
Expressions of Immanuel Church

January 2023

Worship Service 10:15 am

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Dear Church Family,

It is hard to imagine that we are already through another year. It seems as if 2022 just arrived and off it went again. Yet, as I look back over the year, there are some notable highlights which have occurred.



Let's start with the people. From all that I have witnessed and understand, the congregation has grown in relationship with one another, we have helped one another and we have continued to build family relationships across the congregation. The cohesiveness of a congregation is one key piece of the puzzle. I look back to the end of 2021 and the Sermon Series about the 8 Character Qualities of the Church. Each quality being able to be broken down into four more subsets, creating a 32 slat barrel to retain and increase our spiritual vitality. In 2022 we continued that work to build, grow, renew, welcome and restore lives to Christ. Our Sunday School was active. We held a summer Sunday School, which went well. We have increased the attendance at Sunday School and welcomed new teachers. Our Online Ministry has continued to see growth and as you examine the numbers, you begin to see the pattern of increased online watching as well as in person participation. Building projects continued and were completed. Items which have been on the Audit report or discussed at Consistory for improvement were accomplished. Yes, we are heeding our own advice and improving ourselves because we desire to be better. In all honesty, I can say that this is a team effort and not one person beating the drum to get it done. Individuals are seeing the needs and bring solutions to completion. This shows the vested interest in making Immanuel Church effective and more impactful.

During our two congregational meetings, goals for 2023 were presented, considered and voted upon. Those plans include key areas of the church life. One section is facility. Four items are on the list and two of these are already in process. The back steps have been poured, new railings installed and we only have a few more items to do to complete this task. The basement door is being reviewed and quoted to add a handicapped, powered opener to it, so that it is easier to open. With the increased usage of our elevator and related areas, we will be looking at lighting and evaluating how we may improve these areas for visibility. The final area is that of looking at the Church as a whole and cleaning up, clearing out and making it more presentable. Piles of stuff in every corner needs to be looked at. We now have a safe for documents which have been stored in boxes in openly seen locations. Progress on the fourth area is already started as well.

This leads me to the "You" section of the goals and this note. How can you be involved in the Spiritual Growth of the Church? Prayer is a key. We will be looking at prayer meetings and special times of gathering outside of Sunday Morning. Yet, may I encourage you to begin praying over each pew of the sanctuary, every chair and who will sit in it, or who is missing from it on a specific Sunday. No, we don't have assigned seats, but as creatures of habit, we sit in the same row each week. Pray for the seats around you. Pray over our Sunday School, kids, students, and the teachers. Pray for hunger to learn more about God. Pray for our worship to be awe inspired by God. Pray that we encounter Him each step of the journey each Sunday and that we see His hands working in our midst. Pray for the ministries of the Church, pray for Women's Guild, Youth Group, and our new "Men in Ministry" Men's group. Help us to find the pathway that will build men stronger in Christ and more effective in our walk in our homes, work and community. The foundation of our work begins with prayer. Then it takes our personal involvement. We need to be active on our Sunday School, our ministry groups of the Church and the opportunities to grow. Our Worship Service theme in the beginning of 2023 is "To Be in 23". So let's begin praying now and asking God, "What does He want us to be in 23?"

Let me close with the following thought. The Church is not a hiding place, the Church is not just a steeple. The Church is the growing place for all the Lord's people.

Blessings and Happy New Years!

Pastor Ed Rinehart

Immanuel Church of Kettlersville Ohio
Consistory Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2022
Consistory Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Joe Lammers, Curt Maurer, Pastor Ed Rinehart, Larry Greer, Ginger Holtkamp, Parker Manger, Ned Meyer, Dave Kettler, Mark Elsass

Absent: Carolyn Shumate, Carson Manger

Joe Lammers called the meeting together. Asked Pastor Ed to open and he did with a review of praying with A.C.T.S. method and prayer.

