

# IMMANUEL IMAGES      September 2017

## Worship Schedule

*Sunday mornings – the heart of our life together*

*9:00am Sunday School*

*9:00 Nursery Care begins (infants – age 5)*

*9:15 Choir Practice in the Sanctuary*

*10:00 Worship for All Ages – Sanctuary*

*11:00 Refreshments and Fellowship Time – in the Narthex*

### **Sunday, September 3**

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

For many years, Pastor Dale has made a tradition of reading a chapter of a humorous book titled, Home from Harmony, written by Philip Gulley, on Labor Day weekend. At the encouragement of several folks, the tradition will continue at least one more year.

However, the lectionary readings for this week deal with the challenges of living a faithful life and are as follows. In Jeremiah, an angry and pained prophet receives comforting words from God and a faithful psalmist offers a plea for justice. Paul, writing to the Roman church, offers them and us, a call to be loving Christians in these circumstances saying, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Finally, in the gospel of Matthew, Peter challenges Jesus after Jesus told his disciples of his impending suffering and death in Jerusalem. Then Jesus explains, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

<sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

### **Sunday, September 10**

**Scripture:** Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

Our lesson from the Hebrew Bible this week includes very recognizable words for those who ever worshipped regularly from the old Evangelical and Reformed Hymn (the Old Red Hymnal published in 1941). “Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways,” were words said almost every Sunday as part of the Assurance of Pardon. We read them this week as Ezekiel warns the people of Israel to pay attention to the warnings God sends for the wicked, because God does want to punish but for his creation to live. In the psalm we find a prayer for the understanding of God’s laws and statutes. In Paul’s letter to the Romans there is an

urgent plea from Paul to love your neighbor as yourself, put on the armor of light, and live in the day and not on the night of sinful behaviors. Getting along with each other is the message in the gospel of Matthew as Jesus teaches a lesson about living with other members of the church which ends with, “<sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

### **Sunday, September 17**

**Scripture:** Genesis 50:15-21, Psalms 103: (1-7), 8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

The gospel lesson of this week is the parable of the king who settled accounts with servants who owed varying amounts of “talents.” Jesus uses this lesson to answer one of the disciple’s questions about forgiveness. Forgiveness is also the theme of the reading in Genesis. There, Joseph, the favorite son of Jacob who had the many colored coat, forgives his brothers who find him in Egypt. The Psalm is a psalm of thanksgiving for God’s goodness and in Romans we find lessons about judging others.

### **Sunday, September 24**

**Scripture:** Jonah 3:10 -4:11, Psalms 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

On our final week of September, we venture out of the letter to the Romans and into the letter to the Philippians, but remain in the gospel of Matthew. The theme of the lessons is clearly the grace of God. In the Old Testament lesson, an angry Jonah complains because God forgave the sinful, evil people of Ninevah after he threatened to destroy them, and God teaches Jonah a lesson in grace. The psalmist continues the theme and in a song of praise, teaches us, “The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” The parable in Matthew is the story of the vineyard owner and the people he hires throughout the day. It is a lesson of grace as all of the workers, regardless of the time they work receive the same pay. The letter to the church in Philippi is an exhortation to live a life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

## Pastor's Message

As I prepare this newsletter and wondering what to share in my pastor's message I am thinking about the hurricane and floods in Texas and how churches, especially the United Church of Christ, the denomination to which we belong, reach out in mission to help those in need. So I am offering a little comment and instruction about our denomination structure and mission outreach in this installment of the pastor's thoughts.

The "work" of the United Church of Christ is carried out by four "offices called "Covenanted Ministries." These structures carry out the work of the General Synod and support the local churches, associations, and conferences. The four Covenanted Ministries are:

- The **Office of General Ministries (OGM)** is responsible for administration, common services (technology, physical plant, etc.), covenantal relations (ecumenical relations, formal relations to other settings of the church), financial development, and "proclamation, identity and communication". The current General Minister and President is the Rev. Dr. [John C. Dorhauer](#).
- **Local Church Ministries (LCM)** is responsible for evangelism, stewardship and church finance, worship and education, Pilgrim Press and United Church Resources (the publishing house of the United Church of Christ), and parish life and leadership (authorization, clergy development, seminary relations, parish leadership, etc.).
- **Wider Church Ministries (WCM)** is responsible for partner relations\* (relations with churches around the world, missionary work, etc.), local church relations\* (as relates to world ministries and missions), global sharing of resources, health and wholeness ministry, and global education and advocacy\*. The starred '\*' ministries are carried out through the [Common Global Ministries Board](#), a joint instrumentality of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), based in [Indianapolis, Indiana](#). WCM is sometimes referred to as the [United Church Board for World Ministries](#), the historic successor to the Congregationalist [American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions](#) and the E&R affiliated Board of International Missions.
- **Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM)** is responsible for ministries related to economic justice, human rights, justice for women and transformation, public life and social policy, and racial justice. In addition to its offices in Cleveland, JWM also maintains an office on [Capitol Hill](#) in [Washington, D.C.](#)

As you might guess, our denomination's "traditional" mission work is carried out under the supervision of Wider Church Ministries Covenanted Ministry. This agency consists primarily of four divisions.

### **UCC Disaster Ministries**

UCC Disaster Ministries programs are conducted in cooperation with and through the 38 Conferences of the United Church of Christ. Each Conference, drawing upon the gifts of its local congregations, determines how best to serve as denominational and ecumenical partners, and witnesses of hope when disasters occur in their geographic area. A network of Conference Disaster Coordinators

assists in developing preparedness measures before crises occur. Coordinators help to organize volunteers for clean-up and rebuilding efforts; as well as participate in response and long term recovery efforts in communities affected by natural disasters.

People and communities impacted by disasters require assistance spiritually, physically, financially, and psychologically. The Office of UCC Disaster Ministries provides assistance with acute and or long-term effects of technological disasters or events. The United Church of Christ and Church World Service Emergency Response Program work together to resource faith organizations, individuals related to the religious community, and community organizations.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS)

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, United Church of Christ members reach out in the name of Christ to:

- [Build sustainable communities](#). OGHS supports self-help programs in more than 80 nations to build sustainable communities that enable people and communities to stand against and rise above hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other forces of injustice that deny and destroy dignity.
- [Respond to disaster](#). OGHS provides emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, tornados, storms, floods, tidal waves, fires, explosions, technological disasters, civil strife, war, or other natural or human-caused events. On average, OGHS responds to a disaster once every 2.5 days.
- [Minister to refugees](#). OGHS responds with advocacy and help, hope and hospitality for people who have been uprooted from their home of origin. More than 30 million of the world's people are uprooted at any given time.

In cooperation with Global Ministries, Church World Service, Action by Churches Together, Interchurch Medical Assistance, Foods Resource Bank, Oikocredit, Freedom from Hunger and hundreds of local partners around the world, One Great Hour of Sharing is part of a remarkable network of service and caring that is efficient, effective and faithful. Administrative costs are typically less than eight percent annually.

The United Church of Christ unites with Christians in eight other Protestant denominations and Church World Service in One Great Hour of Sharing, thus multiplying the effectiveness and extent of our witness many times over.

The partnership we share with nearly 6,000 United Church of Christ congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico is where this remarkable miracle connecting UCC members to the world truly begins. The UCC annually channels more than \$3 million dollars through One Great Hour of Sharing to humanitarian needs in the world.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is administered through Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ.

### **Volunteer Ministries**

UCC Volunteer Ministries is part of the national ministries of the United Church of Christ. Mission Trip Groups serving within the United States can connect with host sites here and access preparation and post-service commitment materials. UCC Young Adult Service Communities (YASC) and Summer Communities of Service provide intentional communities for service and leadership development. Partners in Service volunteers serve full-time for a period of 1-12 months in a mission setting within the United States.

### **Refugee and Immigration Ministries**

As its name states, this division, in cooperation with many different organizations, assists with the needs of refugees worldwide.

Funds for these agencies come from a variety of sources including a portion of our church's OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) contribution, OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing) offerings, endowments (possibly the largest source), and other sources.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Thank You !!

The Christian Education Committee would like to send its sincere thank you to all who helped make Vacation Bible School a huge success. We had 40 children and probably 25 adults helping. The children had a great time. This year our program was "Hero Central"...do good, seek peace and go after it was the code for the week. Themes for the week were: we will have heart, courage, wisdom, hope and power.

