



# IMMANUEL NEWS

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**October 2023 Newsletter**

# W u r s t m a r k t

**Pork Sausage Dinner**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2023**

**11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Tickets \$15, (children 12 and under \$10)**



**Dine-in or Carry Out**  
**Uncooked sausage for sale**

Staff:

Rev. Deon A. McKenzie, Pastor

Debbie Bahr, Property Manager

Sarah Hemingway, Youth Coordinator

Jennifer Jansen, Financial Manager

Linda Stoecklin, Parish Nurse

Derick Winterberg, Social Media

Church Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

## From our Pastor

Immanuel Disciples,

One of the first things we learn as children is that we should never play with fire. For many of us, all it took was for our parents to say, "Don't play with fire." Others of us heard those words and did not heed them until we burned ourselves. Perhaps we played with matches carelessly or intentionally touched a hot stove. With these dangers in mind, we can understand why the proverb "if you play with fire, you get burned" is so memorable and popular. We all know that fire causes injury when handled carelessly, so it is easy to use the imagery in a broader context to warn ourselves not to get involved with potentially dangerous persons or situations. If we do, we will not escape injury.

Did you know? October is *Fire Prevention Month*, a time to raise awareness about fire safety and protect homes and families. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Today, we celebrate Fire Prevention Week and Month by spreading fire safety awareness and educating families, students, and communities across the United States with help from local fire departments. I am encouraging you to gather your family and discuss fire safety. Take some time to enjoy the moments and memories you create with your loved ones, with peace of mind knowing you are protected.

Let me remind you that installing reliable fire protection devices and being proactive is important to help keep you and your family safe from a fire or carbon monoxide emergency.

- Almost 3 of every 5 home fire deaths resulted from fires with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms (NFPA)
- Carbon monoxide is the #1 cause of accidental poisoning in the US
- Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of home fires (NFPA).
- A fire department responds to a fire every 23 seconds in America (NFPA)

Let's work together to prevent fires and keep our families and communities safe!

*Pastor Dean*

# Church Council

## Minutes of the Church Council Meeting September 12, 2023

**Present:** John Bogdajewicz, Karl Klasing, Julie Guethler, Nancy Remmert, Charlie Miller, Don Morice, Charlie Wolfersberger, Pastor Deon McKenzie.

**Absent:** Doug Daniels, Walter Martinez

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Karl Klasing shared a devotion. Minutes were reviewed a motion was made and seconded (Charles Wolfersberger/Karl Klasing) to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

**Financial Reports** were presented by Karl Klasing. Including reviewing the report by Doug Daniels received in the packet.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor continues to contemplate the direction and priorities for Immanuel. He has met with Sarah Hemmingway, the Youth Coordinator outlining some plans regarding the use of social media to promote the youth programs. Pastor feels we need to be sure that all social media outlets are connected to the church. He continues to contact our home-bound members with visits and/or phone calls. He attended the St. Louis Association meeting and the North County Kiwanis Breakfast where he is serving as President. He is waiting to hear if he has been accepted as a member of the North County Chamber of Commerce. His membership in these community organizations brings Immanuel into the wider community. On a sad note, he will be attending the funerals of three teenagers killed in a traffic accident. These youngsters were students in the Ladue School District where Kimberly McKenzie is employed.

**Parish Nurse Report:** Nurse Linda Stoecklin reported that she spent 32 hours on Immanuel's behalf sending emails, texts and written notes and making referrals for two members. She is working with members to find assistance to help pay for over priced medications.

## Church Council Cont'd

It was suggested that a program be held to inform the congregation regarding insurance advantage plans available. Also, an update of the church records should include parishioners "end of life" plans or requests.

**Property and Grounds Report:** Don Morice submitted a report of ten major projects that have been completed this year. In addition, he submitted a list of future projects in the Sanctuary and Education Building which will be completed as necessary and funds are available. Don Morice moved, that repairs to the Garage behind the Parsonage be completed by John Beal Company at a cost of \$3200.00. It was seconded by Julie Guethler. Motion passed.

**Board of Christian Education:** John Bogdajewicz reported the group had met twice since the Council's last meeting. Sarah Hemmingway has been hired as the Youth Coordinator for 15 hours a week. A request has been made to the congregation to supply an additional adult to be present at the Confirmation classes. This requirement meets the safety precautions presently in place. Since the BCE is in a position of needing to fill five vacancies on the committee this year, John Viehmann will submit a plan to the Council to correct the term limits which will result in a better plan of rotation of BCE members.

