

# The VISITOR

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One year ago, on January 10, you called me to be your pastor, a call which I gladly and gratefully accepted. What a blessing it has been, and what a year it has been! The first three months I spent finishing up almost 15 years as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Middleborough, MD, and searching for and buying our very first home after living in parsonages for the past 35 years. Talk about a learning experience! Then came the whirlwind of moving and settling into our new home while settling into my new role as Immanuel's pastor, getting a feel for the congregation, an appreciation for its rich and long history, and beginning to get to know the members.



Looking back over my first nine months here, I thank God for all of you as I remember each of you in my daily prayers. What a wonderful, loving and giving community of faith you are! I have seen this especially in the weeks leading up to Christmas, as so many of you pitched in to help provide food and Christmas gifts for needy families in the Manchester area. I see it the first weekend of every month as you give generously to the Special Mission Offering, supporting God's work through the many caring organizations around us. I see it in the faces of our children as they come forward for the children's sermon, or hear God's Word in our Sunday School, confirmation class and Vacation Bible School; and in the faces of our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts serving the community and developing into the next generation of leaders. I see it in the dedication of all who serve on our church council and committees, all who sing and perform in our children's choir, adult choir,

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission, as disciples of Jesus, is to commit ourselves to making Christ known through worship, service, outreach, learning and loving one another.

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Luther Men and chimes choir, all who gather for the monthly work day to make quilts for seriously ill children through the Linus Project, all who are growing closer to each other and to God week by week in our bible study and prayer groups.

Looking forward to 2017, my goal is to see Immanuel Church grow in the following ways:

- \* Increase weekly worship attendance
- \* Increase financial giving to support what God is doing at Immanuel and beyond
- \* Deepen the faith life of our members through daily personal bible reading and prayer
- \* Increase participation in bible study groups, prayer groups and other small groups
- \* Involve more members in volunteer ministries at Immanuel
- \* Help members to discover their gifts for ministry
- \* Encourage members to use their gifts to serve God and others through existing volunteer ministries mentioned above, and new ministries including Keeping in Touch and the Faith Health Network

How would you like to see Immanuel Church grow in the coming year?  
To which of these goals are you willing to commit yourself?

Think it over, pray about it and let me know.  
I look forward to working with you!

*~Pastor Charlie*

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## CHURCH CANCELLATION POLICY

We hold that every member of the congregation is a gift and blessing from God. Keeping this in mind, it is our responsibility to care for the safety of each member of the congregation. We are aware that weather conditions and circumstances may establish the need to cancel worship services and activities at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. Every attempt will be made to decide to cancel services/activities two hours prior through the following official sites:

WBAL Ch 11 Television closure site

Immanuel Facebook page

Immanuel Web Site

Church Phone Message

Whenever possible, cancelled services will be rescheduled in consultation with the Pastor and will be announced via Facebook, Website and Church Phone Message.

# OFFICE NOTES

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## COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

Information to print in the weekly service bulletin must be received by noon on the Wednesday prior to worship. Information to print in the monthly newsletter must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior.

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

Pastor offers individual prayer, with anointing and laying of hands for those who desire it, 20 minutes before each Sunday service.

## KIDS APP

Adult devotionals are available monthly through *Our Daily Bread*, but now there is an app for the younger members of our church! 'ODB' has launched an exciting new *Our Daily Bread for Kids* app for iPads and Android tablets to extend the Sunday School experience. Each issue contains thirty devotions centered around a theme; two interactive activities such as puzzles, matching games and drawing pages; two songs with printed lyrics; plus special awards to encourage children to learn. It's designed so that you and your child can have fun - and will grow closer together as you learn more about Jesus. If interested, go to [ourdailybreadforkids.org](http://ourdailybreadforkids.org).

## BIBLE STUDY and PRAYER GROUPS

Pastor Charlie invites you to join him for prayer and Bible study at any of the following times and places. No previous knowledge of the Bible is needed, and all questions are welcome as we explore God's Word together. Please join us!

**\* Sundays at 10:30am: Adult Bible Study in the Martin Luther Room**

This ongoing, year-round Bible study is based on the Bible readings used in worship that day, typically focusing on the Gospel reading.

**\* Tuesdays at 11:00am:**

**Conversational Prayer and Bible Study in the Martin Luther Room**

Beginning January 2017, this group will meet weekly for a combination of conversational prayer and Bible study. Conversational prayer is an approach to small group prayer that helps us experience the powerful presence of Jesus as we offer prayers of thanks and praise to God and pray for each other and for those in need. Come and experience it for yourself!

