

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Most of you know that the United Methodist Church has seen some very difficult days in recent years. There are still some mountains to climb, but there is great hope in the days to come. The Council of Bishops has written a narrative for the Continuing United Methodist Church that calls for unity in spite of our differences and to give space at the table for everyone.

In response to this, Resourceumc.org has created a campaign entitled **#BeUMC**. This campaign is built around the four key messaging themes for the future UMC. It is in these themes that I believe we can find the hope that our denomination and our church will prosper in the future.

Key Themes

Disciple Making

Belonging and Inclusion

Influence, Connection and Impact

Experience of God Through the UMC

This fall, I will be leading a 9 week series during worship that is built on the **#BeUMC** campaign. It will center on the four themes of our future and on how we as a congregation can best be The People of God we are called to be. There will also be an adult Sunday School class each Sunday at 9:00 am that will look at the core values related to each of these themes.

I truly believe the best days are ahead for the UMC and that Immanuel will not only benefit from this, but I believe we can be a key part in bringing it to a reality.

David

#BeUMC

“The **#BeUMC** campaign reminds us of who we are at our best. As people of God called The United Methodist Church, we’re faithful followers of Jesus seeking to make the world a better place.”



Serving Area Kids 2022 Final Report

S.A.K. had a very busy summer. It was difficult to keep the supplies available. There were weekly trips to Alton to pick up the Lunchables and also weekly trips to Sam's for other supplies. The need for lunches was greater this summer. Most of the parents seemed grateful for the lunches. After the summer lunch program ended, we served 4,735 lunches. Because of S.A.K., many children did not go without lunch this summer.

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers for making S.A.K. so successful. We had volunteers from the following churches: Immanuel, Mt. Joy, Eden, First Presbyterian, St. John's UMC, Wesley Chapel and St. Boniface. A special thank you goes to Kathy Coady for her help begging the Lunchables and shopping for the supplies. Also a thank you goes to Andy Jumper for taking care of the tent each week.

God bless to all the volunteers—Sherry Buhrmester

Also a huge thank you to Sherry for coordinating the many pieces of this program to bring it all together. It was indeed a great blessing to our community.

Bible Sunday

On Bible Sunday each year we present an engraved Bible to those children who are going into 3rd grade. This year we have five student entering 3rd grade:

Chloe Carter
Hailey Fowler
Caleb Newman
Parker O'Bryan
Tayla Spitze



These children will receive their Bibles on Sunday, September 18. It is our prayer that as they have received the Word of God, they will learn its stories, and grow in their love for God's Word.

Sunday School is Returning

We are working on staffing Sunday School for all ages this fall. Classes will begin as soon as we have teachers to lead. If you are interested in teaching or being a helper for any age group, please contact the pastor. Christian education is one of the primary purposes of the local church, so be in prayer about how you may be involved in making it a reality.

Kid's Night Out Resumes

We're so excited to tell you that Kid's Night Out will return this month! On Saturday, September 17, Kid's Night Out will meet from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. All children age 4 through those in 5th grade will share a meal together and then do special crafts, games and other activities. The evening always ends with snacks and a movie. Please RSVP by signing the sheet found in the Hospitality Room, or by calling the church office.





A church picnic is planned for Sunday, September 18. Mark your calendar now to spend the afternoon with us and connect or reconnect with our congregation! The event is designed to provide Fellowship, Fun, and Food! Church Services will be from 10am - 11am, and the picnic will be immediately following outside at the church. The church will provide a main dish, some sides, and desserts. Drinks will also be provided. Bring yourself and your family for lunch! There will be games and activities. You may want to bring a bag chair. Welcome to bring a dish to share, but not required. We can't wait to see you! Have questions? E-mail

carrie.vannest@gmail.com.

Goshen Market

Immanuel will have a booth at the Goshen Market in downtown Edwardsville one Saturday this month—September 17. This booth will be representing Immanuel United Methodist Church. We are in need of more volunteers to fill the two shifts available:

7:00 am—9:45 am
9:45 am—12:30 pm

To volunteer, please follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A9AA29A2FA7-goshen>

Charge Conference 2022

Our 2022 Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 16. We need to have our 2023 Budget, new Officers/Committee Members in place and committee reports finalized by Friday, September 30.