**Stewardship:** Karl Klasing reported that the Stewardship Theme for this year is: "Because of You". The Stewardship committee is Karl Klasing, Charlie Miller, Paula Hildebrand, and George Hildebrand. They will meet soon to set the date for Stewardship Sunday and begin the campaign.

**Christians in Action (CIA)** Nancy Remmert reported on plans for a visit to the Botanical Gardens for the Chilhuly Glass display and that a trip to the horse races in Illinois is tentatively planned for November.

## Church Council Cont'd

As part of our community outreach, Nancy represents Immanuel on the NCCU Board (North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice) She requested the Council members to review the NCCU Covenant which will be presented to the congregation during a re-covenant worship service before November 12. Nancy also requested the Council review the information about Compassionate St. Louis. At the Council's next meeting, they will consider becoming endorsers of the Compassionate St. Louis movement.

**Mission Possible:** Julie Guethler reported that the Festival of Sharing kits are requested during September. Immanuel participated in Habitat for Humanity and the ECH Christmas Food Boxes are the next project.

**Worship Committee:** Charlie Miller reported the Worship Committee is scheduled to meet on Sunday, October 29 following worship at 10:45 a.m. The Committee meets on the Fifth Sunday of months when that occurs.

**Nominating Committee:** Charlie Wolfersberger and Julie Guethler reported that the committee has assembled four candidates for the three vacancies to be filled on Church Council and five candidates for the five openings on the Board of Christian Education.

**Technology:** Walter Martinez was not present to give a report. Pastor Deon recommended that passwords, and other information about our technical equipment be located in one place for easy access.

**Investment:** Karl Klasing reported that two CDs were renewed at a favorable interest rate.

## Church Council Cont'd

**Old Business: The Church Safety Plan** was reviewed and was approved by consensus as presented with minor adjustments. Training for church leaders, ushers and congregation will be held so the Safety Plan can be effective.

**The Unleashing Possibilities contract** for 2023-24 has been completed. There will be no after school program this year. UP will hold training session Monday through Thursday, hold Play Day on the fourth Saturday and possibly plan something special for Halloween on October 28. **New Carts for Kitchen.** It was moved and seconded (Karl Klasing/Julie Guethler) that up to \$200 plus \$913 donated by the Bowling League be spent to purchase four carts for the kitchen. Motion passed.

The Council moved into Executive Session at 9:13 p.m.

Council resumed at 9:41 with no future business appearing, the Council adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Rimmert, Secretary



# Board of Christian Education

## AUGUST 2023 MINUTES

PRESENT: Kathi Remmert, Karin Oelzen, Laura Payer, Council Rep John Bogdajewicz, John Viehmann, Pastor Deon McKenzie, and Jennifer Jansen (by phone).

Absent: George Hildebrand.

CALL TO ORDER 7 PM.

DEVOTION: Read by Laura from the UCC Devotional Website about "The Other Side."

SECRETARY'S REPORT: June minutes approved by Kathi 1st, Karin 2nd. (BCE does not meet in July).

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

STAFFING REPORT: The Search Committee for Music Director position will hold interviews and auditions. Church Choir to be present at the auditions. Pastor Deon continues to work on the New Member Class and the Spiritual Gifts Class. Pastor Deon reports Council has had water heater fixed, lots resurfaced, air conditioner fixed, fire door lock approval/installed. Parsonage (not currently occupied) has leaks/holes in the wall. Council will meet with Unleashing Potential to sign an agreement for Fall.

COUNCIL REP REPORT: John B presented a list of projects Council has made complete. Council went into Executive Session: Discussed Sarah Hemingway's plan submitted as prospect for Youth Coordinator position. Offer was made to Sarah, and she accepted. Waiting for Background Check at this time. Parish Nurse position on hold.

## Board of Christian Education Cont'd

**CONFIRMATION:** Start date is August 27th, and class will be held in the Fireside room. The class will be a 1 year program, held during church service time (9:30 to 10:30 am), and will be taught by Tony Wright. There are 3 Confirmands this year. Per Safe Church Policy, and as discussed by BCE Members, a second adult needs to be present. Kathi will be making a rotation of the 2nd adult members.

**RALLY DAY (Sept 10th):** Jennifer to ask Sarah Klasing to calligraphy write in names in Bibles for Noah Albers, Ava Burke and Emma Burke. Bibles to be presented to them by John V. on Rally Day. Breakfast will be provided by CIA (Christians In Action) after service. Following the meal in Fellowship Hall, different groups will make presentations explaining what their group does, when they meet. Laura will be the presenter for BCE.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Put off to Oct. John V will talk to the neighbor behind Ed Bldg about fence repainting.

