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Happy New Year



Ringing in the New Year as Family

Happy New Year! 2018!--It doesn't seem possible. Like many folks, I always spend some time in the new year reflecting on blessings I have enjoyed over the previous year and setting goals for the new year. It is also a good practice for a family of faith, which is what a church really is at its heart. We have much for which to give thanks over the past year including paying off the capital campaign, installing a new hearing loop, making plans for widening the drive, as well as many other accomplishments. We also had a great year in giving for missions locally and globally. In addition, many people served directly to make a positive difference in people's lives including Christmas Jubilee, Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build, the Fish Fry, Grant's House, Victory Lane Homework Club and so many other great missions and ministries. We also have so many great groups at Immanuel from fellowship groups, to small group Bible studies, to service groups. We are also blessed with great Sunday School classes for all ages.

We have also weathered some storms as a family of faith as we have lost loved ones, or faced illnesses, financial difficulties, or other challenges. We have worshipped together, sung together, cried together, laughed together and prayed together. We have shared meals and shared prayer requests. As a family of faith, we walk together and share the burdens and the blessings. Together, as a family of faith, our burdens are divided and our joys are multiplied.

We also look toward the future, knowing that God has new blessings and new things for us to accomplish as together we use our gifts and talents to serve God and others. I encourage us as individuals and families, and as a family of faith to set new goals to accomplish great things that will honor God and serve others. Here is a great promise from Jeremiah that I love and I hope it will inspire us as we look ahead to the new year:

"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. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord" (Jeremiah 29:11-14 NIV).

Blessings in Christ --Pastor TJ



Special thanks to Carol Burge as head of Elders and President of the Consistory.

Special thanks to Tom Lillpop as head of Deacons, for all the extra hard work which accomplished so much.

Special thanks to Dave Whited for the upkeep and overseeing of the church and grounds.

Thank you, Consistory Members! For all your hard work, dedication and compassion for Immanuel! You are deeply appreciated! Welcome new members!

Thank You

2017

Carol Burge

Gary Gangwer
Lloyd Wells
Veneta Hazlewood
Guyanne Lillpop
Steve Ritchie
Jeff Sloan
David Bangert
Tom Carney
Vickie Smith
Kristy Price
Candy Bixler
Janice Partlow

Tom Lillpop

Maggie Jae Budreau
Holly Collins
Linda Pierret
Kristyl Sloan
Marcy Ritchie
Denise Freeman
Dottie Warner

Dave Whited

Terry Strueh
Clint Frank
Bob Peabody
Paul House

2018

Guyanne Lillpop

Veneta Hazlewood
Steve Ritchie
Jeff Sloan
David Bangert
Tom Carney
Nancy Christmas
Stewart Kellerman
Clay Huenemann

Tom Lillpop

Maggie Jae Budreau
Holly Collins
Linda Pierret
Kristyl Sloan
Marcy Ritchie
Denise Freeman
Dottie Warner
Wally Rogers
Heidi Edinger
Luann Vought
Scott Bechtel

Bob Peabody

Clint Frank
Brad Black
Jeff Kruger
Paul House

December Baptism's



Fellowship Activities

Ladies Fellowship, will meet on Jan. 22nd at 6:30pm
Dorcas Circle, will meet on February 13th at 1:00pm in the parlor

Book Club, will meet Feb 13 to discuss **Behind Closed Doors** by B.A. Paris a chilling thriller where appearances can be deceiving.

Men's Brotherhood, will meet on Jan. 16th at 11:45 at MCL

Mary and Martha Circle, will meet Wed., Jan. 24th at 9:00am for breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

Hand Quilting Group, meets Wednesday's from 10-2 on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch.

Baby Quilters, meet the 1st & 3rd Monday's from 9:30-2:30 in the HOB0 classroom to make quilts for local NICUs.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10-11:30am in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome.

Health Ministry, Please call the office or Marilyn, 474-6487, for appointments. Home visits are also available upon request.

