

A Word from the Pastor

"I would like to offer you an opportunity to serve the church." These are words that excite some and strike fear into the hearts of others. People have had a variety of experiences serving on committees and other leadership groups in churches. Some good and some bad. I have heard many of the stories and experienced them as well. But the reality is, it is the people who keep the church going. In fact, that was the way the church was designed. We all have a different set of gifts, talents and experiences. As we share those gifts, we have an opportunity to enrich the church and its mission.

There are many ways to serve the church. You can volunteer for missions projects, teach classes, cook food and serve on committees. You can be a worship leader, greeter or on the tech team. The list goes on and on. There are many reasons we don't serve and many of those are valid. We have work, school, family and a variety of other commitments. There are also many reasons to serve. We can impact the church, the community and the lives of people. And the secret is, it often impacts our own lives in positive ways.

Each Fall, we begin the process of finding people to serve in various roles around the church. It has not been easy, especially coming out of the pandemic. My prayer is that this year it will be an easy process and that we will fill all of the roles necessary to move Immanuel forward in ministry. Here is my request for each of you. Please be praying about the places you can serve in the coming year and if asked for a specific place, be thoughtful in your consideration. I would also like to say that you can feel free to say, "here I am, where can I serve," and we will help find the right place for you.

I look forward to serving together in the coming days.

David





VBS 2023

Our "Stellar" VBS was a galactic success! Through Bible Discovery, KidVid Cinema, Games, Crafts and Songs, the kids learned to shine Jesus' light in all life situations. VBS concluded Friday, July 28, with a program for family and friends.

Thanks to all of our volunteers for helping to make VBS a huge success.

Much appreciation and thanks to Kiffon Lewis and Jill Winte for their hard work and dedication to making VBS week such a special week at Immanuel UMC since the summer of 2014!

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School for all children, age 3 through those in 5th grade, happens each Sunday beginning at 10:00 am. Kids enjoy music and songs, a Bible story and craft activities. Sunday School is for everyone! Please invite all the kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors, etc. to come.

Bible Sunday

We are approaching the beginning of another school year, and are looking ahead to Bible Sunday. We have a long-standing tradition of gifting students entering the third grade each Fall with an engraved Bible. Bible Sunday will be held at the beginning of September this year. Please let us know if you have a student entering third grade!

Updated Church Directory

We are still in the process of putting together an updated church directory. To be included in this directory, we ask that you 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 or send it to the church office. 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!

Cool Off at Sistah's Group

Lets cool off a little from the heat and think about CHRISTMAS! On Thursday, August 17th at 6 pm join our Sista's group in the Journeys Inn Room. We will share some food and dessert and lots of fellowship. Small Deli sandwiches will be provided, so you may bring other foods to share if you would like to do that OR just come for the fun evening.

One of the ministries we participate in at Immanuel is the filling of Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes for children around the world. Its early, but lets take advantage of all the sales now before school and bring items that can be packed in these boxes in November. We will not fill boxes this night but will fill our totes with all the good things you may find to use in November to help children to know the "LOVE OF JESUS" around the world.

Please join us, all are welcome, maybe we can share a few of our funny, exciting, totally different CHRISTMAS happenings.

SEE YA THEN!! " JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN" and so do we.



Goshen Market

Only two dates remain in August for Immanuel to participate in the Land of Lincoln Goshen Market on Saturdays.

Saturday, August 5, will be the final sharing opportunity to showcase Immanuel UMC to our community. As of Monday, July 31, we are still in need of volunteers for both shifts: 7:15—9:45 am, and 9:45 am—12:15 pm.

The remaining date for volunteers to share with our community about the ministry being done by the **Rainbow House** is Saturday, August 12. We still need two volunteers to sign up for the early shift, while the second shift has been filled.

To volunteer, click on this link, and then choose the IUMC icon, or the Rainbow House icon to get to the sign-up list.

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

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

Friday Food & Fellowship

Another Outreach opportunity is being sponsored by our Women's group—United Women in Faith. They prepare and serve a lunch on the third Friday of the month open to anyone in our community. The August luncheon will be served on Friday, August 18 from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm. Please help us to get the word out about these meals! There is not a set cost for the meal, but you are free to make a donation. As you already know, our Women are terrific cooks!

The Goshen Market is Moving In

We are pleased to announce that the Land of Goshen Market is moving its offices to Immanuel. They will use space downstairs for an office, but also to store and sort produce. You will also see their Beet Box and trailer parked in our lot. Most of us know that the Land of Goshen Community Market sets up shop in downtown Edwardsville every Saturday morning during the spring and summer months. They also have a winter market the 3rd Saturday of the month November-April. They have farmers and other vendors from all over the area come in to sell their goods. What you may not know is that they are much more than just a farmers market.

