

A Word From Our Pastor ...

A few weeks ago, while listening to one of my favorite podcasts, they were talking about an event that was coming up. The event was Theology Beer Camp. If you are asking yourself what in the world that is, then you are in good company because that was my question as well. As it turns out, I got the opportunity to go and find out for myself.

The 3 day event was held in Springfield MO and featured speakers, musicians, activities and lots of local beverages. The primary host was Dr. Tripp Fuller of the Homebrewed Christianity Podcast (trippfuller.com/podcasts). There were several other podcasters there, but the one I was looking most forward to meeting was ill and did not make it (Pete Enns, thebiblefornormalpeople.com).

Here is a snapshot of some of the highlights:

- -Hearing John Dominic Crossan speak. Crossan is an Irish-American New Testament scholar, and a leading historian of early Christianity. At 89 years old, he is humble, engaging and as sharp as ever. While some of his teachings are controversial, the historical understanding of the bible and the early church is incredible.
- -While this was not a Methodist conference, there were several of us there including a couple who were presenters. I got to spend time with Kate Hanch (twitter.com/katehanch), associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in St. Charles, MO. She and Grace Ji-Sun Kim shared the stage in one of the breakout sessions. Their presentation on Christianity after Patriarchy was very enlightening and the discussion after was even better.
- -The entertainment was phenomenal and eclectic. Derek Webb, formerly of Caedmon's Call and winner of 3 dove awards shared music and conversation that was as thought provoking as it was good. Flamy Grant (flamygrant.com) and i. V. King (ivkingmusic.com) are both queer artists who use music to create safe space for people who feel like the church has excluded them.
- -Food trucks, concerts, a tailgate party, new friends, and lots of local craft beer.
- -For me personally, the best part was being in a space with several hundred people who understood what it was like to have experienced religious trauma. I felt like I heard my own story being told over and over by others. This is one of the few times in my life I have been in a religious setting where I felt I could safely be my authentic self. That alone was worth the trip.



David

All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints Day, United Methodists publicly remembers and honors those who have passed away. Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, Immanuel lights candles, and rings the bell of remembrance, and call the names of those lost in the previous year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us. We hope you will join us this coming Sunday, November 5, to participate in this celebration.

Angel Tree Ministry

We have an opportunity to serve our community through Angel Tree Ministries again this year! I would ask you to prayerfully consider providing a gift for children on behalf of a parent who is currently incarcerated this holiday season. Stay tuned for more information.

Overnight Warming Center to Open in Edwardsville

The churches of the Glen Ed Ministerial Alliance are working together to open an Overnight Warming Location (OWL) in Edwardsville, which will protect our unhoused neighbors during dangerously cold weather this winter. The Location will activate whenever the temperature threatens to drop below 20 degrees overnight. Volunteers are needed for many tasks: cleaning, purchasing, collecting & organizing donations, as well as being present during open hours to welcome guests. Please fill out an application to volun-

teer: bit.ly/volunteerOWL

Or consider making a financial contribu-

tion: bit.ly/supportOWL

You may speak to Nancy Darnell if you have

other questions about this project.

Sistahs

Sistahs will meet Wednesday, November 8 at 6:00 for a potluck meal and shoebox packing for Samaritan's Purse. We have some items for the Christmas boxes that have been collected throughout the year, however we still need more items and monetary donations for shipping (\$10.00 per box). Thank you!

Soup Luncheon

Our United Women in Faith will serve their annual Soup Luncheon on Friday, November 10 from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm. You will have a variety of soups to choose from (vegetable, bean or chicken noodle) along with chicken salad croissants and a piece of homemade cake or pie. There is no set price for this meal—however fee will offerings will be appreciated.

United Women in Faith Meeting

Our UWF group will meet on Thursday, November 9 beginning at 9:00 am to get the soup cooking, and then will have a short business meeting. All women are welcome!

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5, with the clock falling back one hour at 2:00 am. Remember to set your analog clocks and watches back one hour before retiring on Saturday night. This is also the time to change those batteries in your smoke alarms!

