

IMMANUEL IMAGES NOVEMBER 2017

Worship Schedule

Sunday mornings – the heart of our life together

9:00 Sunday School

9:15 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, November 5: All Saints Sunday

Scripture: Micah 3:5-12, Psalm 43, I Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12

Although the lectionary readings are listed above, we will not be using them on this Sunday. We will be observing All Saint's Sunday and naming all of our members who have passed away since the All Saint's Sunday last year. A highlight of the worship service will be the reading of a sermon written by Jean Haddaway. We are also preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of both Baptism and The Lord's Supper (communion).

However, if you want to learn a little bit about the lectionary readings, the lesson from the Old Testament book of Micah is an indictment of prophets who serve themselves and tell the people what they want to hear, and mislead them. Psalm 43, the psalm for the day is connected to psalm 42. Psalm 42 places us, timid and afraid, in desert terrain, thirsty and saddened in exile. Psalm 43, directs our gaze to future hopes and into a sanctuary bathed in light. In the epistle lesson, Paul reminds the church in Thessalonica that he worked hard while he was with them and cares very much for them. And finally in the gospel lesson from Matthew, Jesus condemns the Pharisees and religious leaders of Israel and essentially tells his disciples do what they say and not what they do.

Sunday, November 12

Scripture: Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70, I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids, found in the gospel of Matthew, a parable of readiness for coming of the Son of Man and the final judgement is the highlight of this week's lessons. The prophet Amos in the strongest of language, says God, condemns the religious practices of the day, and says let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream, while Paul give thanks for the way the people of Thessalonica received the Word of God.

This Sunday will also be the culmination of our four week Stewardship program. On this Sunday we will collect our faith promises.

Sunday, November 19

Scripture: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11), 12, I Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

As we approach the end of the church liturgical year, the theme of judgement grows stronger. In the lesson from the Old Testament, the prophet, Zephaniah, describes the "day of the Lord," as a harsh day of judgement. The parable of the Talents, in the gospel of Matthew, is also a parable of judgement and preparedness. Paul too, urges the Thessalonian church to be vigilant and prepare for the coming of the day of the Lord. The Psalm is a communal lament, about a sick person too young for death but humbly conscious of sin.

Sunday, November 26: Reign of Christ Sunday

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

Next Sunday we begin a new liturgical year as the season of Advent, but this Sunday, the last Sunday of the church year, we celebrate the Reign of Christ (formerly called Christ the King Sunday).

The lessons begin with the prophet Ezekiel saying, God, the true shepherd seeks out his flock, restores them and places them in their own land, and the Psalm is a song of Celebration, which prepares us for the Yahweh as King Psalms (Psalms 96-99). Paul prays for the Ephesians and in the gospel of Matthew, we read the parable of the sheep and the goats which tells us about the criteria for the final judgement

Most of us know that October 31 is Halloween, or All Hallow's Eve, the day before All Saint's Day. It is also the anniversary of the day a German professor of [theology](#), composer, priest, monk, named Martin Luther challenged the Roman Catholic Church to a discussion about the common practices of their faith. In fact, this year is the 500th anniversary of the day Luther reportedly posted his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenburg, Germany.

Germany is celebrating the event by hosting tours of the places that were important to Martin Luther and the Reformation. There are tours that include the house where Luther was born, the house where he died, the churches where Luther was baptized, where he was a vicar, where he offered his last sermon, and the castle where he lived and worked for thirty-five years translating the Bible into German. There is also a host of festivals, events and exhibitions happening throughout the whole year. Planning for this influential historical event has been going on for years.

There were many reformers both before, during, and after Martin Luther's time. Some, especially the ones who came after Luther, affected great changes in the church. A number of those who came before Luther, even though they sought the same changes he sought, were often persecuted. Some, like Jan Hus, were even killed for challenging the church.

