

## 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, June 3:** Graduate Recognition and Children's Bible Presentation

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalm 81:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6

Our lectionary lessons this week begin with the fifth chapter of Deuteronomy, which is another version of the Ten Commandments and the verses we will read this day will be about the commandment to honor the Sabbath. The gospel lesson is about Jesus picking grain and healing a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath. Both actions were typically understood as a violation of the Sabbath laws, but Jesus reinterprets the law. In Paul's second letter to the Corinthian's, we have a lesson sometimes used at funerals. Paul says, "We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies."

We will also recognize our graduates on this Sunday and give a Bible to our third and fourth grade children.

### **Sunday, June 10**

**Scripture:** Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

Our gospel lesson this day finds Jesus being compared to Satan and then in the following paragraph, Jesus, in the presence of his biological mother and siblings, claims all believers as his family. In the Old Testament lesson from Genesis, after eating the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve get caught and are punished. The Psalm is a prayer for help. In Second Corinthians, Paul speaks of the power and effect the Spirit has on the lives of the faithful saying, "So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day."

### **Sunday, June 17**

**Scripture:** Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-4 and 12-15, 2 Corinthians 5:6-17, Mark 4:26-34

On Father's Day Sunday, the prophet Ezekiel, using an image of cedar tree, tells us God offers us a message of hope and growth. The gospel lesson has us reading the parables of the Growing Seed and the Mustard Seed. The Psalm is a song of praise and Second Corinthians teaches us what it means to live by faith.

### **Sunday, June 24:** Honoring of 80 and 90 year old

**Lectionary Scripture:** Job 38:1-11, Psalm 107:1-3 and 23-32, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

The fourth Sunday in June will find us celebrating a special Sunday as we honor our 80 and 90 year old members and friends. The lectionary scripture lessons, which we likely will not use, are about Jesus calming a storm by simply saying, "Be quiet and be still," and, in the book of Job, the Lord sarcastically answers Job's questioning by saying, "Who do you think you are?" The Psalm is a praise for God's goodness and in the epistle lesson, despite the harsh challenges of being a faithful Christian, Paul testifies the Spirit empowers the faithful to live a righteous life.

The lessons about older people in the Bible we might use could include, Leviticus 19:32, Proverbs 16:31, Exodus 20:12 (honor your father and mother), Matthew 19:19, Matthew 25:40, Matthew 7:12, Romans 13:7b, and Ephesians 6:1-4.

### **"Special Sundays" and "Coming Soon"**

Again, please note we have some special Sunday's coming soon.

**Sunday, June 3** – Graduate Recognition and Presentation of Bibles to Third and Fourth Grade Children.

**Sunday, June 24** -- Honoring 80 and 90 year old members and friends. If you are going to be 80 years old or older this year, please let the church office, Pastor Dale, or a member of the Spiritual Council know.

**Sunday June 24** – Adult Bible Study and Faith Discussion begins on this Sunday and will continue throughout the summer. Stay tuned for a schedule of topics.

**Summer Sundays** – Pastor Dale, at the request of the Spiritual Council, will be preaching on the Parables of Jesus throughout the summer months. Again, stay tuned for a schedule of the parables to be addressed.

Other special Sundays and recognitions are also being planned.

## **Prayer Service for Violence in Nation**

On Sunday, June 3, at 4:30 PM, at St. Luke United Methodist Church (712 Bradley Avenue, Cambridge, MD 21613) the Dorchester Faith Alliance invites the Dorchester Community to gather for a time to pray that God lead us to end the violence that threatens our communities, our families, our schools, our nation, and the wider world.

While the time for prayer is in some ways a response to the most recent school shootings in Santa Fe, Texas and Noblesville, Indiana, we will also keep ourselves mindful of those killed and wounded and threatened by violence in our Eastern Shore Communities.