Operation Christmas Child History

Immanuel has participated in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox project for a number of years. Here is an interesting read about the history of this outreach program. Thanks to all who participate! Shoeboxes should be returned on Sunday, November 5 or Monday November 6.



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"Let my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God." Bob Pierce wrote these now-famous words in his Bible after visiting suffering children on the Korean island of Koje-do. This impassioned prayer is what guided him as he founded and led the ministry of Samaritan's Purse in 1970. His mission for this organization was "to meet emergency needs in crisis areas through existing evangelical mission agencies and national churches."

After World War II, Bob Pierce traveled throughout Asia as an evangelist and journalist with Youth For Christ. While on a university lecturing circuit in China, he stumbled across some courageous women who were living among lepers and orphans, sacrificing everything to share the love of Jesus Christ. Through their selfless love, God gave Pierce a vision for ministry. He dedicated himself to finding and supporting other such Christians who were caring for the poor and suffering in the distant corners of the world.

In the summer of 1973, Bob Pierce met his eventual successor, an adventurous young student named Franklin Graham with a growing heart for world missions. Intrigued by his many stories from the field, Franklin began to spend more and more time with the seasoned Christian statesman. In 1975, he accompanied Bob on a life-changing tour of some of the world's neediest mission fields. Franklin saw the poverty of pagan religions and the utter despair of the people they enslave. God had captured his heart for missions.

Bob Pierce died of leukemia in 1978, and a little over a year later, Franklin Graham became the President and Chairman of the Board of Samaritan's Purse. Through over 40 years of earthquakes, hurricanes, wars, and famine, Franklin has led the ministry in following the Biblical example of the Good Samaritan all across the globe. God has blessed the organization under Franklin's leadership, and the ministry has seen explosive growth.

"Go and do likewise," Christ commanded after explaining the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10. So we do. Samaritan's Purse travels the world's highways looking for victims along the way. We are quick to bandage the wounds we see, but like the Samaritan, we don't stop there. In addition to meeting immediate, emergency needs, we help these victims recover and get back on their feet.

No matter where we go or what we do, we offer more than help. We offer hope. To suffering people in a broken world, we share the news of the only One who can bring true peace—Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Board of Trustees Report • Through the Year of 2023

The Immanuel Trustees committee has been busy with several different projects and jobs this year. All of these projects have made Immanuel a more inviting and welcoming place to worship.

Our tile floors in the Fellowship Hall and the Journeys Inn rooms were professionally cleaned, stripped and waxed, and that made the rooms look much nicer. This had not been done for several years. Your monetary donations and prayers helped us to complete this job.

One of our friends from Immanuel was kind enough to clean all our carpets in the upper sanctuary and Hospitality area and upper entry area. He has retired from professional cleaning but shared his cleaning equipment and talent and time with us to make the inside brighter.

IUMC did not host the SAK program this year, so that room in the educational building was cleaned, rearranged and now is being used by the Goshen Market group to store their equipment and foods till they distribute food in the SIUE area and places nearby. Their "Beet Box" and trailer are also kept on our parking lot. We are happy to be able to work together with our community groups.

Two trees were removed this summer, one behind the educational building and one in the Prayer Garden. Both were dead and becoming a hazard. Thank You to the donors that helped with this project.

Our Parking Lot was resealed and restriped on both sides of the church, adding a new handicapped spot nearer to the lower level entry glass doors and education building side door.

The lower level entry doors were checked and adjusted. These were fixed by removing the old thresholds and replacing with better fitting thresholds to keep air and bugs out. A new closure was put on the kitchen entry door eliminating the squeak and the slamming.

Storage rooms were cleaned and old unused items were discarded, giving us a more efficient storage area. Several more closets will be cleaned soon.

A prayer request from the Trustees would be to find a solution for our overgrowing landscaping and bushes that need trimming.

The AC unit in the balcony that cools the sanctuary and the hospitality areas was working well until the last blast of summer. Again the unit backed up and leaked water through the foyer ceiling. This has happened several times in the last 7+ years. We cannot find an answer or remedy for this happening. We now have a hole in that foyer ceiling and really can't fix it till we find an answer.

