



Joy in the Journey

# Journey Connection

December 2021

## Mission Statement of Immanuel Church

To be and to make Spirit-filled followers of Christ who shine the light of God's love to the world.

## Welcome to Immanuel Church!

We at Immanuel are on a joyful journey – with Jesus – to disclose His presence in the world and His love for all people. With Humility, we invite **everyone** to join us, **regardless** of their relationship with Jesus, and even if they doubt His reality. And, we invite **everyone** to join us, **regardless** of race, culture, age, sexual orientation, family status, or the brokenness of their lives. On this journey there are no judgments – just Jesus. Whoever you are, **you are welcome** to join us!

If you desire information about becoming more involved in Immanuel Church, please contact Rev. Richs Vincent [pastor@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:pastor@immanuelwestbend.org) or Jenny Landowski [director@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org) or leave a message at the church office (262) 334-2886



## Tis the Season...

Join Pastor Rich and Jenny during Advent on  
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm  
for a special time of devotions, prayer, and music.

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Eve  
5:00pm Family Pageant Worship Service  
8:30p.m. Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols  
**(Please note new time for Candlelight Service)**

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Pajama Sunday  
9:00am Traditional Worship

**NO 10:30 Worship Service**

## *A WORD OR TWO FROM PASTOR RICH...*

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel,

Well, the holiday season has begun and we are getting ready to move into the start of a new church year. The beginning of Advent marks the time when we prepare for the birth of Christ by waiting patiently with peace, hope, joy, and love. No matter how difficult the past season has been, we move forward in hope, for God is coming to be with us in the person of Christ.

I look forward to this new beginning and pray that our times together may encourage faithfulness, loving service, and a newfound appreciation for all God has brought us through.

Yes, it's been a long year, but our God has been with us and working through us even during this difficult and challenging time. Even in the bleak midwinter, we sing, "Come, o come Emmanuel." And after many days of patient waiting, we look forward to that silent night that causes the angels to sing, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come." May we receive the gift God gives with open arms and hearts. God is with us.

Grace and peace,  
Rich



# On behalf of our President...

Wow, here we are on the doorstep of the Christmas season yet again. As we prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth, and all the other joyful and fun things that come along with it, it's a nice time to reflect on what a year it has been for Immanuel UCC and all of us that call this our church home. Advent has always been a time of anticipation, but last year was obviously very different. This time a year ago, we were still in the dark about when we'd ever be able to worship in person together again. All the usual beloved Advent and Christmas traditions were given online video substitutes. While Johanna and others did a remarkable job of stitching together a meaningful Christmas experience, it wasn't quite the same.

Thankfully, this year is different. While we're still mindfully and cautiously moving toward all the things that we had "the way things used to be," we have come a long, long way. It's been a whole half year since we first regathered for in-person worship, and we've been able to continue gathering without interruption. As we continue to observe, our church has thrived when many others have struggled, and we keep adding more and more "normal" church activities to the list.

Choir and Handbells are starting up again (thank you, Beverly!) We were able to hold the usual Fall Congregational Meeting in-person. As I write this, plans are in place for Wednesday night activities, with Jim Schleif's *Braiding Sweetgrass* study, a live Thanksgiving Eve service, and Advent prayer times to follow in December. Plans are also being made for our usual Christmas Eve services, hopefully complete with sheep, donkey, and wise men costumes! Candles we had to light at home last year can once again pass their light between us in the sanctuary this year.

There is much good to anticipate this Advent season. There is hope for much more that is good to follow in the coming new year. We as the lay leadership of Immanuel are so very grateful to all our Immanuel family for your continued prayers and support. We remain committed to prayerfully and thoughtfully keeping our church moving toward a more normal and hopeful future. May God's love and Christ's joy touch us all this Christmas season and throughout the year.

Blessings,  
Rob Sheehy  
President – Consistory

# A Note From our Choir Director...

Greetings Immanuel,

We have entered the season of your namesake: God With Us. Advent ushers in the most joyous season of music! Truly, the music written to glorify the birth of our Lord Jesus is as it should be: exceptional! We have so much beautiful music to share: I would love to know your favorite Christmas hymns and songs. Email me at bevbeemark@gmail.com or leave me a note in my church office mailbox!

