
Expressions of Immanuel Church

January 2024

Worship Service 10:15 am

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Dear Church Family,

This is the challenge and theme for 2024! Time to Soar in '24! But how are we going to do that? In what areas are we going to be looking for growth, success, achievements, and our soaring?



One area will be in our Sunday School. It is the hope and desire to build an appetite for learning. We are to become hungry for the "Bread of Life". Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation Class, and Bible Studies are all growth opportunities. Yet, these are not our only opportunities. Through Women 4 Christ, the women's retreat and their day together will be opportunities to be enriched and grow. Women's Guild as they gather to pray, have devotions, and grow stronger together. Widow and Widower's Luncheon is another opportunity to be strengthened even after the passing of the most important people in our lives.

Another area of growth in 2024 is our ministry with one another in the Shepherds Sheep, Diagnosed with Cancer Support Group Ministry. Meeting on the second Monday night of each month, this group will continue to grow larger with involvement and deeper as we gain strength with one another. Devotions, prayer, and discussion topics help us to address and face items in our lives. In April, we will be looking to launch a Cancer Support Group Ministry, this ministry will be designed for those aiding individuals diagnosed with Cancer. Often, we need that outlet to talk, to ask questions of others who have been in the situation or others who are going through a similar situation. What do I do when...?

The Sermon series starting of 2024 is about being shepherds. We are all called to be shepherds, not simply sheep in the flock, but shepherds. As parents, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and many other relationships to those around us, we are also called to be shepherds. Not to get into the full aspect of the messages, but an important fact is shepherds lead their sheep. They are in front of them leading them to the next pasture, the next grassy place, water, and more. How are you leading people? As a Shepherd, you are proactive, you plan, you are prepared, and you are anticipating the dangers. You are ahead of the sheep. The shepherd doesn't lead from the rear and isn't a backseat driver or an armchair quarterback. Although a shepherd will react to dangers, they have prepared for them in advance. In leading people, discipling people, and helping people to grow in their relationship with Christ, it is proactive in its approach to be more effective than reactive.

Wait and see is not a valid method of leading, discipling, and guiding sheep or people in this matter. Knowing the keys to salvation, and knowing avenues of building up individuals to aid them in their personal growth is important. This being said, we need to focus on our process of evangelism, our hospitality, our caregiving, and avenues of connection with people. Making our faith community stronger spiritually will also help to grow our faith community wider. Our impact will be greater, our passion will be deeper, our commitment will be stronger and the outcome will be exceptional. Not because we did more, but because we were obedient to the mission, the call, and the voice of God.

For us to soar, we need to love God with all of our hearts, with all of our minds, with all of our strength, and with all of our souls! Being fully invested, fully committed, and fully connected to God as a Church Family will bring about the true growth we all desire. So if we want to soar in 2024, we need to consider our effort to fly, to soar on the wings of eagles, to run and not grow weary, to walk and not be faint.

Sincerely,
Pastor Ed Rinehart

November 14, 2023, Immanuel Church of Kettlerville
Minutes from the November 14, 2023 meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

Mark Elsass, Joe Lammers, Pastor Ed Rinehart, Parker Manger, Ginger Holtkamp, Dave Kettler, Matt Wick, Ned Meyer and Terri Goodwin.

Absent: Carson Manger, Diane Greer

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 October 2023 meeting held for Immanuel Church of Kettlersville, Ohio. Two corrections: Treasurer's Report - Terri Goodwin was not present at the October meeting. Trustee Report - Change wording from "I had a furnace issue", to "The church had".

Ginger Holtkamp moved to accept the minutes with corrections made to Treasurer's Report.

Dave Kettler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

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

Beginning balance was \$66,015.28.

Miscellaneous decreases totaled (\$874.07).

Checks and payments cleared equaled \$8,715.08, and deposits and credits totaled equaled \$13,991.46 for a cleared balance of \$70,417.59.

Page 2 showed an un-cleared balance of \$58,561.51.

Page 3 showed all increases and decreases in the unrestricted and restricted bank accounts to now total \$69,003.33.

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

Total Income was \$11,885.96. The expense total was \$9,935.21, for a net loss/gain of \$1950.75.

Page 5 showed all bills for the month of October.

At the time of consistory, bills paid totaled \$15,860.31. Bills yet to be paid totaled \$1,740.91, and the total is \$17,601.22.

Parker Manger moved to accept the report and to pay all bills for the month. Terri Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor's Items in Review:

Confirmation class has been reduced to 16 people at present. Final approved copy of revised Constitution is ready and in PDF Form. Pastor Ed will be off Sunday, December 31st to spend time with family. Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home is in process of coordinating Longest Night Blue Christmas service for December 21st. Discussion on options for tables/chairs, in North room in back of sanctuary, to allow for more usable space. Discussion of multiple storage areas for paper products, plastic utensils, etc. Can we combine, with input from various organizations, and set up possible Amazon account to replenish as needed, with Kelly overseeing and reordering. Parker Manger will look in to setting up an Amazon account. Cleaning out old Sunday School materials and Bibles with intention of these items being sent to ministry. Advent Wreath Lighting schedule is complete. Christmas decorating to occur after worship on Sunday, November 26th. Sarah Longbrake has agreed to play piano once per month, and as needed. Sermon and worship planning is nearly completed for 2024. Attendance update: in-house 88, Facebook 106, YouTube 27, fall Sunday school 47. Sunday school and worship attendance compare to 53% of our average worship attendance. A goal of 60% in 2024 is very possible!

