
Expressions of Immanuel Church

May 2024

Worship Service 10:15 am

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Dear Church Family,

It is hard to believe we are entering the month of May! That means 2024 is one-third over already. We haven't had summer yet and in six months we can be facing snow already again. Augghhh!



So Hello, May! In the month of May many life changes occur. We have Mother's Day, Pentecost, and graduation. You may even have a wedding in your family. Typically, the month of May is seen as the month of planting, cultivating, new seeds growing, and preparing for growth to occur. We celebrate our mothers and we celebrate the accomplishments of our kids and family. School lets out and we begin the planning of summer vacations and if you are involved in 4-H, the projects begin to kick into gear. It seems like the busyness of life gets busier. But something else has an opportunity to happen if we let it. In May this year, we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit and its indwelling in our lives.

We don't always think about the Holy Spirit in our lives. After all, you can't see the Holy Spirit. Sometimes, we have a hard time sensing the Holy Spirit and yet, we are told in scripture that this Holy Spirit is to be a comforter in our lives. How about you? Do you feel comforted?

Scripture talks also about the Holy Spirit convicting us of our sins, celebrating with us the goodness of God in us, and the protections of the Holy Spirit by nudging us to keep us out of harm. Do you feel any of that? Well maybe, we need to take some time to get in touch with the Spirit side of our spirituality. Since, God is three persons, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, maybe we need to focus on the third part of the Trinity just a tad bit more.

We acknowledge God and His work in our lives. We believe in Jesus and accept His work on the Cross, rising from the grave and ascending into Heaven. We know that through Christ we are made holy as Christ is holy. In fact, we want to be Christ-like in our daily lives. But do we listen to the challenges of the Holy Spirit to be more like Christ in the moments of life? Do we welcome the convictions of the Holy Spirit to cause us to change our actions? Do we embrace the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we encounter our days?

So maybe, we should spend some time cultivating and allowing the Holy Spirit to grow in us. Maybe, we should take time out of our busy schedules to listen, reflect, and be made more aware of the wind of God trying to blow in our lives. Not showing up to see Mom on Mother's Day could get you in trouble. Not attending a family graduation party could start some arguments. But to deny the potential influence of the Holy Spirit in your life could be the biggest missed opportunity of all time. So during this month of May, may you offer yourself some freedom to allow the Holy Spirit to move in you, on you, and around you. I don't know what may happen, but I can tell you, that not listening to part of God, could have consequences. Remember, May is the season of cultivating new things!

Sincerely,
Pastor Ed Rinehart

Immanuel Church of Kettlersville
Consistory Minutes from March 12, 2024

Attendance: Mark Elsass, Pastor Ed Rinehart, Parker Manger, Ginger Holtkamp, Dave Kettler, Matt Wick, Diane Greer, Missy Wells, Paul Bambauer, Carson Manger and Dawn Dabbelt

Mark called the meeting to order and asked Pastor Ed to open the meeting with reading and prayer.

An Immanuel member was in attendance to discuss the possibility of adding additional items to our Statement of Faith. We listened and advised that we would discuss the request. Consistory did discuss the topics presented and it was suggested that we talk to family and friends for input and report back next month.

Secretary's Report was reviewed. Mark E. made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Paul B. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Beginning balance of \$63,161.05 ending Feb. 29, 2024. Miscellaneous decreases totaled \$1508.60. Checks and payments cleared equaled \$10,173.26. Deposits and credits totaled \$9449.94 for a cleared balance of \$60,928.79. The reconciliation page showed an un-cleared balance of \$58,218.67 and showed all increases and decreases in the unrestricted and restricted bank accounts to now total \$60,526.62. Income and Expense details were listed for February. At the time of consistory, bills total \$4314.24. Total March expenses \$11,682.20. Diane G made a motion to accept and seconded by Missy W. Motion passed.

Pastors Report

- Sunday School is running at 50% of the Worship Attendance Average.
- Confirmation class is concluding, and we will be refining speeches and preparing for Palm Sunday.
- Scheduled out of town on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, March 26 & 27
- The Average attendance for worship is 88.8, the average size for Sunday School is 44.4 and the overall in-house and online ministry is reaching an average of 274.4. (We only count one view person and we know of situations with multiple viewers per view.)

Update items –

- Leslie and I working on Maundy Thursday, March 28 with Seder Supper. This will take place in the sanctuary and the meal will be served to the 4-6 grade Sunday School Class. There will be multiple points of interaction for the congregation and individuals to assist in the service. Holy Communion will be served during the service for all in attendance who desire to partake.
- Good Friday the Church will be open (March 29) and Easter is March 31st.
- Easter flowers and palms have been ordered.
- Following the Easter Sermon, topics will be lighter as we review basics that may help us to share the Gospel more readily.

