



~ *Announcements* ~

**THANK YOU TO ALL** for your generosity in our collection for hurricane relief in Texas. FYI - some of the donated items are heading to a sister UCC church in Houston, Texas and the rest are going to “Ferguson Loves Texas”, a collection through the Ferguson Fire Department. There is a great possibility that we might participate in relief efforts in Florida and the south-east we well.

**BON APPETITE HOME GROUP** will meet on Saturday, September 30 at the home of Louise Pennell at 5:00 p.m.. The street address is: 1450 Flamingo Dr., Florissant. The location for the October 12 gathering has been changed and will now meet at the home of Sandy Morello. All are welcome!

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be on Sunday, October 15 following the worship service. There will be **ONLY ONE SERVICE** that Sunday at **9:30 a.m.**

**ADVENTURE SEEKERS** meet on October 19 at 8:30 a.m. for a trip to Fulton, Mo. We will be touring the Winston Churchill Memorial museum. The tour will take about 2 hours. Cost of the museum is \$7.50 (65+) and \$8.50 for adults. Following the tour we will have lunch at Bek’s restaurant in Fulton. Please call the church office and make a reservation and let us know if you can drive.

**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.

**ECH CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX** list is a little different this year. The approximate size of some items has been included to aid you with the purchasing of items. Approximate size for cereal is 11-15oz.; jelly/jam can range from 16-32oz depending on brand and type. Immanuel has always shown their love and generosity including items with twenty-five percent more or bonus size containers. This is always welcome and appreciated, as long all items can fit into the bins with the lid secure. Lists and bins will be available downstairs beginning next Sunday.

**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 14:19-31** (sermon text)

**Special Music - 10:00 a.m.**      *“Peace in the Valley”*      Shackley  
Sanctuary Choir

**Children’s Moment - 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 14:1-12**

**Prayer of Confession**

One: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love and cleanse us from our sins which are yet before you.

**All: We confess that we have acted and spoken in ways that perpetuate violence, hatred, and discord in your good world.**

One: Teach our hearts wisdom. Create in us a clean heart O’ God.

**All: We confess that we have harbored apathy and indifference, contributing to the status quo of injustice through our silence.**

One: Restore us to the joy of your salvation. Forgive us for not teaching others the way of peace that the world may experience your deliverance.

**All: The trees of the forest shall sing for joy before the Lord, for God comes to bring peace on earth. Give thanks to the Lord who is good, God’s love endures forever.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Reading of Matthew 18:21-35**

**Hymn of Preparation**      *“O God, We’ve Prayed in Wind and Rain”*      (insert)

**Sermon**      *“Hardening of Spiritual Arteries”*      Dr. Jimmy Watson

**Prayer Concerns**

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

**Prayer Response.**

*“O, How I Love Jesus”*

*O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!*

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

*“Wonderful Peace”*

Cooper

**\*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 thank you God for all our blessings. We thank you for bringing us together in a community of hope that can dream of a world filled with justice, mercy, and peace. Bless these gifts given in hope and love that they may become a part of your peacemaking works in this world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Parting**

*“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*“Peace Is Flowing Like a River”*

Traditional



***FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR***

*In Loving Memory of*

**Fred Vortmeier**

*Given by:*

*Jean, children & grandchildren*

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

**IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Today:**

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

11:15 a.m. Puppets rehearsal - Puppet Room

3:00 p.m. Interfaith Dialogue - Room 202

**Monday:**

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

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

**Tuesday:**

10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100

**Wednesday:**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

9:00 a.m. Quilters - Room 100

10:00 a.m. Prayer & Share - Room 202

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

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

**Thursday:**

9:30 a.m. Immanuel Fellowship Exec/ Meeting - Room 202

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

7:00 p.m. E-Team - Room 202

**Friday:**

10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100

**Next Sunday:**

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

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

11:15 a.m. Christmas Pageant Read-thru - Sanctuary

**\* LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE \***

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Sunday School</u>
8:30 a.m. <b>35</b>	Students <b>31</b>	<b>7</b>
10:00 a.m. <b>136</b>	Teachers <b>12</b>	
<b>Total 171</b>	<b>Total 43</b>	

**MINISTERS**

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**Paul Westcott**

*Minister of Music*

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**Rev. Courtney Chandler**

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