**BOARD OF CE NOMINATIONS/CURRENT MEMBER TERMS ENDING:** John V and Kathi done this December. Karin in middle of her 2nd term. Jennifer, George, and Laura are in the 2nd year of their 1st term. There was much discussion about making adjustments so that some veteran board members would still be on when newly elected members come on for smooth transition.

Motion to adjourn at 9 am by Laura 1st, Kathi 2nd.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting Tues, Sept 5th, 7 pm, with Devotion by Kathi. Will request Sarah Hemingway to be present.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Payer



# Board of Christian Education

## SEPTEMBER 2023 MINUTES

PRESENT; Jennifer Jansen, Sarah Hemingway (New Youth Coordinator), Karin Oelzen, Kathi Remmert, Council Rep John Bogdajewicz, Pastor Deon McKenzie, George Hildebrand.

Absent: John Viehmann.

CALLED TO ORDER: 7pm.

DEVOTION: Kathi read from the UCC devotional website.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Approved by Jennifer 1st, Kathi 2nd.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved by Kathi 1st, Laura 2nd. Monies spent were for VBS, and some supplies were returned, giving a credit to church credit card of \$129.26. Approximately \$27 was spent on bookmarks for Father's Day Gift to congregation. Current balance in BCE Account is \$9,841.83.

Pastor Deon reported on the following: He and Council working on Music Director position. Rally Day events coming together, and will occur on Sept. 10th. The St. Louis Assn for UCC churches is looking for 4 Adults, and 2 young people to attend the 2025 General Synod Meeting. Parsonage is to be fixed, but is still unoccupied at this time.

Rally Day: John V will present Bibles to 4th graders and anyone who missed getting one during Covid. Jennifer will get gift cards to be handed out as attendance prizes following Group Presentations.

## Board of Christian Education Cont'd

Confirmation: Building key fobs given to parents of Confirmands. At this time, approximately 6 people have agreed to be in rotation as 2nd adult member present per Safe Church Policy.

Board Of CE to pick Advent Devotionals at next meeting.

Sarah Hemingway: Ready to start ASAP. She would like to teach 1 Sunday and do outreach another Sunday. She plans to utilize Instagram, Facebook. Pastor Deon suggested George speak with Sarah about budget.

Other Youth related things: Youth Permission slip approval on hold until Oct. The next Youth Sunday is Oct . 29th. John V has spoken to and gotten approval from neighbor whose fence we want to have Youth stain/paint as an activity.

Nominations for Board of CE: Discussion of adjusting length of terms to retain some veteran members when new members come on. Hope to decide at next BCE meeting, with approval of Council, if adjusting will occur, so this is decided prior to Congregational Meeting Oct. 22nd.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm by Laura 1st, Jennifer 2nd.

Devotion to be given by George next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Payer



## **Meet our new Youth Coordinator, Sarah Hemingway**

I am a mother of 2 boys, Damian 18, and Roland 4, have 2 fur babies Arianna and Mickey, and I have 13 babies in heaven between Damian and Roland. I have been married for 5 years to Thomas Hemingway.

I am born and raised in North County and still a current resident. Prior to taking the Youth Coordinator position at Immanuel UCC, I worked at Hope Church as the special needs minister to children with severe autism. Throughout my many years at Hope Church I have worked with children ranging from infant to 17 years old. Prior to working at Hope Church, I was a PSR teacher at St. Ferdinand Catholic School working with 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

My hobbies are bird watching, photography, and spending as much time with my family as I can. I have always felt the calling to ministry since I was very young. I have many fun and innovative ways to bring excitement to our youth. Thank you for having my family and me at Immanuel UCC.



**Welcome Sarah !**



## **IMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

The October meeting of the Immanuel Fellowship will be Thursday, October 5. Our speaker will be from *All Among Us*. This is an organization in Ferguson that provides temporary housing and services to women.

All are welcome. We begin at 11 a.m. with devotion, a short business meeting and program. We end with lunch. (The menu this month is Sloppy Joes).

## **PRAYER AND SHARE**

Prayer and Share will begin meeting after our summer break on October 25. We meet from 10 a.m. to noon in the Education Building Library. Come and join us. We usually share a devotional reading, review the names on our “prayer list” and enjoy one another’s company. We usually go to lunch together.

## **CHRISTIANS IN ACTION (CIA)**

Our recent activities, the Grafton Boat trip, and our visit to the Botanical Gardens, were enjoyed by those who attended. Our November plans include a trip to the Horse Races in Illinois and preparing Blessing Bags. We meet on the Third Tuesday every other month. Our next meeting will be October 17 to finalize our November plans. Come join us.

