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# Expressions of Immanuel Church

September 2023

Worship Service 10:15 am

Immanuel Church 8888 St Rt 274

PO Box 127,

Kettlersville, Ohio 45336

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Dear Church Family,

During Covid-19. I spoke of CPR. It stood for Call, Pray, and Report. We did this as a Church Community to keep our connection strong and to check on the needs of those around

us. We still need CPR in our community of faith. It should be a practice that all of us implement into our routine and check on those around us. Over the past nine to ten weeks, we have been looking at Soul Shift. The challenges of the seven shifts are valuable to challenge us and to keep us in alignment with the call of God. As believers, we are called to make disciples, baptizing them into all belief and maturity in Christ. It's not a quick dunk, bam, you are fixed forever. It is such a process of growing, pruning, growing, pruning, becoming fruitful, multiplying, growing, pruning, becoming more fruitful, and so on and so forth. I think you get the picture.

The benefit of CPR during Covid was that it challenged us to focus outward and not solely inward. We had to stay convex and battle the pull, demands, and challenges of allowing our lives to become inward-focused. Isolation, Individuality, and the Institutionalism of the situation caused us to become "me" focused. The challenge of the CPR – Call, Pray, and Report, caused us to look outside of our homes, cross the street, the yard, the phone lines, and check on one another. It gave us the opportunity to practice the Me to We Shift. The community connections are and were important. Yet, here we are a few years later and the pace of things has gotten faster, and faster. The connections have become less important and we may have fallen back into the Me mindset.

One of the Soul Shifts was from Sheep to Shepherd. Ironically, the CPR also addressed this area. When we were calling on individuals, praying with them, and reporting their needs and cares back to the Church Office, we acted as Shepherds and not Sheep. As I was wrapping up the series of Soul Shift, I stated that we needed to be intentional, oddly enough, that is what Shepherd was, intentional. We proactively made the effort to check on those around us and pray with them, care for their needs, or simply, check in and brighten their days.



So why do I bring up the CPR again? Why? Because we need it still in our lives. As shepherds of the flock of God, we have work to do. We are called to remember and live out CPR. Christ Preached and Reproducing! We are to be nurturing sheep and raising them from lambs to maturity, so that the sheep may produce more sheep. The food that causes sheep to reproduce is Christ preached. We need to offer Christ in our daily lives. Whether it is a phone call, a meal, a helping hand, or whatever the situation calls for, we are called to offer and build others up in Christ. This means we have to be intentional in our process. As we go into the Book of Galatians in the upcoming weeks, once again we see Paul, preaching Christ and how it reproduced. Paul makes it clear that the true Gospel is Christ dying for our sins, being resurrected and seated at the right hand of the Father. We then are called to live a life of belief, faith, and commitment to Christ. We then are to become mature in Christ through the process of growing, learning, leading, and becoming shepherds in the Kingdom of God. So CPR is still an important need in our midst. Christ Preached and Reproduced, in us and in others.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Ed Rinehart



**Immanuel Church of Kettlersville Ohio**  
**Minutes from the July 11, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mark Elsass, Joe Lammers, Pastor Ed Rinehart, Parker Manger, Ned Meyer, Terri Goodwin, Carson Manger, Diane Greer

**Absent:** Ginger Holtkamp, Dave Kettler, Matt Wick

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

Pastor Ed opened the meeting with prayer, and reflected on “Soul Shift” to date. Next sermon on “Ask to Listen”. Good feedback overall.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

Terri Goodwin read the Secretary’s Report from June 2023 meeting held for Immanuel Church of Kettlersville, Ohio. Correction to Page 1 cleared balance. Should be \$64,788.59.

Joe Lammers moved to accept the minutes with correction. Diane Greer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Pastor Ed Rinehart reviewed the Treasurers report for the period ending June 30, 2023.

Beginning balance was \$64,788.59.

Miscellaneous decreases totaled \$760.26.

Checks and payments cleared equaled \$5970.21, deposits and credits totaled equaled \$9,085.00 for a cleared balance of \$67,143.12.