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

TREASURER REPORT: Ginger Holtkamp reviewed the Treasurers report for the period ending October 31, 2022. The beginning balance was \$59,623.62, miscellaneous decreases totaled \$633.28, checks and payments which cleared were \$9,488.90 and the deposits and credits totaled \$10,796.23 for a cleared balance of \$60,297.67. Page 2 showed an uncleared balance of \$56,036.90. Page 3 showed all increases and decreases in the unrestricted and restricted bank accounts to now total \$59,650.01. Page 4 reviewed the income and expense detail report for the month of October. Total Income was \$9,912.85. The expense total was \$10,100.07 for a net loss of \$187.22. Page 5 showed all bills for the month of November. At the time of consistory, the bills paid total \$6,383.60. The bills yet to be paid total \$1,236.54 and the total is \$7,620.14.

Curt Maurer moved to accept the report and to pay all bills for the month. Larry Greer second the motion, the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Benevolence and Outreach: Shoe boxes are underway and being promoted each Sunday

Care and hospitality: None

Decorating: Christmas poinsettia deadline for the Hardware store is on November 9 and the deadline to order through Pastor Ed and a fundraiser will be this coming Sunday. We will plan to decorate the church for Christmas on November 20.

Worship: Cancelled meeting because of schedules. Christmas eve services will be at 7pm and 11pm. No Sunday school on Christmas day. We need help to run the sound booth on December 3rd and the Christmas services. Let Kelly know who can help out.

Education: All Sunday school classes are going well. More attendance could be had in the adult class.

Constitution: None

Youth: Good turnout for the shoe boxes meeting. Had a fun time together.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

- Handrails are installed. Matching posts are yet to be installed.
- A safe was on sale on Facebook, possible place to store church documents. Funds volunteered to come from Dale Maurer's memorial fund.
 - Ned Meyer moves that the Memorial Fund be used to purchase the safe. Larry Greer second, motion approved.
- The Women's Guild has figured they can come up with \$2,000 for an automatic door for the basement. Looking to have the total cost be \$4,000 or less.
- Piano is moved and sounds good.
- Brick tuck pointing needs done on the side of the church, hoping before the snow starts.

PASTOR REPORT:

- November newsletter included an advent devotional. It will also be in the bulletin this coming week
- Lenten daily devotional for 2023 is about halfway done
- Joe and Dru will be given all of remaining 2022 hymns to start practicing
- All sermons have been laid out through December of 2023
- Goals have been talked about starting a men's group, a series called "Play the Man" and will take place January-March. Local churches will be asked to join.
- Pre-marital counseling continuing
- More weddings are being planned for 2023

OLD BUSINESS:

- Approved budget
- Ned moved to approve the church goals, Parker Manger second. Motion approved
- Diane Greer is willing to be nominated as a Deacon
- Parker Manger is willing to be nominated as an Elder
- We are still looking for a Trustee
- We are still looking for a Deacon with a 1-year term

Ginger Holtkamp moved to present positions to the congregation, Mark Elsass second. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Security team training and members handled and acted upon a situation last Sunday in a successful manner. Fine tuning was talked about in future situations if people pass by looking for money.

Ginger Holtkamp moved, and Curt Maurer 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

Date:	Jan 1	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29
Liturgist	Dawn Dabbelt	Anita Lukac	Mark Elsass	Terry Lukac	Kelly Shartzter
Greeters	Mike & Diane Homan	Dave & Julia Kettler	Steve & Julie Kettler	Matt & Leslie Krieg	Joe & Sara Lammers
Sound booth	Dave Kettler Family	Amy Martin Family	Ned Meyer & Olivia Lammers	Mark Elsass & Josh Wells	Ned Meyer & Sebastian Monnin
Broadcast	Ned	Curt	Kelly	Ned	Mark
Singers	Ned, Joe, Terry, Anita	Parker, Joann, Ned	Ned, Olivia, Terry, Anita	Parker, Joann, Ned	Ned, Olivia, Terry, Anita

Calendar of Events for January 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

January 1st 9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service Holy Communion

January 4th 7 pm Confirmation Class

January 8th 9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service
Following Service – Church un-decorating will take place.
6:00 pm Youth Group

