

November, 2018

THE VISION

As we have been studying the Hebrew Prophets during our Fall Season at Immanuel UMC, there is one word in particular that continues to show up in our texts. That word is covenant. In Hebrew the word is "beriyth," meaning an agreement. God made a covenant with Abraham which reflected an agreement between God and Abraham. Abraham was to enter into the land that God would provide and God would never forsake Abraham. It was an agreement! God made a covenant with Noah and asked that his sons be fruitful and multiply the earth and once again, God would provide the land and God would be ever-present. It was an agreement! Ultimately God made a covenant with all of humanity by sending God's son to show us the true covenant of forgiveness and grace. It is assurance!

In each of these covenants we notice that an agreement is made from humanity to God to walk with humility, love God with all our hearts and souls and share mercy with each other. The covenant from God is that God will be with us and empower us with courage and a willingness to put God first in our lives and in all decisions.

This year, we are calling our commitment cards, covenant cards. In considering the needs of the church that God has invited us to celebrate our faith, we are called to an agreement that we make with God. What is the very best way in which to support all the ministries that God leads us toward? God provides us with such abundance. Sometimes we question that provision due to our own human condition of doubting and worrying. And then, we remind ourselves of our covenant with God. God walks with us. God leads us and we do all we can to respect that loving covenant with God. It begins to become a matter of the heart and a matter of exercising our faith. This year as you fill out your covenant card, may God write on your heart the promises of God's provision, and may we offer the fruits of our labor with thanksgiving.

Blessings—*Pastor Jackie*

2019 Covenant Cards are Included in this Newsletter and are Available at Church

All Saints' Day Celebration

On Sunday, November 4th, we will remember those Saints who have passed away since last All Saints' Day. A candle will be lit in their memory, while their family/friends

stand to honor them. We will be remembering Immanuel member Hope Krieger, as well as relatives and close friends of those who attend Immanuel. If you have not received a

letter from Immanuel telling you that your loved one will be honored but still want to give us a name, please inform us ASAP!

Small Group Study

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness" by Austin Channing Brown. This six week series, led by Rhonda Grammer, began on Wednesday October 24 at 6:30 pm down in the Journey's Inn Room—but it is not

too late to join this group. We will faithfully collaborate to explore God's vision of racial justice and how to celebrate our unique differences, while creating shalom in our communities and in the world. It

will be liberating for those who choose to listen, educational for those willing to learn, and inspiring for those ready to act.

Year End Coffee Talk

The Finance Committee would like to invite each of you to an end-of-the-year Coffee Talk on November 18th immediately following the 8:45 am Worship Service. We will meet in the Journeys Inn Room. Our 2019 Budget will be presented

and explained. The 2019 Budget was cut \$10,432, while at the same time, keeping the integrity of our commitment to stay spiritually equipped and empowered. Join us for this informational and spiritual time.

Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering collected during November will be donated to the Glen-Ed Food Pantry to help our neighbors who are clients of the Pantry receive gifts and festive foods for the holidays. Thank you for your participation in our Noisy Offering each Sunday! Your caring spirits are very much appreciated by our friends at the Food Pantry.





Christmas Decorating

Lots of helpers will be needed on Saturday, December 1, beginning around 9:00 am as we adorn our church with its beautiful Christmas finery. There will be jobs available for everyone. Come join the fun—make a difference, feel involved, be helpful, show us your skills, make new friends—ready our church for the beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Time to Order Poinsettias!

We have already placed our poinsettia order, and now hope to find those who are willing to purchase them in memory or in honor of a loved

one. Poinsettias will be \$9.00 again this year. Please sign on the sheet in the Hospitality Room. Make your check payable to Immanuel UMC, and

write “poinsettia” on the memo line. Please do this as soon as possible, so we will have the opportunity to order more poinsettias if needed.