**Page 2** showed an un-cleared balance of \$65,953.35.

**Page 3** showed all increases and decreases in the unrestricted and restricted bank accounts to now total \$65,420.16.

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

Total Income was \$8,468.62. The expense total was \$7,567.14, for a net loss/gain of \$901.48.

**Page 5** showed all bills for the month of July.

At the time of consistory, bills paid totaled \$6,375.52. Bills yet to be paid totaled \$1,035.00, and the total is \$7,410.52.

Terri Goodwin moved to accept the report and to pay all bills for the month.

Parker Manger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

Worship Services - Service attendance is doing well over the summer.

Confirmation Class - Starting to organize for Fall Confirmation Class

Phone calls and prayers with individuals in need

Counseling Sessions with individuals and couples

I have been working on the Sermon Series Soul Shift. Topics of Me to You, Slave to Child, Seen to Unseen, and Consumer to Steward. Thank you to Ginger for finding the white rocks.

Sunday School Class has had as many as 16-17. We vary from week to week.

I have met with Parker about Sunday school, and we are working to schedule a meeting with the teachers. We are looking at Curriculum for the Adult Class upstairs to look at the Book of Romans over 12 weeks, then look at Isaiah over 12 weeks, and then look at a topic for the final quarter of 23-24 teaching. If there is a topic you would like to explore, please let us know.

**Updates/ on the schedule:**

Firemans Picnic July 15th - Plans are in the works for this. I have not seen or heard how the schedule is doing.

Pastor Ed will be on Vacation July 17-23rd. July 23 is a Sunday. The Elders will be organizing the Worship and sharing.

August and September the Book of Galatians

October is What’s So Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancey

Weddings in September on the first two weekends. Sept 1-2 The Church will be in use by the Maurer Family for Grace's Wedding. The following weekend Avery Bensman will be married in Russia.

**Additional items:**

Possibly three baptisms in August.

To date, Average attendance, per Sunday as follows: 88.39 in house, 26.79 YouTube, 106.04 Facebook.

**TRUSTEE REPORT:**

Ned Meyer reported: Received information from Cherry Propane on a prepay option.

Ohio Bureau of Workman's Compensation sent information on their "Payroll True Up" program. This will be shared with Cisco to determine what, if any, next steps should be taken.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Benevolence and Outreach: Ordered Operation Christmas Child materials.

Care and hospitality: n/a

Decorating: n/a

Worship: n/a

Education: Parker Manger spoke with Leslie Krieg and along with Pastor Ed, they will meet to discuss curriculum and Fall Sunday School programming.

Constitution: Will review in Old Business

Youth: Picking up items for Fireman's Picnic on Thursday, July 13. Still in need of workers for the 5pm time slot.

Security: n/a

**OLD BUSINESS:** Reviewed constitution and answered/clarified several amendments and By-Laws, as were raised by consistory representatives. Good discussion. Next steps on how and when to present to congregation, to be discussed at August meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Terri Goodwin suggested starting a Cancer Support Group. Joe Lammers was on board with this suggestion, and commented that our tithing should include how we care for church family, as well as, how we contribute to missions outside the church. Much discussion was had, and further discussion will continue at August meeting. Pastor Ed will be sending Terri information on how to begin such a program.

Ned Meyer moved to adjourn consistory meeting. Diane Greer seconded the motion.  
Motion passed.

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 8, 2023 @ 7:00pm.

The meeting concluded with sharing of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Goodwin

## Calendar of Events for September 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

September 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am Cancer Support Group Ministry Planning in Fellowship Hall  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service - Holy Communion

September 4<sup>th</sup> Labor Day  
 Office Closed

September 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Constitution Review of first 20 pages

September 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Confirmation Class

September 10<sup>th</sup> Rally Day!  
 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service  
 11:15 am Rally Day Luncheon  
 1:00 pm Women 4 Christ Meeting  
 6:00 pm Youth Group

September 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Pumpkin Roll Baking  
 5:30 pm Pumpkin Roll Filling  
 7:00 pm Women's Guild

September 12<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Immanuel Consistory Meeting

September 13<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am Widow & Widower's Luncheon  
 6:30 pm Confirmation Class

