



Immanuel United Methodist Church

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June 7, 2020
Graduate Sunday

Invitation to Connect

Get Ready! Be Ready! Let's Gather!

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome to Church!

We are glad that you have chosen to spend this time with us! You may be someone new to our time of gathering, or you may regularly gather with us on Sunday. Whichever the case, please check in and let us know you are here!

Call to Worship

Dave and Trish Rader

L: Now is the moment of grace.

C: This is the hour of blessing.

L: Today is the day of salvation.

C: Here is the path to new life.

L: Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.

**C: On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God,
from generation to generation, we praise your holy name.**

L: Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim your greatness to our children,

C: for we have seen your deeds of power and witnessed your goodness in our lives.

L: As you have opened your hand to all and satisfied the desire of every living thing, open our hearts so that we might share the gifts we have received from you.

C: Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

Community Song—*Reckless Love*

Cory Asbury, Caleb Culver and Ran Jackson

Before I spoke a word
You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me

Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

Oh the overwhelming, never-ending
Reckless love of God
Oh it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it
I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
Oh the overwhelming, never-ending
Reckless love of God

When I was Your foe
Still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me

When I felt no worth
You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

Oh the overwhelming, never-ending
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Leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it
I don't deserve it
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There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

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Recognition of our Graduates

Pastor Jackie Havis-Shear

Katie Akers
Eloise Allen
Isabelle Kane
Trevor Page
Emma Smith

Video and Reflections

Graduate Prayer

Pastor Jackie Havis-Shear

You have so richly blessed us, Lord. Blessed us with family, with friends and with our church. You have given us food and protection from the elements. You provide healing when we are sick and rejoice with us when we celebrate good news. Because of all these things, and because of the gift of your Son, we say thank you by offering our gifts and resources so other can be blessed as well. So, please bless these graduates this day. Bless the path by which they will walk. Bless the actions of which they will choose. Bless their experience of learning whereas they will share with the world. And give us all power to receive their beauty and gifts! In Jesus Name! Amen!

Communion Prayer

Responsive Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Scripture Reading—Mark 11:24, Proverbs 3:5-7

The Allen Family

So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

Sermon—"Attached to God and God Alone"

Miss Eloise Allen

Response to God's Word

Pastor Sarah Dierker

Song of Sending—*Who You Say I Am*

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

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Benediction to Our Graduates

Dave and Trish Rader

As your classes and grading are now complete, may you strive toward excellence in all you do.
As the speeches conclude, may your voices rise up to pronounce justice and peace in the world.
As the fanfares cease, may you sing of joy, even in the dark and lonely places.
As the applause quiets, may you celebrate and lift up those around you.
In your graduation, may your achievements grow and cause growth in your communities.
And may we all know of the overwhelming blessings of the One who created all things.
And may we all go forth knowing God continues to call and bless!
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit! Amen!

Invitation to Say Goodbyes and Offer Well Wishes!

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"When we are truly after God's will our happiness is no longer tied to one answer. Our well-being is attached to God and God alone."

True You - by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun and Tracey D. Bianchi

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

- + Healing for our Nation
The family of Gerald "Wayne" Emshousen, who passed away on Wednesday
Jake & Breck Newman are excited that Harper is going to be a big sister! Baby Newman #2 is due in December 2020!
- ++ Deb Zaboli and family upon the sudden death of her brother, Donald Goodson
- +++ Hannah, Trevor Page's girlfriend, recovering from tonsillectomy
Brittney Page has begun therapy to correct nerve damage in her neck
Sarah Dierker's father, recovering from surgery
Prayers for all the Graduates of this Season
Wanda Marth, who is still on hospice care, but has made a bit of a comeback—eating, getting up & reading cards!
Jerry White, a friend of Gary & Sharon Koenig, fighting cancer
A high school friend of Eric Zelasko who has been placed on hospice due to pancreatic cancer
- ++++ Libby Levin's Sister-in-Law, Jude, was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor and is alone due to quarantine

Those Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 6/8—Jack Butler; 6/9—Addison Carter; 6/11—Eloise Allen, Kim Poteet; 6/12—Maevé Durkee, Andrea Emshousen, Andrew Taylor; 6/13—Mark Piper, Kathy Schaake

Celebrating Anniversaries: 6/7—Bill & Nancy Phillippe; 6/10—Matt & Kiffon Lewis; 6/12—Josh & Savannah Newman

2020 Monthly Income & Expense

Current Expense (Operating)

Budgeted Expenses, June	\$18,919.00
Received	\$ 295.00

Benevolence (Missions/Disaster Relief)