The Goshen Market Foundation provides a multitude of ways to connect with the community and provide for the needs of those who, for a variety of reasons, have limited access to fresh and healthy foods. They bring together farmers and food banks to increase food access. They help connect people with the resources available through state and local assistance. And their Beet Box serves our area as a mobile farmers market. You can go to the link below to find out more.

<https://www.goshenmarket.org/>





August

BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES

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| 01 Brandon Schaake | 19 Tami Roderick | 24 Kendall Kane |
| 03 Paige Brase | 21 Chris Bonucchi | 28 Hannah Penelton |
| 03 Peggy Worthey | 21 Noah Lewis | 30 Ashley Gorham |
| 05 Lydia (Roniger) Bryan | 22 Charlotte Newman | 30 Henry Zelasko |
| 06 Sid Helle | 23 Ethan Fisher | 31 Rhonda Grammer |
| 06 Isabelle Kane | 23 Bailey McCormick | 31 Diane McCullough |
| 14 Destiny Schoettle | 23 Katharine Housewright | |
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| 04 Bobby & Stephanie Hicks | 19 Mark & Jill Winte |
| 06 Alan & Rhonda Grammer | 26 Butch & Chris Bonucchi |
| 06 Joseph & Sheila Page | 26 Rodney & Grace Phillipe |
| 11 Cary & Phyllis Tucker | 31 Tom & Penny May |
| 19 André & Renee Doss | |

You're Invited...

The Maggie Jones Women's 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 at the door. 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.

June Stewardship

Receipts:

Sunday Offerings:

06/04	2,165.00
06/11	2,555.00
06/18	894.43
06/25	<u>1,140.00</u>
	\$ 6,754.43

Online Giving:	\$ <u>3,006.93</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 9,761.36

Expenses:	\$13,472.48
Difference:	(\$3,711.12)



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

- + Alex Schnarre, 4 year old with leukemia—prayers for complete healing and for strength for his family
- ++ Jerry Prott Sr., strength and healing for health issues
Joy! Mike Portell is now recovering from extensive back surgery at home
- +++ Shirley Green, former member, for strength and healing while recovering from a heart attack

Ways to Contribute to Immanuel UMC

ONLINE GIVING

- You may use the PayPal link found on our website, www.immanuelonmain.org
- Visit Venmo@Immanuel-UnitedMethodist Church to use the Venmo payment app
- You can sign up to have contributions automatically withdrawn from your account either bi-weekly or monthly—call the church office for more information

VIA MAIL

- Mail your check to Immanuel United Methodist Church, 800 North Main Street, Edwardsville, IL 6025

IN PERSON

- Drop your contribution in one of the offering boxes as you leave—you may use an envelope from the pew racks to identify cash donations

Thank You Received

UMCOR received a \$200 gift from Immanuel in June, donated towards UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery. We received the following thank you:

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be — Thank You!

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly frequent and destructive storms—sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural and national backgrounds and to demonstrate love for our neighbors.



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.

Contact Us!

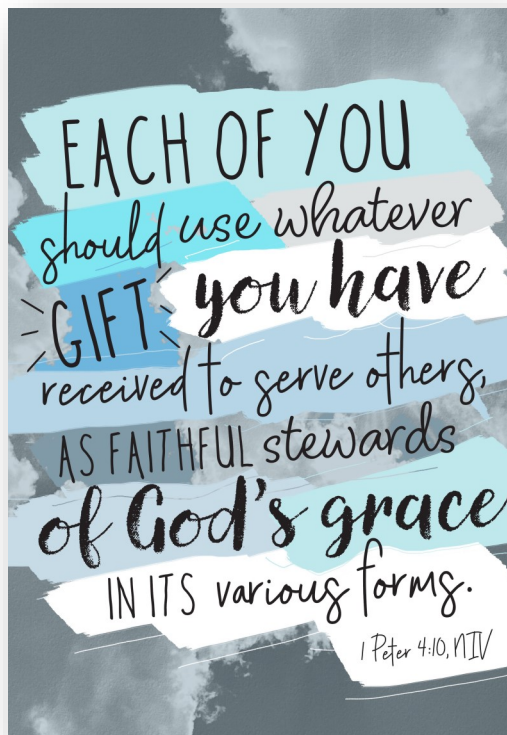
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Worship Schedule

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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