:00 am.

UMC #GIVINGTUESDAY—The United Methodist Church's #GivingTuesday is this Tuesday, November 28th. This year's theme is "Connect Your Passion with God's Mission." One hundred percent of your gifts made online through The Advance goes to the missionary or project of your choice. Visit umcmmission.org/give.

KID'S NIGHT OUT will be held this Friday, December 1, beginning at 5:30 pm and ending at 8:30 pm. The children gather and share a meal together, then play games and do crafts and various other activities before ending the evening while watching a movie and munching on popcorn. Adult helpers are needed. Reservations are appreciated—you can sign on the sheet in the Hospitality Room, e-mail or call the church office. Friends are always welcome! Kid's Night Out is for children age 3 through those in 5th Grade.

DECK THE HALLS! You are invited to stay after worship today to help decorate our church for Christmas! Early service attenders can begin decorating the trees in the Lower Level. Many volunteers make for quick work.

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. Today is the last day to order. Delivery will be on Sunday, December 10. Please consider helping the Triad Marching Band.

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.

POINSETTIAS—We placed our order for 24 poinsettias, and still have five available for you to purchase. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the Hospitality Room if you are placing your poinsettia in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$9.00.

THE BEVERLY FARM GIVING TREE is set up in the Hospitality Room. Please consider taking a star ornament from the Christmas tree and purchasing Christmas gifts for a Beverly Farm resident. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 10th. Beverly Farm, located in Godfrey, is a residential facility that is home to nearly 400 people living with intellectual or developmental disabilities. They thank you for your generosity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

Sunday, November 26

United Methodist Student Day
Church Decorating Following Each Service
SCRIP ORDERS RECEIVED

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

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

- 6:30 pm SPPR Committee

Wednesday, November 29

- 1:00 pm Newsletter Team
- 6:30 pm Small Group—Journey Thru Grief
- 8:00 pm Contemplative Worship in
Sanctuary

Thursday, November 30

- 7:00 pm AA

Friday, December 1

- 11:00 am Free Lunch Friday to 1:00 pm
- 5:30 pm **Kid's Night Out**
- 6:30 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club

Sunday, December 3

1st Sunday of Advent

- 8:45 am Contemporary Joint Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Education/
Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm Yoga in Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

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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 26, 2017
United Methodist Student Day

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

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Today's Worship Leaders:

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| Greeters: (8:45 am) | Teresa & Christal Akers-Helle |
| Greeters: (10:45 am) | Norman & Judy Schoettle |
| Acolyte: (10:45 am) | Ayden Hendriex |
| | Noah Penelton |
| Liturgist: | Mr. Jordan Grammer |
| Sunday School: | Mrs. Kiffon Lewis |
| | Ms. Pat Schott |
| Instrument Director: | Mr. Maurice Mestemacher |
| Worship Leader: | Mr. Jordan Grammer |
| Ministers: | All of Us |

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

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| Greeters: (8:45 am) | Mrs. Jill Winte |
| Greeters: (10:45 am) | Mr. Dan Hodge |
| | Mr. Tom May |
| Acolytes: (10:45 am) | Miss Zinnia Allen |
| | Miss Shelly Brase |
| Liturgist: (10:45 am) | Mrs. Pat Davis |
| Sunday School: | Mrs. Kiffon Lewis |
| | Mrs. Jill Winte |

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

Led today by Praise Community Fellowship

Getting Ready for Worship...

Opening Music

Welcome

Celebration of Worship...

Worship & Praise

Celebration of the Spoken Word...

Prayer

Offering

Message—"The Best Holiday Season Ever!"

Celebration of Going Forth...

Closing Song

Benediction

CCLI #2836520

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: 11/26—Haleigh Stevenson; 11/27—Thomas Clarkin, Mallory Smith; 11/28—JJ Prott; 11/30—Mark Knopf

DID YOU KNOW? ...

...Pringles for Property Cans have raised \$1,080.00 to date

...194 Lunches have been distributed in Edwardsville District 7 Schools

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 Brass Ensemble

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Words

Christ, our shepherd, is ever on the lookout for the lost and scattered sheep of God's fold. Our shepherd leads us safely to green pastures and tends our wounds. But woe to the proud and haughty sheep that scare away the weak . . . for they will face the wrath of our shepherd, who loves with equity.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: Enter God's gates with gladness.

C: Enter God's courts with praise.

L: For we are God's people,

C: the sheep of his pasture.

L: Serve God with joyful hearts.

C: Love God by showing justice and mercy.

L: Enter God's gates with gladness.

C: Enter God's courts with praise.

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

*Hymn—*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #400

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Glorious God, enlighten our eyes to behold the hope to which we are called and the richness of our glorious inheritance in Christ, our shepherd. Reveal your ways to us and help us understand our actions, that we might bring your light to the world in all that we say and in all that we do. Bless this church with unity and strength that it may be Christ for the world, who rescues the perishing and reclaims the lost and scattered. Amen.

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*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—*My Hope Is Built* #368

*Passing the Peace
The Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings Brass Ensemble
*Doxology #95

...to Hear the Word of God

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 100 (Responsively) p. 522 OT
Epistle Reading—Ephesians 1:15-23 p. 181 NT
Gospel Reading—Luke 8:42b—48 p. 64 NT

The People Respond

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—"Longing for Purity of Power"

...so We May Go Out and Serve

*Closing Hymn—*Rescue the Perishing* #591

* Welcome/Announcements

*Benediction

L: Leave this place with thankful hearts.

C: We will make a joyful noise to our God.

L: Bring shouts and laughter to the world.

C: We will sparkle with our eyes enlightened.

L: Proclaim the tender mercies of our God.

C: We will share the good news with all.

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*The Postlude Brass Ensemble

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*All who are able, please stand

Special Thanks to the members of the Brass Ensemble for providing music for our worship today.

2018 Stewardship Commitment Cards can be picked up this morning from the narthex or Hospitality Room. Please return them before the end of the year.

<p>Prayer Ministry (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Laurie Wolf, friend of Libby Levin, suffering with breast cancer Mary Winston, friend of many, dealing with health issues ++ Sharon Koenig, recovering from surgery Tiana Washington, classmate of Sydney Grammer, bone cancer Vicki Aufdemberge, cousin of Anita Seehausen, cancer +++ Marge May, recovering from knee replacement First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas ++++ Al Davis, recovering from lung surgery
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