



The VISITOR

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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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From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Beginning in May, and continuing into June, I have been reading through the book of Acts with those who have responded to my Bible Challenge. This book is well-named; it is an action-packed telling of the birth and growth of the Christian movement powered and guided by the Holy Spirit. It is a "must read" for anyone interested in growing the church today.

In Acts 6:1-7, our reading for May 17, we see a rapidly growing church going through growing pains. As large numbers of newcomers arrive, overwhelming the existing members, the newcomers begin to complain that their people are being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. When they bring their complaint to the leadership, the apostles correctly perceive that the problem is not food service but leadership. They tell the whole congregation to choose seven good men to oversee the situation, and the congregation elects seven of the newcomers who become the first deacons, and church leaders in their own right – including Stephen, a powerful witness to Jesus, who becomes the first martyr to the faith. With the expanded leadership in place, "the number of the disciples increased greatly." (Acts 6:7)

Most churches in our day are not facing the problem of what to do with all the new members who are pouring in, but the problem of how to move the church from decline to growth. Although the question is different, the answer may well be the same. The key to growing the church and sustaining growth is not just bringing in more members, but expanding the leadership core to include new voices, new perspectives, new energy. As we grow our leadership, we will grow in membership by the power of the Holy Spirit working through all our leaders.



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If you are feeling the stirring of the Spirit to become more involved in what God is doing at Immanuel, I would love to hear from you! Whether you were born and raised here or have just started here, God has brought you to Immanuel for a reason. I would be honored to help you discover your place in God's plan.

Yours in the Love of Christ,

~Pastor Charlie

OFFICE NOTES

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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.

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 15th of the month prior.

MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

Rev. Wal Reat is our ELCA Global Missionary sponsor. He serves in South Sudan among the refugees in several refugee camps along the border between South Sudan and Ethiopia. **Please keep Rev. Wal in your prayers.**



More than 7 million people in South Sudan need humanitarian assistance. Your donations to our missionary sponsorship make a difference in this hour of great need! #SouthSudanNow

SHOPPING AT AMAZON.COM

Help Immanuel by linking your Amazon account to our Church. We receive 0.5% proceeds from your purchases. Start with this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0729004> then after confirming Immanuel as the Charitable Organization to receive the proceeds, you will then be directed to the 'regular' Amazon webpage.

PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS

If you fill your prescriptions at Carroll Drugs in Manchester, they donate a dollar to the charity of your choice.

Select Immanuel Church!

We used these Carroll Drug donations to help fill the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. It sure made a difference! Thank you!



BIBLE STUDY and PRAYER GROUPS

COMING IN JUNE: ADULT VBS BIBLE STUDY

We are doing something different this year to prepare for our **Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School**. Pastor Charlie will lead a study of the Bible stories and themes for this year's VBS for teachers, staff, parents and all who are interested in learning more about God. Groups will meet **Wednesdays June 7–July 5 at 11am and at 7pm** in the Oak Tree Room.

June 7: God made you. (The Creation)

June 14: God is for you. (Rahab and the Fall of Jericho)

June 21: God is always with you. (The story of Gideon)

June 28: God will always love you. (Jesus' Death and Resurrection)

July 5: God made you for a reason. (David and Abigail)



Please register in advance for the morning or evening group by calling the church office or emailing the pastor at pastorc@ielcmd.org. If you are only able to come for one or more sessions, it's still worth coming. Register and let us know which dates you will be absent. Thank you!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will continue in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, exploring the one or more of the scripture readings for that day, usually the Gospel reading.

BIBLE CHALLENGE

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BIBLE CHALLENGE FOR JUNE **THE BOOK OF ACTS**

In June we continue reading through this powerful story of the growth of the early church. The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email him at pastorc@ielcmd.org if you would like to join this group, or if you are not on Facebook and would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there each day.