## **TOTENFEST**

Totenfest will be observed in worship on Sunday, Nov. 5. Each year, near All Saint’s Day, we remember our loved ones who have died during the past year. Immanuel will include members who have passed away but please contact the Church Office, by October 29, if you would like to remembered a family member/friend outside of Immanuel.

*in  
Loving  
Memory*

# ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Save the date!

Please save the date for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday October 22, 2023 after our worship service.

As in past years, there will be elections for the Church Council and the Board of CE, financial reports, a Board of CE report, a Council President's report and the Pastor's report.

## *Bon Appetit*



October 21 at  
Terry & Karen Fox's Farm

(located between Bowling Green & Louisiana MO, about 90 miles from Immanuel).

RSVP by Oct 16 to:  
Terry 314-795-3279 or  
Karen 636-734-1958

### 2023 Calendar

Date	Host
October 21 - arrive around noon	Terry & Karen Fox
November 11- Ruiz Mexican 6:00pm	Bogdajewicz
December	Hildebrand's

## **COOKIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

For anyone that is unfamiliar with this ministry, Immanuel sends cookies, candy & treats to our college/graduate students twice a year around finals time to remind them that even if they are unable to worship with us in person, they are in our thoughts and prayers and still such a vital part of our congregation. We will be gathering in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am to pack all collected items. It usually only takes about an hour and is filled with a lot of laughter.

If you wish to donate any goodies, you can drop them off at the church office by Friday, October 20th or contact either Krescene (618-205-3188) or Brenda (314-600-7854) to make other arrangements. And if you would like to help pack up all our goodies, just meet us in Fellowship Hall at 9:00am. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office or either one of us.

PARENTS or STUDENTS: Please contact us to make sure we have the updated addresses of where to send the goodie boxes. Thank you so very much for your continued support of this special ministry.

**YOUR COOKIE CRUSADERS  
KRESCENE & BRENDA**



# Wurstmarkt is Coming!!!

November 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Saturday in November, also known to many as Wurstmarkt Day!!! It takes all of Immanuel to make the Wurstmarkt a success! Save the date, and plan to come eat. We will be serving from 11:00am-6:30pm! Tickets are \$15, and \$10 for children 12 and under. Dine In\* or Carry Out options are available.

*\*Dine In will be served to you cafeteria style, with the option for guests to return through the line.*

We will be taking Raw Sausage Pre-Orders again this year, however a 10 lb. minimum and prepayment is required for the Raw Sausage Pre-Order. Smaller portions of Raw Sausage will be available on Wurstmarkt Day, while supplies last.

The key is spreading the word! Please invite all of your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and extended family to come and enjoy our meal!

Other ways you can help:

- Donate homemade pies or desserts (preferably non-refrigerated ones)
- Work a shift or two... Please contact the appropriate person listed below, if you are available to volunteer your time.
  - Sausage Cookers: Tim Payer 314-450-0422
  - Dining Room Workers:  
Karen Fox 636-949-5223 or 636-734-1958 or  
Bill Wootten III 314-608-9668
  - Kitchen Help: Ken Vortmeier 314-401-1443
  - Carry-Out: Karen Caguin 636-578-4299
  - Dish Washers: Karl Klasing 314-560-5179
  - Set Up (Wed. Nov. 1 @ 6:30pm) and Clean Up (Nov 4 @ 6:30pm): Sarah Klasing 314-778-1108

Lastly, Wurstmarkt is a great opportunity for youth and college age students to earn service hours. Share this info with young people you know. Have them get in touch with Karl Klasing 314-560-5179 by October 28 (last minute help is always welcomed).



## Youth Activities

Congratulations to Noah Albers, Ava Burke and Emma Burke on receiving their Bibles!

Our new youth coordinator is Sarah Heminway. Look for more details on a Sundae Sunday youth activity during worship service on October 15.

The next Youth Sunday is October 29 followed by a service project on Immanuel property. Please contact Sarah Hemingway if you can participate.

### **Confirmation Class**

Confirmation class continues every Sunday at 9:30am in the Fire-side Room. One adult volunteer is needed each Sunday in the classroom per our Safe Church Policy. If you can volunteer, please call the Church Office or Tony Wright.

### **Wurstmarkt**

All youth are needed to help at Wurstmarkt!

As in past years, we are asking our youth (and anyone else) to help set up chairs and get the tables ready. Setup is Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 6:30pm. Please contact Sarah Klasing at 314-778-1108 if you can help.