**\* 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7:00pm:**

**Conversational Prayer and Bible Study at Pastor's Home**

Follows the same format as the Tuesday group. The pastor's home is at 840 Hughes Shop Road, Westminster MD 21158, 11 miles from Immanuel Church. His home phone number is 443-821-7004. Join him,

## **COMING IN 2017: FAITH HEALTH NETWORK**

Ever since Jesus walked the hills of Galilee healing the sick, healing has been central to the Gospel that Jesus proclaimed, and that he sent his disciples to proclaim. Immanuel Lutheran Church seeks the spiritual, physical, emotional and social health and well-being of all our members and all those in the community we serve in Jesus' name. Beginning in early 2017, we will be part of a growing network of congregations in Carroll County working in partnership with LifeBridge Health to better care for those in need of healing during and following a hospital stay at Carroll Hospital Center, Northwest Hospital or Sinai Hospital. Volunteers will keep in touch and arrange for a variety of supportive services from Immanuel that could include friendly visits and phone calls, prayer support, help with food and transportation, etc.

You can be part of this network in two ways:

1. Sign up for the health network through LifeBridge. This will enable any LifeBridge hospital, with your permission, to notify Immanuel whenever you are admitted or discharged. Then our pastor and volunteers will be able to respond by providing the help you need when you need it.
2. Volunteer to be part of Immanuel's response team. You will be called when help is needed in the specific area you have volunteered for: making a visit or phone call, preparing a casserole, giving a ride to a doctor or therapy appointment, or keeping someone in prayer.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks once we have scheduled our launch date for this new ministry.

## **MONDAY WORKDAY GROUP**

The Monday Workday Quilters were busy in 2016. Each month about 8 ladies met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday for sewing and fellowship. Three of our faithful Church Members prepared lunch. Pastor Charlie joined the group for prayer and lunch.

We made 9 crocheted blankets and quilts for children who were baptized in our church in 2016. Additionally we completed 42 Linus Quilts, 114 crocheted blankets, 11 Red White and Blue quilts for Memorial Day and 3 fleece blankets.

## **MANDY'S STORY**

*Mandy's Story*, a book about the life of Mandy Kent written by Hermine Saunders, has been published. A limited number of copies are available for sale, and orders will be taken for future copies when received by the printer. The book is not being sold for profit. The Kent family and Hermine Saunders are asking for a minimum \$15.00 donation to the Carroll Lutheran School Scholarship Fund. Christine Crouch is handling the sales of *Mandy's Story* at Immanuel. Contact Chris at 410-746-0260 or [crouchchristine@msn.com](mailto:crouchchristine@msn.com) to purchase a book.

# BIBLE CHALLENGE

## Welcome to Pastor Charlie's Bible Challenge!

*Jesus said... "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31b-32)*

Beginning January 2017, I will be issuing a monthly bible reading challenge to all who are willing to take it on. Why? Because I believe that the Word of God has the power to transform the lives of those who read the Bible faithfully and prayerfully. And through those transformed lives, the living Word of God also has the power to renew and revitalize the Church of Jesus Christ, including Immanuel Church.

During the month of January, I challenge you to join me in reading through the Gospel of Matthew. We are now in the Year of Matthew, which means that most Sundays the Gospel reading will be taken from this book of the Bible. Reading straight through Matthew at the beginning of the year will help you better understand those Sunday Gospel readings for the rest of the year by putting them in context.

Read one chapter of Matthew each day in January. There are 28 chapters and 31 days in January, so that gives you a few extra days if needed. Keep a notepad or journal handy as you read, so you can record any questions or insights that may come to you. Let me know how it goes. I would love to hear from you!

I have created a Facebook group (private) for this challenge, where we can share questions and discoveries and encourage one another. Send me an email or Facebook message if you would like to join.

~Pastor Charlie

# ACTIVITIES / EVENTS in the area

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR COMMEMORATION DAY

*"There is but one race and that is the human race."*

Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 10am to 2:30pm at Journey of Faith Lutheran Church 7902 Liberty Rd Baltimore, MD 21244

### Keynote Speaker and Workshop Leader

William Horne Vice President, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Highlights: Praise and Worship      Devotions  
Workshops      Lunch      Free Will Offering

For more information contact: Ms Mydea Karpeh at [Tuandea@aol.com](mailto:Tuandea@aol.com)

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Racial Justice Ministry Team  
African Descent Strategy Implementation Team

## Grief Support after a Substance Abuse Loss

2017

A grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one from an overdose or addiction.

