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# Expressions of Immanuel Church

February 2023

Worship Service 10:15 am

Immanuel Church 8888 St Rt 274

PO Box 127,

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Dear Church Family,

In January we looked at the topics of:

To be in '23

Be Alive!

Be Bold!

Be Content!

Be a Disciple!



There is a lot of information in these topics and it is easy to run ahead of these and simply move forward to the next topic. However, let's take a moment and realize how interlinked these topics are to our Christian Walk. Scripture tells us that we are to "work out our salvation with fear and trembling!" We then have a responsibility to examine our faith, live our faith and grow our faith. As stated in the beginning message, "we are either growing or dying!" This is a fact. Status quo is not something that we can hold very long. Take your arms, hold them in the air and keep them there forever. Nope, not going to happen! Gravity, age and circumstances won't let it occur. We can't hold our arms in the air by our own will power. Moses, as long as he held his arms in the air, the Israelites would be winning the battle. Once his arms began to fall or they were lowered, the Israelites would begin to fail in the battle. Joshua and Aaron, took a side of Moses and helped him hold his arms in the air until the battle was completed.

We have to take an active role in our spiritual life and live present in our situations. We can duck and cover, hide or ignore them. We have to actively engage in life. We need to engage life with a holy confidence! We can interchange the words of bold and confidence, as in the Greek Biblical Language the range of meaning is the same. To be confident is to have boldness. We need to be confident in the work of Christ in our life. We need to be confident in our position through Christ, that we are adopted, co-heirs with Christ to God our Heavenly Father! We are God's kids! It's not a maybe, or no way response, it's a fact! If indeed Christ is in us. So if we are alive and confident, living boldly the truth of God, then we should find true contentment in God and our daily lives. I spoke of the discontent of dropping off our child to pre-school or college, that letting go and it being out of our control. Contentment is about being in the presence of God, just as much as we want to run back into the preschool or the college dorm room and hug our child one more time. Then we will be okay, just one more hug, one more look at our child. Do we face the same discontent, when we look around and God isn't near us, because we have walked away from Him? Contentment comes from living a life of the presence of God. Henry Blackaby in the book, "Experiencing God", poses the statement, "Look around for God and see what He is doing and then go and join Him in it!" Instead of us doing our own thing and asking God to bless it, why don't we look for God and join Him in what He is already doing? Wow! What a concept! Being content is finding God and living in Him and His work on a daily basis.

Now none of the things of the previous paragraph come about on our own. We must learn these lessons of life, sometimes on our own, but more often than naught, we learn them from someone who already learned them and takes the time to teach us these life lessons. This is the role of being a disciple. We are willing to learn, be accountable, be engaged in the journey and "Be Alive" in the things of God. Discipleship is the learning and teaching. We are to be a disciple and a disciple-maker, all at the same time. Learning and teaching, growing and showing, being guided and guiding. It is the grand game of "Follow the Leader," Only it is Jesus who has called people over 2000 years ago to follow Him and they did. We are part of the long line of believers who have started the journey. So "Be Alive", "Be Bold", "Be Content" and "Be a Disciple"! I didn't say be a caboose! Don't be the last car! Disciple others and this world will be changed.

Lent is coming quickly and a Lenten Devotional has been prepared for you. This is a great opportunity for you to practice the presence of God, encourage others and potentially disciple others in the upcoming season.

Blessings and Welcome to 2023!

Pastor Ed Rinehart

**Immanuel Church of Kettlersville Ohio**  
**Consistory Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2022**  
**Consistory Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE:** Joe Lammers, Pastor Ed Rinehart, Ginger Holtkamp, Parker Manger, Ned Meyer, Mark Elsass, Carson Manger

**Absent:** Carolyn Shumate, Curt Maurer, Larry Greer, Dave Kettler,

Joe Lammers called the meeting together. Asked Pastor Ed to open and he did with a prayer.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Parker Manger read the Secretary's Report from November 2022 meeting held for Immanuel Church of Kettlersville, Ohio. Mark Elsass moved to accept the minutes, and Carson Manger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Ginger Holtkamp reviewed the Treasurers report for the period ending November 30, 2022. The beginning balance was \$60,297.67, miscellaneous decreases totaled \$940.77, checks and payments which cleared were \$6,920.58 and the deposits and credits totaled \$8,299.67 for a cleared balance of \$60,735.99. Page 2 showed an uncleared balance of \$57,537.61. Page 3 showed all increases and decreases in the unrestricted and restricted bank accounts to now total \$57,621.78. Page 4 reviewed the income and expense detail report for the month of November. Total Income was \$6,950.80. The expense total was \$7,895.61 for a net loss of \$944.81. Page 5 showed all bills for the month of December. At the time of consistory, the bills totaled \$5,598.92.