Children’s Christmas Program

Children from Immanuel’s Sunday School and Kid’s Night Out programs will present their Christmas program on Sunday, December 9 at 8:45 am. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, November 18 during the Sunday School hour. Ad-

ditional rehearsals will be held on Sunday, November 25 during the Sunday School hour, on Tuesday, November 27 from 6:30-7:30 pm (rehearsal only), Sunday, December 2 during the Sunday School hour, and on Friday, Decem-

ber 7 from 5:30—8:00 pm. Dinner will be served to the children at this Friday, December 7 rehearsal. All children age 3 through those in high school are encouraged to participate.

Operation Christmas Child

The amazing journey of a simple shoebox gift begins with you! People pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the Gospel and

bless the children. Churches around the world hand out shoebox gifts at festival outreach events where the Good News is clearly presented. Along with the gifts, Gospel booklets are offered to help shoebox recipients learn about God’s Greatest Gift, His Son, Jesus Christ. After receiving a shoebox gift, children have

the opportunity to enroll in 12-lesson follow-up discipleship programs. As a result of what they learn, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with others. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.

DUE DATE: NOVEMBER 11

UMW Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Friday, November 9 is the day chosen by the United Methodist Women for their annual Soup & Sandwich Luncheon, which will be served from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. You will have your choice of three

kinds of homemade soup, chicken salad on a croissant, as well as pie and a beverage. The cost is \$8.00 for the meal.

The Women are asking for donations of food items and

also need helpers. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Hospitality Room where you can volunteer to bring ingredients for the meal, and/or to help prepare and serve the meal.

Craft Fair

A Craft Fair is once again being held in conjunction with the Soup & Sandwich Luncheon on Friday, November 9 and Saturday, November 10.

On Friday the Craft Fair will be open from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. On Saturday the hours are 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. It will feature Blessing Baskets,

holiday crafts, ornaments, décor and gifts, handmade crafts, cards & stationary, needle crafts, jewelry and much, much more.

World of Disney Trivia Night

Let's show support for our senior high Youth Group as they host a Trivia Night on Saturday, November 17. The theme is "World of Disney" and will pertain to all things Disney—Resorts and Theme Parks, ESPN, Inc., ABC Television Group, A&E Networks,

Marvel Entertainment, Lucasfilm, Pixar, and of course, Walt Disney Pictures. You will find a sign-up sheet on the table in the Hospitality Room. Admission is \$10 per person, with 8 people per table. Free popcorn for all, with soda and water available to

purchase. The doors will open at 5:30 pm, and play will begin at 6:00 pm. Come test your knowledge of the Disney Universe while supporting our youth.



Kid's Night Out

All three-year-olds through those in 5th grade are welcome to join Kid's Night Out on Friday, November 16 from 5:30-8:30 pm. The children enjoy dinner, games, crafts, various other activities and watch a movie together while

munching on snacks. Due to the increase in the number of children attending, we now ask that you make a reservation so that we are sure to have adequate staffing. With the cold weather approaching, we ask that you take your

child's coat home with you and bring it back when you pick up your child. To make a reservation, sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room, or phone/email the church office. ***Kid's Night Out will not meet in December.***

What Are You Thankful For?

This Thanksgiving, the GlenEd Pantry and Faith Coalition Edwardsville are providing Thanksgiving baskets to many local residents who are in need. Please give generously

to provide a good dinner and a message of hope and support to someone who is struggling. Checks may be made out to Immanuel with "Thanksgiving Baskets" in the

memo line. One basket costs approximately \$30.00. The deadline to make your donation is Sunday, November 11th.

Thanksgiving Free Lunch Feast

Everyone is welcome to join us on Friday, November 16 from 11 am to 1 pm for our Thanksgiving Feast at Free Lunch Friday. We will be serving Turkey and Gravy, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet

Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Turnips, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls and Desserts. Thank You to our contributors to this meal, opening your hearts to help the community people is gratefully appreciated.

Friday, November 16

11 am to 1 pm

UMC Fellowship Hall

Glen-Ed Pantry

During November we are asking for donations of Christmas presents for the children that are served by the Glen-Ed Food Pantry. Considering purchasing gift cards to give to teenagers, and bring new, unwrapped toys and games for younger children. The Pantry always seem to be short on gifts for teenagers, so we hope that you will especially remember them this Christmas.