Christian Education:

Every Sunday, 9:45 am.

The Hobo's Class, led by Gary & Cathie Gangwer, to discuss the sermon and scripture lesson for that Sunday.

Living Life 21-41 Class, led by Clay & Sue Huenemann, where you can RECHARGE your spiritual batteries for the week ahead.

The Seekers Class, led by Don & Janice Partlow, is beginning a one year study of the New Testament.

Small Groups

Women's Group, led by Ruth Smith. Meet for dinner and discussion.

Young Adult/Student Group, meets Thursdays at 7:30 pm at Vienna Cafe in West Lafayette. Led by Brooke Flesher

Saturday Morning

Group, meets every other Saturday at the Panera on Wabash Landing at 9 am. Led by Annie Buckles

Adult Bible Study, Led by Pastor TJ is currently studying the book of Acts; On Fire For God. Meets on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm. Meeting in the Library.

Don't see a group for you? Contact Ruth Smith at ruthmcsmith1987@gmail.com for resources to start one for yourself.

The MOMS Club®

(MOMS Offering Moms Support) is an international nonprofit organization which provides support to full-time or part-time stay-at-home moms, including moms with home-based businesses. We are a group of Lafayette moms who want to make friends, socialize our kids, and be active in the community. Our monthly business social meeting will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am in the HOB0 room at Immanuel.

Thank You

The wife, children, grand and great grand children of Chester Black wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for many kind thoughts, prayers and condolences from our Immanuel Church of Christ family on the recent passing of our beloved husband and father. Thankfully Alice Black & Family

Thank You

Thank You to everyone who helped out with the many projects going on during the Christmas season. We were able to do so many great things during the 2017 Christmas season. None of this would have been possible without everyone's hard work and dedication.

Thank You

The Immanuel Staff would like to Thank everyone for all the Christmas gifts we received. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks again Terry, Tari, Amy & Steven.

Thank You

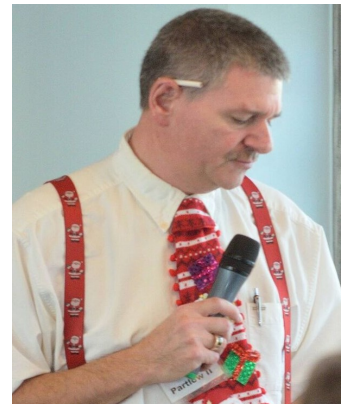
The first—fifth grade Sunday school class would like to thank Charlie Somers for the beautiful Nativity scenes that he made for us. It is such a nice gift that we will cherish for years to come. Thank You.

Thank You

Bill, Rachel, Charles, Wayne and Cierra want to thank Pastor TJ and all of the Immanuel Church Family for thoughts and prayers, cards, funeral home visits, funeral dinner ministry, prayer shawl ministry, and your continued support, and your continued support and prayers after the loss of our son Matthew. We cannot express the loss we feel. However, the love of our church family is helping to get us through this. Thank you so very much. Bill, Rachel and family.

Annual Reports

Annual reports are due by January 26th. Please email to info@ucc-immanuel.org. Thanks— Tari





Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Rowena Dickerson	1/2
Joyce Somers	1/2
Elizabeth Howard	1/3
Bob Schweikarth	1/3
Anthony Cassida	1/5
Kerry Gillespie	1/5
Nina Jean Huber	1/7
Miles Gresham-	1/8
Jay House	1/8
Jeremy Ruemler	1/8
Amy Chase	1/8
Pat Shumate	1/9
Sheila Niccum	1/10
Sharon Schug	1/11
Kerry Sloan	1/11
Patricia Shoaf	1/12
Ross Lillpop	1/13
April Phillips	1/13
Ruth Smith	1/14
Stacy Brown	1/14
Darlene Smith	1/16
Norm Beets	1/18
Brody Walden	1/18
Bryce Walden	1/18
Ellen House	1/18
Amanda Diamond	1/18
Lance Wilson	1/18
Jill Collins	1/19
William Hershey	1/19
Amy Russell	1/21
Rob Sloan	1/21
Kaliya Seeger	1/22
Robyn Beaver	1/22
Candy Bixler	1/22
Janet Sheets	1/22
William Thomas	1/23
Joe Pltty	1/23
Charles Whittemore	1/23
Larry Bohl	1/25
Ashley Dickinson	1/25
Aden Beaver	1/26
Nancy Christmas	1/26
Madison Meihls	1/26
Ferdi Memelli	1/27
Madeline Anliker	1/28
Sunwoo David Ku	1/28
Lloyd Wells	1/30
Lynn Wunsch	1/31