June 1 Acts 12:1-17

June 2 Acts 12:18-25

June 3 Acts 13:1-12

June 4 Acts 13:13-25

June 5 Acts 13:26-43

June 6 Acts 13:44-52

June 7 Acts 14:1-7

June 8 Acts 14:8-20

June 9 Acts 14:21-28

June 10 Acts 15:1-11

June 11 Acts 15:12-21

June 12 Acts 15:22-35

June 13 Acts 15:36-41

June 14 Acts 16:1-15

June 15 Acts 16:16-34

June 16 Acts 16:35-40

June 17 Acts 17:1-15

June 18 Acts 17:16-34

June 19 Acts 18:1-11

June 20 Acts 18:12-23

June 21 Acts 18:24-28

June 22 Acts 19:1-10

June 23 Acts 19:11-22

June 24 Acts 19:23-41

June 25 Acts 20:1-12

June 26 Acts 20:13-24

June 27 Acts 20:25-38

June 28 Acts 21:1-14

June 29 Acts 21:15-26

June 30 Acts 21:27-40

REFORMATION 500

We will gather as a Conference in celebration of the Reformation 500th at Big Baker Chapel on the campus of McDaniel College on Sunday, **October 29 at 3:30pm.** Our hope is that we would fill the chapel with 500 people for this significant anniversary.

The preacher will be The Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg of Gettysburg Seminary. Music will be coordinated by Ted Dix, organist/choirmaster at Grace Lutheran Church, assisted by Dr. Margaret Boudreaux, professor of music at McDaniel College and director of the Masterworks Chorale. The Masterworks Chorale and the College Choir will provide special music and they along with a joint choir of our conference churches' choirs will support the singing during the service. (All choirs are invited to participate! Dr. Boudreaux and Mr. Dix will be in touch with choir directors over the summer about music. A rehearsal with musicians will occur at 2pm that Sunday, the 29th.)

We will offer a Children's Sermon by Pastor Kristin Dubsky of St. John's Lutheran Church and Pastor Andy Carr of St. Mark's Hampstead.

Additionally, there will be congregational banners created by conference churches youth with the theme – "What do you think the Lutheran church can bring to our world today?" All youth groups are invited to make their own and appoint a banner bearer.

All rostered ministers are invited to process. Communion will be celebrated and distributed by intinction. An offering collected during the service for Carroll Lutheran School.

Additionally, opportunity to dine at local eateries after the service will be given to attendees so that a portion of their dinner tab will be given to The Shepherd's Staff and NESAP and Caring & Sharing of Northwest Carroll. The list of the eateries will be published in the service bulletin.

We are working on two additional opportunities to celebrate this momentous occasion and will hopefully occur in 2018 as we provide a Reformation for Families event and an Ecumenical Celebration with our Catholic neighbors.

In Christ, the Reformation 500 Planning Team:

Michael Adams, Andy Carr, Martha Clementson,
Cris Frigm, and David Schafer



DEATHS

Patricia Ann Diserod
April 9, 1930 – May 3, 2017

THANKS

Thank you for the kindness shown to our family
during the recent loss of my brother, John Shifflett
~Kenny & Rhonda Kiler, and the The Shifflett Family

The family of Patricia Diserod [Pat] would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Immanuel's congregation and staff for their prayers, calls, visits and assistance during Pat's illness and passing.

Particularly appreciated were Pastor Charlie's visits and administering of communion which gave Pat so much comfort; and Brenda Wulforst's upbeat weekly visits which helped Pat through many dark times.

Also, thank you to the ladies of the church who provided the delicious luncheon following the funeral service and to each member of the congregation who helped Pat make Immanuel her home congregation. God bless each and all of you.

Donation designated to the Kitchen Fund received
in memory of Pat Diserod by Doris Dell

PROPERTY

Chair: Brian Kremen, 443-286-5688, bkremen@gmail.com
Members: Frank Burnette, John Gregg, Tim Rill

Have you noticed? The flower beds have been mulched at Immanuel for the coming spring and summer months.

A big thank you goes to Steve Burris for preparing all of the flower beds, ordering the mulch and organizing a group of Immanuel members and scouts to spread the mulch on Saturday, May 20.

Additional mulch is being ordered to complete this project under the Oak Tree. Thank you to everyone who gave their time on Saturday morning.

Also, thank you to Carolyn Phillips, Ketti McCarty and their little helper, Jake McCarty for donating the plants and planting the flower beds in front of Immanuel. They are beautiful and appreciated.

FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

Members: Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753;

Linda Gregg; Matthew Rooney; Jamie Rooney

Thank you for the donations to support Immanuel's softball team! This helps pay the umpire fees for our games. Come out and cheer us on! We play on Thursday evenings in Westminster. The schedule is posted on the bulletin board, online, and in newsletter. Any questions, talk with the Team Manager, Brian Yingling or anyone on the team.

Fellowship Committee thanks everyone who participated in any way contributing to the success of Immanuel's Spring Tea!

