

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

This month I have been thinking about how God views each of us and how we view God.

A well-seasoned pastor once told the story of a certain family in her church who waited a long time for a child. The couple was overjoyed when at last a son was born to them, but they were crushed to learn their son had a severe physical challenge. It seems without warning the boy would be thrown in violent seizures.

Whenever the church doors were open, this family could be found in attendance, the father always holding his precious son on his lap. One Sunday, the boy experienced a particularly hard seizure. The father held him firmly to his chest as he walked to the back of the church, gently whispering comforting words into the boy's ears as he went. The pastor said there was no hint of embarrassment or frustration on that father's face --- only calm, deep, abiding love.

I think that is a great picture of our heavenly Father's love for us. In spite of our deep imperfections, God is not embarrassed to call us His children. God holds us tenderly through the deepest, hardest part of our struggles and whispers words of assurance and encouragement while God clutches us to Himself and supports us with His loving care.

This story reminds me once again that God loves us... God loves YOU... unconditionally, and God longs to let you know that. You can believe it! And you always count on it, as well!

Pastor Jack Keating

RENEWAL LEAVE PLANS

As many of you know, I will be stepping away from Immanuel for a time of spiritual renewal and refreshment this fall. I will leave following worship on September 25th and return to the congregation on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee has secured some excellent pastoral leadership to serve here at Immanuel while I am away. Rev. Diane DiLuzio will be supplying Immanuel during October and Rev. Susan Ranous will be leading you in November. Both Diane and Susan will be leading worship and providing for emergency pastoral coverage, as well. They will not be maintaining office hours but are available by calling the church office.

After 25 years of parish ministry, my time away will be filled with reconnecting with God as I prepare to enter the last 7 years of active ministry before our mandatory retirement age!

I know you will enjoy the wonderful ministry Diane and Susan will do while I am away, and I can't wait to be back with you all in Advent!

Pastor Jack

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THIS AND THAT FROM PASTOR JACK.....

are some things to think about and maybe even mark your calendar to attend...

Youth/Family

Many Thanks to Ashley Davis !

Ashley has decided to step down as Kidz Club Coordinator here at Immanuel.

Let us all thank her for the time and energy she has put in over the past few years. Ashley helped us through the Pandemic and was here most Sundays to deliver the worship message to our young members. We are going to miss her Sunday morning message and her stories.

The SPRC is going to celebrate the service Ashley has done here at Immanuel on September 11th at the 10:00am worship service.

Please join us that day to thank Ashley for her dedicated work in youth ministry here at Immanuel. Our entire church family wishes her well with her future endeavors!

Blessings,

Jeff Gribble, SPRC Chairperson



Dear Immanuel Church – Thank you for the Casowasco camperships this summer. We really enjoyed our time there. The week we attended was called Construction week and was about building things. We built tool boxes, sailboats, cardboard boats, and rockets. The sailboats actually sailed in the creek and we raced each other. During the week we also talked about building a relationship with God and sang lots of songs. It was a fun week and we can't wait to go back next year. Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,
Brayden S., Kayla S.,
and Kaylee B.



1. Our summer worship schedule continues through Labor Day weekend. Beginning on Sunday, September 11th we return to 2 worship services on Sunday mornings... 8:30am and 10:00am. Mark your calendars, please!
2. On September 11th we will welcome new members to the family of Immanuel! If you are ready to move into church membership, please speak with the church office today!
3. We were blessed to have 12 of our young people attend summer camp this summer! Hopefully in the fall we'll hear all about what they learned about Jesus at church camp this summer!
4. Annual Conference will be held remotely on October 6, 7, & 8. Immanuel is represented by Lay Member to Annual Conference Helen Forward and Lay Equalization member, Pam Kelsey-Gossard. Please pray for them and the entire Annual Conference as business is transacted!
5. Don't forget to wear your name tag each Sunday morning! Everyone appreciates hearing their own name and by wearing your name tag you make this much easier. If you need a nametag, please put a note in Pam's mailbox across from the office. Thanks!
6. Coffee Hour also resumes on Sunday, September 11th! Barb, Denise, and Sandy have coordinated a group of helpers to re-start our fellowship ministry. We could always use a few "subs" to step in if a regular weekly coordinator is unavailable. Would you consider serving in this way? Speak to Barb, Denise or Sandy to get involved!

