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# Expressions of Immanuel Church

August 2023

Worship Service 10:15 am

Immanuel Church 8888 St Rt 274

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Dear Church Family,

We are already in the month of August, two-thirds of the way through the year. The weeks keep clicking away and it is so easy to get behind and then be forced to play catch up. So let me prime the pump and get us to look ahead for a moment. To wrap up the year 2023 and set ourselves up for success in 2024 there are some things we should begin to do. We need to vision, dream and make some plans.

Personnel on the Church Consistory: We will be looking for three people to become part of the leadership for the next three years. We will be looking for an Elder, a Deacon, and a Trustee. We will be looking to fill positions on our committees and encourage individuals to move into other areas of ministry, listening to the call, equipping, and gifting of God. As a Church, we need to vision, plan and set some goals. It is ideal to prayerfully consider what God is calling the Church Body to do in the upcoming years and become prepared. Is God calling us to do a Missions Trip? Is God calling us to become involved in something locally? Are we being selected to become a ministry to a group of individuals that are in need of Spiritual Care, support, and comfort? How are we to help God's Kingdom to grow stronger and have a larger impact in our community?

These are part of the questions that we need to begin asking in August for 2024 through 2029. Wait a minute! I think we have an important anniversary of this Church happening in those years! Yes, the first building cornerstone was laid on April 30, 1882. This means the Congregation will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2032. Okay, those dates are outside the five-year visioning. But the current structure was dedicated on January 31, 1926. This means the current building will be 100 years old in January 2026 and our congregation will be celebrating its, 144<sup>th</sup> Birthday the same year. Lots of things have happened in the past years and many improvements, upgrades, and achievements for our building and our congregation. Yet, we can not rest on what we have accomplished but must continue to press onward toward the prize we have in God. God is not finished with Immanuel Church, nor is it time to say, this is all we can do. We continue to have new faces enter our doors, continue to reach new people for Christ, and offer hope to those that are hurting.

So what is on the horizon? What is God calling and saying to us? May I encourage you to take time to pray for our Church and Church Family? May I encourage you to pray that we would hear the voice, direction, and movement of God in our midst? May we hear with the ears of God and see with the eyes of God? May we become more in tune with the voice of the Holy Spirit? Yes, it is the summer and a time for vacations, relaxing and refreshing. But this is also the perfect time to listen to God in the relaxing moments that we have been given. As you recline in the chair, putting your feet up and taking your moments of rest, allow your face to be toward Heaven and your ears to the still small voice of God speaking to you about your Church. Now is the time, not only to be refreshed by the vacation but open to the new opportunities that God is speaking to us as a church family.

The success of Immanuel Church is not simply to a great leadership team, it is from the ears of the Body, listening for the voice of God and responding. You are an important part of the leadership of this congregation as you listen to God, seek God, and share what you hear God is doing in us.

Sincerely,

Pastor Ed Rinehart

**Immanuel Church of Kettlersville**  
**Consistory Meeting Minutes June 13, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mark Elsass, Joe Lammers, Pastor Ed Rinehart, Ginger Holtkamp, Parker Manger, Dave Kettler, Ned Meyer, Matt Wick and Terri Goodwin

Absent: Carson Manger, Diane Greer

Consistory President, Mark Elsass, called the meeting to order.

Pastor Ed opened the meeting with prayer.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

Terri Goodwin read the Secretary's Report from May 2023 meeting held for Immanuel Church of Kettlersville, Ohio.

Ned Meyer moved to accept the minutes.

Matt Wick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Ginger Holtkamp reviewed the treasurer report for the period ending May 31, 2023.

The beginning balance was \$63,116.70.

Miscellaneous decreases totaled \$1,387.09.

Checks and payments cleared equaled \$4,493.47, and deposits and credits totaled equaled \$11,189.74 for a cleared balance of \$64,788.59.

Page 2 showed an un-cleared balance of \$63,693.43.

Page 3 showed all increases and decreases in the unrestricted and restricted bank accounts to now total \$63,565.91.

Page 4 reviewed the income and expense detail report for the month of May.

Total Income was \$7,763.64. The expense total was \$7,259.43, for a net loss/gain of \$504.21.

Page 5 showed all bills for the month of June.

At the time of consistory, bills paid totaled \$4,612.10. Bills yet to be paid totaled \$1,411.26, and the total is \$6,023.36.

Parker Manger moved to accept the report and to pay all bills for the month.

Dave Kettler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**TRUSTEE REPORT:**

Ned Meyer reported:

Posts for South Side Church Entrance have been installed. Trustees will open church and clean through July 1st while Katie is gone. Items gathered during "spring clean-up" will be displayed at a future date. No follow-up on the insurance policy at this time.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

(Please insert the prepared list of items shared with Consistory, and include the following additional comments.)