In the early 1900's, the major principles of the German Reformation, and the Lutheran and Reformed Church (denominations/traditions that are major roots of our church, Immanuel's, history) were summarized in the Three (or five) "Solos." In 1916, Lutheran scholar Theodore Engelder published an article titled "The Three Principles of the Reformation: *Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fides*" ("only scripture, only grace, only faith").

Sola Scriptura reminds us the reformers looked to the Bible, as opposed to tradition, as the foundation and primary source of our faith and practice. *Sola gratia*, or "only grace", specifically excludes the merit done by a person as part of achieving salvation. *Sola gratia* is the teaching that [salvation](#) comes by [divine grace](#) or "unmerited favor" only, not as something merited by the sinner. This means that salvation is an unearned gift from God for Jesus' sake. *Sola fide*, or "faith alone", asserts that good works are not a means or requisite for salvation. *Sola fide* is the teaching that [justification](#) (interpreted in the Lutheran and Reformed theologies as "being *declared* just by God") is received by [faith](#) alone, without any need for [good works](#) on the part of the individual.

Another important aspect of Martin Luther's work was worship and scripture should be in the vernacular. That is, the Bible and worship, should be in the language of the people. The language of scripture and faith should not be in a language (Latin at that time) the people did not understand. It is for that reason he translated the Bible into German.

After Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church, his followers formed the Lutheran Church. In time, other denominations founded on the teachings of other reformers were formed, and today there are a host of other "Protestant" churches. In fact, Christianity is now divided into three major divisions: Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant. The Church was unified until 1054 when the Church split along east west lines and the Eastern Orthodox (which now includes churches like the Greek and Russian Orthodox Churches) and the Roman Catholic Church. Roughly 500 years after that Martin Luther and many others, in their call for reform of the Roman Catholic Church, unintentionally created the Protestant Churches.

Immanuel United Church of Christ can trace some of its theological and historical roots to the German Reformation. We are a Protestant church belonging to the denomination called the United Church of Christ.

Thanksgiving Service

The Dorchester Faith Alliance is currently making plans for a Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 24 at Minnette Dick Hall at St. Mary's Refuge of Sinner Church. At this time, they are planning a gathering with a time of worship, including both congregational and choral music and a simple meal of soup, bread and salad. Stay tuned for details.

Denominational Meetings

The Chesapeake Association Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 4 from 10 am to 3 pm at the united Church of Christ of Annapolis. The Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference will be held in Baltimore on Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18. We are encouraged to send lay delegates to both of these meetings. If you would like to attend, or for more details please contact Pastor Dale.

Cold Weather Shelter Update

At this time, the Cold Weather Shelter does not have a location for those in need of temporary shelter. However, at the last meeting of the Dorchester Faith Alliance it was reported that the Cold Weather Shelter Board and the Salvation Army are committed to working together to create a "temporary" facility on the grounds of the Salvation Army and operated by the staff and volunteers of the Cold Weather Shelter. Negotiations are moving quickly, but there is much to be done with each of the organizations and the city of Cambridge. More news will be shared as the project progresses.



OKTOBERFEST

Thank you to all who helped with the preparation, set-up, serving and clean-up as well as those who came to enjoy a delicious meal at our German dinner on October 21. A special thanks to our sponsors:

Holloway & Marvel, PA, 1880 Bank, Haddaway's Service, Maloney & Sussex, LLC, Attorneys-at-Law, Perdue AgriBusiness LLC, Atlantic Tractor, Jones Implement Co., Chesapeake Equipment Co., Dr. William E. Bair, LLC., Cambridge Tire Center, E & L Quik Freez, Inc., Blackwater Farms, Fairfield Farms LLC, Thomas Funeral Home, Green Briar Farms, Newcomb & Collins Funeral Home, P.A., and donation from Daniel V. Kumerow for Heritage Museums and Gardens of Dorchester and Pastor Dale Krotee. We can't thank the community enough for their support for this event!