Youth can also volunteer on Wurstmarkt day, Nov. 4. Please see the Wurstmarkt article in this newsletter for the specific person to contact. Volunteering for Wurstmarkt is a great way to earn service hours if needed.

We hope you can make it to the meal, remind your family, invite your friends! Tickets are \$15 for this church-wide fundraiser.



Immanuel Family,

Christmas at Immanuel will be here soon! A time when we can join together and give others a Christmas dinner.

An ECH Christmas tote can be completed by yourself, a group of a few or many. Contributing a single item or two on the list can make all the difference in contributing to the cause as we have been able to complete a tote box with single donations. Every donation large or small is appreciated by Immanuel and the families of ECH.

Totes will be available in the church narthex and Ed Bldg. at a later date.

For your Christmas tote, a ham **will be** provided by Mission Possible. Both the ham and \$10 food gift certificate are optional. A food list should be turned in with the tote and a copy is included in this newsletter. The hams, totes, and the food list will soon be available at church.


There will be a mitten tree gain this year in the Reception Room for any mitten donations. The Christmas card board will also be in the Reception Room. Instead of sending a Christmas card to many Immanuel friends, just put one Christmas card on the bulletin board. If you would like to make a donation in lieu of postage, checks can be made out to Immanuel UCC with "Xmas card board" noted in the memo. Contributions will go to charities in the Ferguson area.

Thank you  
Mission Possible  
Beverly Dow  
(314) 972-9240



Food  
For ECH

# OCTOBER

	MON	TUE	WED
<p>1</p> <p>Blood Pressure Check</p> <p>Coffee 9-9:30 and 10:30am Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion) Confirmation 9:30am Adult Faith Exploration 10:30</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>BCE Meeting 7:00pm, Library</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Quilters 9</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Coffee 9-9:30 and 10:30am Worship 9:30 a.m. Confirmation 9:30am Donuts with Deon 10:30am</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Room 102</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Quilters 9</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Coffee 9-9:30 and 10:30am Worship 9:30 am Confirmation 9:30am Adult Faith Exploration 10:30 Mission Possible 10:30</p> <p>Interfaith Dialogue 2-4pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>CIA, 7:00pm, Room 102</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Quilters 9</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p>
<p>22</p> <p>Coffee 9-9:30 and 10:30am Worship 9:30 a.m. Confirmation 9:30am</p> <p>Congregational Meeting 10:30</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Quilters 9</p> <p>Prayer &amp; Library</p> <p>Newsletter Assembly</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Coffee 9-9:30 and 10:30am Worship 9:30 a.m. * Youth Sunday Confirmation 9:30am Worship Committee 10:45am</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> 	

# 2023

	THU	FRI	SAT
a.m.	5 Immanuel Fellowship 11a.m. Reception Rm	6	7
am	12	13	14
a.m.  TTER E	19 Immanuel Fellowship Exec Meeting 10:00am, Library	20	21  Cookies for College Students, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall  Bon Appetit - Fox Farm Noon.
a.m. Share 10a.m.  r Crew , 9:30am	26	27	28 Unleashing Potential - gym reserved

## **NOMINEES TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

*The Nominating Committee would like to introduce **four** candidates for Church Council. The congregation will have a chance to vote for them at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday October 22. A biographical sketch of each is included below.*

*In addition, we are planning on introducing the candidates in church on Sunday, October 1. If you have a chance, please say hello to them and thank them for volunteering their time to serve the church.*

**Paula Hildebrand** - Paula is a lifetime member of Immanuel United Church of Christ having been baptized, confirmed and married at Immanuel. Paula has been Church Council President twice, Church Council Treasurer and Financial Secretary. Paula has served on Mission Possible, Christians in Action, Policy and Personnel, Stewardship, Investment, and Budget and Finance committees. She is a lay reader and an usher. She has taught Sunday school and created the Jesus Has Left the Building mission project. She is a member of the Bon Appetit group and has served as the hostess at many Wurstmarkts. Paula co-chairs Decorating the Church for Christmas.

Paula is married to George Hildebrand and will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. They have two cats and four American Saddlebred horses. Paula is an avid cyclist, loves to travel and entertain. Paula is an alumnus of Lindenwood University and is active in their alumni association. She is currently a Managing Director with Merative LLC but is starting to think retirement is on the horizon in 2024 and needs lots of activities to fill her time.

