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# Expressions of Immanuel Church

October 2023

Worship Service 10:15 am

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Dear Church Family,

Grace is a topic of choice for October's Newsletter. During October and November, we will be looking at Philip Yancey's book, "What's So Amazing about Grace?"



It is as scripture reminds us, "that we are saved by grace through faith!" That faith is in Jesus Christ. It is as we believe in the wonderful works of Christ Jesus, His loving selfless sacrifice on the Cross as the sacrificial lamb to fulfill the sin requirements of the Law, that we find salvation. It is through our faith, our act of believing in Jesus Christ, not just once in a lifetime, but living and believing in Christ daily that the gift of God's grace is extended to our sin-sick souls and lives. Let me say it this way, it is as we live daily for Christ, believing in His love, sacrifice, and forgiveness, that we are washed and made new by the grace we receive.

So how amazing is grace? God's grace doesn't run out! Think of a balance scale. On one side are all of the sins you have ever committed. On the other side are all the sins you have repented of and asked forgiveness for and the grace of God that covers those sins. Yes, we have sins that we know we have committed, and yes there are sins and offenses that we may not know that we have committed. When we repent of our sins and ask God to cleanse us and forgive us of our sins, He cleanses both the known and unknown sins. But we continue to sin! So we need to continually seek God, His forgiveness and grace. Yet, Christ continues to add grace to the scale to make sure that we are not left short and lopsided toward sin. Christ balances us!

Yet, Philip Yancey sees a problem with Christians and the Christian Church. As a minister, as a Christian, and as a person, I have seen, felt, and experienced the "ungrace" that Philip Yancey writes about. The unforgiveness, the judgment, and the unloving responses from Christians. No, I am not going to give you names, dates, and places, although some of the wounds would be easy to identify and share. Even when a person is "doing good", it is easy to cause offenses. It happens daily and often it is brushed off by others as "no big deal". But past scars, past wounds, and past moments of "ungrace" can cause all of the fears, pain, and anxiety to the surface, making those moments "big deals". It is in these moments, that grace given to others becomes hard to muster. When grace, love, and thought are not shown to you, it is hard to return to the others causing the offense.

I attended a Moody Pastor's Conference in Chicago a number of years ago. Each day we heard messages and teachings to encourage and grow us. They were excellent and gave food for thought. We also had opportunities to go to smaller breakout sessions and talk more about certain topics. One day, I attended a session on "God and your city." I walked into the room with a group of other pastors and people who were attending the conference. I took my seat and was making light conversation with those around me. You know the drill, where are you from, what size church do you pastor, how are things going? The person leading the session walked into the room with tattoos on his hands, neck, arms, and face. My jaw must have dropped to the floor. (I don't hide my opinions well in my facial expressions, poker player, I am not.) The gentleman began with the simple statement something to the effect of the following: "I can touch more lives looking like this in my city, in the drug-infested, homeless, and crime-stricken areas than any of you who are lily white and have no marks. I accepted Christ after I had the tattoos and they have become an avenue to reach others who don't feel welcome in your congregations." Wow! Talk about a moment of "ungrace"! Push me over with a feather.

So how about it, do we offer grace? Do we show "ungrace"? Christ's death on the Cross is for all humanity, mistakes, blemishes, wrong decisions, situations that cause brokenness and you name it! Yes, Christ died for the ungodly which you and I once were and are seeking to no longer be. But one step is needed by every person to receive that grace, no great the amount needed or how small, we all have to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, what he did upon the Cross for our sins, and understand that one day we will be resurrected perfected in Christ. Until then, we still need Christ's grace to be added daily as we seek to walk more like Him. So what is "So Amazing About Grace"? We are still works in progress!

Pastor Ed Rinehart

**Immanuel Church of Kettlersville Ohio**  
**Minutes from the August 8, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Joe Lammers, Pastor Ed Rinehart, Parker Manger, Ned Meyer, Terri Goodwin, Carson Manger, Diane Greer, Ginger Holtkamp, Dave Kettler, Matt Wick

**Absent:** Mark Elsass,

Parker Manger called the meeting to order.