There are many ways to participate musically this season (and really, in any season!) Our choirs are meeting in person on Tuesday evenings - please join us! Bell Choir: 5:45 pm Adult Choir: 7:00 pm

Youth Choir: Sunday morning, 10:30 before JAM!! **Except no Youth Choir on Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup>.** We are preparing for Christmas Eve! Soloists: please contact me and I will gladly rehearse with you. Your contribution to our worship is welcome in any service, and especially Christmas Eve!

Blessings to you - Beverly

**What December Says**  
**by Mary B. C. Slade**

*OPEN YOUR HEARTS ERE I AM GONE,  
AND HEAR MY OLD, OLD STORY;  
FOR I AM THE MONTH THAT FIRST LOOKED DOWN  
ON THE BEAUTIFUL BABE OF GLORY.  
YOU NEVER MUST CALL ME LONE AND DREAR  
BECAUSE NO BIRDS ARE SINGING;  
OPEN YOUR HEARTS, AND YOU SHALL HEAR  
THE SONG OF THE ANGELS RINGING*



# *What comes after Ordination...*

Greetings Immanuel Family

Words cannot express my gratitude for this congregation and the support that you have all shown me through the years. Having been a member since I was 2 years old, I have experienced the joys of JAM Time, Confirmation, and Youth Group. I have participated in ushering, greeting, sound tech, and youth choir. Through the Joyful Journey's Ministry came the birth of "Made with Love" by the Landowgals and our deep relationship with the India Ministry. Since I was 9 years old, I have felt called to some kind of ministry. This congregation has always affirmed and supported that call as I went through discernment, education, and ministerial internships. You hosted me as an intern during my senior year of college and called me back to fill in for three months during a time of sabbatical for Pastor Rich. "Thank you" feels inadequate for how you have been a part of my life and calling. I am humbled and honored to have been a Member in Discernment with this congregation and I'm excited to have been ordained into the UCC in this space. Although my ministry is calling me to new places and my membership may change, this congregation will always be the roots that have grounded me and will give me strength as I grow. My calling currently has me at Columbia St. Mary's in Ozaukee County where I serve as their primary chaplain. Because I have not been called into a church context, I have entered what is called a four-way covenant (which you may understand from your relationship with Rev. Jim Schleif.

This covenant is between myself, the Southeast UCC Association, Columbia St. Mary's Hospital in Ozaukee County, and Plymouth UCC in Milwaukee. Nick and I will of course come back to visit Immanuel as we are able.

Thank you again for all of your love and support. You are each truly appreciated.

Peace,  
Rev. Emma



# Where is Mike and Teri?

When we first walked into Immanuel UCC nine years ago, it was to find a location to teach a ballroom dance workshop as a fund-raiser for a Christian humanitarian organization in Nicaragua. Terri Tybring and Pastor Rich were very gracious and helped us apply to use the church's space for the event. After seeing the wall of children in Madhavapatnam who are sponsored through Joyful Journeys, though, we decided to use the proceeds for that ministry instead. The goal was to sponsor one hostel child for one year with the proceeds from this one event, which was achieved!



During this time, we also attended some services at Immanuel to promote the fund-raiser. After the fund-raiser, Teri and I looked at each other and said, "We really like it here! The people are so nice, and the preaching is just great!" So, we started attending church here regularly, got married here, and before long helped out in small ways, such as ushering and teaching some of the Adult Bible Study sessions. At the time, I was working on a Master's degree in Theological Studies, so Rich gave me the opportunity to get some practice giving sermons when he was on vacation or on sabbatical. The entire time, we continued to be spiritually fed through worshipping the Lord during the services here.

Recently, we visited another church that was in the search process for a new Senior Pastor since their current one is retiring. After attending their service, we had the same reaction as when we first attended Immanuel: "We really like it here! The people are so nice, and service is just great!" After that, I applied for the pastor position and went through the lengthy process of interviewing and presenting a sample sermon to the congregation. On October 24th, the congregation voted to call me to be their next pastor, and we have been attending church there ever since.