Trustee's Report:

- Carson reported that the audit report has been finalized.
- Bartenstein Scholarship to be dispersed to those who applied

Decorating Committee:

- Easter flowers and palm branches ordered. Kids will parade around the church.

Care and Hospitality:

- Ginger said the meeting is this Thursday and the Widow and Widowers luncheon is being held tomorrow.
- Also advised that she is visiting prison at least once a month.

Worship Committee:

- Nothing to report

Education Committee:

- Parker informed that he is working on a plan.

Youth: Reviewing what is working and not working. Moving along well.

Shepherds Sheep: 4-5 individuals last night. No meeting in April due to Eclipse. May will be the next meeting.

Old Business:

Openings on committees– hopefully, more sign-ups to assist

Church rental process – Mark offered to assist the Pastor in to review.

Diane reported she had 10 adults and 6 young adults to assist with the nursery. Diane will create a schedule and give it to the office. Security will be discussed at a later date.

Water Bill – heard from other people what other towns/churches are being charged. Decided to proceed with what is being charged.

New Business: Nothing to report

Ginger H. moved to adjourn and Carson M. seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting concluded with sharing the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dabbelt

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 pm

Special Note to Immanuel:

Dear Friends at Immanuel Church of Kettlersville!

Adam and I hope this note finds you all doing well and looking forward to your celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection. He is Risen! Hallelujah! We are writing to thank you all for your continued prayers for us and our ministry to college students! The Lord continues to work and make Himself known to this generation and we know it is in answer to the prayers of His people!

We also want to thank you for your continued financial support, with a larger-than-average gift you gave in January! What a blessing your partnership is to us and has been to us for almost 20 years! You first began partnering with us in 2004 as we embarked on a journey overseas to minister to Macedonia for 14 years.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your faithfulness over all these years! May the Lord give us many more years of ministry together until the whole world hears!

Happy Easter!

Adam & Amy Burkey

See the bulletin board for the latest Burkey Beacon

Adam and Amy share their experiences as they are currently working through Ephesians finishing out the school year at college campuses, coaching Croatia evangelism, and requesting prayers for various aspects of their ministry. Seth and Nathan, sons of Adam and Amy, also share experiences they are facing in their high school and college careers. Check these letters out at the front entrance of the church at your convenience!

Do you have a Graduate?

Please let the office know by May 12 if you have a graduate who needs to be recognized this year. Be sure to include where they are graduating from, future endeavors, and a picture if available.

Confirmation Pictures The confirmation pictures from the basement have been scanned into digital copies in the office, however, we have found many gaps. If you have any of the following years, would you please send a digital copy or bring a hard copy for scanning to the office? 1998, 1999, 2004, 2008, 2013, and 2016 to present.

Calendar of Events for May 2024

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

Morning Coffee Monday through Saturday from 7 am to 8 am

- May 5th 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service – Holy Communion
- May 8th 11:30 am Widow & Widower’s Luncheon
- May 11th 10:00 am Spring Fling
- May 12th Mother’s Day
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service
- May 13th 7:00 pm Shepherd’s Sheep – Cancer Diagnosis Support Ministry
- May 14th 7:00 pm Immanuel Consistory Meeting
- May 15th Newsletter Items due to the office
- May 19th 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service
11:15 am Teachers Appreciation Luncheon
- May 26th 9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service
Graduate recognition
Youth Group Meeting Time TBA
- May 27th Memorial Day

Weekly Schedule

| Date: | May 5 | May 12 | May 19 | May 26 |
|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Liturgist | Kelly Shartzter | Anita Lukac | Terri Goodwin | Dawn Dabbelt |
| Greeters | Joe & Sara Lammers | John & Sharon Lenhart | Terry & Anita Lukac | Keith & Lisa Manger |
| Sound booth | Ned Meyer & Sebastian Monnin | Mark Elsass & Will Lammers | Dave Kettler Family | Matt & Levi Wick |
| Broadcast | Curt Maurer | Ned Meyer | Ned Meyer | Mark Elsass |
| Singers | Ned, Terry, Anita | Parker, Joann, Ned | Ned, Terry, Anita | Parker, Joann, Ned |

Immanuel Church Benevolence and Outreach

May 2024 - Doug & Kathy McClain - missionaries in Germany - Their ministry involves bringing the Gospel to people in Pirmasens, Germany, disciplining them to spiritual maturity, and guiding 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.