Pastor Ed opened by reading from 1 Peter 5:1-4...**The apostle Peter does not command, but exhorts.** He does not claim power to rule over all pastors and churches. It was the peculiar honor of Peter and a few more, to be witnesses of Christ's sufferings; but it is the privilege of all true Christians to partake of the glory that shall be revealed....Sheep to shepherd, then led the meeting with prayer.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

Terri Goodwin read the Secretary's Report from July 2023 meeting held for Immanuel Church of Kettlersville, Ohio. Ginger Holtkamp moved to accept the minutes. Carson Manger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

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

Beginning balance was \$67,143.12.

Miscellaneous decreases totaled \$608.76.

Checks and payments cleared equaled \$11,212.86, and deposits and credits totaled equaled \$12,774.04 for a cleared balance of \$68,095.54.

**Page 2** showed an un-cleared balance of \$64,929.11.

**Page 3** showed all increases and decreases in the unrestricted and restricted bank accounts to now total \$66,352.59.

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

Total Income was \$9477.16. The expense total was \$9,387.96, for a net loss/gain of \$89.20.

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

At the time of consistory, bills paid totaled \$4,254.22. Bills yet to be paid totaled \$2,822.52, and the total is \$7,076.74.

Dave Kettler moved to accept the report and to pay all bills for the month.

Terri Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Pastor's Items in Review:

- a. Confirmation Class – at present 7 returning, 12 new confirmed attendees, 3 unconfirmed attendees, and 2 additional have spoken to me since Sunday about potentially attending. (25)
- b. Phone calls and prayers with individuals in need.
- c. Counseling Sessions with individuals and couples.
- d. I have been working on the Sermon Series Soul Shift. We are concluding this series entitled Soul Shift. This coming week is Now What? Sunday school had about 10 people on average. Receiving positive feedback about this sermon series.
- e. Firemans Picnic – Things went well and Hattie did a great job.
- f. The vacation started July 18<sup>th</sup> and ended on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Excellent job Elders with the worship service.
- g. Two Funerals – Carol Clutter from the Lima – First Evangelical and Reformed Church on July 17 and Dwight Schroer of St. Peter's Church New Bremen on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- h. Worked with Mark Elsass on the schedule for Constitution – present during Committee Reports.
- i. Attended the Shelby County Fair and Auglaize County Fair to see the projects of the youth of the Church. We should be proud of the number of our youth that qualified for the State Fair with Non-Livestock projects.
- j. Working on schedule for 2024 – Vacation, Messages and our Journey.

2. Updates / on the schedule:

- i. August and September the Book of Galatians
  - ii. October is What's so Amazing about Grace by Philip Yancey...could take some of November as well.
  - iii. Weddings in September on the first two weekends. September 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.
  - iv. 2 additional weddings on the books – Ben Kettler Saturday following Thanksgiving and Liam Morrow and Sidney Greer December 7, 2024.
3. To Do:
- a. I need to look at the calendar for the remaining vacation days in 2023.
  - b. Mapping out the event of 2024 and Sermons.
  - c. Finalize the Advent Series for 2023.
  - d. Been requested to do the Seder Supper on Maundy Thursday of 2024.
  - e. I will be out of town Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> for a family reunion.

### **TRUSTEE REPORT:**

Ned Meyer reported: Installed new LED lights in sanctuary. Two requests from Sunday school for cables to separate spaces for Sunday school classes in basement. LED lights to be installed in Sunshine room. Roof on back door stoop to be replaced. September-November will be taking applications for Bartenstein scholarship. Will be announced in church prior to that time.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Benevolence and Outreach: Salvation Army for August.

Care and hospitality: Handed out welcome packet to visitors Sunday, August 6.

Decorating: Nothing until Advent.