The congregation is "New Life Fellowship." It is a small non-denominational congregation in the little town of Randolph, WI, which is near Beaver Dam. After I finish out the semester at the colleges where I am currently teaching, I will become the full-time pastor in January. In the meantime, Teri and I are attending services there, getting to know the people, and I am doing a little bit of preaching as well.



It is interesting how God leads us to where we need to be right now in order to prepare us for what He has in store for us later. Our time at Immanuel has been wonderful, while also preparing us for serving at New Life Fellowship. We want to thank you for your tradition of studying the Word of God, praising the Lord in song, approaching Him in prayer, and serving the greater community here and even beyond the seas so faithfully. You will probably see us occasionally as we are still living in West Bend and are still involved with Joyful Journey's work in India.

In closing, please know that we have loved our time at Immanuel!

Sincerely,  
Mike and Teri Matte



## **Safety First!**

If you are wondering why some of the Arborvitaes have been cut down on the north side of the church around the electrical box, it's because we had several concerns brought to our attention that they were blocking the view of the sidewalk as people pull out of the alley, causing this to be a hazardous area. We will reassess the landscaping come Spring, but for now there is a much clearer view of oncoming traffic. Thank you, Dave Hammen, for tending to so many of our property needs inside and out! ❤️



## SCRIP GIFT CARDS

If you are interested in purchasing SCRIP Cards, Big Bob will have some on hand on Sunday mornings, if you'd like to place a special order, forms can be found in mailbox # 79. Completed forms with payment can be given to Big Bob on Sunday mornings or dropped off in the main office Monday thru Thursday between 9am-3pm.

Orders this month will be called in on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## DID YOU KNOW???

Instead of ordering simply through Amazon, please consider ordering through AmazonSmile; it is a simple and automatic way for you to support Joyful Journeys Inc every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/> you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. All you need to do on your first visit to AmazonSmile is select Joyful Journeys Inc. as your charitable organization and they will remember your selection; after that, a donation will be made to Joyful Journeys Inc. with every one of your eligible purchases.

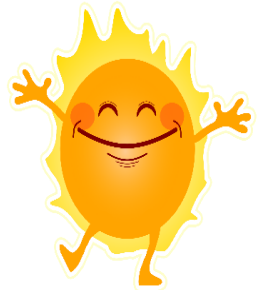
Thank you for considering this! 😊

## SonShine Gals

The SonShine Gals will be sharing in a  
Special Advent Devotion

on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

We will resume our bi-monthly meetings after  
the first of the year as we begin a new study on  
*Women of the Bible Speak*.



If you have any questions or are interested in joining us,  
please contact Jenny Landowski

## Consider your space...

As the snow and icy season falls upon us,  
we ask you to please consider your parking space.

If your physical condition allows you to securely walk across the parking lot, then we ask you to kindly park further back, leaving all the parking spaces in the small parking lot, as well as the first row of spaces closest to the back entrance available for those who might find a trek across a slippery parking lot a bit more challenging.

Thank you for your assistance and be safe! 😊



# Full Shelf Pantry

“Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? The King will reply, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

**Matthew 25:37&40**

In support of West Bend’s Full Shelf Pantry, throughout the month of December, we encourage you to participate in a Reverse Advent Calendar.

Each day add the designated item to a box/bag and give thanks for your bounty.

After Christmas, bring all the items into church and we will deliver them to the

West Bend Full Shelf Pantry to help keep our community fed throughout the winter.

Boxes are available outside the main office if you’d like to use one for Reverse Advent Collections, or items can simply be placed in the bins below the mail slots. You can also make donations of cash/checks (payable to Immanuel) which can be put in your giving envelope with notation designated to the Food Pantry.

Any questions see Jenny or Johanna Landowski

December 1 – box of cereal

December 2 – peanut butter

December 3 – jar of jelly

December 4 – boxed potatoes

December 5 – macaroni and cheese

December 6 – canned fruit

December 7 – box of granola bars

December 8 – canned tuna

December 9 – dessert mix

December 10 – jar of applesauce

December 11 – box of tissue

December 12 – bottle of salad dressing

December 13 – roll of paper towel

December 14 – box of crackers

December 15 – package of rice

December 16 – package of oatmeal

December 17 – package of pasta

December 18 – spaghetti sauce

December 19 – can of soup

December 20 – a hygiene product

December 21 – a canned vegetable

December 22 – package of toilet paper

December 23 – can of baked beans

December 24 – package of cookies

**J.A.M. Time\* 2021-2022**  
**Journey with Jesus**

**Unit 3: December 5<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Advent: Jesus**



***Look, the young woman is with child  
and shall bear a son  
and shall name him Immanuel.***  
***Isaiah 7:14b***

Movin' and Groovin' – Nativity Scene Scavenger Hunt  
Kickin' Kitchen – Manger Scene  
Pleasin' Plots – "The Toy That Saved Christmas"