First Tuesday of each month

January 3      April 4  
February 7      May 2  
March 7      June 6

5 - 6:30 p.m. • Free

Carroll Hospice  
292 Stoner Avenue • Westminster

Dealing with the death of a loved one due to any circumstance is difficult, but when it involves an overdose or addiction, coping can be an even greater challenge. The key is to remember that you are not alone and there are those who understand.

Receive support and advice on effective strategies in managing the complex emotions involved with the death of a loved one from an overdose or addiction in this grief support group. During sessions, members can share their experiences, participate in educational discussions and receive comfort in a warm and welcoming environment.

**Registration is required.**



Carroll County Health Department  
Bureau of Prevention,  
Wellness and Recovery  
290 S. Center Street  
Westminster, MD 21157  
410-876-4802

Carroll County  
Opioid Prevention Coalition  
[www.clearthecabinet.com](http://www.clearthecabinet.com)

Carroll County  
Coalition Against Underage Drinking  
[www.carroll-coalition.org](http://www.carroll-coalition.org)



# CHASING IT



- A compelling and riveting documentary of the worst drug crisis in United States history
- **Chasing It** tells the story of the people affected by opioid abuse and why heroin use has such a devastating reach

## SPEAKERS:

**Linda Auerback**, Substance Abuse Prevention Supervisor, Carroll County Health Department

**John Baugher**, Principal, Francis Scott Key High School

**J.D. Brooks**, Sergeant, Taneytown Police Department

## PERSONAL TESTIMONY

From people affected by opioid abuse

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**

**6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Taneytown Library

Large Meeting Room

10 Grand Drive

Taneytown, MD 21787

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Light Refreshments**



Hosted by Families Against the Stigma of Addiction, Inc.

In Partnership with Carroll County Health Department and Carroll County Public Schools

# FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

Members: Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753;  
Linda Gregg; Matthew Rooney; Jamie Rooney

Why not start your new year by having coffee with us on January 8th?!?  
Take some time to enjoy our coffee hour and share your stories of family visits and the traditions you enjoyed this season. We hope to see you there!



# KEEPING IN TOUCH

Chair: Matthew Rooney

Administrative Team: Doris Dell, Jo Fleck, Jeanne Swain

There is a new Keeping In Touch Ministry (KIT) coming to Immanuel Lutheran Church. This ministry will go beyond the walls of the church to reach those who are unable to attend worship or to reconnect with church members. We'll be looking to recruit "visitors" for this ministry over the coming months. The KIT Administrative team will be hosting an informational gathering in early January 2017 to socialize and share the intentions of this new ministry at Immanuel.

The framework for this outreach will emulate an active program currently in place at Westminster United Methodist Church. This administrative team will coordinate with Immanuel's Stephen Ministers and Pastor Charlie to analyze the needs of those visited. Volunteers will be needed who are eager to go out in pairs to visit designated members of the church. This outreach service will provide conversation, church bulletins, and prayer to those they visit. Please prayerfully consider this latest endeavor and becoming a part of this new ministry here at Immanuel Lutheran Church.



# BAPTISM

Dec 4, 2016

Logan James Reiley

Son of Brittany Trott

Sponsored by: Jennifer and Jeremy Edwards

# NEW MEMBERS



Brittany Trott

Danica Reiley

Logan Reiley

# THANKS

Donation through the Thrivent Choice program received by Janis Hagert

\*Contact the church office for information on how you can support Immanuel by designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars.\*

Christmas tree donated by Wayne & Jean Thomas of Thomas Tree Farm

Christmas donation received by Esther Miller

Donation to NESAP received in memory of John & June Brown  
by Susan & Bobby Yingling

Donation to the Kitchen Fund in memory of  
Ted & Helen Hartmann and son, Thomas by Linda Zumbrun

Donation for 'Least of These Ministries' received  
in memory of Earl & Doris Yingling and Margaret Zepp  
by Bobby & Susan Yingling

Kitchen Fund donation received in memory of our Mom and Mommom,  
June Brown. Remembering all those specials Christmas Eve  
memories on our first Christmas without you. We love and miss you.  
~Susan, Bobby, Jeffrey, Jen, Ava, Olivia, Michael, and Lindsey

# SOCIAL MINISTRY

Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028; Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Social Ministry wishes everyone a safe, healthy and happy 2017.