September 15<sup>th</sup> Newsletter Items due to the office

September 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Security Team Training

September 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service  
 7:00 pm Constitution Review of second 20 pages

September 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Kettlersville Well Association in Fellowship Hall

September 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Confirmation Class

September 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service  
 11:00 am Constitution Review

September 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Confirmation Class

### Weekly Schedule

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Sept 3</b>	<b>Sept 10</b>	<b>Sept 17</b>	<b>Sept 24</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Anita Lukac	Kelly Shartzter	Terri Goodwin	Dawn Dabbelt
<b>Greeters</b>	Steve & Julie Kettler	Matt & Leslie Krieg	Joe & Sara Lammers	John & Sharon Lenhart
<b>Sound booth</b>	Mark Elsass & Josh Wells	Ned Meyer & Croix Monnin	Dave Kettler Family	Mark Elsass & Will Lammers
<b>Broadcast</b>	Curt	Mark	Ned	Curt
<b>Singers</b>	Ned, Terry, Anita, Olivia	Parker, Joann, Ned, Olivia	Ned, Terry, Anita, Olivia	Parker, Joann, Ned, Olivia

# Immanuel Church Benevolence and Outreach



**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)** - OCC is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief & evangelism organization. The mission of OCC 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 October & November, we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child by filling shoeboxes with small gifts, etc. for children. Directions and shoeboxes will be provided in October. This is a great time to be involved in the full mission of the Church. The money collected in October will then be used for shipping & the Gospel materials for these boxes. Our shoebox collection deadline is November 12. After which, the boxes will be taken to a collection point for processing and shipment to countries around the world. The Gospel materials will also be added.

An important aspect of this program is prayer. Without prayer, the shoebox is just a box of things. With prayer, the shoebox becomes an opportunity to share about the love of Jesus, thus providing a life changing experience for the child and their family. We will be praying over the Shoeboxes and dedicating them in our Worship Service on November 12. You are encouraged to pray over the Shoebox you create. Ask God what items should be added? Pray for the person receiving the Shoebox, God knows them. Pray for the impact on every hand that handles the Shoebox.

**November - YES FM Ministries** - YES FM is a Christian nonprofit radio station geared to youth & young adults & the station's Christian music is reflective of that age group. They reach many areas in northwest & west central Ohio, as well as southeast Michigan. YES FM is also able to broadcast on the internet & minister to people nationally & globally. They pray, give testimonies, and talk seriously about having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Their radio frequency for our area is 89.3 and their website is [www.yeshome.com](http://www.yeshome.com). Through all the pressures & struggles that face teens & young adults in our culture, YESFM strives to be a positive Christian influence, demonstrating the love & hope that is found in Jesus Christ!



## 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 – **September 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am**

**Menu:** Ham & Beans, Cornbread, Veggie Tray, and Dessert. Served with coffee, water, or tea!

## Special Thanks:

To the Church Family,

Want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and food. We know God has heard all the prayers because it has helped. Jr is doing good. We are taking a day at a time.

Thank you so much, Jr & Jane Grillot



### **September Birthdays**

September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Samuel Lammers
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Carson Manger
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Wick
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	David Kettler
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jordan Wells
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Hampton
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	William Lammers
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Nellis
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Betsy Wells
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Kettler
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Averie Thorpe
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Melanie Shellabarger
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dan Bensman

September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cris Egbert
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Matt Krieg
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ernesto Casillas
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeremy Kuck
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Dabbelt
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Gideon Shartzter
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lee Dabbelt
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ralph Shroyer
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jamie Hampton

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.

### **Happy Anniversary**

September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Terry & Anita Lukac
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dave & Julie Kettler
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ralph & Joann Shroyer
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce & Terri Quellhorst
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tim & Betty Ike

September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Scott & Cris Egbert
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dave & Terri Goodwin
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Matt & Leslie Krieg
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parker & Meagan Manger
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Derek & Bethany Snider

# 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 6:30 pm. Classes will be Wednesday Nights from 6:30 pm – 8:00. Consider this a Bible Study opportunity as well! All are invited to attend and participate. At present, we are preparing for 23 people and have room for more!