Thank you to  
Johanna Landowski, Sophie Landowski, and the Youth Group  
For all their help with our Thanksgiving/Chrismon Unit!  
See the Youth Group page for pictures!

~Interested in our JAM Time program...Check out the JAM  
Time bulletin board for program information volunteer  
opportunities.

Questions? Please contact Mitch Schleif  
262-334-2886 ext. 104  
[Excited4JAM@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:Excited4JAM@immanuelwestbend.org)

\***Jesus and Me Time** – is Immanuel's Children's Ministry program for  
children age four through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. JAM Time meets Sunday mornings  
September - May from 10:30-11:30 in the 4k/5k room.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL THE JAM TIME SHINE BRITES!

Our gifts to YOU this Christmas season can be found hanging on the Immanuel Christmas tree in the form of "Chrismons," which is a combination of the words "Christ" and "monogram" and means "symbols of Christ." Chrismons are gold and white as white is the liturgical (or Church) color for Christmas and symbolizes that Jesus was pure and perfect. Gold symbolizes His Majesty and Glory. Ideas for fashioning them are developed from early Christian symbols, the Bible and church histories.

On our tree you will find:



A **Five-Pointed Star** represents the five wounds of Jesus on the cross.



The **Lamp** represents that Christians believe Jesus is the Light of the World.



The **Cup or Chalice** is a symbol Communion. It also represents God's forgiveness.



The **Angel** reminds Christians of the angels who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. It can also represent the second coming of Jesus, which the Bible says will start with an Angel blowing a trumpet.



The **Butterfly** is a symbol for transformation and the immortal soul.



The **Heart** is a symbol of love and reminds Christians that God is love.

# Confirmation



In November we were able to help the J.A.M Time Kids make *Chrismon's* for our Christmas tree. In December, we will be having a 3-week rotation on the topic of "Other Beliefs."

**Confirmation will not be meeting on December 26<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Johanna

(262) 334-2886

[confirmation@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:confirmation@immanuelwestbend.org)

## Youth Group



Real Life Clue night was another success. The youth enjoyed figuring out who killed Pastor Rich and Jammin' Jenny. Look on the youth bulletin board to find out for yourselves and see more Pictures!



In the Month of November, the Youth helped in J.A.M Time making *Chrismon's* to put on our Christmas tree!



**On December 18<sup>th</sup>** we will be taking all the blankets we collated down to Mr. Bob's under the Bridge to pass out to the needy people in the Milwaukee area. If you'd like to join us or have any questions, please contact me at church.

Johanna,  
(262) 334-2886  
[youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org)



# ~Joyful Journeys, Inc.~

An outreach ministry founded and operated by members of Immanuel Church.

**OUR MISSION:** to establish and or operate programs and facilities that will assist impoverished and needy people whose lives are challenged by current life circumstances, by helping to provide for their immediate basic needs and to bring them hope and promise for a brighter future.

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Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. "

India

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## The Marshall School Wall is Finished!!



Thank you for sponsoring a Marshall School Student; your support is helping empower children for a better tomorrow!!

Namaste' ~ The India Task Force



# Christmas in India

## Reminder...

If you'd like to contribute to our Christmas Celebration in Madhavapatnam,  
here's how you can do that...

Our plan is to give a gift to all who are a part of Joyful Journeys in India.

Please consider making a monetary donation to help cover costs...

\$5 ~ Student Gifts

\$25 ~ Teacher, Cooks, House Pastors, Oldsters, Scavengers, Drivers, and  
Childcare Provider Gifts

Donations can be sent or dropped off at Immanuel Church by December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please make checks payable to  
Joyful Journeys and designate for Christmas Gifts.