Laundry baskets were filled with cleaning supplies because of your generosity. They will be donated to Tree of Friends and NESAP to help local families. Thank you!



COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Fellowship committee is planning a yard sale in September, partnering with Trinity UCC! We are currently accepting donations, storing the items in the back room of the church downstairs.

If you have items, please contact Rhonda Kiler 443-340-2357 or Brenda Wulforst 443-507-6753. We are happy to pick up or you can deliver to Immanuel during regular office hours Monday-Friday. If you have questionable items, give us a call and we can talk.

STEWARDSHIP

The 10-10-80 Approach to Money Management

Stewardship is about so much more than how we use our money! It is about how we use all the blessings we receive from God so that we can be a blessing to others: our time and energy, our gifts and abilities and life experiences, the precious gift of forgiveness and new life in Christ, and more. Along with all these things, stewardship is about money. And not just about how much money we put in the offering plate (or give online) each week. Stewardship is about how faithfully and effectively we manage all our financial resources.

One helpful and very simple way of looking at faithful money management is the 10-10-80 approach.

First, we **give 10%** of our income (called a tithe) to support God's work in the world through our church and perhaps through other organizations doing God's work.

Second, we **save 10%** of our income. This money is carefully invested so that it can grow to be drawn from in emergencies and be used for special giving opportunities above and beyond our tithe. If we start saving early in life, continue faithfully and invest wisely, we can create a substantial pool of accumulated wealth with which to care for ourselves and our families and to serve God.

Third, we **spend 80%** of our income to provide for our basic needs. This is a real challenge in a time when our consumer society teaches us to spend 100% or even more, on things that advertisers tell us we need.

If you're already following this approach, great! If not, try **shifting 1-2%** of your income at a time from spending to giving and saving, and see the difference it makes. And if you are raising children, find ways to teach them this basic principle of good stewardship, too.

May God bless you so that you can be a blessing to others!

MISSIONS

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Monthly Mission for June is Gettysburg Seminary.

The mission of theological education continues before us, the challenges and opportunities are great, and the needs grow. Please help us make known the vital work that the seminary does in preparing future leaders for the Church.

Please lift up the Seminary in your prayers, help to identify gifted leaders and invite them to consider God's call to rostered ministry, and continue to include the Seminary in your mission and charitable giving.

What we do in ministry makes a difference in the faith and life of the people of God. Please join in chorus with us through your support on Immanuel's Mission Weekend June 3/4.

FAITH HEALTH NETWORK

Did you know... *1 out of every 15 people will be in the hospital this year.

*Most people who end up in the hospital did not plan to be there.

It can happen to anyone.

*As many as 1 out of 5 people go back into the hospital within one month—missing even more time away from family, work, and life.

If you are ever in the hospital, there are things we can do to help keep you from going right back.

The Maryland Faith Health Network is a group of volunteers from your congregation that works with you and LifeBridge Health System to help you stay healthy after you leave the hospital. *It is FREE and confidential.*

How Does It Work? It's as easy as 1-2-3!

* Sign up today using the form available at the church office or in the back of the sanctuary. You receive a Network card to keep with you.

* If you ever stay overnight in a LifeBridge Health hospital, tell them you are a part of the Maryland Faith Health Network or show them your card.

* Volunteers from your congregation will check on you. When you go home, they will stay in touch and help you and your family.

Please sign up this week so the next time you are hospitalized we can help you get well and stay well! ~Judy Bixler, Immanuel Liaison

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jen Edwards, 443-883-6138, jen@iostreaminfo.com, Jeanne Swain, Angie Eckhardt, Pete Wulforst, Jen Robinson, Sandy Voight, Brenda Wulforst

A huge thank you to our Sunday School team for another great year:

Jeanne Swain, Jen Robinson, Brenda Wulforst, Pete Wulforst, Angie Eckhardt, Rick Puller, Jess Puller, Jen Edwards and Sandy Voight – thank you for the time, dedication, patience and love each week!

Thank you to Pastor Charlie for all his support and assistance as well!



We are working to finalize plans for this year's VBS. Our theme this year is "Maker Fun Factory", which has some great hands on activities to help us realize we were "Created by God, Built for a Purpose"!

Please mark your calendars for July 9th – 13th. The kick off event on Sunday starts at 4:30pm. Then the rest of the week, Monday through Thursday, we serve dinner at 5:30pm. VBS activities are from 6 to 8pm each night with a presentation on Thursday evening to celebrate our week and share all we have learned. Invite your family and friends to the Thursday evening finale!