A special thank you to Claudia McDonald and her kitchen crew who fed us every night.

## MISSION COMMITTEE



Thanks to everyone who has supported our pantry throughout the year. Communion is the first Sunday of each month and that is also the time we ask you to bring in something for our pantry. If you have extra non-perishable food items, could you please bring them to church? Keep in mind that food isn't the only thing that can be stocked in our pantry (paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, toothpaste, etc). Anything you can donate will be appreciated.

Reprinted here is a Thank You from one of our clients:

*To All: I just want to extend an additional thank you! I know you see and help many people. My son & I walked from Crusader Road to your location one evening for assistance. This was a difficult experience both mentally and physically, however, your hospitality, your inviting, helpful, welcoming nature made our walk so worth it. Thank you! Thank you for your time and donation – The Stivers Family*

Below is a breakdown on the funds that have been used for the first six months of 2017 to support our local community with needs in rent and utilities.

January	\$ 788 (15)	
February	1346 (16)	
March	1310 (22)	
April	1017 (15)	Total 1 <sup>st</sup> 6 months \$ 6,804
May	1025 (13)	Number helped 113
June	1318 (16)	SHARE Salv. Army \$ 900

The Mission Committee is proud and pleased to report that backpacks and school supplies have been delivered to all Dorchester County schools in time for opening day of school. The funds(\$700.00) for this project came from the mission breakfast. We thank everyone who donated additional funds and school supplies, and who helped to shop for the supplies and to be sure the supplies got to each of the 7 elementary, 2 middle and 2 high schools.

In addition, Royer, our sponsored child in Peru, received the usual pencil, paper, and crayons plus a wonderful selection of classroom activities and books to share with his classmates. The World Vision backpack included items for personal cleanliness like tooth brush and paste and a blanket impregnated with a substance to repel and or kill dangerous insects. Money for this "Back to School package" came from weekly collection envelopes. If parishioners would like to participate in his Christmas package, just write Royer on the bottom of the envelope and indicate the amount of the gift.

Our local, neighborly outreach program has been ongoing for the summer. We thank the Christian Education for including the food pantry in the VBS program and collecting food and funds, then going shopping to help with this cause. The needs in the community continue, and the recipients who come continue to be grateful for you. We hear it time and again on the nights that we offer assistance, and sometimes receive thank you notes. Stop at the bulletin board in the hallway and read them.

Thank you so very much for your Mission projects support.

Prayerfully,  
The Missions Committee

### PRE-PAID FUEL 2017-2018

This is just a reminder that cold weather is just around the corner and the need to keep our church building warm this winter is always a challenge. Getting help with this expense via our pre-paid fuel account is a big help in meeting our financial obligations and there is no telling when the price will climb again. Our goal this year is \$10,000. Can you help?



*Diana Jackson, Treasurer*

### CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES



Everyone will agree that our choir adds much to our Sunday services. Choir rehearsal will resume on Thursday, September 7 at 6:30p.m.

If you would like to join our choir, please speak with Curtis White, choir director. Come...sing to God's glory!

### CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER



We will again enjoy our “**Christmas in September Pre-Sale**” on September 17th. Diane Murphy will bring a few of her new items that will be sold at the Holiday Bazaar on November 18th. As has been the practice over the past few years, she will take orders for the items on display, which will be delivered prior to the Bazaar. All sales from the “pre-sale” and “Bazaar” will be donated to the Church needs.



In addition to the “Pre-Sale”, we will have our “**Holiday Year Long 50/50 Tickets**” available for purchase. This year we will have a “50/50 Drawing” which was started in

January, 2017 and tickets have been sold at our dinners and the Spring Sale. Tickets are \$5.00 each/3 for \$10.00/7 for \$20.00. The drawing will take place at 11:30 a.m. on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Bazaar. We are also hoping that you would be interested in taking some tickets to sell at work and to all of your friends. See Diane Murphy for additional tickets.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**



Immanuel UCC will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, September 22, 2017 , 4:30 – 7:00pm. Menu will consist of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and drink. Desserts will be available for purchase. Adults: \$10.00; children: 5-12: \$5.00; children 4 and under: free. Family package (2 adults and 2 children under 12): \$25.00.

