



The Immanuel Herald

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UPDATE:

We will return to in-person services on Sept 6th at 9:30am On the front lawn!

So bring your lawn chairs, masks, and your cup of coffee

All services will be live streamed so if you do not feel comfortable joining you will still be able to participate.

2020 Church Council

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Christian Education -

Candy Busse

Finance - Jean Feurer

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& Mission and Care -

Susan Artwohl

News from Worship

In April Rev Kenneth Kline announced his intentions to retire from active ministry at Immanuel UCC. Even through Rev. Kline has been with us only a short time, he will be missed, and we wish him well.

On Sunday August 23rd we opened in-person worship to welcome pastoral candidate Rev. MaryBeth Ingberg to the pulpit for a trial sermon. Immediately following a special Congregational Meeting was held and a Motion was made to call Rev. Ingberg as the next pastor of Immanuel UCC. With 34 in-person (including 6 on-line using Facebook live); the vote was Yes-31; No-3; Unsure-2; Youth Yes-4. We welcomed Rev. MaryBeth Ingberg as our new Pastor!

Welcome Rev. MaryBeth Ingberg

Thank you, Immanuel UCC, for inviting me to be in covenant with you as Pastor! I look forward to meeting each of you, hearing your stories, histories and hopes. We will have that opportunity during September, perhaps into October, to schedule family or one-to-one visits at the church for “Mornings/Meetings with MaryBeth.” Weather permitting, keeping safety protocols, we will sit outside, bring a cup of coffee (tea, lemonade, etc.) and visit! If it rains or is too hot, we will meet inside. Naturally, some members may not be able to come to church: in that case perhaps we can Zoom online or engage in an old-fashioned phone call. With masks on, I will learn to recognize your twinkling eyes!

Although I cannot remember who wrote it, I want to share with you one of my favorite benedictions. It is a wonderful statement of acceptance, encouragement, and grace. As we become better acquainted, it may be helpful to remember that God is with us (Immanuel) through it all!

“We will never guess what is going to happen this week.

Yet one thing is certain: God will be there in every situation before we arrive.

There is no human happiness beneath God’s dignity, and no difficulty beyond the Spirit’s gracious help.

Christ is in daily life with us for the long haul, and nothing can snatch us out of his hands.”

Peace,

Pastor MaryBeth

HOT SHOTS basketball

New season is still pending. As it stands right now, we would not be able to start the season in January as usually. We will await developments and if able, we can start the season later in the year.

Worship at Immanuel

When you attend worship at Immanuel you will be RE-QUIRED to do the following:

- ⇒ Wear a mask
- ⇒ Have your temperature taken Use provided hand sanitizer
- ⇒ Keep a physical distance of six feet or more from those not in your household
- ⇒ Use the seating guides in the pews
- ⇒ You may gather outdoors to speak to friends after the service, KEEPING YOUR MASKS ON



Message from Finance

Even though we are not holding services our expenses continue. Those members with electron deposits, thank you; your giving continues. For those who give through the offering plate, please consider mailing your contribution to Immanuel, or setting aside what you would normally give for a larger contribution when services resume.

If you have been considering electronic donations for your contributions to Immanuel, now is the perfect time to start. Your contributions will be there to support Immanuel's missions even when you are not able to attend services – for whatever reason. If you are interested, contact Sue Ptak, Financial Secretary.

New Floor Fund

The Lone Ranger and Tonto II, anonymous persons, have challenged the congregation to pay dollar for dollar donations up to \$15,000 for the new floor in Schmiechen Hall before the Hot Shots program can resume in January.

Memorials

Were given in memory of Phoebe Gero

For the Gym floor by Linda Barrios and John & Sue Ptak

Thank offering was given in honor of Rev Kline retirement by Linda Barrios

Membership News

Please Pray for,

Ruth Berg	Al and Rosemarie Davidson	
Darlene Bonner	Delores and Al Eriksen	Ron O'Toole
Judy Borowiak	Madeline Karge	Mary Power
Jack Buvelot	Don Mattz	Bob Regan
		Joan Schechner
Jim O'Toole		

Our Immanuel family sends love and prayers to:

Candy Busse and her family on the loss of her mother, Florence Mae Klemenko, who died on July 16, 2020

Sue Hickerson and her family on the passing of Sue's mother, Phoebe Gero.

NEWS from Women's Guild

Out of an abundance of caution and concern for everyone's health and well-being, Women's Guild offices have decided that meetings will be suspended until further notice.

Mission and Care

Through September we will continue working with the Oak Forest chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a nonprofit organization which builds beds for children in need. They appreciate cash donations – 80% of which goes into bed-building materials while the remaining 20% goes toward tools and fund-raising. If you prefer something more tangible, we will also be collecting twin-sized bed sheets and comforters as well as pillows.

September Birthday



1st Sandy Busse
5th John Ptak
6th Glen Ritter
8th Susie Engemann
13th Sue Hickerson
15th Jean Feurer
17th Jackie Moline
24th Elsie Murlowski
24th Sarah Engemann

September Anniversaries

Jim & Ann Regan 5th 22 years
Justin & Michele Dewey 27th 12 years



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