We also thank the congregation for all their help and support the past year with the Table Of Grace, Monthly NESAP / TOFF's contributions and our Holiday Families.

We delivered **147 gifts and food to our fifteen families** for Christmas. Once again, you have risen to the challenge to extend help and support to the community. Thank you to everyone that has helped us in the past and we look forward to working with you in the new year. We could not have accomplished last year without you! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!

For the month of January, we are collecting cereal and oatmeal to help replenish NESAPs and TOFFs food pantries. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex for your donations. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

The first time Immanuel services 'Table of Grace' in 2017 is on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not helped in the past, please consider helping us this year! You will find it a very rewarding experience. For more information please contact Deb or Rhonda.



## WE NEED SOCKS!!

Socks are one the most needed items in homeless shelters, but also one of the least donated.



We are holding a Sock Drive during the month of January to benefit the less fortunate in our community.

A box will be set up in the Narthex to collect NEW sock donations.

If you have any questions please contact Amanda Yingling:  
717-880-5215, mandymae1210@gmail.com.

## THRIVENT ACTION TEAM PROJECT!

With the help of Thrivent, Sue Yingling is organizing a project to make gift bags for the clients that Immanuel will serve at 'Table of Grace' on January 31. We would like to include a variety of travel size items in each bag. Please consider donating by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>:

chapstick, hand sanitizer, deodorant, soap,

toothpaste, toothbrush, tissues, any personal hygiene items.

Place items in the labeled basket in the foyer. Thank you!

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jen Edwards, 443-883-6138, [jen@iostreaminfo.com](mailto:jen@iostreaminfo.com),  
Rona Haddaway, Jeanne Swain, Doris Weeks, Angie Eckhardt, Pete Wulforst,  
Jen Robinson, Andy Kiler, Sandy Voight

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Weekly Sunday School classes run from 10:15 – 11:30am each Sunday.  
Classrooms are:

Preschool – Kindergarten      Group 2 (4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Group 1 (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)      Group 3 (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

We begin together with prayer, music and offering. Then groups go to classroom for lessons, activities, crafts, games and snacks. Join us!

## BABY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Baby Sunday School meets on the first (full weekend) Sunday of the month in the Oak Tree room following the worship service.

If you have questions contact Jamie Rooney [jamielr126@gmail.com](mailto:jamielr126@gmail.com) or Christine Hoffman [cohoffman22@gmail.com](mailto:cohoffman22@gmail.com). \*Meeting on January 8\*

# FINANCE

Chair: Frank Burnette, [1rfrburnette@gmail.com](mailto:1rfrburnette@gmail.com) Treasurer: Jeremy Edwards  
Members: Norm Downes, Garth Eckhardt, Rachel Murphy,  
Matthew Rooney, Audrey Shaffer, Jeff Yingling

## AUTOMATIC DONATIONS

Immanuel offers a convenient and secure online giving service!  
This is an easy way for one-time donations or to setup your weekly recurring offering directly from your bank account or credit card.  
You can also designate to our main funds for Monthly Special Offerings, Land and Building, and Sunday School/Youth.  
If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance.  
Our website has a link available: [www.immanuellutherancmd.org](http://www.immanuellutherancmd.org)

**We now have  
a form available!!**  
*Instead of going online*  
to set up,  
complete the form  
(on next page) and return to the Church Office.

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Set Up of Automatic Donations

Complete the below information to authorize  
Immanuel Church/SK Giving to set up automatic donations.



### Member Information

Full Name (First, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address (Street, City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (N/A if none) \_\_\_\_\_

### Donation Details

Select One Fund (use a separate form for each Fund)

- General Offering       Land and Building Fund       Monthly Mission Special Offering  
 Sunday School / Youth Fund       Kitchen Fund

Select One Frequency

- Monthly (1<sup>st</sup> of month)       Twice per Month (1<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>)       Weekly (Every Sunday)  
 Monthly (16<sup>th</sup> of month)       Twice per Month (5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>)       Bi-Weekly (Every Other Sunday)

Amount (Include Dollar and Cents) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How Many Installments? (Circle One)