We are aware that while prayer is powerful and important, our faithful response to violence and threats of violence leads us beyond prayer to conversation, community involvement, and the hard work of working within the Dorchester communities to build a safer, more just, and more compassionate life for all of our neighbors.

### **Pastor's Message**

Last summer, the Church Council began looking at the stewardship patterns and procedures of our congregation. It did not take us long to realize that different age groups approach giving, both the means and amounts, differently. You may remember a portion of our stewardship presentation where we said, younger generations, in general, often make smaller donations, prefer to give to causes (and not to institutions), and via electronic methods (not checks). There were the other patterns and trends but the point is there have been changes in the way charitable contributions are made.

In 1991 when I became a full time pastor at Webster Congregational Christian United Church of Christ near Havre de Grace and Aberdeen, I had just graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary and was figuring out how to put my seminary education to use. In the first years, a lot of time and effort went into meeting the immediate weekly needs. These, as they did then and now, include preparing worship and a message each week, visitation and pastoral care, managing/monitoring church business, and a few more things which you probably already assume.

As I became more experienced I began planning more things in advance. In my first year, I seldom looked further than a month or so ahead. As the years passed, I began planning a quarter and even more in advance. I began thinking a little bit more long term. I moved from making sure I was ready for each Sunday to considering, and acting on, long term goals.

The stewardship illustration is a perfect example of this. As a rookie pastor, I would not have taken time to read about or attend stewardship workshops to learn about trends in giving. As I grew in the ministry and became better prepared for the weekly duties and worried less about those tasks, my horizon expanded and my continuing education opportunities grew and began to learn about the long term trends occurring in the church.

Obviously over the years, worship in the larger church has changed. Contemporary worship was a really big thing that all growing churches had to incorporate into their life. Today, the pendulum has swung back a little bit, and the value of praise music and what we knew as contemporary worship is lessened, but is still around and all churches, much like the lessons learned from our stewardship study, must remember the needs and styles of younger generations.

More recently, attention has been given to church government. Several observations have been made. First, most church councils are too big and meet too often. I am told, congregations who are aware of this, and responsive, have moved to a church council of as few as four members and meet quarterly instead of monthly. However, most churches refuse to change. At my last church, with an average worship attendance of maybe 60, the Council membership was 15 and we met every month. Despite an attempt to change, they only lowered the council membership by a couple of people during my tenure.

Another church government observation is that almost all church councils are into “management” and not “leading.” This means that all too often, our councils are all about responding to problems, and planning the events which we have always done. What I have learned is that the best council’s take ten or fifteen minutes or so at each council meeting to address spiritual matters, and think beyond the problems and plans. A good church council which leads, as well as manages, asks questions like, “What do we really want to be?” and, “Are the things we do now really helping us become the church we want to be and reach the people who we want to reach?” Sometimes this can happen at a council retreat or annual planning event, but it does not happen automatically or easily.

Even more recently, there is a trend, in light of the changing nature of traditional Sunday school, that many churches are doing what is called Cross Generational Faith Formation. Essentially, this is a fun and educational gathering of children, parents and grandparents for the purpose of teaching the lessons of faith. It develops relationships between individuals and generations which is truly the heart of the church, and it involves more people in the faith formation (teaching) ministries of the congregation. I hope we can incorporate several of these events into our life in the fall, because, despite Robin’s extremely loyal and dedicated efforts teaching a few of our children, our Sunday School is not as functional as I think we want it to be.

There are many other trends in the church that deserve attention. Church membership and attendance in all traditions is decreasing. Seminary educated pastors are fewer and the churches that can provide full time employment (so the new pastors can pay off their debt) are even fewer. Church staffing patterns are changing as well, as you might expect with churches employing many more women, part time, bi-vocational, and laity (or not fully ordained) folks serving congregations. Many pastors, no longer live in the church community, but travel sometimes up to an hour to serve their part time congregations. Denominations are smaller and struggling to gather the funds needed to maintain ministries. In the UCC, many Associations and Conferences are merging.