As Fall approaches, we ask for prayers that our old faithful boiler will "turn on and fire up" to give us heat during the winter season.

Any ideas, suggestions, questions or solutions to a few of these projects will be appreciated by the Trustees. You may contact any Trustee member. The Trustees appreciate the support, prayers and help from all of the IUMC family.

We hope you will help us to keep our beautiful Historical church inviting and a welcoming place to worship together.

— Sharon Koenig, Trustee Chairperson

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

- + Ed & Darilyn Johnson (friends of Sid & June Helle) both have serious health issues

 Erika Bailey for her continued cancer battle, and who currently has an infection in her spine and brain
- +++ Jerry Prott, Sr., for strength and healing
 Family & friends of Dale Wilhaber, friend of the Koenig family upon his passing
- ++++ Michelle Simms, prayers for strength

 Bob Koenig, brother of Gary Koenig, heart issues



Birthdays:

- 01 Marion "Butch" Bonucchi
- 02 Mark Zelasko
- 03 Daniel Hodge
- 04 Susan Ramey
- 05 Caleb Kelahan
- 05 Pamla Newman
- 08 Helena Hicks
- 09 Parker O'Bryan
- 12 Kari Roniger
- 13 David Brown
- 13 Harper Newman
- 15 Dennis Fellhauer
- 17 Glenn Taylor
- 19 Becky (Land) Anderson
- 22 Deloris Fisher
- 24 Cary Tucker
- 28 Jerry "JJ" Prott, Jr
- 30 Aryhona Radford

Anniversaries:

- 07 Mark & Phyllis Fisher
- 09 Denny & Trisha Pollard

Thank You!

To all those who have served at Immanuel this year we thank you for your gifts of time and talent. Whether you take care of maintenance, prepare/assist with communion, greet, serve as part of our tech team (soundboard, worship slides, livestream), serve on a committee, or represent Immanuel by reaching out to the community or other members, you are needed and appreciated!

Reflections on Gratitude

- God is in control, and therefore in everything I can give thanks not because of the situation but because of the One who directs and rules over it.
 - —Kay Arthur
- It is not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratefulness that makes us happy.
 - —David Steindl-Rast
- Gratitude is the least of the virtues, but ingratitude is the worst of vices.
 - —Thomas Fuller
- A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.
 - —Henry Ward Beecher



September Current Expense (Operating) Contributions/Expense

September 3	\$ 3,765.00	+	Apportionments: \$50.00	
September 10	\$ 5,307.00			
September 17	\$ 1,346.00	+	Apportionments: \$100.00	
September 24	\$ 1,474.00			
Bi-Weekly Draws	\$ 1,630.00			
Monthly Draw	\$ 348.00	+	Apportionments: \$100.00	
Venmo Deposits	\$ 470.00			
PayPal Deposits	\$ 330.13			
	\$14,670.13			
Transfer from Memorial	\$ <u>1,350.00</u>			
	\$16,020.13			
September Expenses	\$15,342.37			

October Current Expense (Operating) Contributions/Expense

October 1	\$ 2,285.00	+	Apportionments: \$50.00
October 8	\$ 4,775.00		
October 15	\$ 1,225.00		
October 22	\$ 1,595.25		
October 29	\$ 1,735.00		
Bi-Weekly Draws	\$ 2,445.00		
Monthly Draw	\$ 348.00	+	Apportionments: \$100.00
Venmo Deposits	\$ 500.00		
PayPal Deposits	\$ 120.90		
	\$14,214.15		
October Expenses	\$17,646.72		
			CHURCH FINANCES



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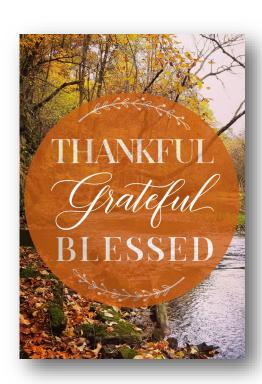
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Worship Schedule

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

Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Each Sunday

Thank You for your continued support of our ministries.