Together, we can shine the Christmas Light of God's love in Madhavapatnam!

## Circle of Friends

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### Family in Need

We have an opportunity this Christmas to specifically assist one family with gifts as they are having a rough time financially. If you would like to help by purchasing a gift, please contact Jenny at [director@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org) for a list of the needed items. If you'd rather we shop for you, a monetary donation can be made designated to "Family in Need" and either given to Jenny directly, put into the Giving Church on Sundays, or dropped off at the church office. Thank you for prayerfully considering this.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

~ Hebrews 13:16

### S.H.U.M.S TREE

What is a S.H.U.M.S. Tree?

It's a tree that grows **S**carves, **H**ats, **U**nderwear, **M**ittens, and **S**ocks!

We will be collecting these items for the families that come through the Circle of Friends Shoppe this winter season and invite you to help us fill the tree.

Currently our greatest need is for underwear, mittens, and socks. 😊

# Christmas Giving Tree

We will once again have our Christmas Giving Tree up in support of our Circle of Friends Shoppe and invite you to use the list below if you are interested in shopping for a donation. Items can be brought in beginning Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.



Toasters

Coffee pots

Water glasses

Blankets twin, full, queen

Sheets full, queen and king

Bath towels and hand towels

Girls stretchy pants size 3-14

Boys winter coats size 2 and 4

Men's and women's ankle socks

Girls winter coats size 4,6,10,14

Girls long sleeve t-shirts size 3-16

Boys long sleeve t-shirts size 3-16

Girls short sleeve t-shirts size 3,5,6,10-14

Men's boxer shorts small, medium, and large

Boys athletic pants size 3&4, 7-16, and 18 months

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny. If you would like to make a monetary donation so we can shop for you, make checks payable to Joyful Journeys ~ memo: COF Shoppe.

Thank you for supporting this ministry through the years!

# Blankets for Mr. Bob

Mr. Bob's   
"Under the Bridge"

In support of the relationship we have with Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge Ministry, we will be collecting gently used blankets during November and December to give to Mr. Bob as he serves his friends in need within the Milwaukee area. Our Youth will have the opportunity to personally hand some of these items out on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> as they join Mr. Bob during his weekly visit to the park. What a blessing it is that our Circle of Friends Ministry and Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge have been able to support one another over the past couple years as we seek to help those who are wrestling with various struggles in life.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Landowski at [director@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:director@immanuelwestbend.org) or Johanna Landowski at [youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org](mailto:youthgroup@immanuelwestbend.org)

If you would like to offer financial support, please make checks payable to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, or earmark cash donations as such.



# *Altar Flowers*



Would you like to help beautify our worship services by donating flowers for the altar? You can celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or place them in memory of a loved one. The **sign-up sheet** is posted outside

of Pastor Rich's office. Please **fill out an order form** and return it with a check for \$30.00 to the church office. After the second service, the sponsoring member can take the flowers home.

*This month our flowers have been donated by:*

*December 5th:* Rachel Gumm, In Celebration of Advent

*December 12th:* Alan & Kathy Olsen, In Memory of  
Carmen Olsen - Alan's Mother

*December 19th:* Barb Styduhar, In Memory of  
Her Husband George, Parents, Siblings and Family

*December 26th:* Kim & Gary Barber, In Honor of  
our Immanuel Church Family





*THANK YOU TO ALL WHO  
SHARED POINSETTIAS WITH US  
CHRISTMAS EVE!*

*Given by Mary Jo Norgel* in memory of John P Norgel.

*Given by Al & Kathy Olsen* in celebration of the birth of Christ our Lord!

*Given by Elaine & Glenn Radzinski* in memory of Angela Lynn Norton & John Radzinski.

*Given by Teri Milligan* in loving memory of deceased family members.

*Given by Doug and Jean Stewart* In memory of Lawrence and Marjorie Stewart and Walter and Lone Nagel

*Given by Ed and Judy Krepsky* in honor of the Gibson family.

*Given by Susan Kist* in honor of my daughter Susannah,

*Gary & Kimberly Lisanby-Barber* in Honor of This congregation

*Given by Sue Calhoun* in memory of Bob Calhoun

*Given by Al & Kathy Olsen* in celebration of the birth of Christ our Lord!