THANKS FOR OUR USHERS

In this month of Thanksgiving, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all of you who have so graciously agreed to serve as ushers on Sundays. It might seem like a small thing, but when so many of you have agreed to help, it really isn't too big a burden for any of us. I really appreciate that so many of you have been willing to help over the years and have made the job of creating an usher schedule an easier task. Thank you so much. -- Kathy Kelly

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before retiring on Saturday. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5.

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Ice Cream Social to Benefit Disaster Relief

6:30 p.m. at Immanuel United Church of Christ, 5401 White Hall Road,
Cambridge, MD, 410-228-4640.

Join us at Immanuel United Church of Christ, 5401 White Hall Road, Cambridge, MD, on Saturday evening, November 4, at 6:30 p.m. for an Ice Cream Social, complete with Cake and Pie Auction, to benefit Disaster Relief. Everyone is welcome. Our Guest Speaker will be Patrick Walker from Church World Services, who will tell us about CWS's disaster relief efforts and their highly successful and popular CROP Hunger Walks. Help us raise money for disaster relief too, by purchasing a delicious cake or pie. If you would like to be involved and/or can donate a cake, please contact the IUCC Office at 410-228-4640 or Robin at 443-521-7869.



MISSION BRUNCH

Join us on Sunday, **November 5**, 2017 at 8:30a.m. Our Missions Committee has been working on plans for this annual event to support our Special Benevolence Fund. Our guest speaker will be Patrick Walker from Church World Services. We welcome your annual financial gifts to our Local Benevolence Fund at this time.

This upcoming season will be a busy one. Along with many other mission and holiday projects, we are expecting to receive names from the Salvation Army's Angel Tree soon. Please take the time to select a family you can help this Christmas season.



PLANNING FOR 2018

All committees – mark your calendar for Sunday, **November 12** following the worship service at 11:30am. There will be a meeting in the Fellowship Hall to plan events for 2018. This is the time that the various committees and individuals come together to make plans for the next year. We are asking for your input. If you would like to "schedule/plan an organized" fundraiser for the Church, please come to the meeting. If you have a fundraiser idea, come to the meeting. This will help in avoiding conflicts with scheduling during the year.



Long Term Plans

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The Bazaar will be held later this month and we need your help! As usual, the Bazaar will be held on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving and this is usually a big day for our bake table. Shoppers are looking for baked goods for their upcoming dinners and we usually have a big selection of cakes, pies, bread—both large and small loaves, cookies and candy. Our shoppers are especially looking for pies—apple, cherry, sweet potato and pumpkin.

This would also be a great time to get the children or grandchildren involved with holiday baking. They love cookies and this would be a good time to get their help in preparing their favorite cookies for the Bazaar. They would be able to eat a few and help prepare the balance for a donation to the bake table.

If possible, please consider making more than one item as we have lost several of our bakers and we need your help to fill that void.

The baked items will require the "Ingredients Label" that we have printed and needs to be applied to each baked goods item or package. We started using this label for our 2016 Spring Sale and it has worked well.

If possible, please bring your item(s) to Fellowship Hall/Kitchen on Friday, November 17th so they are available when the sale starts at 8am—we usually have shoppers waiting for the doors to open on Saturday morning.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 18, 2017



The Holiday Bazaar is the “last fund raiser” of the year and it will be held on November 18th—the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. In the past several years, this has been one of our largest fund raisers and many people in the community come to enjoy all of our food, bake table, and items we have for sale.

We would like to request that you start planning for the Bazaar—checking to see if you have items for the “White Elephant” table, including dishes/pot and pans, holiday decorations, pictures, costume jewelry, handbags, curtains, linens, pictures, pillows, toys, books—just about anything you can think of to donate, but **NO** clothing. Due to the amount of work required during this busy week, we would like to request that items be brought to Church from November 5th to November 15th. This will give us time to arrange and price the various items.

