

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

August 27, 2017 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 & 10:00a.m.
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Those who are able are invited to stand.

The hymns today are in the Family of God Hymnal (blue).

Gathering Music

Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude "Morning Has Broken" Trad./Smith
 Carol Aszman & Rose Nester

*Bells and Chimes *(You are invited to stand)*

*Call to Worship *(inspired by Exodus 1:8-2:20)*

One: Holy One, our contractions are minutes apart.

All: You stretch out your hand; you deliver.

One: You coach us through pain as the pangs of birth make way for something new.

All: You stretch out your hand; you deliver.

One: "Push!" you say as your new creation appears.

All: You stretch out your hand; you deliver.

One: Holy One, fulfill this purpose in us. Labor with our hands to create new life.

All: You stretch out your hand; you deliver.

*Hymn of Praise "The Church's One Foundation" #547

*Opening Prayer

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Children's Moment 10:00 a.m. Dr. Jimmy Watson

Special Music "Come Humble Sinner" Trad./Smith
 Carol Aszman & Rose Nester
(The children may now leave for Sunday School)

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Readers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Belinda Lanfer

10:00 a.m.
 Fran Panagos

Ushers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Leah Richmond
 Teddy Branom
 Carlos Trejo
 Sarah Henson

10:00 a.m.
 Don Morice
 Kristin & Kim Haynes
 Carrie & Jeff Seeley
 Cindy Thies

Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Charlene Trachte

10:00 a.m.
 Mary Ellen Dominick & Janet Viehmann

Outside Welcomers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Sue & Melinda Schuster

10:00 a.m.
 Cassie Weber

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 2,771.50
Loose Offerings	5.00
Memorials	80.00
Sub Total	\$ 2,856.50

Other Receipts

Good Samaritan Donations	35.00
Glenn Fox Memorial Scholarship Fund	50.00
Parish Nurse Fund	50.00
Lydia's House	20.00
Adventure Seekers	419.00
Reception Room Restroom Renovation Fund	700.00
Food Pantry	10.00
Coffee Hour	24.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,308.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,164.50

~ *Announcements* ~

ATTENTION IMMANUEL YOUTH! - Today, youth in grades 7-12 are invited to go play Demolition Ball at Adrenaline Zone in St. Charles. We will have lunch in the youth room immediately after the 10:00 a.m. service and then head out. Cost is \$12/person. You must be at least 12 years old and 54” tall. See Pastor Courtney for more details.

ROOM AT THE INN - AUGUST 31 - Immanuel will host Room at the Inn on Thursday, August 31. We’re going to serve Lynn Winterberg’s delicious chicken and dumplings for dinner that night. (Thank you, Lynn!) We’ll need salads, fruit, desserts and drinks to go with the entrée. We’ll also need breakfast items for Friday morning. If you can help, please call Melinda Schuster at 314-838-7236. Thanks to everyone who supports this important ministry!

A NEW INFORMAL ACTIVITY is planned each month for the men of Immanuel Church. It will be known as “**Breakfast with Pastor Jimmy.**” The location will be the Corner Coffee House at the corner of Florissant Road and Darst Road in Ferguson. The time will be 8:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month beginning on September 12. No reservations are required. Just show up for coffee and/or breakfast and join in the fellowship and conversation. Pastor Jimmy will respond to any questions that are on your mind.

ZION UCC IN FLORISSANT is having a Trivia Night on Saturday, Sept. 9. Play starts at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person or \$150 per table of 8. Popcorn and soda will be provided and hotdogs for \$1.00. Any funds raised will go to charities they support i.e. Lydia’s House or Emmaus Houses. There will also be a silent auction for baskets or other donations. Any questions, call Zion office at 314-741-1590.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT COLLECTIONS will begin Sunday, September 10. Please bring your weekly donations to help feed the Ferg/Flor Middle School students on weekends during the school year.

CALLING FOR BASKETS AND BASKET FILLERS! The annual card party will be on October 12 and tickets will go on sale soon. We need baskets and items to fill those baskets brought to church now! Please place your donations on the stage in Fellowship Hall and thank you very much.

THE DECORATING COMMITTEE for Immanuel Fellowship is in need of used Christmas cards. It can be the front only or the whole card. Please give them to Jerry Becker at first service, Nancy Remmert at second service or leave them at the church office.

Reading of Exodus 1:8-2:10

Prayer of Confession (*inspired by Exodus 1:10*)

Parent God, stand on the birthstool with us. The pain is too much to bear. Our world seems so harsh and cruel at times that renewal and rebirth seems impossible. Fears of economic uncertainty confront us all and seem to limit our choices; Fears of immigrants and strangers in our midst seem to require tighter borders; Fears about changing traditions seem to require a reattachment to the old ways. We lament, Parent God, but we fear too much to push through. Let us open ourselves to labor with you. Stand on the birthstool with us. Push us to labor in your love, as we pray in the way of our Savior:

Lord’s Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”)

Words of Assurance

Reading of Romans 12:1-8

Hymn of Preparation

“The Solid Rock”

#92

Reading of Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

“A Precarious Birth”

Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response.

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

*Jesus, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.*

Call for the Offering

Offertory *“Bind Us Together”*

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

***Dedication of the Offering**
**Parent God, with praise and thanks, vigor and sweat, care and hope, we bless
these gifts in your love. In Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

***Hymn of Parting** *“Rock of Ages”* #108

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*

**** CALENDAR ****

IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today: 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Demolition Ball outing for Youth

Monday: 7:00 p.m. Faith Explorations - Room 202

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. **Newsletter Mailing - Library**
10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100
2:00 p.m. “Church Basement Ladies” -Westport Playhouse

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Room 100
10:00 a.m. Prayer & Share - Room 202
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
6:30 p.m. Small handbell ensemble - Music Room
7:00 p.m. Wurstmarkt Planning Meeting - Room 202

Thursday: 5:00 p.m. Room at the Inn
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Reception Room

Friday: 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. ONLY Worship & Holy Communion

FYI - Debbie Bahr will be unavailable the next four weeks beginning Wednesday, August 30. If you have any setup or building needs during that time, please call the church office, 314/521-7324.

MINISTERS
The People of Immanuel Church

MINISTERS TO THE MINISTERS

<p>Dr. Jimmy Watson <i>Senior Pastor</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>God is Still Speaking</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Paul Westcott <i>Minister of Music</i></p>
<p>Rev. Courtney Chandler <i>Minister of Christian Education</i></p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Linda Stoecklin, R.N. <i>Faith Community Nurse</i></p>

* LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE *			
<u>Worship</u>		<u>Sunday School</u>	
8:30 a.m.	38	Students	18
10:00 a.m.	<u>107</u>	Teachers	<u>5</u>
Total	145		23