UMC #GivingTuesday is November 27

Advance hope, love and healing around the world on November 27!

United Methodists will come together to support vital ministry projects and missionaries around the world on #GivingTuesday as they generously #GiveUMC.

Giving through The Advance empowers hundreds of dedicated project leaders and missionaries to share the

love of Christ in meaningful, life-saving ways. As always, 100% of all giving will support the designated Advance ministry!

How will you #GiveUMC?

Find a project you are passionate about and make a donation! Further support #GivingTuesday by inspiring others to #GiveUMC!

Visit umcmmission.org/give.

Immanuel's Leadership for 2019

The following slate of officers and committee members was approved at the Charge Conference held Thursday, October 26 at Immanuel.

Church Council

Chairperson	LeeAnn Kane
Lay Leader(s)	Missy Carter/Daniel Carter
Lay Delegate(s)	Jordan Grammer/BethAnne Havis
Chairperson of SPPRC	Marc Franke
Chairperson of Finance	Teresa Akers-Helle
Trustee Representative	Bill Kreutzberg/Sharon Koenig
Treasurer	Shelby Grammer
Youth	Dave/Trish Rader
Sunday School Representative	Kiffon Lewis/Jill Winte
Recording Secretary	Missy Carter
Pastor	Rev. Jackie K. Havis-Shear
Worship Leader	Jordan Grammer
Worship Committee	TBD
Communications	Teresa Akers-Helle
Missions	Don/Evelyn Schaake
IUMC Liaison to PCF	Rhonda Grammer/Joseph Newman
Small Group	Christal Akers-Helle

Board of Trustees—Chair TBD

Cindy Cameron	Jordan Grammer	Sharon Koenig
Grace Havis	Dustin Franke	Matthew Lewis
William Kreutzberg	Gary Koenig	Norman Schoettle

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee—Marc Franke

Pastor, Lay Leaders, Lay Delegates	Christal Akers-Helle	Trish Rader
Evelyn Schaake	Breck Newman	Floyd Fisher
Isabelle Kane	Marc Franke	Barb Taliana

Finance Committee—Chair Teresa Akers-Helle

Pastor, Council Chair, Lay Delegates, SPPRC Chair, Lay Leaders, Trustee Chair	Errick Cameron	Teresa Akers-Helle
BethAnne Havis	Sheila Page	Jacob Newman
Betty Gengler	Kathleen Coady	Phyllis Fisher
Emily Spitze		
Treasurer—Shelby Grammer		

Lay Leadership—Chair, Rev. Jackie K. Havis-Shear

Lay Leaders	Pat Schott	Isabelle Kane/Sydney Grammer
LaVonne Timmins	Joseph Newman	Trish Rader
Joann Schaake	Eileen Kreutzberg	Deloris Fisher
Missy Carter		

Scrip Orders Taken on Sunday!

There are only 2 Scrip shopping days before Christmas, and this Sunday, October 28) is one of them! We now have "Scrip Easy Order Forms" available on the table in the

Hospitality Room (only 1/3 of a page), along with new listings of all Scrip gift cards available nationwide. This will make it easier for you to order a gift card for a loved one who

lives in another part of the country. You are asked to put your order form and check in the offering plate next Sunday. We appreciate your support!

Schnuck's eScrip Program

Schnuck's launched a Rewards program this summer, whereby you can either earn Rewards points for yourself, OR donate to a nonprofit through eScrip. Great news – you can now earn contributions for Immanuel United Methodist Church in the Schnuck's Rewards program app! Here's how:

- Scan you're my Schnuck card AND the Rewards app in a single transaction
- Go the Schnuck's Rewards app, tap on the "More" tab at the bottom of screen
- Select "Donate" and check

the circle next to the donation option, click "Apply"

If you don't use the Rewards App, you can continue to use your Schnuck's eScrip card as usual. If our supporters choose the donation option, you are still eligible for other elements of Schnucks Rewards, like discounts and special promotions, such as free items. After the first time that you scan your eScrip card and Schnucks Rewards on the same purchase, you will see that the option to enable the donation feature will be built into your Schnucks Rewards

mobile app. Immanuel UMC has received \$203 in donations from Schnucks so far this year. We receive from 1-3% of what each participant spends each month at Schnucks. The more you spend, the more we earn. If you would like to participate in this program, pick up an eScrip card from the table in the Hospitality Room, and sign your name on the sheet next to the number that is on the card. We will activate the card for you. Thank you to all who participate in this program!

