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Immanuel United Methodist Church
Edwardsville, Illinois

January, 2023

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Happy New Year everyone, and welcome to 2023. It's time to dust off those resolutions and make another run at them. You know, the ones that sometimes change our lives while others are quickly forgotten. But the reality is, all of them have value. Resolutions are usually made about parts of our life that we recognize are in need of a change. They also show that we are being intentional about wanting to make that change. As you set your intentions for the coming days, do not forget to add prayer, accountability and determination. You never know, this might just be the year you thrive in ways you never thought possible.

I would like to invite you to share in one of my resolutions. As we restart our children and youth educational programs, we already have several people who have intentionally stepped up to help lead these ministries. We have leadership that will hold one another accountable and are determined to make this a success. You are certainly invited and encouraged to consider being a part of this ministry. But the resolution I would like to ask everyone to join me in is prayer. To pray regularly for this ministry, pray for the leadership, for the students who will be a part of it, and for the families that will benefit from it. Prayer is our invitation to God to be at the center of this endeavor and recognizes we cannot do it alone.

"So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

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CHILDREN'S Sunday School

We are thrilled to begin our ministry to the children at Immanuel United Methodist Church by offering Sunday School classes beginning *January 15, 2023*. Children are a gift from the Lord (Ps 127:3), and it is our privilege as a body to lead them to Christ.

Start Date

The first day of Children's Sunday School is Sunday, January 15, 2023

Age

There will be 2 age divisions:
3 years old -Kindergarten
1st – 5th Grade

Time

9:00 am – 9:45 am. After Sunday School, families will worship together in the sanctuary with the rest of the congregation from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Overseer & Directors

Several adult leaders who serve our church will be leading this ministry as the new Children's Sunday School Directors and administrators. We thank the Lord for this family and their desire to serve our kids.

Additional Ministers/Volunteers

Every Sunday, at least four (4) volunteers are needed to serve in the Children's Sunday School. We encourage every member to help with this ministry. The plan is to engage one person (or a couple) once every two months to split the ministry load and allow each member to participate in this important ministry to our children. Please search inside your heart and consider offering assistance. We are a small congregation, and with little effort your impact will be great. Following are some of the volunteer we are looking for to complete our staffing:

- Age Group Leaders - 2 additional - activities and materials are all supplied. Role includes leading discussion on activities, keeping kids focused during worship, track attendance, and connect with parents.
- Age Group Assistants - 2 additional - assist Age Group leaders.
- Storytellers - stories are prewritten and will be available for preparation.
- Large Group Leaders - 2 needed - teach students motions to songs (supplied) and help lead songs during the large group time (when all small groups come together for fun).



There is a sign-up sheet in the Hospitality Room for you to use to volunteer to help with this ministry. Or you may speak to David or to Jim or Carrie Van Nest for more information or to volunteer.



We have had a terrific response to our Kid's Night Out program which began meeting again last Fall. In January, KNO will meet on Saturday, January 28 from 5—8:00 pm. KNO is for all kids age 4 through those in 5th grade. The kids get a chance to make new friends as they eat supper together, and then do fun activities, crafts, and games. The evening ends with snacks and a movie. Friends are welcome, but a reservation is required so we are well staffed for the evening. To make a reservation, you can call or email the church office, or sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room.

Monthly Manna

The United Women in Faith (formerly known as United Methodist Women) will begin serving a free lunch once a month that is open to anyone in our community. The first of these lunches will be served on Monday, January 16, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, served from 11 am until 1 pm in our lower level. While there is no cost for these meals, however donations will be accepted. Carry-outs will also be available.

A few additional dates have been set:

- Monday, February 20
- Friday, March 17

Please add these dates to your calendar and join us for good food and fellowship.



Confirmation Classes

Sarah Dierker will be leading a confirmation class at Immanuel on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 AM beginning late January. This is open to all middle and high school students who are interested. Please let the church office know if your student plans to attend.

Official Acts of 2022

Baptism

Lyla Beth Hinnen

New Members

Danii Green—Transfer 3/1/2022

Deaths

Marian Skinner 2/4/2022

Kenneth Schaake 3/23/2022

Dave Kriege 10/2/2022

Ron Schaake 10/12/2022

Removed from Membership

Tiffany Schwalb



You Make a Difference

Many thanks to those who participated in the **Angel Tree** program this year. Whether you prayed for the families we served, purchased and wrapped presents or made financial contributions, it was all appreciated!

The feedback I received this year upon delivering the gifts was immense gratitude (and always some tears) from single parents/grandparents who simply can't believe we continue to show up year after year. I always enjoy the opportunity to tell them "that's what love does"--I am so thankful to be part of a community of faith that walks that love out and down the steps of 800 N. Main into the homes of those who need to know God sees them, knows their situation and is holding them close during a difficult holiday season.

"Here is what we seek: a compassion that can stand in awe at what others have to carry rather than stand in judgment at how they carry it." —Gregory Boyle

--Rhonda



If you have any question about whether or not we will be holding church services due to bad winter weather, please look online—if church has been cancelled, it will be posted on our website and Facebook pages.

<https://www.immanuelonmain.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/immanuelonmain.org>

2022 Contribution Statements

Please inform the church office if you would like to receive a 2022 Contribution Statement. We will gladly send it to you either electronically, or by postal service.