If you receive a call from someone on the Nominating Committee asking you to serve in one of the leadership positions available next year, please give prayerful consideration to that request. We will be looking for people to fill positions on each of our committees: Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee and the Lay Leadership (Nominating) Committee.

Please keep our church in your prayers as we make plans for ministry in 2024.

Tower Grove Pride Event September 24-25

Immanuel is joining with several Reconciling Ministry churches in St Louis to have a United Methodist presence at Tower Grove Pride. This is an opportunity to show the LGBTQIA+ community that they are loved and welcomed by our faith communities. We will have a large canopy and tables set up where people can have conversations and get information about our churches. I think it would be great if we could have several Immanuel folks help with this event. Plus, I think we will be encouraged by meeting many like-minded Methodists. To sign up for a 2 hour shift, use the following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aca72faaf9c07-tower>.



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

- + Dave Kriege is now back at Eden Care Center
- ++ Dave Stoeckel, father of Christal and Carrie, strength and healing
Several close friends of the Koenigs dealing with family health issues, decisions to make with family and recuperating from surgery
- +++ Teresa Akers-Helle recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
Dale Fellhauer recovering from hip replacement surgery
Erika, friend of the Helle family, recovering from surgery to remove some cancer
- ++++ Rev. Dr. John “Doc” Shear, who is being treated for esophagus cancer

Embracing our COMMUNITY

Immanuel plans to participate in a number of upcoming community events:

Tower Grove Pride Event

September 24—25
See the article on page 2
for more information.

Unity Fest 2022

October 1
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Held at LeClaire Park
Volunteers Needed
Sign up at
[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/9040845A9AA29A2FA7-leclaire1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A9AA29A2FA7-leclaire1)

LeClaire Parkfest

October 16
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Volunteers Needed
Sign up at
[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/9040845A9AA29A2FA7-leclaire1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A9AA29A2FA7-leclaire1)

Walk to End Alzheimer’s

October 15
Held at SIUE
Immanuel does not sponsor a team to participate in this event, but you are encouraged to participate as individuals. For more information, follow this link:
[https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/MO-
GreaterMissouri?pg=entry&fr_id=15681](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/MO-GreaterMissouri?pg=entry&fr_id=15681)



12 Months of Giving—Glen-Ed Food Pantry

Ready for Fall



Clothing and houseware items are available to client families at no cost to them at Second Chance, our second-hand shop upstairs at the Glen-Ed Food Pantry. You can donate gently used clothing and houseware items year-round. As weather turns cooler, bedding, blankets and towels are especially needed. Second Chance is open to the public on the 4th Saturday of each month. Fill a bag for a \$5 donation.

Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00—5:30 pm, and on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00—11:30 am. The Pantry is located at 125 5th Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

2022 Monthly Income & Expense

Current Expense (Operating)

Budgeted Expense—August	\$17,142.00
Contributions as of 8/30	\$10,258.00
Online Contributions	\$ 3,611.02
Actual Expense	\$15,497.59
Budgeted Expense—September	\$17,004.57

Benevolence (Missions/Disaster Relief)

Due by 12/31/2022	\$ 8,712.00
Received Year to Date	\$ 3,105.00

Build Your Shoebox Online

Did you know that you can build your Operation Christmas Child shoebox from home? Follow this link:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

For \$25 you can select items to put into your box, or Samaritan’s Purse will build it for you. Shoebox gifts built online go to the ends of the earth to children in some of the hardest-to-reach places—whether deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides, or one of 1,000 remote Pacific islands. Many of these areas are resistant to the Gospel, for cultural or religious reasons, and are home to numerous unreached people groups, some of whom have never heard the Name of Jesus Christ. You may also purchase items and place them in the tub in the Hospitality Room. If you wish to build your own shoebox, those will be set out soon.





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Worship Schedule

In-Person Worship
and

Livestream on Facebook
[https://www.facebook.com/
immanuelonmain.org/](https://www.facebook.com/immanuelonmain.org/)

10:00 am
Each Sunday

Thank You for your
continued support of our
ministries.

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