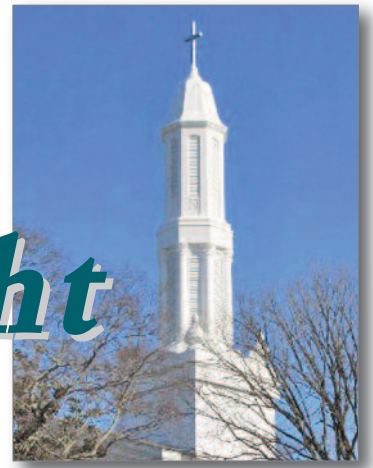


The Immanuel *Light*

DECEMBER 2019

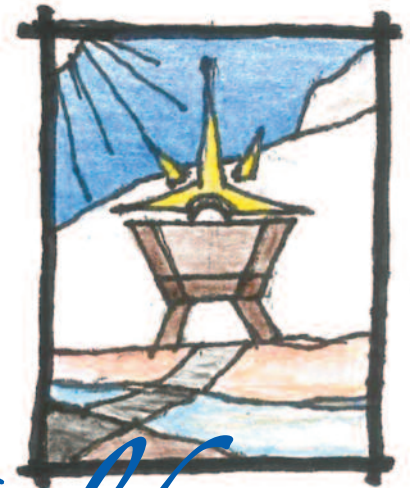
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Advent 2019

Advent is the Season of preparation for the birth of Christ. During the Season of Advent, Immanuel provides a series of special services, events, and activities designed to enrich our experience of realizing God's presence in our lives.

Daily Advent devotions will begin Sunday, December 1. Everyone on the church's email distribution list will receive a devotion each morning through Christmas. These devotions are provided by writers from our community of faith at Immanuel. Those who do not have email access may request a printed copy of the devotions.

On Sunday, December 15, the choirs and instrumental groups of Immanuel will present a **Service of Lessons and Carols** at 5:00 PM. The story of salvation will be told through Scriptures and music.

Christmas Dinner and Program at Immanuel will be Wednesday, December 18, beginning at 5:00 PM. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, December 16. Cost is \$8.00 per person, \$4.00 for children ages 4 through 10. Childcare will be provided for infants—2-year-olds.

During the **Christmas Eve Service**, on December 24, at 4:00 PM, we will observe the Lord's Supper, as well as celebrate the birth of our Lord with the singing of carols, choral anthems, a time for children, homily, and our traditional candle lighting. A fellowship offering will be taken at the end of the service.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 15

5:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Special music provided by
all vocal and instrumental groups



Immanuel Baptist Church

The mission of Immanuel Baptist Church is to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to deepen our love for God and others, to fully engage our neighbor, and to wholeheartedly serve those on the margins of society.

God is calling Immanuel Baptist Church to practice the radical, compassionate discipleship taught by Jesus Christ.

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Outreach Welcome statement

On Wednesday, November 13, the Outreach and Welcome Committee presented a proposed welcome statement to the 55 persons present. Before this meeting, the statement was also brought before the deacons. After receiving feedback at the Wednesday presentation, the committee now brings forth this revised statement with the plan for the church to take action on it in early 2020:

All are welcome at Immanuel Baptist Church! We seek to grow in God's love together without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, special needs, political viewpoints, or theological perspectives. We celebrate God's gifts and value diversity.

—Brandon Gnetz, Penni Gregg, Robbie Mitchell, Jack Shaw, Dot Warren, Caroline Kimrey Talbert (Coordinator), Steven Meriwether (Staff Resource)

Senior Adult Activities



December Meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 10:30 AM

Come enjoy beautiful Christmas music performed by Bethann Easterly, flute, and Susan Snyder, piano. They will perform some familiar Christmas songs in a variety of styles.

Make your lunch reservation with Evelyn Brandon by Friday, November 29.

January 2020 Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 10:30 AM

Come hear Jeremy Finley, Channel 4 investigative reporter and author of *The Darkest Time of Night*.

If you are not on the standing lunch reservation list, contact Evelyn Brandon by Friday, January 2, to make your reservation.

December Excursion to the Bell Tower

Touring the Bell Tower at Belmont

Sunday, December 8 at 1:30 PM

Meet at the Carillon on Belmont University's campus at 1:30 PM for a tour of the bell tower, led by Richard Shadinger.