Churches that truly have a mission and purpose are growing, as well as churches that are welcoming people who traditionally have been excluded from church. In addition, the focus of faith, by many clergy's observation, is moving away from personal salvation (not abandoning) to more mission oriented ministries that address social justice issues. I suspect this upsets many, but caring for others and creating a peace filled and just world is a biblically sound mission and focus.

My thoughts this month are really about letting you know a little bit more about what I do. Again, much of what I do, and have always done, is make sure the day to day, week to week needs are met. Worship, preaching, happenings, newsletters, home and hospital visits, and much more occupy the vast majority of my time and often determine my schedule. However, in my "spare time," through continuing education opportunities, contact with other pastors (in person and online), and a lot of reading, I try to pay attention to the trends in the life of the larger church. Much of what I do and say, even in a weekly worship service, and in our meetings, reflects my concern for what lies around the corner. Forgive me if this sounds insensitive, but I understand my ministry to be, not just about doing what you want and not just about serving the people who fill the pews this week, but building a Church for the ones who will join us and lead us a decade or two from now. We are part of a continuing chain of faithful believers and it would bother me greatly if our generation(s) failed to do our part in keeping the gospel of Jesus Christ alive and well. God's Word is a constant, but how we practiced through the centuries is not.

Peace be with you,  
Pastor D

### HEATING OIL

Diana Jackson noted on her financial report for April that our credit with Tri Gas & Oil has been exhausted. Thanks to everyone who continues to fund this account. Although we are going into summer, it would be nice to have funds already in place for the next hearing season. You should note on your check or electronic transfer the amount to be credited to the Fuel Account. Again, thanks for your continued support.



### BELLS OF THE BAY

Bells of the Bay will be returning to Immanuel on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. They will perform during the 10am worship service.



## IMMANUEL HONORED OUR GRADUATES MAY 27, 2018



Congratulations and good luck in your future endeavors!



**Leah Grace Krotee**, daughter of the Rev. Dale & Diana Krotee, graduated Valedictorian from Cambridge-South Dorchester High School on May 31, 2018. Leah participated in various community service events involving Interact Club, member of the National Honor Society, National Hispanic Honor Society and served as secretary to her senior class. She was an active member of the swim, track and field teams. Leah will be attending Dickinson College beginning in the fall. She has a sister, Elizabeth. There is also a dog - Micah, a cat - Emily and 2 fish – Scrappy and Oreo in the household.



**Kara Lynn Perilli**, daughter of James & Jennifer Perilli and granddaughter of Phyllis Murphy, graduated from Arcadia University on May 18, 2018 with a major in scientific illustration. She has 2 sisters, Marissa & Christina.



**Jocelyn Helaine Spies**, daughter of Vinson & Marianna Spies, graduated from Cambridge-South Dorchester High School on May 31, 2018. Jocelyn attended Dorchester Center Technology Center while in high school and is graduating as a Certified Nursing Assistance and was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. She enjoyed playing on the high school tennis team. She will be attending Salisbury University in the fall, studying nursing. She would like to continue her education and become an OB/GYN. She has two brothers, Harrison and Parker. She also has 3 dogs, Lady, Rody and Duke; and 1 cat, Oliver.



**Ashley Whiteman Tyler** graduated from Chesapeake College in May. This fall she will head to the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore to pursue a degree in secondary mathematics education. Ashley is married in Kregory Tyler and has 3 children – Kalia, Audrey and Genevieve (Evie). She also has a dog, Belle. Since moving to Cambridge, Ashley has been active in assisting with our Vacation Bible School.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
Rolling River Rampage**



July 22 – 26, 2018  
5:00pm door open;  
5:15pm light family dinner  
6-8pm Vacation Bible School

Closing celebration during 10am Sunday worship, July 29<sup>th</sup>

Rolling River Rampage invites children on a whitewater rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God.

