

## From the Pastor's Desk...

In Matthew 5, Jesus is delivering what we know as "The Sermon on the Mount." In this sermon, He calls us to be a light to the world. In other words, we should live out our ministry in a way that is seen by and enriches the world around us. In verses 14-16, Jesus says, *"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

As a congregation, we do not serve in our community to shine a light on us, we we are called to do. Our hope is that the work we do brings glory to God and shares God's love with others. This call to "good works," is not just a collective call, but an individual call as well. Immanuel continues to be involved in community events, provide food for children, support violence prevention, and in many other ways this summer. In addition to that, we are individual carriers of the light. We do this in our homes, schools, and workplaces. In our social and service organizations we belong to and really, everywhere we show up.

Much of our work goes unnoticed except by the lives that are served. But sometimes, our light is illuminated in other ways. Below are links to some newspaper articles that *"show our good works."* May we continue to shine the light of God on our community and thanks be to God for the opportunity to bring glory to our God in heaven.

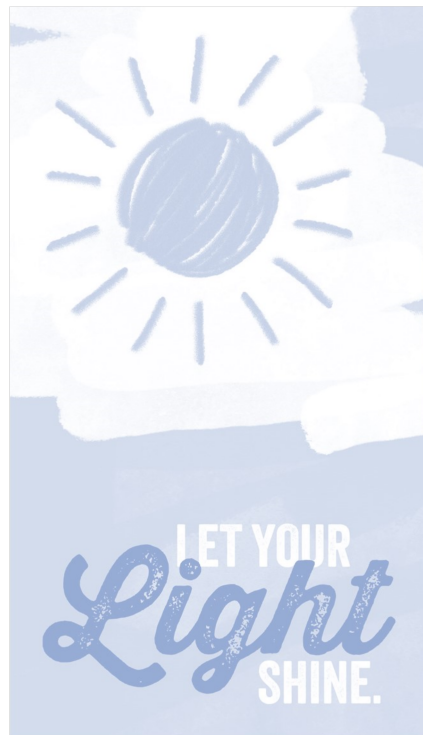
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*Pastor David*





## It's Time for VBS at Immanuel!

This summer, kids 4 years old through 5th grade, will explore the universe and discover that they can Shine Jesus' Light! Help us get the word out—VBS is a FUN place to be!!

You may register online by following this link:

[https://vbspro.events/p/events/  
edwardsvilleumc](https://vbspro.events/p/events/edwardsvilleumc)

You may also register by calling the church office. There is no cost to attend, and your child will receive dinner and a snack each evening.

### Donations Needed:

Watch for a donation board in the Hospitality Room for a list of supplies needed.



Immanuel  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**FREE EVENT**

**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

**VBS** JULY 24-28  
5:30-8:30 P.M.  
Ages 4 years old-  
5th grade

**GET READY FOR LAUNCH!**  
Get ready for a cosmic adventure at Vacation Bible School this summer! Kids will take part in Bible adventures, galactic games, out of this world crafts and much more!  
Dinner and snack included every night!

TO REGISTER CALL 618-656-4648 OR  
[www.vbspro.events/p/events/edwardsvilleumc](http://www.vbspro.events/p/events/edwardsvilleumc)

### Volunteers Needed:

Lots of volunteers are needed to help make our VBS a success! So far only two people have signed up to help. Here are the positions that we need volunteers for:

Crew leaders, who guide kids to each activity

Station Leaders:

- Bible Adventures
- Crafts
- Kid Vid Cinema
- Games

Kitchen Help to prepare and serve dinner

Volunteers to prepare and serve snacks



A volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the Hospitality Area at Immanuel. If you have questions about any of the volunteer positions, please contact Kiffon Lewis at 618-210-9628 or Jill Winte at 314-422-6734.

**Shine a Light on Jesus' Love!**



## Goshen Market

Immanuel is enjoying having a presence at the Land of Goshen Market again this summer, representing both our church, and the Rainbow Ministry.

Remaining dates needing volunteers to share with our community about the ministry at **IUMC** are:

July 8 and August 5

Remaining dates needing volunteers to share with our community about the ministry being done by the **Rainbow House** are:

July 22 and August 12

Shifts are from 7:00 am to 9:45 am, and from 9:45 am until 12:30 pm. You can sign up by following this link:

<https://immanuelonmain.org/volunteer-signup/>

Then choose the Rainbow House icon or the Immanuel UMC icon to click on to sign up to help.