Ned Meyer moved to accept the report and to pay all bills for the month. Parker Manger second the motion, the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Benevolence and Outreach:** June's open offering donated to Adam Schultze, updated the sign out front of the church

**Care and hospitality:** None

**Decorating:** Tear down Christmas decorations on January 8<sup>th</sup> after service

**Worship:** Looking into new cameras for the upcoming year. More research is going to be done on these

**Education:** Children's program is this coming Sunday

**Constitution:** Work is being started on this

**Youth:** None

**TRUSTEE REPORT:**

- Automatic door openers have been quoted at \$2,475 and \$3,075. The difference between the two is the cheaper door can't be pushed open faster while it is opening. Electric will need hooked up by our trustees. Ned moves that we get the door from Modern Entrance Systems Inc for \$3,075 because it is the better-quality door.

Ginger motioned to get the door with \$2,000 coming from the guild with the rest coming from the general memorial fund

- Curt Maurer did the tuck pointing on the brick
- 4 names have been submitted so far for the Bartenstein scholarship application
- More parking was requested for the church. Looking into options of adding spots

**PASTOR REPORT:**

- 2 different pre-marital counseling currently taking place
- Performed two weddings on November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Weddings that are on the schedule are on January 28, and two in September '23

- Continuing counseling for individuals
- Preparing worship and devotionals for Lent
- Confirmation classes are going well, confirmation participants have been lighting the Advent wreath
- Blue Christmas service will be December 21<sup>st</sup> at St Paul UCC in New Bremen
- Continually calling and visiting members, provided in home communion at request

**Looking forward**

- Widow/widowers luncheon on December 14<sup>th</sup>
- Blue Christmas at 7pm on December 21<sup>st</sup>
- Christmas Eve service December 24 at 7pm
- Christmas Eve service December 24 at 11pm
- Christmas Day worship 10:15am
- Pastor Ed will be out of town December 25 and 26
- Also, out of town February 17-21
- Ash Wednesday service at Immanuel Church February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Discussed committees. The chairperson, leaders, and liaisons for consistory
- Adam Schultze will be going to Texas for at least a month. He will need to stay close to the hospital for that time, in a hotel. Living expenses will be high, and with a limited income. A church wide designated offering to the family is being promoted for the first of the year.

Pastor Ed motions to create a fund for Adam Schultze through our current fund tracking system. Starting on December 18 through January 15<sup>th</sup>. Mark Elsass Second the motion. Motion passed.

Ginger Holtkamp moved, and Carson Manger seconded the motion to adjourn the consistory meeting. Motion passed. The meeting concluded with sharing of the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Parker Manger

**Weekly Schedule**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Feb 5</b>	<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>Feb 22 Ash Wed</b>	<b>Feb 26</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Kim Nellis	Dawn Dabbelt	Parker Manger	Kelly Shartzter	Kelly Shartzter
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Sharon Lenhart	Terry & Anita Lukac	Keith & Lisa Manger	Confirmands	Parker & Meagan Manger
<b>Sound booth</b>	Dave Kettler Family	Ned Meyer & Croix Monnin	Amy Martin Family	Ned Meyer & Josh Wells	Ned Meyer & Curt Maurer
<b>Broadcast</b>	Curt	Kelly	Curt	Mark	Mark
<b>Singers</b>	Parker, Joann, Ned, Olivia	Ned, Terry, Anita	Parker, Joann, Ned, Olivia		Ned, Terry, Anita

## Calendar of Events for February 2023

**Immanuel Office Hours:** Pastor Ed Mon.& Wed. afternoons and Tuesday from 9 am til Noon  
Kelly Monday and Wednesday 8:30 am til 11:30 am

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

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	7 pm Confirmation Class
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service - Holy Communion 6:00 pm Youth Group
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm Women's Guild
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am Widow & Widower's Luncheon 7:00 pm Confirmation Class
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	1 pm Women's Guild Scrapbooking
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	8 am Women's Guild Scrapbooking
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service 11:15 am Soup-er Bowl Luncheon 7 pm Men In Ministry
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm Immanuel Consistory Meeting
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm Confirmation Class Newsletter Items due to the office
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7 pm Ash Wednesday Service
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service

Pastor Ed will be on vacation beginning on February 18<sup>th</sup> and returning on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any needs during this time, please contact the Elders for assistance.

**Youth Group** will meet the first Sunday of every month from 6:00 – 7:30 pm!

### **Mark your calendar!**

Immanuel Church is organizing a CPR / AED / First Aid Training Class.

All ages invited to attend. Training Certificate available.

Non-church members invited to train with us.

Date: Saturday May 6 Time: 8:00 am to 12:00

Where: Ft. Loramie Safety Building (on St. Rt. 66) Cost: \$20.00 / person

Contact Ned Meyer for questions & adding your name to the roster.

### **Special thanks:**

Immanuel Church Family,

Thank you so much for the food, poinsettia, and prayers you have offered up for me.

It means so much and I wish you all a happy, healthy 2023.

Dale Egbert

We want to thank our church family and the Sunday School for all the cards and notes we received the past year.