**Melinda Schuster** - Melinda Schuster is currently serving as the chairperson of the Mission Possible Committee. Given the opportunity, she will talk your leg off about Immanuel's mission outreach projects – especially Room at the Inn. She is also a front-door greeter on Sunday mornings and a member of Women's Fellowship. She helped in Vacation Bible School this year and loved working with the children. Melinda retired from Lucet Behavioral Health in April 2023.



## **NOMINEES TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL CONT'D**

**Judith H. Sherman** - I was born in Buffalo, NY, grew up in Derby, NY, a small rural community. I raised my children in University City, MO and lived in Texas for 30 or so years. While in Texas I worked as Executive Director of Austin Habitat and helped start the first ReStore. I worked for the Texas Attorney General's Consumer Protection Dept. as a Legal Secretary.

I trained as a licensed minister in the South Texas Association of the UCC and was licensed in 2004. I started and pastored Grace Mission UCC Church in Luling, Texas and served as Associate Pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ in Burton, Texas for five years.

I was on the board of Burton Bridge Ministry. I started and managed the Corner Shoppe, a thrift store which supported Burton Bridge Ministry. Most recently I was a member of Southwood UCC in Raytown, MO. I served as president of the Church council for two consecutive terms. I am retired and live with my dog Delilah in Florissant.

**Martha Snead** - I have been employed full time as the Aquatics Director for the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors for the past 30 years. My main responsibilities are to train and supervise employees and provide a variety of fitness and recreational programs for children and adults. I am very passionate about my career as it allows me to work as part of a team to help build a positive and healthy community among our residents, and to mentor young people on a daily basis.

My work days require a lot of energy, so in my free time I enjoy the solace of my home where I garden and care for my animals. Spending time with my large extended family is pretty uplifting also!

I have been a member of Immanuel since my Confirmation in 1976. In the past I have volunteered for the Wurstmarkt, helped with catering events and was a member of the Board of Christian Education.

The call to run for Church Council is my first opportunity to serve Immanuel in many years.

As a lifelong resident of Ferguson, I appreciate the stability and hope that Immanuel brings to our city and the wider community. I thankfully look forward to greater involvement in the years ahead!

## **NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*The Nominating Committee would like to introduce **five** candidates for the Board of Christian Education. The congregation will have a chance to vote for them at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday October 22. A biographical sketch of each is included below.*

*In addition, we are planning on introducing the candidates in church on Sunday, October 1. If you have a chance, please say hello to them and thank them for volunteering their time to serve the church.*

**George Hildebrand (Incumbent)** - George has been a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ for almost 40 years. He is currently Treasurer on the Board of Christian Education. He is a lay reader and usher and a member of the Stewardship, Budget and Finance, Policy and Personnel, Mission Possible, and Investment committees. George is a former member of the Church Council where he served as Treasurer. He has taught Sunday School and has participated in many Jesus Has Left the Building mission projects. He is a member of the Bon Appetit group. George participates in Habitat for Humanity and is one of the sausage cookers for Wurstmart. George co-chairs Decorating the Church for Christmas.

George is married to Paula Hildebrand and will celebrate 40 years of marriage in December. He is the cat dad for two cats, Derek and Blue. He is an avid cyclist and loves to travel. George also restores a 1979 Triumph Spitfire for a hobby and attends car shows based on the status of his restoration project. He is a retired United States Navy Captain and is also retired from Boeing where he was an International Program Manager.

**Jennifer Jansen (Incumbent)** - I am currently employed by Immanuel as Financial Manager. I have been working for Immanuel since 2012. I am a former member of the Church Council and have served on the Board of CE twice. I am also a member of the Budget & Finance Committee.

I am married to Greg and we have three teenage/young adult children. I enjoy outdoor activities and watching my children play sports.

## **NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF CE CONT'D**

**Melissa Lawrence** - I recently retired from the Ferguson-Florissant School District after 27 yrs in Elementary Education, teaching 2nd and 3rd grade. I have a BS degree in Education from Missouri State University and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from UMSL. My heart and passion has always been the children!

I am currently a teacher in the infant room at the Early Childhood Education Center at Delmar Gardens of O'Fallon. I enjoy working with the children and families of Delmar.

I have been a member of Immanuel UCC since I was a teenager attending with my parents. Now, my own family are members of the church and my youngest daughter is currently going through confirmation and my older two daughters went through in 2021. I have previously served as an educator, Sunday School coordinator and on the Christian Board of Education.

My husband and I have three daughters. Madison and Mackenzie are twins who are 15 years old and sophomores at Fort Zumwalt West High School in O'Fallon, Missouri. Our youngest Claire, is 12 and a 7th grader at West Middle. We are the typical busy family with our children's activities during the week, but we find the weekends and summer time for family vacations, lake trips, and camping. I look forward to returning to service for Immanuel and the Board of Christian Education.