*Given by June Sommerfeld* in Celebration of the birth if our Savior Jesus

*Given by Louise Aplin* in Memory of Family & Friends

*Given by Lou and Julie Glassman* in loving memory of our parents.

*Given by Jim and Anne Mari Peters* in Celebration of the birth of Jesus

*Given by Mary Jo Norgel* in memory of Michael Norgel.

*Given by John and Pat Love* in Memory of Edith Pavlovics Love

*Given by Al & Kathy Olsen* in celebration of the birth of Christ our Lord!

*Given by Scott and Tama Gluck* In celebration of Christmas

*Given By Big Bob & Jenny Landowski* in Celebration of gathering with our Immanuel Church Family this Christmas.

*Given by Louise Aplin* in Celebration of Christmas

*Given by June Sommerfeld* in Memory of my Husband Mark Sommerfeld

*Given by Chris & Emilie Nieman-Witt* in Celebration of Christmas

*Given by Welzien family* In Honor of their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary

*Given by Welzien family* In Memory of George & Gortie Beck

*Given by Teri Milligan* in celebration of her grandchildren and the three more that are on the way!

# December

## Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

7 pm AA meeting  
7pm Advent Devotion

## Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

COF Shoppe 1pm – 3pm

## Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:30 pm NA  
7:00 pm AI Anon

## Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

COF Shoppe 10am–noon

## Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Second Sunday of Advent  
9 and 10:30 am Worship  
Eben Baptism  
9am Shine  
10 am Fellowship Time  
10:30 am J.A.M. Time,



## Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

## Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Citizen Advocates 5-7  
Bell Choir 5:45pm  
Adult Choir 7pm  
PEO 7pm

## Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

7 pm AA meeting  
7pm Advent Devotion

## Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

10am Sonshine Gals

## Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm NA  
7:00 pm AI Anon

## Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

## Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

### Third Sunday of Advent

9 and 10:30 am  
Worship  
9am Shine  
10 am Fellowship Time  
10:30 am J.A.M. Time,



## Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Boundaries 1pm

## Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Citizen Advocates 5-7  
Bell Choir 5:45pm  
Adult Choir 7pm

## Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

7 pm AA meeting  
7pm Advent Devotion



**Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm AI Anon

**Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Youth helping

Mr. Bob Under the Bridge 6:45am

NA Breakfast with Santa 7-Noon

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

9 and 10:30 am Worship

9am Shine

10 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am J.A.M. Time,



**Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

Citizen Advocates 5-7

Bell Choir 5:45pm

Adult Choir 7pm

**Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7 pm AA meeting

7pm Advent Devotion

**Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Eve**

5pm Family Pageant Service

8:30pm Candlelight Festival

of Lessons & Carols



**Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Day**

**Sunday, December 26**

*Pajama Sunday*

9am Worship

**Family Worship Sunday –**

**NO 10:30 worship**

**No SHINE**

**No J.A.M. Time**

**No Confirmation**



**Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Church office CLOSED**

**Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Church office hours 9am-Noon**

**Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Church office hours 9am-Noon**

7 pm AA meeting

**Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Church office hours 9am-Noon**

**Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

6:30 pm NA

7:00 pm AI Anon

# The Christmas Fund

For the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund



The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees.

Over the past 18 months, the emergency financial needs of many who serve the church increased dramatically. Many of our clergy continue to bear the consequences of lost or decreased income. These difficult times make the need for the Christmas Fund more urgent than ever.

As an alternative to envelopes, you may donate directly and securely at [www.christmasfund.org](http://www.christmasfund.org).

**Thank you**  
for supporting the Christmas Fund!

# *Tending the Flock*



PLEASE KEEP OUR IMMANUEL CHURCH FAMILY IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, SPECIFICALLY THOSE LISTED BELOW. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE, OR WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE PRAYER REQUESTS.

## **Shut-ins:**

Bill Altschwager, Julie Pulda, Garnet Schneider, Jerry Kuckuk, Marge Bergemann, Marian Kachel, Judy Muelling and Carolyn Gibson.

## **Health Concerns:**

Pastor Rich, Bruce Kapanke, Doug Stewart, Gary Barber, Jessica Rose, Carol King, Roy Rusch, Nancy Grody, Karen Lewis, and Helen Key.