We will have handouts and share information about our church and the ways that God is reaching others through our ministry.

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## Friday Food & Fellowship

Our Women's group will be serving the community luncheon next on Friday, July 21. They serve from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm. Be sure to come and bring friends.

The menu will be chicken salad sandwiches, vegetables from the garden at St John's and fruit salad.

## Serving Area Kids

The children's summer feeding program is on track to set a record for the number of lunches distributed this summer. Lunches are being distributed from the Glen-Ed Food Pantry this summer instead of from Immanuel UMC.

All school-aged children can receive 5 lunches each Monday, free of charge, no questions asked, between the hours of 10 am until noon. Volunteers from area churches take turns bagging lunches and handing them out each week.

Immanuel is scheduled to help next on Monday, July 17. We will need six volunteers to be at the Glen-Ed Food Pantry at 9:00 am for bagging. If you are able to volunteer, please call Laurie Frey at 618-799-8445.

## New Church Directory

We are putting together an updated church directory. While this won't be a pictorial directory, we would like to have updated information from *everyone*—new members, old members, someone who attends but is not yet a member. It will be very much appreciated if you would fill out a yellow information sheet that can be picked up from the entryway or the Hospitality Room. This sheet asks for your current address, phone number, cell phone, email and will let us know if you would like to have this information included in the directory. Just place it in an offering box upon completion. If you are an online worshipper, we would also like to include you. Please e-mail this information to the church office. We will not publish cell phone numbers or email addresses unless you give us permission to do so. We would also love to have your birthday and anniversary dates. Thanks so much for your help!





# JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 01 Ron Krieger
- Chris Schaake
- 02 Ashley Starks
- 05 Rick Acuncius
- 06 Emily Chionchio
- 07 Logan Fowler
- 09 Michael Spengler
- 11 Faith Harrison
- Sharon Prott
- 12 Eric Zelasko
- 15 Nancy Darnell
- 17 Ayden Hendriex
- Jerry Prott Sr.
- 19 Deborah Fisher
- 22 Jeffrey Helle
- 23 Jay Worthey
- 24 Missy Carter
- 25 Cindy Cameron
- 26 Bill Phillipe
- 27 Mike Portell
- 29 Mark Fisher
- 30 Nancy Phillipe
- 02 Ron & Micki Krieger
- 04 Rick & Sheila Acuncius
- 06 Sid & June Helle
- 08 Jesse & Lisa Allen
- 29 John & Jennifer Fowler



## You're Invited...

The Maggie Jones Missionary Society of Wesley Chapel AME Church will present "Celebrating Missions Through Music" on Saturday, August 26, 2023, 4:00 pm at St. John's United Methodist Church, 7372 Marine Road, Edwardsville. The doors will open at 3:30 pm. Tickets are \$35. It is hoped that we will all come together on Saturday, August 26 and Praise God from Whom all blessings flow by making a joyful noise for HIS glory and have a HALLELUJAH good time.

## May Stewardship

### Receipts:

#### Sunday Offerings:

05/07	1,764.00
05/14	1,340.00
05/21	3,343.43
05/28	<u>2,603.00</u>
	\$ 9,050.43

Online Giving:	\$ <u>4,206.93</u>
Total Receipts	\$13,257.36

Expenses:	\$14,963.55
Difference:	<b>(\$1,706.19)</b>

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

- + Diana McKean, aunt of Sheila Page, who has been put on hospice care
- Connie Thiems, broken hip
- Pat Lipe hospitalized with breathing problems
- ++ Jerry Prott Sr, health issues
- Janet, beginning chemo and radiation for brain cancer
- Starla, friend of Amy Sedor, cancer
- ++++ Todd Overfelt, heart issues
- Thanksgiving for the birth of Finn Wyatt Larson



## Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Courses

Rev. Brad Watkins, DS (Mississippi River & Sangamon River District i.e. Central District) would like to share the following information about the scheduled Lay Servant and Lay Speakers courses. ***These are open to any interested person, not just those on the Lay Servants/Lay Speakers/Lay Minister track.***

The Summer MRD-SRD Lay Servant Classes are open for registration! Anyone is eligible to take any of these classes and they do not have to be enrolled in the lay servant or lay speaker programs.

Please note:

The Basic Class is **in-person** at Bissell UMC in Springfield

The Polity & Heritage classes are **ZOOM classes**.