~Pastor Jack



♪♪♪ Calling all Singers!

Choir Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 8 from 6:30PM to 7:15PM in the sanctuary. Invite your friends!!!! Please reach out and let us know if you're interested in participating!!!!

~Dan and Lisa



TURKEY DINNER

Tuesday Nov 8, 2022, is our annual Turkey Dinner. As this is the last one I am coordinating we are still looking for someone to take over the organization of it. I also need someone to help coordinate the kitchen on this day. Anyone interested in taking over call or text me @ (315) 569-0953, or email me at bevDave925@gmail.com. As with the last 2 years we are still going with the drive thru only agenda.

Please keep this date open as we will need volunteers.

I've really appreciated all the help I have had over the past 10 years.

Sincerely:

David Stanton, Chairman of the Turkey Dinner



Coffee Hour is Returning Starting September 11.

Have you missed our coffee/snacks and fellowship time after the service? We have!

Barb Merckel, Denise Sabattis, and Sandy Van Epps are coordinating the start of coffee hours after both services, with the help of Marilyn Stone, who will be supplying the treats. There will be delicious sweet treats and either fruit, cheese or veggies each week, along with coffee and tea.

We have enlisted volunteers to set up, make coffee, serve (clean up after the 10 o'clock service) one Sunday a month, and substitutes to fill in as needed. We could use a few more people willing to sub. Please let Barb know if you can help. It will be fun to see church family again to catch up and enjoy some special treats together.

Donations to help offset the cost are welcome.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help to get our coffee hour fellowship time running again. Free training is available for anyone who would like a run through on how to prepare and manage set up/clean up.



Knit-n-Stitch

Our knitting group will resume meeting on Monday mornings at 10am starting September 12, 2022.

Pastor Jack's Fall Sabbatical

Pastor Jack will be taking a Fall Sabbatical in the months of October and November.



In the month of October, we will have Reverend Diane Diluzio who will be leading worship services. Diane is a retired elder and our District Associate who just finished a 11 month interim at Cicero UMC.

In the month of November, we will have Reverend Susan Ranous who will be leading worship. Susan is an ordained deacon who also spent time at Cicero UMC.

Let us celebrate Diane and Susan and welcome them into our church family.

Blessings,

Jeff Gribble, SPRC Chairperson



Chair Yoga Class: Back by popular demand

It was so much fun last Spring, we want to start it up again. Starting September 13

Time: 9:30 -10:30 Tuesdays

Where? The church nursery

Barb Merckel will be leading us In gentle stretching to increase flexibility and strength from a chair. No yoga mat needed. Sign up in the Narthex or speak to Barb.

What to wear? Loose fitting/ comfortable clothes that stretch.

Bring weights you are comfortable with, to also join in doing some weight resistance exercises to strengthen our bones.

Cost: no charge, but any donations will be gladly accepted and donated to the church.

Who can participate? Anyone. All are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend.



Campership Thank You

The Mission Team received a request from a pastor at a local United Methodist Church asking if our church could help a young boy who had recently joined their church attend Casowasco as their church had exhausted all their campership funds.

The following is an excerpt from his thank you letter "I am truly grateful for you helping me to have an unforgettable experience at camp. This year I really enjoyed that I could swim. So I appreciate that you could help me."

The generous members of our church who donated to M2 helped this young boy have a great time at Casowasco.



MAINTENANCE DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The weather is getting cooler and that means fall will be here before we know it, so it's time once again for our Fall Church Maintenance Day. This year it will be on **Saturday September 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** (September 24 is the planned rain date.)

We are working on a list of projects that need doing, both indoors & out, and we need lots of helpers – many hands make for light work. You don't need any special skills and a majority of the chores are suitable for all ages and talents – even the kids can help! We're really anxious to get our to-do list done, so sign up – it'll be a fun day!

A Fall Church Maintenance Day sign-up list will be available in the church narthex for those who are able to sign up after church service. Or if you can't sign up directly, or have any questions, please send an email to either Pam Blocklin at pblocklin@gmail.com or call 315-466-9672 or Lois Sadowski at lsadowski@twcny.rr.com or call 315-488-6230.

As soon as we finalize our list of projects, we will share that information with those people who sign up.

Please join us.