2	5	8	11	36	60	156
3	6	9	12	48	104	180
4	7	10	24	52	120	360

Start Date (Always on first of the next month and goes out 6 months. Example, if signing this form in January, the possible start dates are: Feb 1, March 1, April 1, May 1, June 1 and July 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2017  
(Month)

### Account Information Credit Card or Checking/Savings Account

Credit Card (Circle One)

Check Card    Visa    MasterCard    Discover

Card Number

Expiration Date (Month/Year) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Card Code (on back) \_\_\_\_\_

Bank (Circle One)

Checking    Savings

Routing Number (9 Digits)

Bank Account Number

Name of Bank \_\_\_\_\_

### Signature

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2016 COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: Frank Burnette, Irfburnette@gmail.com

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Immanuel's Church council met at the home of Brenda and Pete Wulforst on Tuesday, December 13, 2017. A brief business meeting was held and the following items were discussed.

## NEW BUSINESS

\* New council members were welcomed-

Jeanne Swain, Susan Burnette and Todd Robinson.

\* Frank Burnette, who completed his council tenure was thanked for his participation.

\* Jeff Yingling has resigned from his position as Webmaster for Immanuel's website. If you are qualified to assume this position, prayerfully consider volunteering. Contact the church office, Pastor Charlie or Brenda Wulforst.

\* Immanuel is in search of someone to assist with Publicity of church activities. Please prayerfully consider helping out. Again, contact the church office, Pastor Charlie or Brenda Wulforst. Both of these positions are an optimum way of giving of your time and talent to your church.

\* Signage inside of the building and at entrances was discussed.

## OLD BUSINESS

\* Parking lot signs have been posted. Members of the congregation should notify the church office if they need to leave their car overnight or for an extended period of time.

\* Brenda will contact the Manchester Police Department to discuss the speed problem on Church Street. Drivers are also turning left off of York St onto Church St to avoid the traffic light at York and Main.

\* The tree removal issue with our neighboring Church Street resident has been resolved.

\* The new snow removal contract has been signed.

# MISSIONS

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**FAMILY and  
CHILDREN'S  
SERVICES**

January's Monthly Mission is  
Family and Children's Services.

They are a 167 year old non-profit agency that offers a variety of trauma informed clinical and case management programming throughout central Maryland.

In Carroll County, they have served victims of domestic violence since 1970. Their programming includes therapeutic services, psychiatric services, long term case management and crisis support, a 24-hour domestic violence hotline and access to a safe house that is for families experiencing violence that need to leave their homes.

Family and Children's Services also operates West End Place adult Day Care. A program that also operates out of Westminster and serves seniors and adults with disabilities.

# PROPERTY

Chair: Brian Kremen, 443-286-5688, bkremen@gmail.com

Members: Tony Mancuso, 443-375-8733

Frank Burnette, John Gregg

Winter weather always brings some challenges. Over the past several years, vehicles with no affiliation to Immanuel have parked on our lot during snow events. This caused some problems for our snowplow contractor to clear the lots properly.

We recently have installed signs around our property:

Four signs ask that no one park on our lot without our permission and two signs indicate where vehicles will be towed if they are on the property without permission and disrupt the snow removal process.

If anyone needs to leave a vehicle 'after church worship service hours', please let the church office know that you have done so. We will give you a parking pass to identify the permission to park during these periods of snow removal/salting.

Hopefully the signs will be a good deterrent to those without permission to park on the property and there will not be a need to tow anyone.

# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>9am Worship / Comm</b> 10:30 Adult Bible Study	2 8pm At-Atton 8pm AA	3 11am Prayer & Bible Study 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg	4 7:15pm AA	5 6pm Confirmation Class 8pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	6 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm At-Atton	7 Missions - Special Offering <b>5pm Worship / Comm</b> -Council Installation 6:30pm AA
8 Missions-Special Offering <b>9am Worship / Comm</b> -Council Installation 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Baby Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study Mutual Ministry Meeting	9 8pm At-Atton 8pm AA	10 11am Prayer & Bible Study 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Church Council 7pm Boy Scout Mtg	11 7pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:15pm AA	12 8pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	13 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm At-Atton	14 <b>5pm Worship / Comm</b> 6:30pm AA
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# Scouts 320

## IMMANUEL CHURCH SPONSORS #320

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

For more than a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through over a century of experience, knows— that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

### TROOP 320

Scoutmaster Troop 320:

Patrick Poore 443 507 6748 home, ddaydad@comcast.net

Troop 320 Chartered Organization Rep:

Maureen Laderer 410 598 5065 cell, 410 239 7398 home, mmladerer@aol.com

Committee Chair Troop 320:

Jessica Vogelsang 410 967 6475 cell, jessica.vogelsang9@gmail.com

**\*\* Established in 1932 - The oldest Boy Scout troop in Carroll County \*\***  
The troop holds meetings on Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm at Immanuel. Join us!