As always, VBS wouldn't work without your support. If you would like to volunteer or sign up for donation items, please see the sheets in the rear of the sanctuary or see Jen Edwards for more information. Registration form is included in this Visitor and they are also available online.



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Circle Preferred T-Shirt Size: YS YM YL YXL

AS AM AL AXL

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

Chair: Matthew Rooney, 570-947-4875

Administrative Team: Doris Dell, Jo Fleck, Jeanne Swain

On behalf of the KIT ministry, thanks to every volunteer who made a visit or reached out to a member of Immanuel.

During the month of April, 5 visits were made along with 1 telephone conversation. The KIT volunteers brought conversation, church bulletins, and prayer to those they visited. The Administrative team works with Pastor Charlie and the Steven Ministers to address any further needs for those the KIT volunteers visit each month.

We are still looking for eager volunteers to go out in pairs to visit designated members of Immanuel. The group will reach out to those in our congregation who are unable, or frequently unable to attend worship, or participate in church events and activities.

If you would like to find out more about this ministry, please contact anyone on the administrative team.

We hope you consider joining the Keeping In Touch Ministry!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028;
Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753, Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215



TOFF/NESAP is in need of Mac & Cheese/Ramen Noodles for the month of June. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations.

Feminine Product Drive

Social Ministry is holding a feminine product drive in the month of June. Underprivileged women and girls often have difficulty obtaining the products necessary for menstruation. There will be a basket in the narthex to collect items for donation to the Women's & Children Shelter in Westminster. The shelter is run by the Human Service Programs of Carroll County.

Please consider donating tampons, panty liners, maxi pads, baby/sanitary wipes, ladies undergarments, and/or adult diapers.

2016 COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753
Vice President: John Gregg, 410-599-3091
Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Church council met on Tuesday, May 8, 2017 in the Martin Luther Room.
NEW BUSINESS No new business was presented.

OLD BUSINESS

-The LEAD team will be facilitated by Christine Crouch. Church council approved forming this team of congregants to move our church forward in the next several years.

-Immanuel's softball team is growing and having fun. Many members have supported their efforts by making donations to help pay for expenses. If necessary, a bake sale will be planned to help sponsor.

-A Boscov's fund raiser will be handled through Christian Education.

-Pastor Charlie will attend the Synod assembly in Ocean City, MD.

-A shredding event will be coordinated with the joint yard sale.

-The church pictorial directory is complete to the best of our ability. It will be printed in house.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leaders: Bob Nicoll, Connie Dattilio

Members: Evonne Brillhart, Christine Crouch, Carol Nicoll, Audrey Shaffer

Being a Stephen Minister is more than just listening to a care receiver's problems. As Stephen Ministers it is our privilege to share loving care to fellow Christians. Sharing a blessing or giving encouragement to a care receiver are very rewarding experiences.

Our problems become more complex as we lose friends, loved ones and our own independence. As Christians we need to care for each other.

Pastoral visits are an important part of the care of our congregation. Working with a Stephen Minister does not change your relationship with Pastor Charlie or with the congregation of Immanuel Church.

We ask for your prayers for our ministry. Contact Connie Dattilio if you are in need of or want to become a Stephen Minister.



The Stephen Ministers are collecting items needed by Family & Children Services and West End Adult Day Care of Westminster, MD.

These items will be collected between
June 1 and June 16.

Place donations on the table in Narthex by the Oak Tree Room.

If you have any questions please contact -
Bob Nicoll or Connie Dattilio.

Suggested Items are listed here:

Anti Acid Tablets (over the counter)

Cold Medicine (Adult and Children)

Laundry Baskets

Dryer Sheets

Laundry Detergent

Liquid Soap for Hand Wash Only Items

Dish Detergent and Dishwasher Detergent

Cleaning Supplies and Disinfectant Wipes

Paper Products-

Towels, Napkins, Tissues and Toilet Paper

Plastic Food Storage Containers

Drinking Glasses with Lids

Soap and Face Wash

Wash Cloths

Feminine Hygiene Products

Children Shampoo (No Tears Brand)

Adult Shampoo and Conditioner

Hair Spray and Hair Gel

Mattress Covers/Pads for Single Long Dorm Style

Sheet Sets-College Long Dorm Style

Winter Hats, Gloves and Scarves (Children/Women)