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Ned Meyer reported that a quote is being prepared by Mennonite Mutual insurance with coverage included for Security Team. Plaster repair for the ceiling in office has been added to previous plaster work that is already scheduled. To-date no applications have been received for Bartenstein scholarship. Probably an oversight, but will check with all possible applicants. A congregational Security refresher is due, with potential date of Sunday, December 17th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Benevolence and Outreach: Approximately 76 boxes were filled for Operation Christmas Child.

Care and hospitality: Nothing to report.

Decorating: Advent decorating will be after worship, Sunday, November 26th. Poinsettias have been ordered.

Worship: More people have been trained in sound booth.

Education: Attendance update: in-house 88, Facebook 106, YouTube 27, fall Sunday school 47. Sunday school and worship attendance compare to 53% of our average worship attendance. A goal of 60% in 2024 is very possible!

Youth: Preparing for Christmas program. All programing going well.

OLD BUSINESS: Refer to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS: Ned Meyer reviewed the proposed budget. Discussion was held. Views shared.

Nominations suggested for vacant seats on consistory and committees. The congregational meeting agenda, for Sunday, November 19th, was discussed.

Ginger Holtkamp moved to adjourn consistory meeting.

Joe Lammers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 2023 @ 7:00pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Goodwin

Weekly Schedule

Date:	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28
Liturgist	Anita Lukac	Kelly Shartzter	Terri Goodwin	Dawn Dabbelt
Greeters	Bill & Missy Wells	Phillip & Betsy Wells	Matt & Pam Wick	Dan & Lori Bensman
Sound booth	Mark Elsass & Will Lammers	Ned Meyer & Croix Monnin	Dave Kettler Family	Matt & Levi Wick
Broadcast	Curt	Mark	Ned	Mark
Singers	Ned, Terry, Anita	Parker, Joann, Ned	Ned, Terry, Anita	Parker, Joann, Ned

Women 4 Christ

All ladies who have attended any Women 4 Christ Retreat or any lady of the church are invited to a mini-session on Saturday, January 20, 2024, 9am to Noon at Immanuel Church basement. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast, friendly fellowship and taste the beautiful Word of God. Please RSVP by telling Jodi Rinehart or Ginger Holtkamp on your plans to attend. It will be a great time!

Calendar of Events for January 2024

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

Morning Coffee Monday through Saturday from 7 am to 8 am

January 2nd 7:00 pm Women's Guild
January 3rd 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
January 6th Basement and Kitchen reserved
January 7th 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service – Holy Communion
6:00 pm Youth Group
January 8th 7:00 pm Shepherd's Sheep – Diagnosed with Cancer Support Ministry
January 9th 7:00 pm Immanuel Consistory Meeting
January 10th 11:30 am Widow & Widower's Luncheon
6:30 pm Confirmation Class
January 12th 1:00 pm Scrapbooking
January 13th 8:00 am Scrapbooking
January 14th 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service
January 15th Newsletter Items due to the office
January 16th 6:00 pm Kettlersville Well Association Mtg.
January 17th 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
January 20th 9:00 am Women 4 Christ Mtg.
January 21st 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service – Installation of 2024 Consistory
January 24th 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
January 28th 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service
January 31st 6:30 pm Confirmation Class



SCRAPBOOKING/CARD MAKING EVENT

WHERE: Immanuel Church of Kettlersville

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

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

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

Friday evening and Saturday (9 am-4 pm) 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 are available in the sanctuary.

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

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

The Youth Group will meet on the first Sunday of each month. Join Hattie and Morgan in the fellowship hall from 6:00 until 7:30 pm.

Immanuel Church Benevolence and Outreach

January 2024 - 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 and shop. The proceeds from the store are then used to fulfill FISH's mission. They accept donations of clothing, linens, and household items for the thrift store. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care products are accepted for the food pantry. FISH is also looking for volunteers. FISH has been active in Shelby County since 1979 and 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 2024 - Epiphany Ministry of Ohio - Epiphany is an ecumenical Christian ministry for young men & women who are in custody at Juvenile Justice Facilities. Epiphany's purpose is to manifest God's love to incarcerated and troubled youth. Ginger Holtkamp is a member of the Epiphany team.

March 2024 - 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.



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 10th at 11:30 am**

Menu: Honkey Pidgeon, Kraut, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, and Dessert served with coffee, water, or sparkling juice!

January Birthdays

January 1 st	Mike Homan
January 2 nd	Cathy Blanchard
January 3 rd	Bill Wells
January 3 rd	Jane Grillot
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 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.

Immanuel Church

Financial Overview

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

Type	Account Name	Begin Balance	Increase	Decrease	End Balance
First National Bank					
	Unrestricted	\$47,435.28	\$8,743.00	\$13,420.61	\$42,757.67
	Restricted	\$21,568.05	\$1,872.00	\$5,080.61	\$18,359.44
		<u>\$69,003.33</u>	<u>\$10,615.00</u>	<u>\$18,501.22</u>	<u>\$61,117.11</u>
	Advent Flowers	\$353.50	\$31.00	\$0.00	\$384.50
	Benevolent Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	11 Nov Benevolence	\$0.00	\$1,070.00	\$0.00	\$1,070.00
	Adam & Amy Burkey -	\$110.00	\$80.00	\$110.00	\$80.00
	Missionaries				
	Improvement Fund	\$3,894.00	\$315.00	\$4,079.00	\$130.00
	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	\$896.96	\$324.00	\$101.61	\$1,119.35
	Widow and Widower Fund	\$506.50	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$547.50
	Luncheon Expense Money	\$764.16	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$775.16
	Youth Fellowship Fund	\$4,594.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,594.38
		<u>\$21,568.05</u>	<u>\$1,872.00</u>	<u>\$5,080.61</u>	<u>\$18,359.44</u>

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