John/Lara Dickerson	1/1
Chad/Stephanie Lester	1/3
John/Dixie Frye	1/7
Bill/Raynae Blair	1/20
Roger/ Joyce Miller	1/25

New Years Cookies

6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips
 6 ounces butterscotch chips
 7 ounces unsalted peanuts
 3 ½ ounces chow Mein noodles
 Melt chips slowly in microwave, stirring frequently.
 Add peanuts and noodles.
 Drop bite-size pieces onto waxed paper and refrigerate.
 Serve when hard.



In the life of the youth

Jan 27 Senior Youth Capture the Flag 6-8pm

Feb. 3rd Make Soup for Souperbowl 3pm

Feb 4th Sell Souperbowl soup

Feb 16-18 Confirmation Retreat

Feb 24 Junior Youth Movie Day 1-3pm

March 31 Junior Youth Dye Easter eggs 1-3pm

Amy and Tari are busy working on more fun activities for 2018

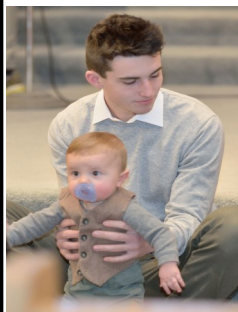
It's not too early to start thinking about going to Church camp this summer.

For more information please see Amy Russell.



Victory Lane Homework Club

Meets every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-5:30pm
 - Free Tutoring-Snacks-Quality Adult Supervisor For more information see Marcy Ritchie or Amy Russell.



January 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>14 8:30am Contemporary Service 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Traditional Service 12:30pm Confir- mation Class</p>	<p>15 9:30am Baby Quilters 4:30pm Home- work Club</p>	<p>16 10:00am E- Team 11:45am Men's Brotherhood 6:00pm CET</p>	<p>17 10:00am Quilters 4:30pm Home- work Club 5:45pm Neigh- borhood Dinner 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 6:30pm Great Banquet</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 8:00pm Band Rehearsal</p>
<p>21 8:30am Contemporary 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Traditional</p>	<p>22 4:30pm Home- work Club 6:30pm Ladies Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:00am Mary Martha 10:00am Quilters 4:30pm Home- work Club 5:45pm Neigh- borhood Dinner 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>25 6:30pm Great Banquet</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:00pm Senior Youth Capture the Flag 8:00pm Band Rehearsal</p>
<p>28 8:30am Contemporary 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Traditional 12:00pm Confir- mation Class</p>	<p>29 9:30am Baby Quilters 4:30pm Home- work Club</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 10:00am Quilters 4:30pm Home- work Club 5:45pm Neigh- borhood Dinner 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 6:30pm Great Banquet</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 3:00pm SY make Soup 8:00pm Band Rehearsal</p>
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Uniting in Christ
Listening to God



If you move please let us know so you don't miss an issue of the Spire! If you prefer to read the Spire on our web page at ucc-immanuel.org or do not want to receive the Spire through the mail please call the office - 474-6496, or send an email to: info@ucc-immanuel.org Thank you.

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**Come join us and bring
someone with you**

Every Sunday:

Contemporary Service 8:30 am
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Traditional Service 10:45 am

Wednesdays:

Everyone is welcome to attend
 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45p
 and Adult Bible Study at 6:30pm