Contribution Envelopes for 2023

We have boxed contribution envelopes available, with 52 envelopes per box if you are a weekly contributor to Immanuel UMC. If you prefer to write a monthly check to Immanuel, we have sets of 12 envelopes with our different funds printed on them. Tracking your contributions with these envelopes makes the job easier for the counters to determine how you wish your donations distributed. Call or email the church office if you would like to have a set of envelopes.

December Income/Expense

Current Expense (Operating)

Contributions Received	\$16,089.57
Christmas Offering	1,675.00
Misc. Income	<u>1,121.00</u>
	\$18,885.57

Actual Expense \$20,616.73





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

- + Rev. Dr. John “Doc” Shear, cancer treatment
- ++++ Clyde and “Charley” Spitze, brother and sister-in-law of June Helle, health concerns
James Moxness, health concerns
Max Hazell, health concerns

Special Days in January

Birthdays:

- 02 Ryleigh Hunter
- 04 Alexander Anderson
- 05 Lisa Allen
Irene Hodge
- 09 Imani Sharp
- 12 Jeffrey Land
- 13 David Roderick
- 19 Brayden Prott
- 25 Emily Spitze
- 27 Pat Davis
Shannah Wagner
- 28 Brad Roderick
Collin Schaake
Jarrett Tebbe
- 29 Christian Roderick
- 31 Tom May
Joe Newman
John Schwalb

Anniversaries:

- 02 Marc & Shellie Franke
- 28 William & Katheryn Kreutzberg



Dear Immanuel Friends

Six years ago my husband and I were in the process of moving closer to my elderly mom and so had given up responsibilities and connection to our local Methodist church. Before we moved, my mom died and my daughter’s husband was transferred to Edwardsville. I made a new plan to spend time there helping take care of their new baby. In that unsettled time, I needed a church family. I was so blessed to find Immanuel and knew it was God’s guidance that brought me to your welcoming congregation with a contemplative service and a yoga class and support for Head Start.

Plans changed again and we were back in Kansas during all the conflict with the Methodist Church. My husband and I agreed we could not be a part of a denomination that would not welcome our friends and family members. I again felt adrift, and I will never forget the joy I felt when I found Immanuel listed on the Reconciling Ministries website! You continued to bless me by sharing your worship services online during and after the Covid crisis.

And once again our plans are changing. My son-in-law was transferred to Washington state, so I will not be coming back to Edwardsville to visit them and to be part of my church family. We are watching for God’s guidance as to where we will find a new church family, but in the meantime I continue to be grateful for your faithfulness and your encouragement to me, even though we are 500 miles away.

God is good! Blessings—Phyllis & Cary Tucker



CHURCH LEADERSHIP 2023

2022 Church Council

Pastor	David Roderick
Council Chair	Sheila Page
Trustees Chair	TBD
Finance Chair	TBD
SPPRC Chair	TBD
Lay Leader	Betty Gengler
Lay Member to Annual conference/UWF President	Penny May
Church Treasurer	Kathy Hatton
Church School Superintendent	Carrie Van Nest
Recording Secretary	Sheila Page
Youth Representative	TBD

Finance Committee—Chairperson TBD

Council Chair	Sheila Page	Trustee Representative	TBD
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Penny May	Pastor	David Roderick
Lay Leader	Betty Gengler	SPPRC Representative	TBD
Treasurer	Kathy Hatton		

2023	2024	2025
Shellie Franke	Zinnia Allen	Todd Masinelli
Sheila Page	Teresa Akers-Helle	
Emily Spitze		

Board of Trustees—Chairperson TBD

2023	2024	2025
Penny May	Sharon Koenig	Emily Spitze
Gary Koenig	Jill Winte	
Dustin Franke	Jerry Prott	

Staff/Pastor/Parish-Relations Committee—Chair Amber Larson

Lay Leader	Betty Gengler	Pastor	David Roderick
2023	2024	2025	
Tom May	Kiffon Lewis	Betty Gengler	
Paige Brase	Noah Lewis		
	Amber Larson		

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development—Chair David Roderick

Lay Leader	Betty Gengler	Pastor	David Roderick
2023	2024	2025	
Marc Franke	Sherlyn Buhrmester	Penny May	
Pat Schott	Peggy Worthey		
Joe Newman			

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Our January online calendar can be viewed by clicking on this link:

<https://calendar.churchchart.com/calendar/73818207>

Contact Us!

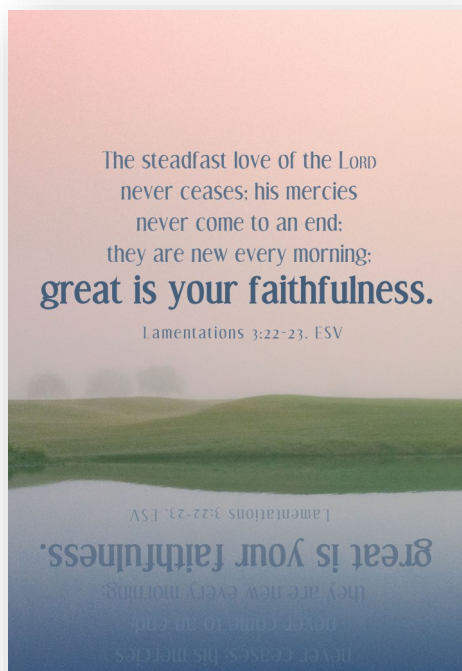
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Worship Schedule

Sunday School
9:00 am each Sunday

In-Person & Livestream Worship
10:00 am each Sunday

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Thank You for your continued support of our ministries.

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