Title: ***The Basic Course***

Dates: Saturdays, July 15 and July 22 (both dates required)

Time: 8:00 AM-5:30 PM on 7/15 and 9:00 AM-12:00 PM on 7/22

Location: Bissell UMC, 2798 Colt Rd, Springfield, IL 62707-8863

Cost: \$30

Instructor: Revs. Floyd & Bobbi Blackard

Wrapped snacks and bottled water will be provided. Please bring your own lunch.

Registration deadline: July 10, 2023. Register at: : <https://igrc-reg.brapp.com/MRDSRDAdvancedLaySpeaking>

Contact: Carol Conover, [cconover@igrc.org](mailto:cconover@igrc.org)

Required Text: *Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course* by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson (ISBN 978-0-88177-626-3). Individuals are expected to purchase, read, and study this book **prior** to first class. Available through [Upper Room](#), [Amazon](#) and [Cokesbury](#).

Title: ***Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (UM heritage)*** (counts toward Certified Lay Speaker track)

Dates: Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13 (both dates required)

Times: Saturday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00 -4:00 PM; Sunday, 2:00-6:00 PM

Location: Zoom Video Class

Cost: \$15.

Registration deadline: August 4. Register at [igrc-reg.brapp.com/srdbasiclayspeaking](https://igrc-reg.brapp.com/srdbasiclayspeaking)

Instructor: Rev. Bradley Watkins, II

Contact: Carol Conover at [cconover@igrc.org](mailto:cconover@igrc.org) or 217-529-3820

Required text: *Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way* by Kenneth L. Carder (ISBN 978-0-88177-571-6). Individuals are expected to purchase the text and read it prior to the first class. Available through [Amazon](#), [Upper Room](#), and [Cokesbury](#). Available for Kindle and EPub.

Title: ***Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (UM polity)*** (UM polity) (counts toward Certified Lay Speaker track)

Dates: Saturdays, July 22 and July 29 (both dates required)

Times: Saturdays, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Location: Zoom Video Class

Cost: \$15

Registration deadline: July 14, 2021. Register at: <https://igrc-reg.brapp.com/MRDSRDAdvancedLaySpeaking>

Instructors: Rev. Brennan Hurley

Contact: Carol Conover at [cconover@igrc.org](mailto:cconover@igrc.org) or 217-529-3820

Required text: *The Method of Our Mission* by Lacey C. Warner (ISBN 978-1-42676-717-3). Individuals are expected to purchase the text and read it prior to the first class. Available through [Amazon](#), [Abingdon Press](#), and [Cokesbury](#). Available as Kindle and e-Book.



## **Immanuel's Welcoming Inclusion Statement**

As we recognize the value in each other, we recognize God. We embrace God's good gift of diversity and believe all persons are of sacred worth. Therefore, we welcome people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, social-economic background, family structure, and physical or mental ability into the full participation of this congregation. We are called by God to raise the level of hope for those who have been marginalized and singled out for exclusion, including our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Our passion for a wide welcome of all God's children moves us to participate in reconciling and justice ministries so that we might truly be open minds, open hearts, and open doors.

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### **Contact Us!**

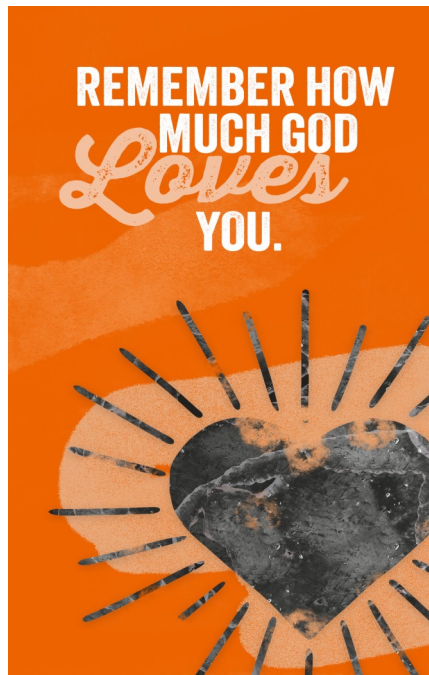
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Interim Praise Team Leader



### **Worship Schedule**

In-Person Worship &  
Livestream on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/immanuelonmain.org/>

10:00 am  
Each Sunday

**Thank You** for your  
continued support of  
our ministries.

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