Everyone is invited to this entertaining event!



Pajamas and Pancakes Children's Christmas Party!

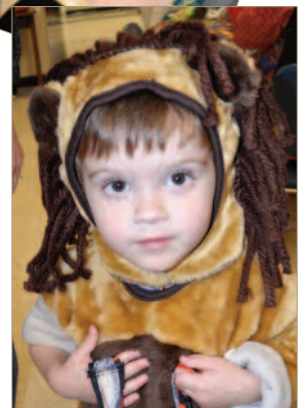
Saturday, December 14, 3:00 - 6:00 PM

\$10 each



Please
RSVP
to the office
by
December 9!





FALL FesT 2019



December 5 and 19
January 2 and 16
February 6 and 20
March 5 and 19

*Sign up to help on the bulletin board
across from the parlor.*

**Thank You, Immanuel,
for your donations to Ingathering Sunday!!**

- 66 jars of peanut butter
- 46 boxes of graham crackers
- 27 bottles of olive oil

**Everything has now been delivered to
The Nashville Food Project.**

The Story of Immanuel's Advent and Christmas Banners

As the banners are carried in at the beginning of the processional each Sunday during Advent, this will mark the thirtieth anniversary of their use. They were created in 1989 and 1990. The first set was made for Advent in 1989 and used each Sunday that year. By December 1990 the remaining three sets of banners were completed.



These banners were designed by Charles Businaro. Lane Easterly, owner of Edgefield Interiors, and Charles chose the fabrics for each banner from a wide selection of remnants in the interior design company's stock. An employee of the company stitched the banners.

Designs for each set of Advent banners illustrate the meaning of that particular Sunday.

For the first Sunday, horns, as well as a scroll with the Hebrew word Immanuel, are used to suggest hope, prophecy, proclamation and annunciation. Notice the Christian symbol of the fish in purple fabric incorporated into the composition of horns.



Peace is represented by scenes of Bethlehem for the second Sunday. Bethlehem was the ancient home of many significant persons of the Old Testament. Use of rich velvets, gold trim and palm trees printed on the fabric were fortunate discoveries in the fabric supplies.

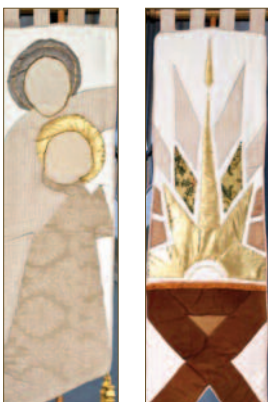


For the third Sunday, shepherd's crooks, a star and sheep depict joy. Jesus referred to himself as the Good Shepherd, and the crook became the symbol of the care given by God to his people. Note the dove in the lower corner of the sheep banner which is reminiscent of peace from the previous Sunday.

The angels facing each other on the fourth pair of banners convey the presence of God and the love to come with the birth of the Christ-child. Angels were messengers: Gabriel appeared to Zechariah, announcing the coming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, announcing the birth of Jesus



Our Christmas banners celebrate the Savior's birth. The banner on the left shows Mary and Joseph with their arms outstretched toward Jesus in the manger on the right banner. Here, only the silhouette of Jesus' head is visible. His appearance is left to our imagination. The halo above his head has become a star to guide us in following him. Predominate colors have changed to white, ivory and gold to reflect the change of the liturgical seasons from Advent to Christmas and Christmastide.



Note that the bottom of each banner echoes shapes created in each design.

The banners were given in honor of Richard and Jane Hill by Richard's sister Edith Hill Fulton.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Caroline Payne and Paul Brown, who were united in marriage on Sunday, November 10. Caroline is the daughter of Ashley and Stephen Payne.

THANK YOU!

Don and I are so grateful for your prayers, your love, and your support over the past few months. The phone calls, the cards, and your visits have helped carry us along the journey. The food you've prepared and your presence as you delivered it fed our bodies and our souls. Each day as I journal I list some thing or some feeling that I experienced as a blessing on that particular day. Know that you are frequently mentioned in my journal!

In gratitude and love,
Sue and Don Jones

IN MEMORIAM

Ray Donald Scott
16 March 1934 ~
15 November 2019

Joined Immanuel
24 April 1960



Playground Equipment Cleaned

Thank you, Ed Wasserman, Tim and Linda Fields, for cleaning the play equipment in the fenced play yard! It looks so much better!! Hackberry trees make such a mess of whatever is near them in the Fall!