Also, thanks to the Christmas Carolers for their wonderful Christmas carols and the basket full of goodies they brought us. We appreciate it and enjoyed it all. Thanks again.

Roland & Beverly Kettler



### **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 – **February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am**

**Menu:** Sunday Chicken, Rice Pilaf, California Blend, and a dessert

served with coffee or water!

## **Immanuel Church** **Benevolence and Outreach**



A van load of household & baby items was delivered to Rustic Hope. \$495 was also sent for our December benevolence. A big thank you to all who supported this worthwhile ministry. Everything was very much appreciated!

From Rustic Hope: May God bless you for the generous donation to our ministry! Rustic Hope

### **February 2023 - Shelby County Food Pantries**

Agape Distribution Food Pantry - located at 209 Brooklyn Ave in Sidney. They maintain a food pantry on site as well as a mobile food pantry that travels to various sites in the area.

Alpha Community Center - serves meals, emergency pantry, offers child & adult programs, homeless shelter, and assistance on an as needed basis. They are located at 950 Childrens Home Rd at Sidney.

**March - Matthew 25 Ministries (m25m)** - They are a humanitarian aid & disaster relief organization helping disaster relief victims and the poor locally, regionally, and internationally. They are based out of Cincinnati Ohio. Their mission is to fulfill Matthew 25:34-40. Besides monetary donations, m25m also accepts donations from corporations, organizations, and individuals. These items are then processed and shipped where needed. Volunteer opportunities are available at their processing center. For more information, go to m25m's website: [www.m25m.org](http://www.m25m.org)

**April - Doug & Kathy McClain** - missionaries in Germany - Their ministry involves bringing the Gospel to people in Pirmasens, Germany, discipling them to spiritual maturity, and to guide them into service for Christ's kingdom. The McClains also work with refugees in Kusel, Germany. Less than 2% of the German people are truly Bible believing Christians.

### **February Birthdays**

February 1<sup>st</sup> Katie Casillas  
February 1<sup>st</sup> Missy Wells  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> Benjamin Kettler  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> Anita Lukac  
February 5<sup>th</sup> Johanna Casillas  
February 13<sup>th</sup> Caroline Eisert  
February 17<sup>th</sup> Levi Wick  
February 19<sup>th</sup> Sara Kettler  
February 28<sup>th</sup> Blane Manger

### **Happy Anniversary**

John & Cathie Blanchard February 7th  
Emerson & Margie Shroyer February 25th



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.

# Immanuel Church

## Financial Overview

for the period December 01, 2022 to December 31, 2022

Type	Account Name	Begin Balance	Increase	Decrease	End Balance
<b>First National Bank</b>					
	Unrestricted	\$34,438.45	\$10,901.36	\$5,572.91	\$39,766.90
	Restricted	\$23,183.33	\$5,491.00	\$4,347.00	\$24,327.33
		<u>\$57,621.78</u>	<u>\$16,392.36</u>	<u>\$9,919.91</u>	<u>\$64,094.23</u>
	Advent Flowers	\$111.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$81.00
	Benevolent Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	12 Dec Benevolence	\$0.00	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$0.00
	Adam & Amy Burkey - Missionaries	(\$45.00)	\$70.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
	Adam Shultze	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
	Gideons International	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
	Easter Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Funeral Escrow	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Improvement Fund	\$1,739.00	\$2,190.00	\$0.00	\$3,929.00
	In Kind Donations	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
	Memorial Fund	\$4,019.44	\$133.00	\$0.00	\$4,152.44
	Bill Dillon	\$1,170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,170.00
	Bill Elsass Mem	\$1,422.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,422.00
	Dale Maurer Mem	\$2,133.00	\$0.00	\$2,133.00	\$0.00
	Doris Dillon	\$1,968.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,968.20
	Elaine Timmerman	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
	Harold Meyer Mem	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Harvey Watkins Mem	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00
	John Shumate Mem	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Kettler Family	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	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
	Robert Exley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Roy Baucom Mem	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$590.00
	Todd Shellabarger Mem	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
	Peoples Federal Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Prayer Garden	\$317.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$317.11
	Roof Repair Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Shirt Order Money	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Sunday School Fund	\$456.11	\$117.00	\$0.00	\$573.11
	Widow and Widower Fund	\$516.00	\$48.00	\$564.00	\$0.00
	Luncheon Expense Money	\$563.16	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$581.16
	Women 4 Christ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Women's Guild	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
	Youth Fellowship Fund	\$4,222.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,222.31
		<u>\$23,183.33</u>	<u>\$5,491.00</u>	<u>\$4,347.00</u>	<u>\$24,327.33</u>

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, Jan 20 \_\_\_ and/or Saturday, Jan 21 \_\_\_**

**Friday, Feb 10 \_\_\_ and/or Saturday, Feb 11 \_\_\_**

Let us know if you are interested

*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 – [4dabbelts@nktelco.net](mailto:4dabbelts@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.