January 9th 7 pm Women’s Guild

January 10th 7 pm Immanuel Consistory Meeting

January 11th 11:30 am Widow & Widower’s Luncheon
7:00 pm Confirmation Class

January 15th Newsletter Items due to the office
9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service
7 pm Men In Ministry

January 18th 7 pm Confirmation Class

January 20th 1 pm Women’s Guild Scrapbooking

January 21st 8 am Women’s Guild Scrapbooking

January 22nd 9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service

January 25th 7 pm Confirmation Class

January 29th 9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service
7 pm Men In Ministry



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 – **January 11th at 11:30 am** Menu: Honkey Pidgeon, Kraut, Mashed Potatoes, and Gravy served with coffee, water or sparkling juice!

Special thanks:

Thank you for your support during 2022. May God bless you all! Sincerely, Darla Cabe, FISH President

Dear Immanuel Church Family,
Thank you for all of the wonderful gifts. It gives me great joy this holiday season.
Merry Christmas to all of you.
Love, Priscilla Baucom

We would like to thank the Christmas goodies, the poinsettia, the Christmas ornaments, and especially the carolers, they sounded so good. We didn’t expect it all. It really made my day.
Thanks. Jane & Adrian (Jr.) Grillot

Immanuel Church Benevolence and Outreach



Benevolence updates:

Our church had 53 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Keep praying for these boxes & their recipients as they are sent throughout the world.

The "Open" offering from July 2022 was sent to the Adam Schulze family.

January 2023 - FISH (Friends In Service to Humanity) - Their mission is to provide emergency assistance to the needy people residing in Shelby County in the form of food, clothing, medicine, and other necessities. Besides the food pantry, FISH also has a thrift store. The thrift store is open to the public & they encourage everyone to come & shop. The proceeds from the store are then used in fulfilling FISH's mission. They accept donations of clothing, linens, and household items for the thrift store. Donations of non-perishable food & personal care products are accepted for the food pantry. FISH is also looking for volunteers.

FISH has been active in Shelby County since 1979 & Immanuel Church was one of the four churches to assist in the early years of this organization. FISH is located at 1128 W Michigan St, Sidney Ohio.

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.

January Birthdays

January 1 st	Mike Homan
January 2 nd	Cathy Blanchard
January 3 rd	Bill Wells
January 4 th	Betty Ike
January 9 th	Sara Lammers
January 13 th	Elizabeth Lammers
January 14 th	Derek Snider
January 15 th	Blaire Wells
January 17 th	Isaac Egbert
January 22 nd	Dietrich Rinehart
January 24 th	Daron Lee Kettler
January 25 th	Rachel Wells
January 27 th	Jane Exley
January 27 th	Kelly Shartzter
January 28 th	Terry Lukac
January 30 th	Claire Eisert



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.

Youth Group will meet January 8th (instead of the 1st) from 6:00 – 7:30 pm!

Immanuel Church Financial Overview

for the period November 01, 2022 to November 30, 2022

Type	Account Name	Begin Balance	Increase	Decrease	End Balance
First National Bank					
	Unrestricted	\$35,383.26	\$6,950.80	\$7,895.61	\$34,438.45
	Restricted	\$24,266.75	\$1,360.89	\$2,444.31	\$23,183.33
		\$59,650.01	\$8,311.69	\$10,339.92	\$57,621.78
	Advent Flowers	\$0.00	\$111.00	\$0.00	\$111.00
	Benevolent Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Adam & Amy Burkey - Missionaries	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	(\$45.00)
	Gideons International	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	Improvement Fund	\$1,694.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$1,739.00
	Memorial Fund	\$4,019.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,019.44
	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	\$0.00	\$2,133.00
	Doris Dillon	\$1,968.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,968.20
	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	\$593.53	\$51.89	\$189.31	\$456.11
	Widow and Widower Fund	\$473.00	\$43.00	\$0.00	\$516.00
	Luncheon Expense Money	\$563.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$563.16
	Youth Fellowship Fund	\$4,222.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,222.31
		\$24,266.75	\$1,360.89	\$2,444.31	\$23,183.33