Registration form is included in this newsletter. If you need more than one, please photocopy or call the office to get additional forms sent to you. Forms are also available in the church nursery and in the Narthex. Early registration is appreciated as it will help us to plan for the light dinner and programs that follow. The last night, Thursday, 7/26, will be a picnic on the church grounds or in the Fellowship Hall.

*Note that the dates for Vacation Bible School for 2018 will run Sunday – Thursday, with Thursday being a closing picnic.*

For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact Diana Krotee at 443-487-2504.



REGISTRATION FORM  
(one per child)  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
July 22 – July 26 2018

5:15pm Light Family Dinner 6-8p.m. VBS Program

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Last School Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Church:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Crew Number (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### June Birthdays

Doris Rae	6/2
Jock Luthy	6/4
Patti Cannon	6/4
Tata Cannon	6/5
Abby Spillamn-Wise	6/6
Stacy Seymour	6/10
Sherry Todd	6/10
Sandy Dodson	6/12
Michael Giese	6/13
Emily Robbins	6/13
Charlotte Hanson	6/14
Beau Cherry	6/14
Frank Spillman	6/17
Vivian Anderson	6/19
Susan Hutson	6/22

### June Anniversaries

Trudi & Donald Jones, Jr.	6/3
Patsy & Don Creighton	6/7
Doris & Don Rae	6/13
Sarah & Michael Bass	6/15
Kelly & Josh Dodson	6/18
Terry & Bill Malkus	6/19
Tammy & Danny Luthy	6/20
Sherry & Adam Todd	6/24

### **BIRTHDAYS (CONTINUED)**

Josh Dodson	6/22
Helen Krom	6/27
Amy Robbins	6/27
John Ashton	6/27
Parker Dodson	6/30
Alasdair Campbell	6/30

### **Your Staff**

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

Pastor  
Church Secretary  
Choir Director/Organist  
Pianist  
Nursery Care Provider

### **Your Church Council**

John Dodson- President

Charlotte Hanson  
Mary Mistrangelo  
Tom Wilkison  
Kim Bair

Dennis Jones  
Lynn Malkus-Lyons  
Donna Campbell  
Kate Deckenback  
Scott Dodson

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**IMMAMUEL PRAYER LIST:** *You are invited to remember these people in prayer*

**Members of Immanuel:**

John ADKINS, triple by-pass surgery  
Norma Lee BURTON, health issues  
Wylie & Shirley BURTON, Robin Burton's parents, health issues  
Amy & Scott DODSON and their family  
Bill FOXWELL, facing health challenges  
Jean FOXWELL, health issues  
Helen MALKUS, health issues, at home  
Milton MALKUS, JR., knee replacement, recovering at home  
Elsa SCHNOOR, health issues, at home  
Marie SCHOTT, health issues, at home  
Irene TAYLOR, health issues, at The Dixon House, Easton

**Friends of Immanuel Church:**

Bruce & Becca EVANS, son & daughter-in-law of Rev. Joan Evans, health issues  
Wylie GRAY, JR., Surgery  
Francis MOORE, cancer  
Robin MOORE, friend of Diana Krotee, starting radiation & chemo  
Jim ROSENCRANCE, brother of Lou Jones, cancer & health issues  
Pat Vigneri, rehab

**Other Prayer Requests:**

Guidance in Immanuel's leaders for 2018 and beyond  
Dorchester County Public Schools

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

Christopher ANTENEN, U. S. Air Force, now stationed in the USA,  
grand-nephew of the late Jean Haddaway  
Jake CREIGHTON, U.S. Army, attending officer candidate school  
Buddy HAYDEN, friend of Robin Burton, enlisted in U.S. Air Force  
Harley E. JONES, friend of Robin Burton, U. S. Marines  
Thomas PARENT, U. S. Army, friend of George & Connie Barnett,  
serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> tour in Afghanistan  
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 Iraq  
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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