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 3! Remember that hour of sleep you lost in March? This is

your chance to get that back! Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 am.



Prayer Concerns (+ indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

- + Al Davis, continuing to face health issues
 Grace Havis' friend's five-month old baby recovering from open heart surgery on Friday
 Al, friend of Joanie Green, cataract surgeries
 Lida Gillham, strength and healing
 Antonize Anderson, undergoing chemotherapy
 Jessie Hettenhouse, friend of Hodge family, healing and comfort
 Lois Ann Rodenbaugh, friend of Barb Taliana, broken shoulder and wrist
 Tammy Rodenbaugh, daughter and caretaker of Lois Ann Rodenbaugh
 The family of Joseph Daniel Gatton, father of Rachelle O'Bryan
 Chance and April Browning Shaw as they care for their children
 Toren Shaw, son of Chance and April, autism
 Aila Shaw, four-year old daughter of Chance and April, hospitalized with Type 1 diabetes
- ++ Bruce Tuley, brother of Barb Taliana, strength and healing
 Leila Clark, broken arm
 Mike Portell, recovering from surgery
 Peggy Brooks, friend of Kris Lancaster, dealing with health issues
 Hurricane Michael victims—Advance 901670
- +++ District Superintendent Rose Booker-Jones, strength and healing as she returns home
- ++++ Vicki Aufdemberge, cousin of Anita Seehausen, beginning radiation to treat new spots of cancer
 Donna and Janet Hardbeck for the continued processing of their parents' estate
 Emma Tallon, middle school student battling leukemia
 Erica Robertson, great niece of Deloris Fisher, cancer has returned after several years

Informational Meetings for Seniors and Their Families

Informational meetings are held the first Thursday of the month for seniors and their families from 4—5:00 pm at the Main Street Community Center, 1003 N. Main Street in Edwardsville. These meetings are for the purpose of sharing all you need to know about caring for seniors. The meetings are sponsored by MSCC & A Guiding Light Senior Living Placement Assistance.

Topics of Discussion	
Nov. 1st	What you need to know as a Caregiver How to Handle Agitation & Aggression How to Communicate & Interact
Dec. 6th	Don't get your tinsel in a tangle Getting through the holidays stress free
Jan. 3rd	The Upside to Downsizing
Feb. 7th	Financial Planning

Update on the Sunday Morning Worship Service

We have experienced our new one service 8:45 am Immanuel UMC Worship Service for seven Sundays now. And, we are still learning and listening. One critique that I agree with whole-heartedly is a feeling of a lack of familiarity. Jordan and I share with one another each week as to the places in the worship service where we have experienced that feeling. We are interested in this because a lack of familiarity can make one feel threatened rather than assured. Our prayer in worshiping together is to feel as one community giving God praise and glory, as we are assured of God's presence and each other's presence. And if we are unsure what to expect by an element of unfamiliarity of worship, or lack of tradition this experience can be uncomfortable. On the flip side— sometimes this feeling of discomfort invites us to ask ourselves questions that can lead to a very healthy understanding of why we do what we do. It can also lead others to ask questions to enhance understanding. Embracing a variety of experiences in our worship service creates an inviting atmosphere that communicates freshness, and a willingness to learn and grow.

Questions might include—Why do we stand when a G Chord is played introducing the Doxology? Why do we chant the same words at the end of a prayer each Sunday? Where is that prayer found? What is involved in the process of passing a wooden bowl to each person sitting in what we call pews? Where does that money go? (Literally and figuratively) Even those of us who attend church for most of our lives may not even know the answers to all the questions.

