

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

Sept. 10, 2017 **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 & 10 a.m.**
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*Those who are able are invited to stand.
 The hymns today are in the Chalice Hymnal (red).*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude "I Come With Joy"

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

*Call to Worship

- One: Praise God!
- All: Sing to God a new song!**
- One: Give thanks to our Maker.
- All: We rejoice in our Sovereign God.**
- One: Let us praise God with music and singing.
- All: Let the faithful sing for joy as we praise God together!**

*Hymn of Praise "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #517

*Gathering Prayer

As we gather here in your name, O Christ, you are already among us. Keep us open to your presence in us and around us that we may grow closer 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.*

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Readers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Krescene Beck

10:00 a.m.
 Carolyn Rock

Ushers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 George Hildebrand
 Barb Johnson
 Marian Pohlmann

10:00 a.m.
 Tim & Julie Guethler
 Greg Conrad
 Joe Henke
 Rose Lockner

Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Marty Schuster

10:00 a.m.
 Carol Pohl & Susan Deuser

Outside Welcomers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
 Merry Geisler

10:00 a.m.
 Ron & Karen Caguin

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 10,315.50
Loose Offerings	13.00
Memorials	25.00
Sub Total	\$ 10,353.50

Other Receipts

Brothers' In Christ Scholarship Fund	30.00
UCC Neighborhood Houses	25.00
Building & Capital Improvement	50.00
Food Pantry	17.00
Coffee Hour	14.00
Sub Total	\$ 136.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,489.50

~ *Announcements* ~

BON APPETITE Restaurant group will meet this coming Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Serra's Pizzeria, 12218 McKelvey Road, Maryland Heights. This is a different location than the one posted in September's newsletter. Mattingly's couldn't accommodate us this month.

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.

ADVENTURE SEEKERS - This Thursday, September 14, the Adventure Seekers will be taking a tour (limited walking and elevator) of "Wings of Hope" at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield, MO. Following the tour, we will be eating lunch at Mimi's Café also in Chesterfield. We **MUST** leave the church parking lot **PROMPTLY AT 9:45 A.M.** Please let Larry Priem, 314/921-0613 or the church office 314/521-7324 know by Tuesday, 9/12, if you plan to attend so the restaurant can plan for us.

TODAY the youth are meeting following worship. We will have lunch, discussion, and prayer before heading to the Missouri History Museum. Hope you will join us!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT COLLECTIONS began today. Please bring your weekly donations to help feed the Ferg/Flor Middle School students on weekends during the school year.

ANNUAL CARD/GAME PARTY - The annual card/game party will be on Thursday, October 12! Tickets go on sale today between services. We still need baskets and items to fill the baskets! Please place your donations on the stage in Fellowship. Hall.

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 12:1-14

Special Music

"Come and Worship"

Drennan

Sanctuary Choir and Ray Barnett, trumpet

Installation of Christian Education Leaders (10:00 a.m. - see insert)

Presentation of Bibles & Blessing of Backpacks (10:00 a.m.) Rev. Courtney Chandler

(The children are invited to go to Sunday School while we sing "Jesus Loves Me")

Reading of Romans 13:8-14

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, too often we take you for granted. When you call us to leave the situations that constrain us, we are too complacent to hear your voice, and too timid to leave what is familiar. Make us ready to go where you lead us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Reading of Matthew 18:15-20

Hymn of Preparation

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

#589

Sermon

"Difficult People"

Dr. Jimmy Watson

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

Prayer Response.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

“Make Us One”

***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**

We dedicate to you, generous God, our lives. Receive these offerings as a sign of our gratitude and commitment. Amen.

***Hymn of Parting**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

#494

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Life That Shall Endless Be”

Westcott

*** LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE ***

Worship

No Sunday School

9:30 a.m. 105

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Only one service - Family Worship

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

To the Honor & Glory of God

Given by:

Ed & Jan Viehmann

FLOWERS ON THE FLOWER STAND

In Honor of

Wanda Young’s Birthday

Given by:

Her Family

**** CALENDAR ****

IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today:

8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening - Archive Room

11:15 a.m. Mission Outreach Meeting - Room 202

11:15 a.m. Youth meet for lunch & then MO History Museum

2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Rev. Tom Higgins

Immanuel UCC, Wright City

Monday:

6:30 p.m. Immanuel Bowling League - Olympic Lanes

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

Tuesday:

8:00 a.m. Breakfast with Pastor Jimmy - Corner Coffee House

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. Staff Meeting - Library

6:00 p.m. Bon Appetite - Serra’s Pizzeria

7:00 p.m. Crescendo Ringers - Music Room

Thursday:

9:45 a.m. Adventure Seekers - Spirit of St. Louis Airport

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Reception Room

Friday:

10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Singers - Music Room

11:15 a.m. Puppet Rehearsal - Puppet Room

MINISTERS

The People of Immanuel Church

MINISTERS TO THE MINISTERS

Dr. Jimmy Watson

Senior Pastor

Paul Westcott

Minister of Music

God is Still Speaking

Rev. Courtney Chandler

Minister of Christian Education

Linda Stoecklin, R.N.

Faith Community Nurse