Small Yard and Garden Ornaments

Sun Glasses

Coloring Books and Crossword Puzzle Books

Crayons and Markers

Any Type of Bingo Prize

June 2017

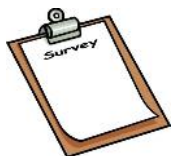
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Missions-Special Offering Pentecost Weekend 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Baby Sunday School 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:30am Adult Bible Study	4 8pm Al-Anon 8pm AA	5 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg	6 11am VBS Study 7pm VBS Bible Study 7:15pm AA	7 9pm Chimes Practice 7pm Choir Practice 8:30pm Immanuel Softball Rachel Vacation Day	8 Pastor on Retreat (Day) 8pm Chime Practice 6:30 Immanuel Softball 7pm Choir Practice DE/MD Synod Assembly	9 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon DE/MD Synod Assembly
Holy Trinity Weekend Chimes Playing during Svs 9am Worship / Comm 10:30am Adult Bible Study	11 8pm Al-Anon 8pm AA	12 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg 7pm Council Meeting	13 11am VBS Study 7pm VBS Bible Study 7:15pm AA	14 6:30pm Immanuel Softball 7pm Choir Practice	15 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	16 Holy Trinity Weekend 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
Fathers Day Weekend 9am Worship / Comm 10:30am Adult Bible Study	18 9am Work Day 8pm Al-Anon 8pm AA	19 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg	20 11am VBS Study 11am Stephen Ministry- CLV 7pm VBS Study 7:15pm AA	21 6:30 Immanuel Softball 7pm Choir Practice	22 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	23 Baptism 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
9am Worship / Comm 10:30am Adult Bible Study	25 8pm Al-Anon 8pm AA	26 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg	27 11am VBS Study 7pm VBS Bible Study 7:15pm AA	28 7pm Choir Practice 8:30pm Immanuel Softball	29 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	30 Fathers Day Weekend 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Bob Nicoll

Members: Christine Crouch, Rodgers Hagert, Sandy Voight,
Jamie Rooney, Brooks Hoffman, Pastor Charlie, Doris Dell

In order to carry out its purpose more fully, the Mutual Ministry committee decided to formulate and conduct a survey of the congregation to get a sense of the state of the congregation, and to surface "important issues, joys and concerns" regarding the pastor and our congregation for discussion and follow-up.



The last survey activity at Immanuel was initiated by the Schennings in 2005, and repeated again in 2009.

This survey was developed by the Hartford Institute for Religion Research in Connecticut (www.hartfordinstitute.org). They are an experienced and respected organization in this field. We have gone through several editing iterations to make the instrument more relevant to our particular needs and interests.

Each member of our church household over the age of 15 will be asked to complete the survey. We are encouraging all who have Internet access to complete this survey online for convenience.

(<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/immanuellutheranccmd>)

For those without Internet access, or for those preferring a paper survey, members can complete it and return it to the church. Our team will enter the results online. This survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous!

We will be launching this activity in early June when the survey is published. We will be providing more information and reminders at church and in our bulletins over the coming weeks.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Susan Burnette, 410-357-9466, sb31220@gmail.com, Chairman

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

Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215, Children's Choir Coordinator

SAVE THESE DATES

June 1-3 DEL-MD Synod Assembly Convention, Ocean City, MD

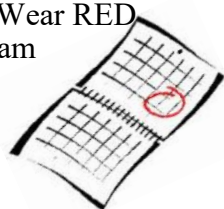
June 3-4 Pentecost Weekend Services at 5pm and 9am ~ Wear RED

June 10-11 Holy Trinity Weekend Services at 5pm and 9am

June 17-18 Father's Day Weekend

Sunday, July 2 Red, White and Blue Sunday

Luther Men Special Music



JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Sundays

Wendy Maloney

Sandy Voight

JUNE HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm

Brenda Wulforst

Sundays at 9am

Jamie Rooney

JUNE LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Use the lectionary readings for your daily Bible Study during June.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
May 29~June 4 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34,35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23 John 7:37-39
June 5~11 The Holy Trinity	Genesis 1:1~2:4a	Psalms 8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 12~18	Exodus 19:2-8a	Psalms 100	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35 ~ 10:8
June 19~25	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Psalms 69:7-10,16-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
June 26~July 2 Red, White & Blue Sunday	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Psalms 89:1-4,15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

For those members of the congregation who are gluten intolerant, your weekly communion offers wafers that are gluten-free, rather than pita bread, as your communion host. Please express your wishes to Pastor Charlie as he approaches you at the communion rail. A worship assistant will present a ciborium chalice of gluten-free wafers to you for communion. Wine and grape juice are always available.