Oh, and bakers....we will need desserts.



### **OKTOBERFEST**

Looking ahead, and it's not that far ahead, Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 21, 4:30-7pm. The menu will be Potato Leek Soup, Sauerbraten, Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage with

Apples, Green Beans, Assorted Breads and Beverage.

You may purchase either individual dinner tickets: adults \$18.00. Children 8-12 \$8.00. (Children's tickets will be available at the door only.) Children 4 years and under: free; or a corporate package of tickets (15 for \$200.00). Contact the church office 410-228-4640 or Diane Murphy 410-228-5167.

We will need lots of helpers and bakers.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### September Birthdays

Diana Jackson	9/3
Amanda Leonard	9/7
Andrew Albert	9/8
Lyndsey Lyons	9/11
Amy Dodson	9/12
Claudia McDonald	9/13
Taylor Middleton	9/14
Jock Luthy	9/21
Josie Travers	9/23
Jason Segar	9/26
Christy Ashton	9/28
Sherry Hoefer	9/30
Terry Malkus	9/30

### September Anniversaries

Susan & Kenny Collins	9/2
Donna & Max Schnoor	9/15
Charlotte & Chuck Hanson	9/17
Nicholas & Stephanie Barnett	9/29

### Your Staff

The Rev. Dale Krotee  
Janice Haller  
J. Curtis White  
Lynne Breil  
Stephanie Carmine

Pastor  
Church Secretary  
Choir Director/Organist  
Pianist  
Nursery Care Provider

### Your Church Council

Dr. Donald Rae - President

Danny Luthy  
John Dodson  
Kim Leonard  
Kim Bair  
Tom Wilkison

Lynn Malkus-Lyons  
Charlotte Hanson  
Mary Mistrangelo  
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**IMMAMUEL PRAYER LIST:** *You are invited to remember these people in prayer*

**Members of Immanuel:**

George BARNETT, triple by-pass, recovering at home  
Jackson BRADLEY, health issues, at home  
Ray BRYANT, in rehab in Potomac, broken hip & arm  
Edward BURTON, health issues recovering at Chesapeake Woods  
Norma Lee BURTON, broken hip, recovering at home  
Wylie & Shirley BURTON, Robin Burton's parents, health issues  
Donald CREIGHTON, health issues  
Bill FOXWELL, facing health challenges  
Jean HADDAWAY, health issues, at home  
Sydney KEYES, health issues  
Evan KOZAK, undergoing treatment for Perthes disease  
Helen MALKUS, health issues, at home  
Elsa SCHNOOR, health issues, at home  
The family of Ray SHELLY on his death August 23, 2017  
William SPICER, health issues, at home  
Marlene WALDIS, recovering at home from appendectomy

**Friends of Immanuel Church:**

Kenny ELZEY, Julia Newman's father, at Chesapeake Woods

**Other Prayer Requests:**

Guidance in Immanuel's leaders for 2017 and beyond  
San May, Peter, and the children at the Sapa Hope Center. Sapa has had terrible flooding and the Sapa Hope Center lost their large vegetable garden, a big source of food and income. (friends of Frank Spillman, Joyce Wise, Abby Spillman-Wise, and Ari Mossberg)

**Members and Friends Serving in Our Armed Forces:**

Christopher ANTENEN, U. S. Air Force, now stationed in the USA, grand-nephew of Jean Haddaway  
Buddy HAYDEN, friend of Robin Burton, enlisted in U.S. Air Force  
Timothy Scott MOXEY, JR., U. S. Navy, stationed in San Diego, grandson of Debi & Jay Book. Great-grandson of the late Ted Malkus  
Daniel MOSSBERG, U.S. Marine Corps, husband of Ariana Spillman-Wise, stationed in North Carolina  
Thomas PARENT, U. S. Army, friend of George & Connie Barnett, serving in Colorado  
Keagan ROSARIO, U.S. Air Force, friend of Kim Leonard, now Stationed in the U.S.  
Matthew L. RUBLE, II, U.S. Army, nephew of Michal Dixon, stationed in New Orleans, LA  
Seth M. RUBLE, U. S. Air Force, nephew of Michal Dixon, stationed in Seattle, WA  
Jimmy WINDSOR, U. S. Army, stationed in Arizona



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