**Peggy Nofles** - Peggy is a Licensed Professional Counselor with Missouri Committee for Professional Counselors and a National Certified Counselor by the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc.

She has held positions at the Missouri Department of Social Services and Catholic Charities of St. Louis. She is a consultant for a licensed, Christian day care/teaching center in West County and has a private counseling practice with several managed care agencies in three locations in St. Louis County.

## **NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF CE CONT'D**

### **Peggy Nofles - Cont'd**

Peggy has conducted workshops at the Missouri Department of Social Services for staff at the Seven Hills and Wainwright buildings and for the School Districts of Hazelwood and Riverview Gardens. She has also conducted church workshops and weekend conferences in Overland, St. Ann, Ferguson, Spanish Lake, Chesterfield and Florissant.

Peggy is a volunteer in our community. She has served as a Board Member for North County Churches United (NCCU) at John Knox Presbyterian Church and is a Board Member at Ruth's House Outreach Ministry. She served for two years with the Children's Defense Fund® program at Christ the King UCC Church and is a facilitator for PARENTS ANONYMOUS® INT'L (a self-help group for parents with children).

**Laura Payer (Incumbent)** - I have been a member at Immanuel for almost 20 years. I have been involved in Adult Sunday School/Faith Exploration, Donuts with Deon, Coffee Hour, Wurstmarkt, taught Youth Sunday School, and Board of Christian Ed. I am thankful for my church family at Immanuel.







Rose Bollinger

Ron Caguin

Melba Holtgrewe

Barbara Thompson

Edward Viehmann

Kolene Thies

Shelia Wedemeyer

Carol Lewis

Joe Walsh

Lois Schuette

Bonnie White

Joanne Schuster

Christine Struble

Immanuel Friends,

Thank you, everyone, for cards, calls, and prayers. I got a lot of them. I really appreciate it. I am doing better now.

Rose Bollinger



Dear Immanuel Family

Thank you so much for the support that you have offered me while I continue my education journey at Xavier University in nursing. I am currently working as a patient care assistant at a hospital in Cincinnati and I truly feel that God is with me while I do this work. It is extremely fulfilling to know that my church family is behind me in this. I love getting to share in this experience with the people that have helped to shape my morals and approach to life. I am so grateful for this opportunity to help people as I feel that it is my true calling. I want to thank everyone for all the help and prayers that they have offered me and wish you all the best.

Cecilia Lipski



# October Birthdays!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Ray Richmond	10/1
Nancy Remmert	10/3
Sydney Winterberg	10/3
Ron Caguin	10/7
Ethan Payer	10/7
Richard Viehmann	10/8
Kim Haynes	10/10
Andy Viehmann	10/10
Eric Miller	10/11
Bill Kinderman	10/14
Darla Kempf	10/15
Marian McCreary	10/15
Karin Oelzen	10/15
Virginia Viehmann	10/15
Darrell Thies	10/20
Phil Lum	10/22
Russell Viehmann	10/24
Laura Payer	10/25
Melissa Lawrence	10/27
Rose Bollinger	10/30
Rex Haynes	10/31





## Flowers for October



October 1 -

October 8 -

October 15 - Hildebrand

October 22 -

*Geraldine's Florist is still in business but they are closing in the future. You can still order flowers and they will deliver to Immanuel. Please let the Church Office know when you have ordered and we will put it in the bulletin and newsletter.*

***The Worship Committee is scheduling scripture readers. If you would like to read scripture, please call the Church Office or Charlie Miller.***

## Lay Readers for October

October 1 - Melinda Schuster

October 8 - Karl Klasing

October 15 - Nancy Remmert

October 22 - Charlie Miller

October 29 - Youth Sunday



# facebook

If you can't join us for in-person worship, please visit Immanuel's Facebook page for live on-line streaming of our church services.