Looking ahead at the calendar year: September – Shelby County Gideon chapter to speak as Mission for the Month. Considering either September 17 or 24th.

November – Giving Thanks, December – Advent and Christmas.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Benevolence and Outreach:** the church, as a whole, is tithing and doing well.

**Care and hospitality:** The meeting went well. Discussion included Mother's Day, Father's Day, and the purchase of rose for the new born baby Manger.

**Decorating:** Beautification of church grounds completed with new mulch being spread on May 10th. Thank you to all who were there to help.

Worship: Received cabinet from Charlie Elsass to organize technical equipment in the sound booth area.  
Education: Parker Manger and Pastor Ed meeting to review and involve teachers in creating a spiritual three-year cycle by age group.  
Constitution: Mark Elsass and Pastor Ed discussed progress on Constitution. All members of Consistory received a revised document and were asked to read it over and mark it with highlighters and notes to be discussed at the next meeting.  
Youth: Upcoming event – Fireman’s Picnic in July.  
Security: n/a

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The discussion involved an opportunity for a member of the congregation to provide baptism. This will be addressed in further detail as the constitution is reviewed. Thank you’s received from McClain’s and Epiphany.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ginger Holtkamp moved to adjourn the consistory meeting.  
Joe Lammers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 11, 2023 @ 7:00pm.

The meeting concluded with sharing of the Lord’s Prayer.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Goodwin

**Calendar of Events for August 2023**

**Immanuel Office Hours:** Pastor Ed Tues.& Wed. afternoons and Monday from 9 am til Noon  
Kelly Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 am til 11:30 am  
(Please note the Monday and Tuesday switch in schedule)

**Morning Coffee** Monday through Saturday from 7 am to 8 am

August 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Final Soul Shift Sunday School 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service - Holy Communion
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am Pumpkin Roll Baking 5:30 pm Pumpkin Roll Filling 7:00 pm Women’s Guild
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm Immanuel Consistory Meeting
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am Widow & Widower’s Luncheon
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter Items due to the office
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service 2:00 pm Security Team Training
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am Pumpkin Roll Baking & Filling
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service

**Special Thanks:**

Thank you so much for the generous gift for my graduation!  
I really appreciate all the love and support the church family has shown me. I’m super excited to begin this new chapter as a BG Falcon!  
Olivia

## Weekly Schedule

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Aug 6</b>	<b>Aug 13</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>Aug 27</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Kim Nellis	Terri Goodwin	Mark Elsass	Dawn Dabbelt
<b>Greeters</b>	Larry & Diane Greer	Jamie Hampton Family	Larry & Sandra Hirschfeld	Dave & Julia Kettler
<b>Sound booth</b>	Amy Martin Family	Ned Meyer & Olivia Lammers	Dave Kettler Family	Mark Elsass & Magdalene Monnin
<b>Broadcast</b>	Ned	Curt	Ned	Kelly
<b>Singers</b>	Parker, Joann, Ned, Olivia	Ned, Terry, Anita, Olivia	Parker, Joann, Ned, Olivia	Ned, Terry, Anita, Olivia

# Immanuel Church Benevolence and Outreach



**August - Salvation Army, Sidney** - Mission: to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. They help those who are in need of the basic necessities of life, such as food, clothing, shelter, and financial support when appropriate. The Salvation Army assists all ages in many stages of life. Worship services & Bible studies are also held. Their work extends locally, statewide, nationally, and worldwide.

**September - Gideon's International** - Gideons is a group of Christian individuals dedicated to spreading God's Word through personal testimony, placing & distributing Bibles & New Testaments, jail ministry, & many other aspects of spreading the Word of God.

**October - Operation Christmas Child** - OCC is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief & evangelism organization. Their mission is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world & together with the local church, share the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is also known as the Shoebox program. In November, we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child by filling shoe boxes with small gifts, etc. for children. The money collected in October will then be used for shipping & the Gospel materials for these boxes.



### Widow and Widowers Luncheon!

A luncheon for all widows and widowers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month. The meal is scheduled to begin at 11:30 am in Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall.