In addition, we will have our “Silent Auction or Bid-It/Buy-It” sale. Please consider furnishing an item or basket for this table. People are always looking for something “special” for a Christmas gift. We have not always had something for children—this would be a good opportunity to donate an item for that special child. **If you don’t want or have time to shop, you may make a donation and we will do the shopping for you—just make your donation by November 5th to give us time to shop!**

Don’t forget our “**50/50 Holiday Raffle**”—if you haven’t bought any tickets, they will be available up until the drawing on November 18th.

There will also be a need for **HELP** for the week leading up to the Bazaar and also that day. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex listing the various needs, so please give us your **HELP** to make this an even bigger success again this year.

2017 HOLIDAY BAZAAR - 50/50 RAFFLE

The Holiday Bazaar is quickly approaching—November 18th and we are still selling tickets for the “50/50 Raffle”. We have been selling tickets during our dinners throughout the year and will continue to sell them the day of the Bazaar.

We would like to request that all money for the tickets being sold by our Church members/family/friends be given to Diane Murphy by **November 12th** at the latest. This will allow us to combine it with the money already received so we have an accurate count and can advertise the “**projected winning amount**” at the Bazaar prior to that day’s sales.

Let’s make this a really large amount for both the winning ticket and the Church!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Sunday, **November 19**, immediately following worship, a congregational meeting will be held during which we will be electing the President of the Congregation for 2018 and presenting and approving the 2018 budget.



CHURCH COUNCIL 2018

It's time to look for new members for the church council. It is a 3-year term, only one evening per month. If you would like to serve this church as a member of the Church Council, please contact a member of the council. This is your opportunity to see first-hand the inner workings of your church.

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.



We are doing everything possible to keep our fuel usage down. One example is we turn off the furnace in the spring and we have the new furnace system installed and operational. When we do fire up the furnace, we will use the thermostat timer to control our heat consumption. This saves a good amount of expensive fuel oil.

Diana Jackson, Treasurer

THANKSGIVING



We would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Please note that the office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Day and also on Friday, Nov. 24. The office will reopen on Monday, November 27 with our normal office hours of 9am to 1pm. Enjoy the Holiday!

HANGING THE GREENS

Join the fun and help decorate the church for the Christmas season following worship on Sunday, December 3.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS



Mark your calendar for the "Family Christmas" gathering on Sunday, December 10, following worship. This will be a covered dish event. Of course, the main attraction will be a visit from Santa.

WATERFOWL HUNT

Plans are to host this event on Saturday, January 13, 2018. If you would like to help with this popular event, see Jock Luthy or Robin Burton.



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October 25, 2017

Dear Members and Friends,

As your Immanuel Deacons, we are charged with nurturing the stewardship practices of the congregation as we raise funds for the work of this church. We realized that our giving is a response to God's work in our lives, and not just a way to pay church bills.

Out of this discussion, the idea of a **"Faith-Promise" Sunday** was born. This process would provide an opportunity for members and friends to consider what percentage of their income they feel God is calling them to give next year. Each household would be invited to make a "faith-promise," between them and God, concerning that estimated amount. Whether large or small, this offering reflects our response to God's love and blessing in our lives.


On **"Faith-Promise" Sunday, November 12**, there will be an opportunity for members and friends of the congregation to dedicate their private "faith-promise" pledges during our worship service. In preparation for that day, you are invited to use the cards below to prayerfully consider and complete Section #1 with the amount you feel called to give in 2018; this will be placed in one box. Complete Section #2, which will be placed in a separate box on that Sunday. Section #3 is for your records. Because the cards will be put in separate boxes, your "faith-promise" will remain private between you and God. Our public coming forward to place the cards in the separate boxes will serve as a visible sign of our individual promises to God.

This "faith-promise" you make is not in addition to what you already give the church. This process is intended to include your total estimated gift to Immanuel, and could be changed at any time depending upon your circumstances in the coming year. Neither staff nor other church members will know the amount you personally promised. If you have any questions about this process, please contact one of us.