Worship: have not met

Education: Classes will be divided as follows: Toddler-Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-12, and two Adult classes

Constitution: Proposed roll out of constitution. Joe Lammers moved to accept proposed handout to be distributed to congregation. Ned Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Youth: Restart the first Sunday of September through May 2024 and then Firemen Picnic July 2024

**OLD BUSINESS:** Cancer Support Group to offer opportunity for steering group to meet Sunday mornings from 9-10am August 20, 27 and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. All who are interested are invited to attend. An announcement will be made Sunday morning, August 13. This group will likely fall under the committee of Care and Hospitality, but could expand to other areas.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Thank you card from Adrian and Jane Grillot for thoughts and prayers.

Ginger Holtkamp moved to adjourn consistory meeting. Diane Greer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 7:00pm.  
The meeting concluded with sharing of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Goodwin

## Calendar of Events for October 2023

**Immanuel Office Hours:** Pastor Ed Tues.& Wed. afternoons and Monday from 9 am til Noon  
 Kelly Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 am til Noon

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

October 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service  
 6:00 pm Youth Group

October 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm Women's Guild

October 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm Care & Hospitality Mtg.

October 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Confirmation Class

October 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Women 4 Christ Mtg.

October 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm Scrapbooking

October 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Scrapbooking

October 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service  
 11:15 am Care & Hospitality Luncheon

October 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Shepherd's Sheep – Diagnosed with Cancer Support Ministry

October 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Immanuel Consistory Meeting

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

October 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service  
 Newsletter Items due to the office

October 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Kettlersville Well Association Mtg.

October 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Confirmation Class

October 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service  
 11:15 am Special Congregational Mtg - Constitution  
 2:00 pm Security Team Training

October 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Confirmation Class

October 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service

### Weekly Schedule

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>Oct 8</b>	<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>Oct 29</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Terry Lukac	Kim Nellis	Dawn Dabbelt	Parker Manger	Mark Elsass
<b>Greeters</b>	Terry & Anita Lukac	Keith & Lisa Manger	Parker & Meagan Manger	Carson & Morgan Manger	Brian & Jenny Maurer
<b>Sound booth</b>	Curt Maurer & Josh Wells	Kelly Shartzter & Sebastian Monnin	Ned Meyer & Will Lammers	Ned Meyer & Magdalene Monnin	Dave Kettler Family
<b>Broadcast</b>	Ned	Mark	Curt	Kelly	Curt
<b>Singers</b>	Ned, Terry, Anita	Parker, Joann, Ned	Ned, Terry, Anita	Parker, Joann, Ned	Ned, Terry, Anita

# Immanuel Church Benevolence and Outreach



The June "Open" benevolence of \$325.00 was given to Epiphany for their prison ministry.

**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 that, 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 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!

**December - Rustic Hope** - A nonprofit, located in rural Russia Ohio. They are Christ-centered, family-focused, and strongly pro-life. Rustic Hope provides free support to single mothers before, during, and after delivery. This support includes furniture, basic household items, food, vehicles, and baby items of all sorts. Rustic Hope primarily serves a six-county area, often getting referrals from other agencies. Donations of all sorts are very much appreciated and volunteers are welcomed. Rustic Hope - Because every life matters!

**Giving Tree - end of November/December** - The giving tree in the back of the church is for Rustic Hope. Please take one or more tags from the tree, purchase the items, & bring them back to church, unwrapped. Some of the items needed include diapers, wet wipes, shampoo/conditioner, laundry detergent, toilet paper, kids' socks, and kids' winter boots.

Rustic Hope is our December benevolence recipient and cash donations may be given via the Benevolent offering throughout the month of December. All items should be brought to church by December 24.



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

**Menu:** French Toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, and Fruit. Served with coffee, water, or tea!

**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 meet the first Sunday of each month. Join Hattie and Morgan in the fellowship hall from 6:00 until 7:30 pm.



### **October Birthdays**

October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dylan Koenig
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Eisert
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Liam Wells
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Priscilla Baucom
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Terri Quellhorst
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Martin
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Coleman Martin
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Egbert
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Samantha Martin

October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Josh Wells
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Becky Schmeising
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne Russell
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Isabella Blanchard
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hattie Greer
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Case Hampton
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rita McCullough
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Blanchard
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Roland Kettler
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Lenhart
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Johnny Blanchard

### **Happy Anniversary**

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Matt & Pam Wick
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brandon & Clara Maurer
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne & Beth Russell
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Travis & Jennifer Watkins

October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Joe & Sara Lammers
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mike & Amy Martin
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Adrian & Jane Grillot

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.