ALTAR FLOWERS and LESSONS & PRAYERS

The Flower Sponsorship Calendar is posted in the office hallway. We suggest that you share the cost of a sponsorship with a family member or a friend. Place your completed sponsorship form with payment in the Music & Worship basket on the lamp table in the church office by Wednesday noon of the week prior to your reserved date for correct printing in the weekend bulletin.



Prices: \$50 Both Altar Vases
 \$25 One vase only
 \$30 Center Arrangement
 \$20 Lessons & Prayers

APRIL 2017 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Weekend Dates	Sat + Sun Attendance	Remarks
April 1-2	21+91 =112	Lent 5
April 8-9	30+116 =146	Passion Sat-Palm Sun
April 13	43	Maundy Thursday
April 14	73	Good Friday
Easter, April 15-16	50+53+125 =228	Sat Vigil, Sunrise, Resurrection
April 22-23	22+89 =111	Easter 2
April 29-30	19+88 =102	Easter 3
APRIL TOTALS	815 <u>vs</u> 699	All services <u>vs</u> Wkends only
APRIL AVERAGE	127	5 weekends

APRIL ATTENDANCE IN REVIEW

Year	Monthly Attendance	Monthly Average
2013	584	146 (4 wkends)
2014	804	201 (4 wkends)
2015	608	152 (4 wkends)
2016	458	115 (4 wkends)
2017	*815*/699	127 (5 wkends)

** Holy Week/Easter + weekends

PENTECOST WEEKEND

At the weekend services on **June 3-4**, Immanuel will celebrate the **Festival of Pentecost**. This festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In John's gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In this one spirit, we are baptized into one body and at the Lord's table, the Spirit unites us for witness in the world. Pentecost is sometimes called the Church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its Baptism Day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. The color for Pentecost is RED. We encourage you to wear something **RED**.



THE HOLY TRINITY

Holy Trinity will be celebrated on Sunday, June 11th. Though the word, *trinity*, is not found in the scriptures, Sunday's second reading (2 Corinthians 13: 11-3) includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: "*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all*". Jesus send his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. On June 11th, we will celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith. (Sundays & Seasons, 2017)

DAD and ME TRIBUTE

Father's Day is Sunday, June 18th. This tradition, which began around 1907, honors the contributions that our fathers and other 'father figures' have made in our lives and those of our children! Honor him with a donation of a photo during a special activity in your life. Your photos will be displayed on our '**DAD and ME**' Tribute to ALL DADS during June. Leave your donations in an envelope addressed: Dad & Me pictures and place in the basket on the lamp table in the church office by Sunday, June 11th. *** During the weekend services of June 17-18, Music and Worship will present a long-stem red carnation to every gentleman.



RED, WHITE and BLUE SUNDAY

Join us for the *Fourth of July* with a **Red, White and Blue Sunday on July 2nd** at the 9am service. Our favorite patriotic hymns will be sung and the Luther Men will provide another of their special medleys for the occasion. Everyone is being asked to wear something red, white or blue!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!



Let us know if you want to be included in the birthday/anniversary lists!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

David Mace
 Pearl Moffitt
 Tim Wenzel
 Sharon Martin
 Tanner Eckhardt
 Paula Leonard
 Nick Donhauser
 Caroline Grady
 Virginia Barron
 Nancy Little
 Megan Rickell

Ethel Hunt
 Lacey-Leigh Headley
 Brian Kremen
 Brian Miller
 Gulia Vandergucht
 Carolyn Kittelberger
 Steve Mace
 Willis Kiler
 Charlotte Lopata
 Lilly Lopata
 Kelley Day

George Rohrback
 Jeanne Swain
 Thelma Blizzard
 Charles Frase
 Luke Robinson
 Delores Whitehead
 Brenda Wulforst
 Dawn Burris
 Angie Eckhardt
 Linda Schmidt
 Bart Walder

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Brooks and Christina Hoffman June 2, 2013
 Paul and Connie Dattilio June 6
 Ken and Rhonda Kiler June 25

