

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

January 1, 2017

NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:30 a.m.

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** Those who are able are invited to stand.
All hymns are from the Chalice Hymnal (red)*

Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude "Brightest & Best of the Stars" arr. Wold

*Bells and Chimes

*Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 8)

One: Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God,

All: We come to worship one, holy God.

One: O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

All: Your majesty is the music of the starry skies.

Yet even children of dust can sing your praises.

One: In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler,
Let your gratitude and joy be made known.

All: O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

***Hymn of Praise** "As with Gladness" #173

*Opening Prayer (for the New Year)

**Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.
We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears,
new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses.
Because you are a God of hope,
we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.
Because you are a God of love,
we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past.
Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving
and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise,
and we serve and bless you. Amen.**

Ushers this morning:

Bonnie & Bud Heenan
Barb Bloomfield
Robert McGrath

Sanctuary Door Greeter this morning:

Judy Thompson

Front Door Evangelism Greeter this morning:

Teddy Branom

Lay Reader this morning:

George Hildebrand



OFFERING LAST WEEK:

Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 9,195.00
Loose Offerings	<u>67.39</u>
Sub Total	\$ 9,262.39

Other Receipts

Christmas Offerings	2,415.00
Advent/White Offerings	450.00
Viehmann Memorial Fund	6,000.00
Building & Capital Improvement	10.00
Mary Thompson Fund	1,000.00
Veterans of the Cross Fund	175.00
Coffee Hour	<u>6.00</u>

SUB-TOTAL **\$ 10,056.00**

TOTAL **\$ 19,318.39**

~ *Announcements* ~

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 2.

THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING is next Sunday, January 8, following the single service at 9:30 a.m.

IMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP'S Bible Study and Luncheon is Thursday, January 5. Bring your own lunch, refreshments and desserts will be provided. Bible study is at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel and lunch at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

“PAJAMA DAY” FOR OUR CHILDREN IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 at 9:30 a.m. service. All children are invited to come to church in their PJ's and will stay in the Educational Building during the congregation meeting.

ADVENTURE SEEKERS PLANNING MEETING is Monday, January 9, at 11:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. Bring a brown bag lunch and your ideas. Refreshments and dessert will be provided.

A YOUTH RALLY IS PLANNED for all youth in grades 7-12 at St. Peter's UCC in Ferguson on Sunday, January 15 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Several churches in the North County area have been invited to participate and Pastor Courtney is helping to lead the event. We will have games, snacks, a discussion and a special project! We will discuss diversity and relating to others with an emphasis on the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Please see Pastor Courtney for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Sunday, January 22 for Immanuel's Chili Lunch and Game Party. Everyone is invited. Come over to the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES are still available for pickup. Help us save on postage.

THERE ARE LOTS OF DATES OPEN for Flowers for the Altar. Please call the Church Office if you would like to have flowers in memory of someone or in honor of someone.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 FOR “FEBRUARY FOLLIES”.
Get your act together! More news will be coming soon!

Reading of Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Confession: A New Beginning

One: For all the things we have done wrong in the past against God and against people, we now ask God and one another to forgive us. Jesus Christ, yours are the seasons and the ages. Give us a new heart and a new spirit: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: Jesus Christ, you are the beginning and the end of all that is, including our lives. Make a new beginning with all of us: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: Jesus Christ, you breathe your Spirit on all creation. Make our old world new again: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: Have mercy on us, Jesus, and let your forgiveness and love come down on us day after day. Lead us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Reading of Revelation 21:1-6a

Reading of Matthew 25:31-46

Hymn of Preparation

“O Thou Joyful”

#169

Sermon

“Keeping our Feet on the Ground (and our Heads in the Clouds)”

Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

A Prayer for the New Year

Prayer of our Savior (*using “debts” and “debtors”*)

Prayer Response

Offering Invitation

Offertory *“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”* arr. Held

***Doxology** *“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Holy Communion See Insert

***Hymn of Parting** *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”* #167

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”* Folk Song



CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE			
<u>Worship</u>			
<u>Christmas Eve</u>	1:30 p.m.	100	<u>Christmas Day</u>
	8:00 p.m.	98	9:30 a.m.
	10:30 p.m.	<u>95</u>	
		293	Grand Total: 348

MINISTERS

The People of Immanuel Church
MINISTERS TO THE MINISTERS

Dr. Jimmy Watson
Senior Pastor

Carolyn Rock
Interim Minister of Music

God is Still Speaking

Linda Stoecklin, R.N.
Faith Community Nurse

Rev. Courtney Chandler
Minister of Christian Education



Happy New Year!



**** CALENDAR ****

IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

- Today:** 9:30 a.m. Worship - Holy Communion - New Year’s Day
- Monday:** **Office Closed**
- Tuesday:** 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting - Library
- Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Room 100
10:00 a.m. Prayer & Share - Room 202
6:00 p.m. Jazzercise - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Crescendo Ringers - Music Room
- Thursday:** 10:30 a.m. Immanuel Fellowship Bible Study - Chapel
11:45 a.m. Immanuel Fellowship Lunch - Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Reception Room
- Friday:** 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100
- Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. Jazzercise - Fellowship Hall
- Next Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - Pajama Day for Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Budget Meeting
10:30 a.m. Puppet Rehearsal
Un-decorate Church after Budget Meeting



WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out the attendance pads that are located in the pew. If you are a visitor, please let us know you were here and provide us with any information you feel comfortable sharing with us.

PRAYER CARDS IN THE PEW. If you have a prayer request please fill out the Prayer Card in the pew and give to the ushers during the first hymn.