Our facebook page is:



Immanuel United Church of Christ, Ferguson MO

**Immanuel United Church of Christ,  
Ferguson MO**

Immanuel also offers the option to listen to the latest church service by calling 314-255-1873

Call 314-255-1873  
to hear our latest service



Don't Miss the

**DEADLINE!**

The deadline for the newsletter is  
Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

# 2023 EVERY CHILD'S HOPE



## FOOD TOTE COLLECTION

TEAR THIS OUT AND PLACE INSIDE TOTE

**Name(s)**

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*Ham included ? Yes/No \$10 Gift Certificate? Yes/No*

*Place ham on top in tote. Both items are optional.*

<b><u>Food Item</u></b>	<b><u>Quantity</u></b>	<b><u>Purchased ?</u></b>
<b>Beef Stew</b>	<b>2 cans</b>	
<b>Cereal 15 oz</b>	<b>1 box</b>	
<b>Chicken 12 oz</b>	<b>1 can*</b>	
<b>Chocolate Syrup 24 oz</b>	<b>1 jar</b>	
<b>Cookies/Cupcakes</b>	<b>1 package</b>	
<b>Corn</b>	<b>2 cans</b>	
<b>Crackers</b>	<b>1 box</b>	
<b>Evaporated Milk</b>	<b>2 cans</b>	
<b>Fruit</b>	<b>2 cans</b>	
<b>Gravy</b>	<b>2 Packages</b>	
<b>Green Beans</b>	<b>2 cans</b>	
<b>Instant Potatoes</b>	<b>1 box</b>	
<b>Jell-O</b>	<b>2 boxes</b>	
<b>Jelly</b>	<b>1 jar</b>	
<b>Juice Boxes (10 count)</b>	<b>1 carton</b>	
<b>Macaroni &amp; Cheese</b>	<b>2 boxes</b>	
<b>Muffin Mix</b>	<b>1 box</b>	
<b>Pancake Mix</b>	<b>1 box</b>	
<b>Pancake Syrup</b>	<b>1 bottle</b>	
<b>Peanut Butter</b>	<b>1 jar</b>	
<b>Pudding</b>	<b>2 boxes</b>	
<b>Rice</b>	<b>1 package</b>	
<b>Soup</b>	<b>2 cans</b>	
<b>Spaghetti/Pasta Noodles</b>	<b>1 package</b>	
<b>Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce</b>	<b>1 jar</b>	
<b>SpaghettiOs</b>	<b>2 cans</b>	
<b>Stuffing</b>	<b>2 boxes</b>	
<b>Sweet Potatoes/Yam</b>	<b>2 cans</b>	
<b>Tuna 12 oz</b>	<b>1 can*</b>	
<b>Tuna Helper</b>	<b>1 box</b>	

*\*Multiple small cans may replace a large one.*

# Homemade Pie or Dessert Donation for Wurstmarkt

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

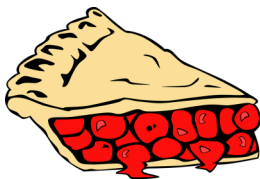
Number of Pies: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Other Desserts: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will drop off my pies/desserts on  
Wurstmarkt Day

or

\_\_\_\_\_ I need someone to pick up my  
pies/desserts



*Please tear out and return to the Church Office/Offering Plate*

# **Wurstmarkt Raw Sausage Pre-Order Form**

**\$6.00/lb 10 lb. minimum for Pre-Order.**

**Pick-up at Immanuel UCC on Wurstmarkt Day,  
(Saturday, November 4th)**

**Smaller portions of Raw Sausage will be available on Wurstmarkt  
Day, while supplies last.**

**First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Preferred Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of pounds of Raw Sausage: minimum 10 lbs \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Amount Due: # of lbs x \$6 per lb = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**To guarantee raw sausage order,  
payment to Immanuel Brother's in Christ,  
must be received in the Church Office by October 22nd.**

**Immanuel UCC Office  
221 Church Street  
Ferguson, MO 63135**

**Questions? Contact Karl @ 314-560-5179**

# IMMANUEL UCC - MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM GIFT FORM

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

- TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Immanuel General Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Every Child's Hope "ECH" OPERATING FUND  
\_\_\_\_\_ Emmaus Homes-OPERATING FUND  
\_\_\_\_\_ Emmaus Homes-PASTORAL CARE FUND  
\_\_\_\_\_ Emmaus Homes-ENDOWMENT FUND  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Friends Foundation (formerly "Friends of Emmaus")  
\_\_\_\_\_ Immanuel Building and Capital Improvement Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Immanuel Endowment Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Immanuel Good Samaritan Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Immanuel Brothers' In Christ Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Glenn Fox Memorial Scholarship Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Brauch Scholarship Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mary Thompson Scholarship Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Music Enhancement Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Eden Theological Seminary  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unleashing Potential (formerly Neighborhood Houses)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Parish Nurse Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Camp Scholarship Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bell Choir Fund \*CK # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Organ Fund \*AMT \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Heritage Fund \*ENV # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Accessibility Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Habitat for Humanity  
\_\_\_\_\_ Discretionary Assistance Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

ACKNOWLEDGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Put in Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Do NOT put in Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

\*Office Use