June 2024 - "OPEN" - Monies received will be dispersed by the committee if a need arises during the year or will be dispersed at the end of the year to provide additional support to one of the ministries already supported or to possibly support a new ministry.

July 2024 - Eight Days of Hope - This is a Christian nonprofit that exists to love & serve those in need. They are committed to serving others by using the resources that God has blessed us with to bring hope & healing. They work with churches, businesses, & local governments to clean up & help rebuild after natural disasters in the continental United States. This is all done with the help of volunteers, who are the hands & feet of Jesus using their skills & talents to glorify God. Eight Days of Hope also has a Safe House Ministry. They build & renovate homes for victims of human trafficking. This past year they have been building a Safe House Campus in Ohio. Ohio ranks 5th in the US for human trafficking.



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 – **May 8th at 11:30 am**

Menu: Tea Sandwiches, Scones, Cheese, and Chocolate Strawberries served with punch, coffee, or water!

Special Thanks:

Dear Immanuel Church Family,

Thank you for the confirmation gift, 365 Daily Devotions. I was interested in this book and planning to buy it myself. I appreciate it and have already begun reading it.

Thank you, Magdalene Monnin

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the confirmation gift and thank you Pastor Ed for teaching me.

From, Will Lammers

Dear Immanuel Church,

Thank you so much for the scholarship award! It has lifted a huge weight off my shoulders and will be going towards my tuition at BG.

Much love, Olivia Lammers

Thank you for donating to our after-prom and helping to make it a fun and safe environment. We really appreciate it!

Thanks again, The NK Jr Class

May Birthdays

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| May 1st | Elizabeth Hohlbein |
| May 2nd | Jodi Rinehart |
| May 2nd | John Schneider |
| May 4th | Diane Greer |
| May 5th | Joe Lammers |
| May 6th | Larry Greer |
| May 10th | Michael Kettler |
| May 10th | Don McCullough |
| May 12th | Beth Russell |
| May 17th | Meagan Manger |
| May 18th | Julie Kettler |
| May 24th | Laura Maurer |
| May 28th | Dakota Koenig |
| May 28th | Jaclyn Mast |
| May 30th | Marianne Snider |



May Anniversaries

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| May 12 th | Mark & Lori Elsass |
| May 19 th | Keith & Lisa Manger |
| May 19 th | Philip & Marianne Snider |
| May 21 st | Carson & Morgan Manger |

Happy Anniversary

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.

Women Guild Spring Fling 2024 will be Saturday, May 11, at 10 am. The theme will be “Designing Women” as Terri Goodwin is the speaker. Guild members will be making casseroles as well as door prizes. The Guild will provide punch, bottled water, and coffee supplies. They are asking attendees to bring a dish to share to make the brunch yummierr!! The love offering will be for Rustic Hope. Any questions, please see Dawn D or Beth R.



Graduate Recognition:

Keegan Thorpe is graduating from Botkins High school and also from Upper Valley Career Center. He is majoring in welding at UVCC, is currently working at Brown Industrial in Botkins, and will continue to work after graduation.

Immanuel Church Financial Overview

for the period February 01, 2024 to February 29, 2024

| Type | Account Name | Begin Balance | Increase | Decrease | End Balance |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| First National Bank | | | | | |
| | Unrestricted | \$41,468.14 | \$7,686.02 | \$6,936.88 | \$42,217.28 |
| | Restricted | \$16,650.40 | \$1,776.94 | \$118.00 | \$18,309.34 |
| | | \$58,118.54 | \$9,462.96 | \$7,054.88 | \$60,526.62 |
| | Advent Flowers | \$4.86 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4.86 |
| | Benevolent Fund | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | 02 Feb Benevolence | \$0.00 | \$865.00 | \$0.00 | \$865.00 |
| | Adam & Amy Burkey - Missionaries | \$0.00 | \$90.00 | \$0.00 | \$90.00 |
| | Easter Flowers | \$15.00 | \$393.00 | \$0.00 | \$408.00 |
| | Improvement Fund | \$710.00 | \$150.00 | \$0.00 | \$860.00 |
| | 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 | \$1,211.95 | \$107.66 | \$79.33 | \$1,240.28 |
| | Widow and Widower Fund | \$180.50 | \$18.00 | \$0.00 | \$198.50 |
| | Luncheon Expense | \$275.16 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$275.16 |
| | Money | | | | |
| | Youth Fellowship Fund | \$4,594.38 | \$153.28 | \$38.67 | \$4,708.99 |
| | | \$16,650.40 | \$1,776.94 | \$118.00 | \$18,309.34 |

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