So, why not encourage a sense of playfulness in our celebration of worship? Instead of feeling lost, or threatened by unfamiliarity can we grow curious? Can we be curious about God and interested in the creativity of the Holy Spirit? I want to invite us all to ponder the question—Why do we do what we do in worship—Why do we say what we say in worship—What is meaningful—What actions create a holy ritual of love and commitment in worship—These kinds of things. And then after giving this some thought, please feel free to talk with Jordan or myself and share your thoughts with kindness, integrity and respect.

God invites us to a place of blessedness in worship when we come as we are. God is as a parent and loves us so much and wishes so badly for us to come, spend time, linger, and bask in God's holy love and presence. When we catch a glimpse of God's love, we enter into the best kind of worship—where we lose the rules and regulations of expectations. God is interested in us as a child more so than the garments we wear, the money we earn, the address that we claim, the electronic accomplishments we prove, or even our tax-bracket—status. When we find ourselves in a worshipful space it is usually because we have laid to rest some distractions. God invites us to simply kneel at the feet of Jesus and know God's love for us in a very intimate and precious way.

I want to provide this simple update on our worship services so each of you may know and believe that each week we are seeking ways in which to be Christ, share Christ, live Christ, love Christ, and celebrate Christ. For it is in Christ Jesus that we live and move and have our being. —Acts 17:28

Pastor Jackie

2019 Covenant Card

To respond to God's gifts to me, to commit to our work of justice and ministry, to provide for each other and our community, I gladly join with others in pledging my support.

A REMINDER OF MY COVENANT

In faith I (we) have committed the following amount each week/month to God's work through Immanuel United Methodist Church in 2019:



	Per Week	or	Per Month	=	Yearly
Current Expense	\$ _____		\$ _____		\$ _____
Benevolence	\$ _____		\$ _____		\$ _____
Property Improvement	\$ _____		\$ _____		\$ _____
Apportionments (Current Expense)	\$ _____		\$ _____		\$ _____

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 email: _____

- GIVING OPTIONS**
- Boxed Contribution Envelopes
 - Sign up for online giving through church office
 - Use Give+ App (can give to any of our funds)
 - Will use Pew Envelopes with number assigned to me

Current Expense: \$ _____
 Benevolence: \$ _____
 Property Improvement: \$ _____
 Apportionments: \$ _____

The Old Church with the New Attitude

Immanuel United Methodist Church
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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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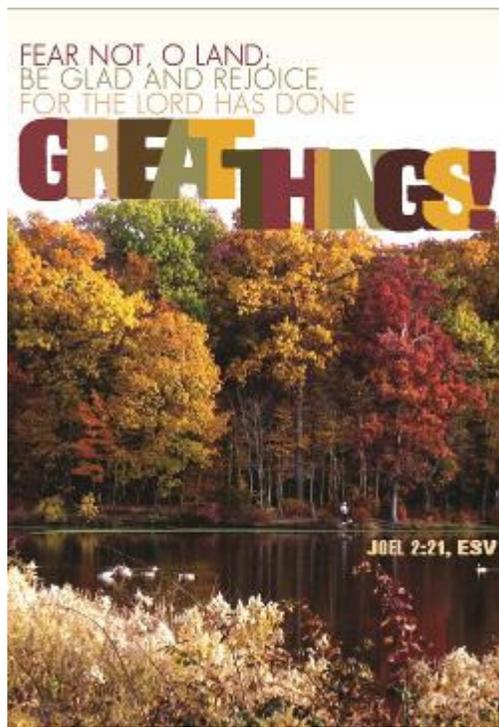
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Immanuel UMC
Sunday Worship Service
8:45 a.m.
In Sanctuary

Common Time
9:45 a.m.
Includes:
Elementary Sunday School
Middle School Sunday School
Youth Devo
Seekers Class
Wired Word Discussions

Nursery Available
Until 10:45 am

Each Wednesday—8:00 p.m.
Contemplative Worship