
Expressions of Immanuel Church

November 2023

Worship Service 10:15 am

Immanuel Church 8888 St Rt 274

PO Box 127,

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Dear Church Family,

The leaves are turning colors, the air is getting cooler and fall is definitely in the air. In the not-so-far distance, we can hear the sleigh bells of Christmas jingling just down the road.



During October we spoke a lot about God's grace. We spoke of how God's grace is a call to celebration, a call to life and joy. It is a rejoicing. We have spoken of brokenness, strife, and unforgiveness. We have highlighted the pain of disagreements, the words of hate, separation, and discord. We shared stories and have been reminded in Scripture of the lost sheep brought home by a loving shepherd, of the parable of the prodigal son who returns home to be a servant in his father's house. We have talked about the "Math of Grace" and as we have noted, God's grace and our sins don't add up. God gives out His grace in proportion to our sins, so that we may be justified by our faith in Christ. Whether our request for forgiveness comes in the final moments of life or along the way, God's grace is supplied.

The other day, I overheard a conversation where a youth was sharing how they worry about being perfect, being successful, and not failing in life. Those are honestly, big worries to be carrying. As the conversation continued, another youth shared their worries. I had to stop for a moment. Was I listening to adults concerned about life and the challenges that we face daily, or to youth, already burdened by the pressures of this world? Ironically, God's word reminds us that we are not going to add one day to our lives through worry. Yes, we need to be proactive in our lives, we are to be more like ants than grasshoppers. We are to store up for ourselves and make plans but do it without over-burdensome worry. If God cares for the birds, animals, trees, flowers, and items of His creation, will not God care for us and feed us, clothe us, and care for our basic needs?

So maybe in the month of November, we can do a few things that cause a little rejoicing!

Who can you help to heal a broken relationship?

Who can you forgive and take the first step?

Who can you offer God's love, grace, and truth to so that they may find a reason to rejoice this Thanksgiving?

What can you do to encourage a person who is filled with worry, carrying too much of a burden, or feeling a little overwhelmed with life?

What can you do to bring a spirit of thankfulness and rejoicing back into a person's life?

November begins with Jack-o-lanterns on front porches and ends with families eating Pumpkin Pie together around a Thanksgiving table. Allow the grace of God to touch your life, to touch the lives of others, and to fill your conversations with rejoicing. Great is the banquet feast when all the people are gathered together and celebrating the blessings of God.



Sincerely,
Pastor Ed Rinehart

Immanuel Church of Kettlersville
Minutes from the September 13, 2023 meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

Mark Elsass, Joe Lammers, Pastor Ed Rinehart, Terri Goodwin, Carson Manger, Diane Greer, Ginger Holtkamp, Dave Kettler, Matt Wick

Absent: Parker Manger, Ned Meyer

Mark Elsass called the meeting to order. Pastor Ed opened the meeting with prayer.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Terri Goodwin read the Secretary's Report from the August 2023 meeting held for Immanuel Church of Kettlersville, Ohio. Two corrections to Treasurer's Report: Page 4 reviewed the income and expense detail report for the month of July (not June). Page 5 showed bills for the month of August (not July).

Joe Lammers moved to accept the minutes with corrections made to the Treasurer's Report.

Diane Greer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

Ginger Holtkamp reviewed the treasurer's report for the period ending August 31, 2023.

Beginning balance was \$68,095.54.

Miscellaneous decreases totaled \$982.66.

Checks and payments cleared equaled \$6,782.50, and deposits and credits totaled equaled \$9,319.71 for a cleared balance of \$69,650.09.

Page 2 showed an un-cleared balance of \$63,229.54.

Page 3 showed all increases and decreases in the unrestricted and restricted bank accounts to now total \$64,675.65.

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

Total Income was \$8,410.31. The expense total was \$9,333.25, for a net loss of \$-922.94.

Page 5 showed all bills for the month of September.

At the time of consistory, bills paid totaled \$5,852.38. Bills yet to be paid totaled \$1,411.25, and the total is \$7,263.63.

Joe Lammers moved to accept the report and pay all monthly bills.

Diane Greer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor's Items in Review:

The Maurer and Bensman weddings went well.

Made two hospital visits.

A new circuit board was purchased at \$3052.50 for the organ. Until now, no major expenses had been made for the organ since its initial purchase in the late 70's/early 80's.

Lots of good things happening in the life of Immanuel Church!

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Carson Manger reported that lights in Sunday school room were installed. Pondering a "paint day" for the Sunday school room. An extra light purchased was installed near the elevator. Was noted that the Kettlersville Well Association would be raising the church's share of water bill to \$45-50. The roof of stoop is still on "to do" list.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Benevolence and Outreach: Met the first week of September. The sign was changed on the front lawn. Operation Christmas Child has begun. June's benevolence will support Epiphany ministries.

Care and hospitality: October 8th there will be a carry-in luncheon.

Decorating: Nothing until Advent

Worship: No meeting

Education: Will meet in October to review September. 45-50 in attendance on Rally Day.

Constitution: Up-date on the first meeting held Tuesday, September 5th. Wording, grammar, and consistency of wording throughout were corrected. Other reflections shared, are to be considered as reviews continue in the next meetings.

Youth: Good first meeting attended by 8-10 youth. Prayer boards were made. A main focus of the youth group in the coming year will be keeping prayer and Bible reading a part of daily/weekly life of growing in personal faith.

OLD BUSINESS: The steering committee for the Cancer Support Ministry met three times. Many conversations, thoughts, and ideas were shared. The Consistory approved the proposal of the Cancer Support Group Ministry and dates/plans for this ministry will be shared with the congregation soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

A list of clean-up items was discussed and approved by the Consistory.