## **Those who are suffering from depression and/or addiction**

## **Serving in the military:**

Jackson Raad, Rebecca Gerard Shanahan and her husband, David.

## **Continuing their education:**

Rebecca Kempfer-Witt, Lexi McCrillis, Simon Uecker, Quinn Vincent, Ella Gustafson, Julia Stier, Evan Patten, Adam Vincent, Austin Schmitt, Claire Gustafson, Even Mastenbrook, Julia Raad, and Kelton Kreis.

## **Family Loss**

John and Pat Love – sister-in-law Edit Love

John Sancomb, Nick & Emma Sancomb – Mother Karen Sancomb



## Staying connected with Immanuel through social media...

Website – <https://www.immanuelwestbend.org/>

Facebook – Immanuel United Church of Christ

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmanuelUCCWestBend>

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Treasurer, Bill Myers, Doug Stewart

## Immanuel's Team



# THANK YOU FOR SERVING & LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE THIS MONTH!

## GREETERS:

- December 5** 9:00 am Jim & Anne Mari Peters  
10:30 am Dave & Lynn Hammen
- December 12** 9:00 am Maggie Seideman, Max Sommerfeld  
10:30 am Fred & Barb Seefeldt
- December 19** 9:00 am **WE STILL NEED SOMEONE**  
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- December 26** 9:00 am Nancy Naab, Barb Styduhar, Esther Kohler

## USHERS: **Head Usher: Gary McCrillis**

- December 5** 9:00 am Max Sommerfeld, Maggie Seideman, Rich Gerner  
10:30 am Ben & Ashley Russell
- December 12** 9:00 am **WE STILL NEED SOMEONE**  
10:30 am Elaine Radzinski
- December 19** 9:00 am Mike & Chris Soener, Rob Soener  
10:30 am Gene Kreis
- December 26** 9:00 am Wayne & Rosemary Seideman

## READERS:

- December 5** - 9am Pat Love                      10:30 Julie Feit
- December 12** - 9am Frank Laycock            10:30 Joe Halfman
- December 19** - 9am Rosemary Seideman    10:30 Karen Grace Strobach
- December 26** - 9am Michal Gerard

## COFFEE MAKERS:

- December 5** Bonnie Gerner
- December 12** Jim & Anne Mari Peters
- December 19** Tracy & Joe Halfman
- December 26** Mary Demmon

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- December 5** Adult Choir
- December 12** John Siebioldt (guest organist)
- December 19** Bell Choir
- December 26** Larry Wheelock (guest organist)

# BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Peggy kaye 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Chassidy McBeath 4<sup>th</sup>  
Marissa Mastenbrook 7<sup>th</sup>  
Jessica Valdes 7<sup>th</sup>  
Olivia Landowski 9<sup>th</sup>  
Penny Elliott 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sue Calhoun 11<sup>th</sup>  
Noah Kaye 11<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Patten 12<sup>th</sup>  
Debbie Walter 12<sup>th</sup>  
Claire Gustafson 13<sup>th</sup>  
Jinna Lusty 13<sup>th</sup>  
Jerry Kuckuk 15<sup>th</sup>  
Oma Kohler 16<sup>th</sup>  
John Kocourek 18<sup>th</sup>  
Chuck Kaye 19<sup>th</sup>  
Barbara Styduhar 19<sup>th</sup>  
Eben Susnik 19<sup>th</sup>  
Brady Arndt 20<sup>th</sup>  
Gary Barber 21<sup>st</sup>  
Alan Nevala 21<sup>st</sup>  
Natalie Thielke 21<sup>st</sup>  
John Love 25<sup>th</sup>  
Jeff Walter 25<sup>th</sup>  
Nancy Naab 26<sup>th</sup>  
Marty Borresen 27<sup>th</sup>  
Graham Flaherty 27<sup>th</sup>  
Blaine Tofte 27<sup>th</sup>  
Kathryn Hartley 29<sup>th</sup>  
Jane Kosednar 29<sup>th</sup>  
Olivia Valdes 29<sup>th</sup>





# Advent decorating at church! Thank you for all your help!