June 2017 Worship Assistants

5pm Saturday
 Services

	Saturday June 3 <small>Vigil of Pentecost</small>	Saturday June 10	Saturday June 17	Saturday June 24
Head Usher	Brenda Wulforst	Brenda Wulforst	Brenda Wulforst	Brenda Wulforst
Greeter	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Mary Ayers	Barb Davidson
Lector	Luther Myers	Linda Black	Fred Ayers	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Jeanne Swain Brenda Wulforst	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
Communion	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain
Supply Pastor	Laura Russell, seminarian	-----	-----	-----

9am Sunday
 Services

	Sunday June 4 <small>Day of Pentecost</small>	Sunday June 11 <small>The Holy Trinity</small>	Sunday June 18 <small>Father's Day</small>	Sunday June 25
Head Usher	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney
Altar Guild	Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight
Greeters	Betty Miller John Popp	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller	Frank Burnette Steve Burris
Lector	Lindsay Lopata	Joe Fleck	Carolyn Hamlet	Bob Nicoll
Offering Ushers	Jennifer Edwards Jeremy Edwards Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Barbara Guthrie Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray	Brian Kremen Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Gene Yingling
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Audrey Shaffer Barb Yingling	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Andy Kiler Wendy Maloney	Susan Burnette Debbie Hebrank Denise Rickell Sandy Voight	Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips Bart Walder
Acolytes ~ Torchbearers	Jayden Bosnick Jordan Bosnick	Dylan Andrews Willis Kiler	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Crucifer	Bart Walder	Pete Wulforst	-----	-----
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll	Denise Rickell	Connie Dattilio	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Gene Yingling	Frank Burnette	Joe Fleck	Ernest Weiss

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS and SUMMER VACATIONS

Summer vacations are approaching and many members of the congregation are regular worship assistants during church services. For everyone's convenience, these monthly worship schedules are published in **The Visitor** for the current month along with a sneak preview for the next month ahead. During the months of June, July and August, many families take a summer vacation away from Manchester. If you are a faithful worship assistant, PLEASE contact Susan Burnette, as soon as possible, if you know you will be away during your regular assistant weekend. Adequate adjustments can be made in your absence. Please refer to the June and July Worship Assistants' Schedules listed :

July 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday July 1	Saturday July 8	Saturday July 15	Saturday July 22	Saturday July 29
Head Usher	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling
Greeter	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Jeanne Swain	Barb Davidson	Janis Hagert
Lector	Luther Myers	Fred Ayers	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Linda Black Jeanne Swain	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert
Communion	Judy Bixler	Fred Ayers	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Amanda Yingling
Supply Pastor				Ps. Marie Bunt	

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

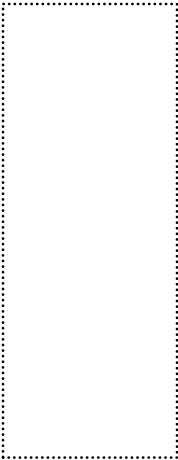
	Sunday July 2 <small>Red, White, Blue</small>	Sunday July 9	Sunday July 16	Sunday July 23	Sunday July 30
Head Usher	Rhonda Kiler	Rhonda Kiler	Rhonda Kiler	Rhonda Kiler	Rhonda Kiler
Altar Guild	Dawn Burris Steve Burris	Dawn Burris Steve Burris	Dawn Burris Steve Burris	Dawn Burris Steve Burris	Dawn Burris Steve Burris
Greeters	Betty Miller Carolyn Kittelberger	John Gregg Linda Gregg	John Popp Bart Walder	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Jeremy Edwards	Denise Rickell	Andy Kiler	Carol Nicoll	Jordan Bosnick
Offering Ushers	Jennifer Edwards Barbara Guthrie Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Launie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Audrey Shaffer Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss	Frank Burnette Wendy Maloney John Popp Todd Robinson
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Rhonda Kiler	Susan Burnette Audrey Shaffer Sandy Voight Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Debbie Hebrank Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Burnette Jo Fleck Joe Fleck Denise Rickell	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Audrey Shaffer Sandy Voight
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Supply Pastor				Ps. Marie Bunt	

NOTE: The Worship Assistant Schedules are subject to change during any weekend service. Reminder emails and/or phone calls are sent each week. Should you be unable to fulfill your responsibility, please contact Susan Burnette at sb31220@gmail.com or 410-357-9466. Thank you.

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