Whether you are returning or just joining, please come and enjoy the fellowship! Join us – **August 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am**

**Menu:** Tuna Salad / Egg Salad, Salad Bar, and Strawberries. Served with coffee, water, or lemonade!



### August Birthdays

August 5<sup>th</sup> Ezekiel Shartzter  
August 10<sup>th</sup> Pam Wick  
August 12<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Watkins  
August 16<sup>th</sup> Parker Manger

August 18<sup>th</sup>  
August 19<sup>th</sup>  
August 21<sup>st</sup>  
August 21<sup>st</sup>  
August 31<sup>st</sup>

Jeff Wells  
Naomi Maurer  
Mike Martin  
Randy Timmerman  
Phillip Wells

## Happy Anniversary

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Phil & Megan Kirkendall  
August 13<sup>th</sup> Lee & Dawn Dabbelt  
August 13<sup>th</sup> Bruce & Kay McDaniel  
August 14<sup>th</sup> Bill & Kim Nellis  
August 18<sup>th</sup> Larry & Sandra Hirschfeld

If your Birthdate or Anniversary has been missed please let the Church Office know so that we may check our records for incorrect or missing information.

# Confirmation

**Confirmation Class!! Confirmation Class 23-24:** Now is the time to inform the Church Office if you will attend this year's Confirmation Classes on Wednesday Nights. We will hold our first class on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The start time will be 7 pm. Classes will be Wednesday Nights from 7 pm – 8:30 (we are checking schedules to see if we can start at 6:30 pm. We will let you know after the first night.) Consider this a Bible Study opportunity as well! All are invited to attend and participate.



### **Sermon Highlights and Plan:**

**August 6: Soul Shift: Me to We**  
**August 13: Soul Shift: Now What?**  
**August 20: Galatians Chapter 1**  
**August 27: Galatians Chapter 2**  
**September 3: Galatians Chapter 3**  
**September 10: Rally Sunday Galatians Chapter 4**  
**September 17: Galatians Chapter 5**  
**September 24: Galatians Chapter 6**



# Registration Form

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

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other special needs: \_\_\_\_\_



Looking forward to you seeing you at this year's Women's Retreat  
It will be Oct 13-15, 2023 at Maria Stein Spiritual Center.  
2365 St. Johns Road Maria Stein, OH 45860

Private room will be \$175 checks made out to Jodi Rinehart  
\*At this point in time it is unclear if other rooms will be available.

Gift Exchange will be Gift of Grace (sweetness)

# Does simply *thinking* about *chocolate* bring a *smile* to your face?



Try thinking about this—hanging out at a café with friends while enjoying your favorite hot beverage, nibbling on a brownie or bit of chocolate pie, laughing, talking, and relaxing together—it's a perfect gathering! Join us at Café Chocolat. It's a retreat where we'll focus on God's grace—with a bit of chocolate sprinkled on top.

## **2023 Women 4 Christ Retreat will be:**

**Friday, October 13-Sunday 15, 2023**  
**Doors open at 6 pm and the fun & fellowship**  
**will begin at 7 pm.**

**Location: Maria Stein Spiritual Retreat Center**  
**2365 St. Johns Maria Stein, Oh 45860**

**Registration forms: At the tables where**  
**offering plates are or see Jodi or Ginger**





# Immanuel Church

## Financial Overview

for the period June 01, 2023 to June 30, 2023

Type	Account Name	Begin Balance	Increase	Decrease	End Balance
<b>First National Bank</b>					
	Unrestricted	\$44,690.03	\$8,468.62	\$7,567.14	\$45,591.51
	Restricted	\$19,716.65	\$627.00	\$515.00	\$19,828.65
		<u>\$64,406.68</u>	<u>\$9,095.62</u>	<u>\$8,082.14</u>	<u>\$65,420.16</u>
	Benevolent Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	05 May Benevolence	\$925.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$925.00
	06 June Benevolence	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
	Adam & Amy Burkey - Missionaries	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	Improvement Fund	\$3,034.00	\$180.00	\$515.00	\$2,699.00
	Memorial Fund	\$524.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$524.14
	Bill Elsass Mem	\$1,422.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,422.00
	Dale Egbert Mem	\$1,895.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,895.00
	Doris Dillon	\$1,009.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,009.30
	Elaine Timmerman	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
	Harvey Watkins Mem	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00
	Lucille Meyer Mem	\$1,580.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,580.00
	Marilyn Eutrecht	\$640.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$640.00
	Peggy Watkins	\$761.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$761.00
	Ray Egbert Mem	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.00
	Roy Baucom Mem	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$590.00
	Todd Shellabarger Mem	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
	Prayer Garden	\$317.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$317.11
	Sunday School Fund	\$914.63	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$934.63
	Widow and Widower Fund	\$328.50	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$369.50
	Luncheon Expense Money	\$647.16	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$658.16
	Youth Fellowship Fund	\$4,208.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,208.81
		<u>\$19,716.65</u>	<u>\$627.00</u>	<u>\$515.00</u>	<u>\$19,828.65</u>

If you have questions, concerns or items regarding the Financial Report please contact a Church Trustee.