Joe Lammers moved to adjourn the consistory meeting.

Dave Ketler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 10, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted, Terri Goodwin

Calendar of Events for November 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

November 1 st	6:30 pm Confirmation Class
November 5 th	Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service – Holy Communion 6:00 pm Youth Group
November 6 th	7:00 pm Women's Guild
November 8 th	11:30 am Widow & Widower's Luncheon 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
November 12 th	Operation Christmas Child boxes due to the sanctuary before service 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service
November 13 th	7:00 pm Shepherd's Sheep – Diagnosed with Cancer Support Ministry
November 14 th	7:00 pm Immanuel Consistory Meeting
November 15 th	6:30 pm Confirmation Class Newsletter Items due to the office
November 19 th	9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service 11:15 am Congregational Meeting following service
November 21 st	6:00 pm Kettlersville Well Association Mtg.
November 23 rd	Happy Thanksgiving!
November 26 th	9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service
November 29 th	6:30 pm Confirmation Class
November 30 th	Bartenstein Scholarship Applications due to Immanuel

Weekly Schedule

Date:	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
Liturgist	Kelly Shartzter	Anita Lukac	Terri Goodwin	Dawn Dabbelt
Greeters	Amy Meyer	Ned & Mary Meyer	Bill & Kim Nellis	Beth & Wayne Russell
Sound booth	Ned Meyer & Croix Monnin	Ned Meyer with Matt & Levi Wick	Dave Kettler Family	Mark Elsass & Will Lammers
Broadcast	Curt	Mark	Mark	Ned
Singers	Ned, Terry, Anita	Parker, Joann, Ned	Ned, Terry, Anita	Parker, Joann, Ned

Immanuel Church Benevolence and Outreach



Our Shoebox Collection deadline is November 12. Please have all boxes in by this date. 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 shoeboxes and dedicating them in the Worship Service on November 12. You are encouraged to pray over the shoebox you create. Pray for the child receiving the shoebox. Pray that this box will bring the child and their family closer to Christ. Pray for the impact on every hand that handles the shoebox.

Boxes and supplies are located in church. The benevolent offerings collected in October will be used for the shipping and Gospel materials for each box. So, do not put any money in the shoebox. If anyone still wants to donate money for the shoebox program, they should put it in the offering plate and mark it for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

Any questions about the Shoebox program can be directed to Anita Lukac.

November 2022 - 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. 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 2022 - 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 2nd 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 – **November 8th at 11:30 am**

Menu: Vegetable Soup, Turkey Sandwich, and Dessert. Served with coffee, water, or hot apple cider!

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 30th 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.



November Birthdays

November 3 rd	Jennifer Maurer
November 8 th	Carolyn Shumate
November 10 th	Brielle Monnin

November 13 th	Hannah Rinehart
November 15 th	Ned Meyer
November 16 th	Keegan Thorpe
November 17 th	Reagan Schmiesing
November 18 th	Amy Meyer
November 21 st	Steve Kettler
November 22 nd	Erin Eisert
November 22 nd	Bonnie Elsass
November 22 nd	Jacob Snider
November 26 th	Eldred Kipp Jr.
November 26 th	Olivia Lammers
November 26 th	Olivia Maurer
November 28 th	Mary Meyer



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November 3	Brian & Jennifer Maurer

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.



Christmas Caroling is planned for December 10th. All are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall following the Congregational Meeting for a quick lunch before caroling. We are hoping for a big crowd to join in spreading some Christmas cheer for our shut-ins and enjoy some fellowship with each other!

Cheer basket monetary donations will be accepted through November 19th. Please give these donations to Lisa, Erin, Meagan, or Morgan. Any donated items that you wish to purchase on your own and add to the cheer baskets can be brought to the kitchen and labeled “cheer basket donations” and we will distribute those as well.

Advent Schedule:

December 3rd – 1st Sunday of Advent

December 10th – 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 17th – 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 24th – 4th Sunday of Advent

December 24th – Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm

Poinsettia orders can be picked up following this service



CRAFT/SCRAPBOOKING/CARD MAKING EVENTS

WHERE: Immanuel Kettlersville

Friday, Jan 12 ___ and/or Saturday, Jan 13 ___

Friday, Feb 9 ___ and/or Saturday, Feb 10 ___

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

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

Just Saturday Cost: \$20

Cost includes: 8 ft table, lunch (Saturday), door prizes

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

Limited space available. Forms available in the sanctuary.

Contact Dawn Dabbelt @ 419-733-9598 – 4dabbelts@nktelco.net,

Rebecca Lenhart @ 937-538-1760 – lenhartr@watchtv.net if any questions

Immanuel Church Financial Overview

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

Type	Account Name	Begin Balance	Increase	Decrease	End Balance
First National Bank					
	Unrestricted	\$44,832.89	\$7,535.96	\$6,884.32	\$45,484.53
	Restricted	\$19,842.76	\$1,005.20	\$684.71	\$20,163.25
		\$64,675.65	\$8,541.16	\$7,569.03	\$65,647.78
	Benevolent Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	09 Sept Benevolence	\$0.00	\$585.00	\$0.00	\$585.00
	Adam & Amy Burkey - Missionaries	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	Improvement Fund	\$3,039.00	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$3,219.00
	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	\$899.51	\$180.20	\$359.71	\$720.00
	Widow and Widower Fund	\$464.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$464.50
	Luncheon Expense Money	\$733.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$733.16
	Youth Fellowship Fund	\$4,723.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,723.04
		\$19,842.76	\$1,005.20	\$684.71	\$20,163.25

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