We invite you to ask yourself: what part of my income is God calling me to give, as an expression of thankfulness for God's blessings?

In faith – Immanuel United Church of Christ Deacons

MY FAITH-PROMISE TO GOD	
Trusting God to provide and with faith in God's enabling power, I/We make the following faith-promise of weekly giving for 2018.	
_____ \$100	_____ \$75
_____ \$30	_____ \$25
_____ \$15	_____ \$10
_____ Other	
or _____ Monthly	
or _____ Yearly	
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MY FAITH-PROMISE TO IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	
I/We have made a faith-promise to God to support the ministries and programs of our church in 2018.	
Name(s) _____	
Address _____	
	
2	

MY FAITH-PROMISE RECORD	
Out of gratitude for God's gifts and trusting God's enabling power, I/We have made the following faith-promise:	
_____ \$100	_____ \$75
_____ \$30	_____ \$25
_____ \$15	_____ \$10
_____ Other	
for 52 weeks beginning January 2018	
or _____ Monthly	
or _____ Yearly	
3	

IMMAMUEL PRAYER LIST: *You are invited to remember these people in prayer today, and throughout the week.*

Members of Immanuel:

Dorothy BURTON, health issues, at Mallard Bay
Norma Lee BURTON, broken hip, recovering at home
Wylie & Shirley BURTON, Robin Burton's parents, health issues
Bill FOXWELL, facing health challenges
Sydney KEYES, health issues at home
Evan KOZAK, undergoing treatment for Perthes disease
Helen MALKUS, health issues, at home
Doris RAE, health issues at home
Elsa SCHNOOR, health issues, at home
Irene TAYLOR, health issues, at Bayleigh Chase, Easton, Room 28

Friends of Immanuel Church:

Helen BATTON, friend of Doris & Don Rae, rehab at GBMC
Kenny ELZEY, Julia Newman's father, at Chesapeake Woods
Kay GAMBRILL, friend of Janice Haller, breast cancer
Summer HILL, friend of Robin Burton, infant daughter of Kevin Hill recovering from surgery in NICU

Other Prayer Requests:

Guidance in Immanuel's leaders for 2017 and beyond

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
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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November Birthdays

Donna Schnoor	11/3
Adam Todd	11/3
Andrew Schnoor	11/9
David Cannon, Sr.	11/10
Stephanie Barnett	11/11
Sara Pender	11/12
Emily Jackson	11/12
Milton Malkus, Jr.	11/13
Ava Dodson	11/15
Aubrey Dodson	11/15
Christy Jones	11/16

November Anniversaries

Debbie & Jock Luthy	11/4
Leslie & Adam Tolley	11/4
Janie & John Adkins	11/21

November Birthdays (Continued):

Lynn Malkus-Lyons	11/17
Aaron Giese	11/17
Cyndi Slacum	11/18
Shayla Collins	11/21
Parker Spies	11/22
Luke Giese	11/27

Your Staff

The Rev. Dale Krotee
Janice Haller
J. Curtis White
Lynne Breil
Lisa Plummer
Stephanie Dixon

Pastor
Church Secretary
Choir Director/Organist
Pianist
Custodian
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
Dennis Jones

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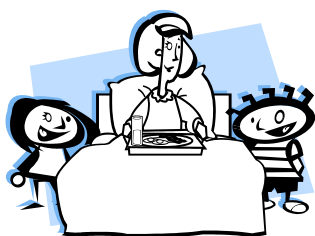
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COME TO THE MISSION BRUNCH
Sunday, November 5, 2017
Following worship



HOLIDAY BAZAAR –
NOVEMBER 18, 2017. 8:00am - til

Homemade crafts, country store, food: chicken salad
(sandwich or by the cup), soups and baked goods.
See article inside for more details.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017



Budget &
Congregational
Meeting