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

Special Offering through January 15th

On Tuesday, December 13th the Consistory met and one item of discussion was a Special Offering to Adam Schulze. A designated Fund has been established and beginning Dec 18th and continuing until January 15th we will be receiving additional funds for Adam and family. Mid-January, Adam Schulze will be traveling to Houston, Texas to participate in a trial procedure to help battle the cancer. Please clearly mark your Sunday Offering envelopes for Adam Schulze, use pew envelopes and include your name on the envelope or make contributions directly into the Church Office. Amounts will be reported weekly with the Church Offering totals in the Church bulletin. Adam is the great-grandson of Ralph and Joann.

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

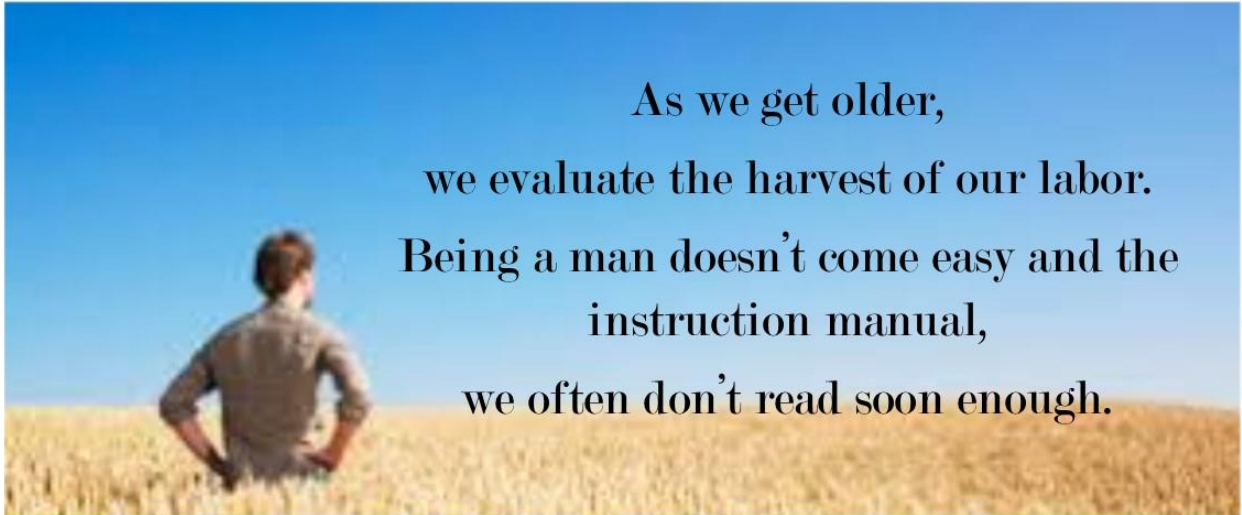
Contact Dawn Dabbelt @ 419-733-9598 – 4 dabbelts@nktelco.net,

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

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.



As we get older,
we evaluate the harvest of our labor.
Being a man doesn't come easy and the
instruction manual,
we often don't read soon enough.

Immanuel Church is launching a Men's Group.
We would like to invite you, your church and men in
general to come together for a time of learning,
fellowship, discussion and prayer.

Meeting dates are

January 8th 7pm

January 29th 7 pm

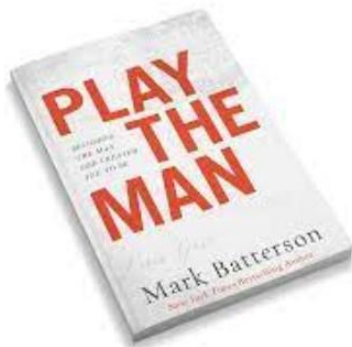
February 19th 7 pm

March 19th 7 pm.



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We will watch the Dvd of Mark Batterson, discuss, pray
and see where God leads us.



Please join us at:

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Contact Pastor Ed Rinehart at 419-204-9768
for more details.