**Sermon Highlights and Plan:**

**October 1 Where's the Church's Grace?** Chapters 1-3

**October 8 I want to come home!** Chapter 4

**October 15 The Math of Grace** Chapter 5

**October 22 Ungrace-The Divider**

**Forgiveness-The Salve** Chapters 6-7

**October 29 The Arsenal of Grace** Chapters 8-10

**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.



**Operation Christmas Child (OCC) –  
Ways to pack a shoebox:**

Select: Boy or Girl

Select Age Category: 2-4 5-9 10-14

-Pack a box using a shoe-sized box you provide (cardboard or plastic.) Decorate accordingly & get a label from the back of the church.

-Pack a box using a box the church provides. These are in the back of Church, along with the labels for each box.

-Pack a box online: [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/)  
(This costs \$25 + \$6 S+H & must be paid online.)

-If you wish to know the destination of your packed box, go to [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/)

Follow the prompts & pay the \$10 fee online. You will need to check again after the year-end to find out where your box went. Your box will go with all of the boxes from our Church.

**Other ways to participate in the OCC shoebox program:**

-Donate financially towards the \$10 per box fee. The benevolence offering in October will be for Operation Christmas Child. This money will be used for the shipping & Gospel materials for each box. (Please do not put any money in the shoeboxes.)

-PRAY for Operation Christmas Child. Without prayer, the shoebox is just a box of things. With prayer, the shoebox is an opportunity to share the salvation of Jesus Christ to children & their families around the world!

For more information, go to [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child)



# Immanuel Church Financial Overview

for the period August 01, 2023 to August 31, 2023

Type	Account Name	Begin Balance	Increase	Decrease	End Balance
<b>First National Bank</b>					
	Unrestricted	\$45,680.71	\$8,410.31	\$9,333.25	\$44,757.77
	Restricted	\$20,671.88	\$921.00	\$1,675.00	\$19,917.88
		\$66,352.59	\$9,331.31	\$11,008.25	\$64,675.65
	Benevolent Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	06 June Benevolence	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
	Improvement Fund	\$2,829.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$3,039.00
	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	\$954.63	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$974.63
	Widow and Widower Fund	\$406.50	\$58.00	\$0.00	\$464.50
	Luncheon Expense Money	\$675.16	\$58.00	\$0.00	\$733.16
	Youth Fellowship Fund	\$4,723.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,723.04
		\$20,671.88	\$921.00	\$1,675.00	\$19,917.88
<b>Immanuel Church Bartenstein Scholarship Investment</b>					
	Unrestricted	\$139,509.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$139,509.44
		\$139,509.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$139,509.44

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

**CRAFT/SCRAPBOOKING/CARD MAKING EVENTS**

**WHERE: Immanuel Kettlersville**

**Friday, Oct 6 \_\_\_ and/or Saturday, Oct 7 \_\_\_**

**Friday, Jan 12 \_\_\_ and/or Saturday, Jan 13 \_\_\_**

**Friday, Feb 9 \_\_\_ and/or Saturday, Feb 10 \_\_\_**

**NEW** - Friday (1:00pm-?)and Saturday (9am-4pm) Cost \$35

Friday evening and Saturday (9am-4pm) Cost \$30

Just Saturday Cost: \$20

To include: 8 ft table, lunch (Saturday), door prizes

Bring: Tools, cutting equipment, lighting, ext cords, etc.

Limited space available

Contact Dawn Dabbelt @ 419-733-9598 – 4 [dabbelts@nktelco.net](mailto:dabbelts@nktelco.net),

Rebecca Lenhart @ 937-538-1760 – [lenhartr@watchtv.net](mailto:lenhartr@watchtv.net) if any questions

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Send payment to guarantee your spot – Dawn Dabbelt, 03846 Forest Lane N. New Bremen, OH 45869, Checks made out to Immanuel Women’s Guild.