### PACK 320

Cubmaster Pack 320/ ASM Troop 320:

Dwayne Martin 443 536 3641, dajwmartin@msn.com

Committee Chair Pack 320:

Dee Malykin 443 929 2583, keithndee@yahoo.com

### ***Cub Scout Pack 320 is looking for new members!***

Pack 320 is revving up for their annual Pinewood Derby scheduled for Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am in the Social Hall.

Please feel free to stop by and check out the races. This is a fun filled event for both the boys and parents!

Please contact Dee Livesay at 443-929-2583 or [keithndee@yahoo.com](mailto:keithndee@yahoo.com) for more information regarding Cub Scout Pack 320.



# WORSHIP & MUSIC

Susan Burnette, 410-357-9466, sb31220@gmail.com, CoChairman  
 Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215, mandymae1210@gmail.com, CoChairman, Children's Choir  
 Jerry Hoffman, 410-374-2565, Organist/Choir Director;  
 Audrey Moose, 410-429-4047, Chime Choir Director  
 Judy Bixler, 717-632-1805, Saturday Evening Service;  
 Jennifer Holbrook, 410-374-6401, Acolytes; Sandy Voight, 410-239-9428, Altar Guild  
 Wayne Thomas, 410-374-9538, Adult & Luther Men Choirs

## SAVE THESE DATES

### Dec 31-Jan 1

Lessons & Carols Services at 5pm and 9am

### January 7-8

Epiphany Services at 5pm and 9am  
 Blessing of the Baptized for 2016 Baptisms

### January 14-15

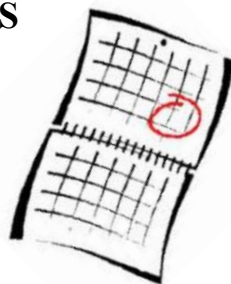
Baptism of Our Lord Services at 5pm and 9am

### Sat, January 21

UN-Decorating the sanctuary at 10am

### Sun, January 22

M&W Annual Planning meeting following worship



### JANUARY HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm

Judy Bixler (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>)

Jeanne Swain (21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>)

Sundays at 9am

Susan Burnette

### JANUARY ALTAR GUILD

Ellen Linsenbardt

Susan Burnette

Sandy Voight

## JANUARY LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Available for your home Bible Study. Join us as we read through January.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Dec 26-Jan 1 Lessons & Carols	Numbers 6:22-27	Psalm 8	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
January 2~8 Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
January 9~15 Baptism of Lord	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
January 16~22	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
January 23~29	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
Jan 30~Feb 5	Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 112:1-10	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Matthew 5:13-20

## PAST NOVEMBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCES

Year	Monthly Attendances	Monthly Averages
2009	786	157 (5 Wkends)
2010	633	141 (4 Wkends)
2011	676	153 (4 Wkends)
2012	593	148 (4 Wkends)
2013	601	150 (4 Wkends)
2014	693	139 (5 Wkends)
2015	607	121 (5 Wkends)
2016	531	133 (4 Wkends)

## PAST THANKSGIVING EVE ATTENDANCES

Wednesday Date	Attendance
November 25, 2009	43
November 24, 2010	40
November 23, 2011	65
November 21, 2012	60
November 27, 2013	55
November 26, 2014	Cancelled-Snow
November 25, 2015	39
November 23, 2016	42

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCES

November Weekend Dates	Saturday ~Sunday Attendance	Remarks:
5/6	$32 + 154 = 186$	All Saints
12/13	$23 + 111 = 134$	Veterans
19/20	$17 + 100 = 117$	Christ the King
23	42	Thanksgiving Eve
26/27	$26 + 68 = 94$	Advent 1

**Weekend Total**                      **531**  
**Monthly Total** (All Services)   **573**  
**Wkend Average** (4 Weekends) **133**

## 2017 CALENDAR

### FLOWER ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS SPONSORSHIP

The 2017 Flower and Lessons & Prayers Sponsorship Calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office for your sign-ups. Please make your choices by completing the information needed on the sponsorship forms. Include your payment option and seal in the envelopes provided. Place your sponsorship in the Music & Worship basket on the lamp table of the office. Your written information must be received by the Wednesday prior to the reserved date to insure proper wording in the weekly bulletin.