~Jerry Sabattis, Trustee Chairman



3M/M2 Report

June 2022

3M

Total Collected	\$1,075.00	
Missions	\$537.50	50%
Maintenance/Trustees	\$537.50	50%

M2

Total Collected	\$4,250.00	
Missions	\$1,416.67	33.33%
Maintenance/Trustees	\$2,833.33	66.66%

July 2022 M2 Donations

Total Collected	\$3,178.00	
Missions	\$1,059.33	33.33%
Maintenance/Trustees	\$2,118.67	66.66%

Any question please ask Shelley Dawson Smith.

M2 CAMPAIGN

Thank you to the 52 giving units who donated to M2 with pledges totaling \$45,260.00 for the period of 7/1/22 through 6/30/23. Due to the generosity of so many people the Trustees will be able to budget and plan for improvements to our beautiful church and the Mission team will be able to help our friends in our community. Just a reminder that on a monthly basis the M2 money will be split with the Trustee receiving 2/3 and the Mission team receiving 1/3 of the funds.

Shelley Dawson Smith
Finance Committee Co-chair

Annual Fall Fine Arts and Craft Show
 Friday, October 21 4pm-8pm
 Saturday, October 22 9am-3pm

Get your holiday shopping done early!
 Invite your friends and family to help support our missions work.

For more information, contact:
 Betty Block
 315-491-8256
bblock@wwdb.org

We are excited to be hosting rehearsals for the **Syracuse Youth Chorus (SYC)** on Sunday afternoons at Immanuel. One of the founding members of SYC, Sabine Krantz, has played as a substitute pianist for our church services in the past. We are excited to support her in SYC's endeavors to bring back a prestigious children's choir to the area. To learn more about Syracuse Youth Chorus and find updates about upcoming performances and auditions, visit <https://www.syracuseyouthchorus.org>.

East coast swing dance classes-beginner level
 Dates: Fridays-October 7, 14,28 and November 4 (no class October 21) in our Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:30-7:30
 Cost \$10.00/person
 No partner needed



Contact: Anne Sullivan (315)278-3232

nausetmoon@gmail.com

Roy Shipman (315) 416-7003

roydance101@yahoo.com

13th Annual Mini Golf Tournament

August 6th was a perfect sunny day for the 13th annual Miniature Golf Tournament to support Disaster Recovery Mission.

We were blessed to have 17 hole sponsors with signs spread throughout the course recognizing their support.

We were blessed to have businesses donate prizes and food for the tournament.

And what would a successful tournament be without golfers? There were 64 people playing mini golf at beautiful Fairmount Glen.

And what would a Methodist event be without food? Thanks to Sam Paventi and his helpers for the delicious brunch.

A special thanks is extended to Tom Ness, owner of Fairmount Glen Miniature Golf for donating the course for this event and also to several church members who made cash donations.

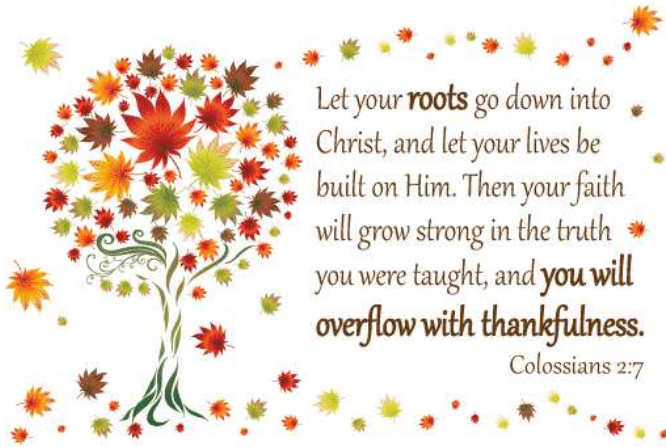
There were a lot of smiles as everyone had a great time.

Thank you to everyone involved for your support and because of all of you \$2,100.00 was raised!

Shelley Dawson Smith, Mini Golf Chairperson



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"To make disciples of Jesus Christ"



Sept./Oct. 2022

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Pastor	Pastor Jack Keating
Phone	(315) 487-1171
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Website	www.churchofthebells.org
Worship	September 4 at 9am Beginning Sept. 11, 8:30am and 10am In Person or Facebook Live
Office Hours	Monday-Friday, by appointment
Handicapped accessible	

Please join us!