Owed by 6/30/2020	\$ 5,262.00
Received	\$ 2,475.00

TODAY IS PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY! Your generous gift supports Peace with Justice ministries locally and globally. Half of the offering stays within our annual conference and is managed by the conference Peace with Justice Coordinator, and the other half is administered by the General Board of Church and Society for ministry around the world. Go to www.umcgiving.org/givepwjs to make a donation.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JACKIE—When I made a decision to retire I began a discernment process with God for my future! Yes, I considered all kinds of possibilities---Wal Mart, McDonald's, Lowe's Garden Center! As I continued my discernment, I felt God shared with me that my ability to love people in the name of God wasn't over. Simply my long hours were over! My extended 24 hour commitment was over. But my calling to love the people of God will never be over. It is very common for United Methodist Pastors to be called as an Interim into smaller churches that need specific pastoral leadership. So, last evening I was appointed to a small church within the Mississippi River District, effective July 1, 2020, as an interim Pastor, serving 20 hours a week. The hours will be less. The demand will be less. The calling will be narrowly focused—very different than Immanuel UMC. In order to recognize this appointment, my last Sunday with Immanuel UMC will be June 21, 2020. Of course, this will still be an on-line worship service. On June 28, 2020, the District Superintendent, the Rev. Allynn Walker will be preaching for me, which will also be an on-line service. Pastor David will begin his pastoral leadership on the first Sunday of July. There is a team that has been appointed to address the best ways in which Immanuel UMC will come back to gather in worship. And Pastor David is certainly leading this team! Information will soon be coming out about that process! I sense in my spirit that we are all moving on and moving through the power of the Holy Spirit. Isn't this the way of the church? Moving together to build the Kingdom of God for all to know God is glorified through the love of God's Son, Jesus Christ! We all need to cling to this truth in this time!!

THANK YOU! Peggy Worthey would like to thank everyone who sent a birthday card to Larry. She says that her Immanuel family really came through. Larry really enjoyed receiving all the cards.

ZOOM INTO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—Join us this summer for Awesome Animals—an online version of Vacation Bible School, using the Zoom app from your home. We will meet three Wednesday evenings in July—the 8th, the 15th and the 22nd—at a time still to be determined. We plan to furnish each child with a VBS packet—including a T-shirt and craft kits early in July—so registration **MUST BE** completed no later than Friday, June 26. Only children who are registered with an e-mail address will be able to receive the link to join the meetings. Mark your calendars now. More information will be sent soon and will be posted on the church's Facebook page and website.

S.A.K. DONATIONS—We appreciate everyone who volunteered to help with our Serving Area Kids children's summer feeding program this year! If you would like to make a monetary donation to SAK, you can send a check payable to SAK to the church office, or you may donate via the Venmo app.

UPDATE ON WANDA MARTH

Dear Church Friends of Wanda Marth,

I want to thank all of you for your prayers for my mother, Wanda Marth, these last few months. I want you all to know she has made a comeback of sorts. She remains in hospice care but she has been eating more, getting up more, and has been responding to all your cards. Please continue your prayers as we continue this journey. With much thankfulness, Janice Zelasko

Wanda's address: The Arbors at Colony Pointe, 1508 Chapel Hill Road, Apt. 17, Columbia, MO 65203

Graduate Sunday!

The class of 2020 is unlike any other. Graduating seniors this year have lost so many of the things that make senior year special—prom, the last day of school, graduation ceremonies—at least, in person! We are so happy to share your amazing accomplishments and look forward to all that God has planned for your future!

Katie Akers

Katie graduated Cum Laude from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Katie is looking for a teaching job and plans to continue her education with an additional goal of possibly becoming a Principle. Katie is the daughter of Teresa & Christal Akers-Helle.

Eloise Allen

Eloise, the daughter of Lisa & Jesse Allen and granddaughter of Pat Schott, graduated from Edwardsville High School in May. Eloise received many awards, including being named as an Illinois State Scholar, Edwardsville High School Student Athlete of the Month, received a Silver Medallion Award, was on the High Honor Roll all four years, was named to the Spanish Honors Society and National Honor's Society. Scholarships include St. Louis University Vice Presidents Scholarship, Charles A. Wentz Family Scholarship, Immanuel United Methodist Church—Charles A. Wentz Scholarship. Eloise plans to study Public Health on the pre-Med track at St. Louis University.

Isabelle Kane

The daughter of Keith & LeeAnn Kane and granddaughter of Gary & Sharon Koenig, Isabelle graduated Magna Cum Laude from Triad High School in Troy. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Class Vice-President, participated in Project Lead the Way for the past four years, was invited to attend the Celebrating High School Innovators Convention, was an Honorable Mention for 2019 National Center of Women & Information Technology, received the Technology Academic Achievement award, was invited to attend Red Heart Association for Women in STEM day for the past two years, and was also invited to attend the Boeing Women in Engineering Day. Isabelle will attend Missouri University of Science and Technology to study Aerospace Engineering in Rolla, Missouri in the Fall.

Trevor Page

Trevor graduated Cum Laude from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree, with a specialization in Management. Trevor is the son of Joseph and Sheila Page.

Emma Smith

Emma, along with parents Matthew Smith and Julie Post-Smith and brother Nolan were active members of Immanuel until they moved to the Chicago area in 2016. This Spring Emma graduated from Geneva High School, and plans to attend Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where she will study Biology. We are so happy to be able to include Emma in our celebration this year!! We were able to reconnect with these friends due to our online worship services.

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