\*\*\* **New 2017 Sponsorship Option**\*\*\* Altar vases are budgeted for all weekend services each year. However, if the \$50 cost for both vases is too costly, one vase may be sponsored for \$25, beginning in January. Both vases will still appear on the altar each week. On the order form, please circle your choice of sponsoring one OR both altar vases when signing up on the calendar. Any questions, please contact Susan Burnette.

**Sponsorship Prices:** Altar Vases \$50 for both or \$25 for one vase

Center Arrangement \$30 Lessons & Prayers \$20

### MUSIC MINISTRY AT IMMANUEL



Please consider becoming a part of the  
Music Ministry of Immanuel!

We currently support four various groups:

*The Sunday Adult Choir*

*The Chime Choir*

*The Luther Men*

*The Children Choir - 'All God's Children'*

Even if you are not able to commit to regular practices at this time, but could participate occasionally during the year, please chat with either

~**Jerry Hoffman** (*Organist/Choir Director*)

~**Audrey Moose** (*Chime Director*)

~**Wayne Thomas** (*Luther Men Choir*)

~**Amanda Yingling** (*Children's Choir Coordinator*)

**NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED**, just a willingness to help and  
'make a joyful noise'!

**Sunday Adult Choir** hold weekly practices on Thursdays from 7-8pm

**Chime Choir** hold weekly practices on Thursdays beginning at 6pm.

**The Luther Men** sing four times a year

**'All God's Children' Choir** sing quarterly

For more information, look at our Music Ministry Bulletin Board in the office hallway.

## POINSETTIA THANK YOU!

Each year, poinsettias adorn our chancel area for Christmas Eve Services. They are a breath-taking 'Kodak' moment! Music and Worship thanks everyone who sponsored a poinsettia. Thank you to Auchey's Plant Farm for supplying and delivering the poinsettias on Christmas Eve morning; to Gail Miller for arranging each plant for the display and to Rachel Murphy for printing the Christmas Eve Poinsettia bulletin insert.



If you wish to be added, please notify Susan Burnette (sb31220@gmail.com).

We encourage our new members to be included!

### BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Voight  
Bryce Chaney  
Jen Yingling  
Jean Arbaugh  
Debbie Mace  
Colleen Beaver

Beverly Klinedinst  
Jordan Bosnick  
Jeremy Edwards  
Justin Patterson  
Nancy Herman  
Carol Nicoll

Jamie Rooney  
Caroline Marshall  
Arlene Sterner  
Kyle McCarty  
Christina Miller

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ps. Charlie and Caroline Marshall	January 3, 1976
Joe and Jo Fleck	January 20, 1990
Tom and Jane Taylor	January 21, 1984

### LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICES

On the first weekend following Christmas, our annual **Lessons & Carols Services** will be held on **Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**. A service of readings telling that a 'king' will come from Bethlehem through the mystery of the incarnation is followed by a Christmas carol. Thank you to everyone who volunteered as a Lessons Reader.

### BLESSING OF THE BAPTIZED

All those baptized at Immanuel in 2016 will be remembered and blessed at a special ceremony during our weekend services January 7 and 8. Please keep them in your prayers:

Kieran Thomas Hoffman	Emma Ann Lewis	Charlotte Britton Lopata
Lillian Kate Lopata	Natalie Lynn Voight	Ethan Lawrence Headley
Pyper Alexandra Puller	Declan Joseph Rooney	Logan James Reiley

## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

**Epiphany Services will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** . The word 'Epiphany' means the manifestation or the showing of the Christ Child. In the book of Matthew, it is written that when the wise men saw the brilliant star shining in the eastern sky, it seemed to stop overhead pointing the way. The three magi traveled quite a long distance in order to visit the baby Jesus. They were welcomed by Mary and Joseph into the small humble stable, this being their temporary home.

*“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother.”* (Matthew 2: 10-11)

Following an eastern European tradition, there was a visual blessing that was used and inscribed in chalk over the main door of a family dwelling.

For example: 20 + CMB + 17 ~ translated this means:

taking the numbers (20,17) to represent the current year: 2017;

while the three letters (CMB) refer to the names of the three

Wise men: Casper ~ Melchior ~ Balthasar.

