

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

SPRINGTIME BIBLE STUDY PLANNED

We are organizing a new, springtime Bible Study group! We will meet in-person on Monday's at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room for 8 weeks beginning on Monday, April 25th. This study will be an *Invitation to the Old Testament*. Here is some descriptive information for you...

"This study approaches the Hebrew Scriptures by inviting participants to hear the story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many "voices" of the biblical text. We'll look at the narrative, poem, history and prophetic utterances and look at the distinctive characteristics of each. We hope to understand more fully God's covenantal relationship with Israel and how listening to these various ways tells the story throughout the Old Testament".

Sign-up sheets will be available soon and books are being ordered for your use now. The 8-week study does require a small amount of daily reading for our group preparations, and we will plan to meet for 60-90 minutes each week. Each week during the session we will take a video tour through some of the most interesting spots in Old Testament history. Books cost \$17.00 and can be paid for when the first session is held on April 25th!

We hope you'll consider signing up soon for this exciting time of study and fellowship!

LENTEN OFFERING OPPORTUNITY

Did you know that our sisters and brothers at First UMC in the village of Camillus serve brown bag lunches throughout the summer for families who are food-challenged? And last year they served thousands of lunches to those in need?

Well, we'd like to help them in that effort this summer. Each week, during Lent, we will have a non-perishable item we will try to gather that is a part of this lunch ministry. Items like breakfast bars, cookies, goldfish snacks, Capri-Sun drink mixes, etc. are needed with each lunch bag packed. So, during Lent, listen to the weekly announcements for the "lunch-bag item of the week". And in this way, we too will be helping to feed the community right around us! What a great mission opportunity this is!

Serving with you,

Pastor Jack



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Hello everyone! As we approach the Lenten season, I have found a new way of doing mission projects!

This year for Lent, we are going to be doing a collection for our local animal shelters! There are 6 Sundays in Lent, so we will have plenty of time to get everything done!

We will be collecting toys, food, both dry and canned wet food, treats, leashes, and comfort items like blankets for all of our furry friends in need. We will have a goal of 100 items, so feel free to bring them in, we will have a box in the Narthex!

We will also be learning about ways we can focus on God and learning during Kidz Club these weeks leading up to Easter.

If you would like to help out and volunteer in a class, please let Ashley know and she can get you on the schedule!

~Ashley Davis



Pets In Need

Kidz Club Coordinator



Examine and come to own your faith in a deeper way.

Confirmation Class



CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

We plan to welcome a group of our young people through the Rite of Confirmation, on Sunday, June 5th... Pentecost Sunday! Planning is now underway for this class and it's not too late to get involved. Speak with Pastor Jack if you'd like to be a part of the group in any way!



OUR LENTEN THEME FOR 2022

Throughout Lent we will be considering "The Week that Changed the World". Our weekly Gospel readings will take us through the 26th and 27th chapters of Matthew's Gospel. We'll hear about the City of Jerusalem, Bethany, The courtyard, Pilate's Judgement Hall and several other stops along the way to Golgotha and the Garden Tomb. You'll want to be sure to follow us each week as we move through this holiest of weeks.

Special worship services are planned for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. Be with us each week..... because what a week it will be!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday Worship	April 10	8:30 and 10am
Maundy Thursday Worship	April 14	7pm
Good Friday	Open Sanctuary	12-3pm
Resurrection Sunday	April 17	8:30 and 10am



Our Crossroads District will be offering some leadership training classes. One will be here at Immanuel on Saturdays April 9 and 23. Use this link for more information:

<https://www.churchofthebells.org/resources/winterspring-2022-lay-servant-classes>.

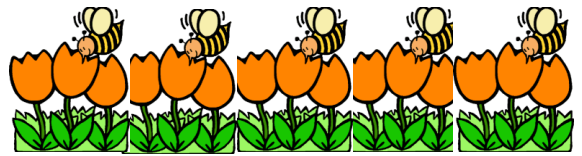
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"Thank you for all the cards, calls, texts and prayers during my recovery from hip replacement surgery."

~Jerry Sabattis

"This is a note to express my thanks for the support the church gave my mother when she needed the help. I also thank and appreciate the support of Stephen Forward and Immanuel Church has given to me. Words are not enough."

~Joan Lane Barzee



3M Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated to **3M (Blue Envelopes)** and because you did Immanuel was able to make financial gifts to the following in 2021:

\$100.00	Camillus 1 st Summer Lunch Program
\$1,000.00	Brown Memorial Camperships
\$250.00	Brown Memorial Backpack Program
\$750.00	West Side Food Pantry
	Thanksgiving Baskets
\$500.00	Camillus PBA Thanksgiving Baskets
\$446.76	Hams for Brown Memorial
\$250.00	Eastern Farm Workers
\$250.00	ACTS
\$100.00	St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Shelley Dawson Smith
Mission Team Chairperson



3M update:

December 2021 3M Donations

Total Collected	\$5,686.00
Mortgage Payment	\$2,564.46
Trustees	\$1,560.77*
Missions	\$1,560.77*

*Due to a shortage in November of \$586.23 only \$974.54 will be distributed to each the Trustees and Missions.

January 2022 3M Donations

Total Collected	\$2,685.00
Mortgage Payment	\$2,564.46
Trustees	\$60.27
Missions	\$60.27

Any questions please call Shelley Dawson Smith at 315-487-1290.

*** 2022 Annual Spring Craft Show ***

**Friday April 1st
4:00pm-8:00pm**

**Saturday April 2nd
9:00am-3:00pm**

***Barb's Bistro will be back!**

**Crafter or Shopper donating a Non – Perishable or MONETARY DONATION to the Food Pantry, will have the opportunity to have their name chosen for one of our "Crafters Gifts".



Mark your calendars for our Annual Garage Sale!

Sale Dates are Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 9am-6pm and Saturday, April 30 9am-12pm. Stay tuned for more information and ways you can help.



UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

Sunday is March 27.

Donations made on this day will go to the administrative costs for UMCOR. These donations allow for 100% of funds received for specific issues can go to those issues. There will be special envelopes available at church or you can mail your donation to us. Please write "UMCOR Sunday" in the memo of your check.

To help those in the Ukraine, you can make out a check to "UMCOR" and write "Advance # #982450" in the memo. These can be sent to our church or directly to UMCOR at Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068 or online at their website at www.umcmission.org and click on the "Give" button.

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"To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world."



March/April 2022

We wish to be good stewards of both financial and environmental resources. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please email us at churchofthebells@gmail.com and request removal.



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Kidz Club	Sundays at 10am
Office Hours	Monday-Friday, by appointment
Handicapped accessible	

Please join us!