



~ *Announcements* ~

**TODAY, JANUARY 7, 2018** will be our annual Budget Meeting following worship.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS COMING DOWN** - Following the budget meeting, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Please stay if you can and help. If enough are interested, we will go to the Ferguson Brewhouse for lunch when we are finished!

**PUPPETS RESUME** - Also today, we will resume our puppet ministry. We will meet today and again on January 21 at 11:15 a.m. in the Puppet Room in the Educational Building. We're always looking for new members and assistants. Contact Rev. Courtney if you have any questions or desire to be a part of this group.

**FAITH EXPLORATIONS (MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY)** - Beginning tomorrow night, January 8, we will begin our study of Genesis. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please come and learn more about the first book of the Bible!

**ADVENTURE SEEKER'S** - Come join us on Thursday, January 11 at 11:30 a.m. for a 2018 planning meeting. Bring your lunch and drinks will be provided. Come with some ideas of what and where we can explore "adventure" in the new year. All are welcome!

**YOUTH EVENT** - On Sunday, January 14 our youth will be staying after worship and joining youth from St. Peter's UCC and Zion Lutheran for a time of outreach to our community and a time of fun and fellowship. Be on the lookout for details coming soon!

**IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB** - The January meeting of the Immanuel Book Club will be held on Sunday, January 28 after the second service. We will meet at the home of Joyce Holland, 4 Drummond Dr., Ferguson. Our book this month is *The Girl Who Fell From the Sky*, by Heidi Durrow. Please call Joyce at 314/524-0337 or 314/779-8790 to let her know if you plan to attend. A potluck brunch will be served.

**MINISTERS**

*The People of Immanuel Church*  
**MINISTERS TO THE MINISTERS**

**Dr. Jimmy Watson**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Rev. Courtney Chandler**  
*Minister of Christian Education*

*God is Still Speaking*

**Paul Westcott**  
*Minister of Music*

**Linda Stoecklin, R.N.**  
*Faith Community Nurse*

**\*Gathering Prayer**

**Creating, Calling, and Faithful God, we come to this time and place to be with you, to worship you, and to learn from you. May our time together be like your creation of light in the darkness that you called good. May it be that you would call us good while we respond to your call and as we listen to you. Amen.**

**\*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.*

**Installation of Church Council & Board of Christian Education** (see insert)

**Reading of Genesis 1:1-5**

**Special Music** "Down to the River" McDonald  
Sanctuary Choir

**Reading of Acts 19:1-7**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**O God, we hear your voice and we see the way of Jesus set before us. But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again to live up to our baptismal vows and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world. In repentance we ask you to forgive us. Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.**

**Assurance of God's Call**

**Reading of Mark 1:4-11**

**Hymn of Preparation** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" #249

**Sermon** "Me Too" Dr. Jimmy Watson

**Prayer Concerns**

**Introduction to Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

**Unison Prayer**

**O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received. We thank you that you claim us, that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us, that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling. In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world. Establish us to be places of refreshment. Root us and nurture us in love, that with all your people we may rightly and justly serve you. Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen.**

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

**Prayer Response**                    *“This is a Day of New Beginnings”*                    #518

*This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,  
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that’s gone.*

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**    *“Peace Like a River”*

**\*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**

**Faithful God, bless us in our baptismal calling to be in ministry of showing hospitality to others. We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used not for conquest and dominance, but for use in liberating the poor and hurting people, people who pray for our liberation as well as their own. Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. Amen.**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**    Services of the Church, p. 45

**\*Hymn of Parting**    *“Shall We Gather at the River”*                    #701

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**    *“This Little Light of Mine”*



***FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR***

*In Loving Memory of  
Don & Betty Johnson  
Given by  
Their Family*

**\*\* CALENDAR \*\***

**IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

- Today:** 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Annual Budget Meeting - Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Puppet Rehearsal - Puppet Room  
11:00 a.m. Take down Christmas Decorations
- Monday:** 6:30 p.m. Immanuel Bowling League - Olympic Lanes  
7:00 p.m. Faith Explorations - Room 202
- Tuesday:** NO BREAKFAST W/PASTOR JIMMY THIS MONTH  
10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100  
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting - Room 202
- Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Room 100  
10:00 a.m. Prayer & Share - Room 202  
10:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting - Library  
6:00 p.m. Bon Appetite - Drake’s Restaurant, Ferguson  
7:00 p.m. Crescendo Ringers - Music Room
- Thursday:** 11:30 a.m. Adventure Seekers Planning Meeting - Reception Room  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- Friday:** 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100
- Next Sunday:** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship  
8:30 a.m. Adult SS - Library  
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening - Archive Room  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Singers - Music Room  
11:15 a.m. Youth Event with other churches

**\* LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE \***

<u>Worship</u>		<u>Sunday School</u>		<u>Adult Sunday School</u>
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>13</b>	
		<b>Teachers</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	