Join Immanuel on January 7-8 for our Epiphany Services and retrace the magis' journey to follow the star and visit God's Beloved Son, Jesus.

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

During the weekend services of **January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**, Immanuel will celebrate **the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. It is said, that in the Jordan River, Jesus was baptized and revealed as the Son of God. In this great epiphany, Jesus fulfilled all promises and became the servant of God, who would bring justice and be the light to all nations. During our baptisms, we were washed clean by the Word, anointed by the Spirit and named one of God's beloved children and members of His body, the church.

## ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

Music and Worship's Annual Planning Meeting is set for **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, after the morning worship service in the **Oak Tree room**. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

# January 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	<b>Saturday January 7</b> Epiphany	<b>Saturday January 14</b> Baptism of Our Lord	<b>Saturday January 21</b>	<b>Saturday January 28</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	Judy Bixler	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain
<b>Greeter</b>	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Mary Ayers
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Black	Luther Myers	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Fred Ayers Linda Black
<b>Communion</b>	Linda Black	Judy Bixler	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	<b>Sunday January 1</b> Lessons & Carols	<b>Sunday January 8</b> Epiphany	<b>Sunday January 15</b> Baptism of Our Lord	<b>Sunday, January 22</b>	<b>Sunday, January 29</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Burnette Ellen Linsenbardt	Susan Burnette Ellen Linsenbardt	Ellen Linsenbardt Sandy Voight	Ellen Linsenbardt Sandy Voight	Ellen Linsenbardt Sandy Voight
<b>Greeters</b>	Betty Miller John Popp	Tony Mancuso Pam Newton	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Linda Gregg Carolyn Kittelberger	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Lesson & Carols	Todd Robinson	Jeremy Edwards	John Gregg	Brooks Hoffman
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	John Gregg Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt Barb Yingling	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Barbara Guthrie Wendy Maloney Todd Robinson Gene Yingling	Frank Burnette Jennifer Edwards Andy Kiler Ernest Weiss
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Frank Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Audrey Shaffer	Christine Crouch Denise Rickell Bart Walder Barb Yingling	Rhonda Kiler Jo Fleck Joe Fleck Matt Rooney	Frank Burnette Tony Mancuso Audrey Shaffer Bart Walder	Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Denise Rickell Sandy Voight
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Tanner Eckhardt Willis Kiler	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt	Ashton Eckhardt Willis Kiler
<b>Crucifer</b>	-----	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder	-----	-----
<b>Pray w/ Pastor</b>	Bob Nicoll	Christine Croch	Denise Rickell	Connie Dattilio	Bob Nicoll
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Gene Yingling	Ernest Weiss	Bart Walder	Frank Burnette	Brian Kremen

**NOTE:** The Worship Assistant Schedules are subject to change during any weekend service above. Reminder emails or phone calls are sent each week. Should you be unable to fulfill your duty responsibility ~ CONTACT Susan Burnette (sb31220@gmail.com)

# February 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday February 4	Saturday February 11 257 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Saturday February 18	Saturday February 25
<b>Head Usher</b>	Jen Edwards	Jen Edwards	Jen Edwards	Jen Edwards
<b>Greeter</b>	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black
<b>Lector</b>	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers	Luther Myers
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Janis Hagert Rogers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Judy Bixler Linda Black
<b>Communion</b>	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain

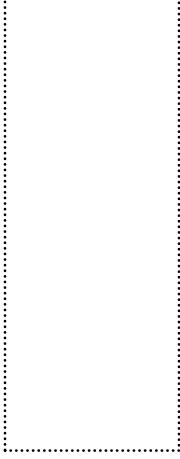
~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday February 5 Presentation of Our Lord	Sunday February 12 257 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Sunday February 19	Sunday, February 26 Transfiguration
<b>Head Usher</b>	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Laurie Miller Steve Miller	Laurie Miller Steve Miller	Laurie Miller Steve Miller	Laurie Miller Steve Miller
<b>Greeters</b>	Scouts	Betty Miller Pam Newton	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Scouts	Russell Jensen	Denise Rickell	Carolyn Hamlet
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Scouts	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wufforst	John Popp Ernest Weiss Barb Yingling Gene Yingling
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Tony Mancuso Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Burnette Jo Fleck Joe Fleck Audrey Shaffer
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt	Jordan Bosnick Willis Kiler	Tanner Eckhardt Austin Gregg
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