### **Rally Day Luncheon**

The entire congregation is invited for lunch after the service on Rally Day, Sunday, September 10! Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We hope that all will attend for food and fellowship, celebrating the many avenues of education in our church!



**Sermon Highlights and Plan:**

**September 3: Galatians Chapter 3**

**September 10: Rally Sunday Galatians Chapter 4**

**September 17: Galatians Chapter 5**

**September 24: Galatians Chapter 6**

**October and into November** will be the Book by Philip Yancey, "What's so Amazing about Grace?" This will lead our exploration of the topic of God's Grace and the many ramifications of it in our lives. You may wish to pick up your

copy of the book and read during this series as Pastor Ed takes cues from the book and relates key elements tied to the Scriptures of grace. We will round out November with services of celebration and Thanksgiving.

**Bartenstein Scholarship applications** are currently available in the back of the sanctuary. Applications are available to any member of the Immanuel Church of Kettlersville who wish to further their post-high school education. All applications are to be returned by November 30<sup>th</sup> for consideration by Immanuel Trustees. Distribution is anticipated in January 2024.

**Youth Group** will resume meeting on September 10. Please note this is a change in the original schedule. In October they will resume the first Sunday of each month. Join Hattie and Morgan in the fellowship hall from 6:00 until 7:30 pm.

**Sunday School will resume on September 10<sup>th</sup> – Rally Day!**

Make plans to attend the classes of your choice.

May we be hungry to learn so that we may be equipped to share.

Sunday school sign-up is located at the church entrance. This is for planning purposes, please come even if you don't get signed up!

**Toddlers – Kindergarten** will meet on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Teachers Erin, Betsy, and Jen will be working through the Top 50 Instant Bible Lessons for Preschool curriculum. Craig and John will be assisting as the kids work through crafts, memory verses, stories, and reading through scripture of the weekly topics.

**Grades 1-3** will be in the middle section of the Fellowship Hall.

**Grades 4-6** will be outside the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. They will start the year by highlighting what they learned last year (the latter half of Genesis: Abraham to Joseph) by watching a movie and having a fun review game. Then they will move into the book of Exodus, which will be the concentration for most of the year up to Easter. A devotional page that goes with each main lesson is typically utilized, and they reflect on those devotionals in journals and discuss them as a group. Lots of interactive learning will take place!

**Grades 7-12** will be in the Sunshine Room. Their game plan for this year's Sunday school is to tackle the gospels and Acts of the Apostles! They are planning to really jump into the parables, Jesus, and Paul's teachings/journey!

**Adult Class #1** will be in the Kitchen. This class will have a series of teachings "Through the Bible" by Les Feldick. He is a farmer rancher who loves to teach straight out of the Bible. No workbook or homework is required for our class, just bring your Bible!

**Adult Class #2** will be in the room beside the Sound booth at the back of the sanctuary and will be studying the Book of Romans for a 12-week series. You will have a study book.





# 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 July 01, 2023 to July 31, 2023

Type	Account Name	Begin Balance	Increase	Decrease	End Balance
<b>First National Bank</b>					
	Unrestricted	\$45,591.51	\$9,477.16	\$9,387.96	\$45,680.71
	Restricted	\$19,828.65	\$3,309.04	\$2,465.81	\$20,671.88
		<u>\$65,420.16</u>	<u>\$12,786.20</u>	<u>\$11,853.77</u>	<u>\$66,352.59</u>
	Benevolent Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	06 June Benevolence	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
	07 July Benevolence	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
	Adam & Amy Burkey -	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	Missionaries				
	Improvement Fund	\$2,699.00	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$2,829.00
	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	\$934.63	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$954.63
	Widow and Widower Fund	\$369.50	\$37.00	\$0.00	\$406.50
	Luncheon Expense Money	\$658.16	\$17.00	\$0.00	\$675.16
	Youth Fellowship Fund	\$4,208.81	\$2,055.04	\$1,540.81	\$4,723.04
		<u>\$19,828.65</u>	<u>\$3,309.04</u>	<u>\$2,465.81</u>	<u>\$20,671.88</u>

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