Sanctuary Flowers

December 1 given by Jimmy and Ann Conn in loving memory of her parents, Edmond and Ethel Mary Tipton.

December 8 given by the Dean family in loving memory of Ken and Norma Dean and Harold and Dorothy Spencer.

December 15 given by Billie Patton in loving memory of Bob, and in honor of her church family on her 90th birthday. "My church means so much to me!"

December 22 - given by Maggie Leu Means in loving memory of the Leu family.

December 29 - given in loving memory of Liston O. Mills, by his wife, Jennie W. Mills, and his daughter, Sarah Mills Collier.

Extended Session

December 1 - Ellen Newman, Sarah Wilkerson, Abigail Reynolds, Samuel Baker

December 8 - Lauren Baker, Jill Cooper, Courtney Kihlberg, Anna Kihlberg

December 15 Debbie Maxwell, Ellen Mundy, Ann Conn, Olivia Cooper

December 22 - Betty Kay Wasserman, Elaine McKenna, Stephanie Self, Malcolm Horner

December 29 - Ellen Newman, Sarah Wilkerson, Ann Conn, Josiah Baker

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship
 5:00 Youth Activities

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:30 PDO

10:30 Senior Adult Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:00 Church Family Supper
 5:00 Children and Music
 5:50 Church Family Time
 6:00 Adult Study
 6:00 Children on Mission
 6:00 Immanuel Youth
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
 7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:30 PDO

5:00 Room in the Inn (RITI)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:30 Youth Christmas party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship

1:30 Belmont Carillon Tour

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 PDO

7:00 Stewardship Committee

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:00 Church Family Supper
 5:00 Children and Music
 5:50 Church Family Time
 6:00 Adult Study
 6:00 Children on Mission
 6:00 Immanuel Youth
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
 7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:30 PDO

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

3:00 Children's Christmas party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship
 5:00 Lessons & Carols

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:30 Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

5:00 Christmas Dinner
 5:00 Children and Music
 5:50 Church Family Time
 6:00 Christmas Program
 6:30 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:30 RITI

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

11:15 Luke 14:12

4:00 Christmas Eve Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day-OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship



December 2

Belle Butler
 Malcolm Horner

December 3

Ronnie Littlejohn
 Stefan Gore

December 4

Sophia Brown
 Penni Gregg
 Lerma Hearn

December 5

Sharon Bates

December 9

LaNieve Coles

December 10

Greg Sharpe

December 13

Judy Skeen
 Kenny Cooper
 Diane Sharpe

December 14

Laralee Huguley

December 19

Natalya Fleming
 Lynn Woodall

December 21

Jenny Dean
 Melanie Dover

December 24

Mary-Claire Lutz
 Rob Roberts
 Kristen Winston

December 28

Walton Conn
 Allen Schlamp
 Georgina Businaro

Year-End Reminders

Immanuel's fiscal year ends on April 30, 2020. However, if you would like tax credit for donations made to the church in 2019, be sure to have them in the church office or postmarked by December 31.

If you are interested in donating stock to the church before the end of the year, please contact the church office for information.

Facts and Figures

Financially Speaking (Through October 2019)

YTD
 Fiscal Year Income
 \$ 243,029.79
 YTD
 Fiscal Year Expense
 \$ 221,168.11
 Net income:
 \$ 21,861.68

Attendance Report Sunday School

November 3	107
November 10	102
November 17	91
November 24	NA

Worship Service

November 3	121
November 10	109
November 17	104
November 24	132

**Worship Service on
 Sunday, December 29,
 will be in the Chapel**

Movie Night at Immanuel!!

January 13, 7:30

On January 13, 2020 Immanuel will host internationally known organist Peter Krasinski as he plays organ accompaniment to the silent film "The Ten Commandments" from the 1920's. Peter Krasinski has played concerts across the country and throughout Europe. He has appeared locally at Nashville's Schermerhorn Symphony Center playing for films on the Schoenstein organ.

This concert is jointly sponsored by the Divinity School at Vanderbilt University and the Nashville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and is open to the public at no charge. Plan to attend and invite friends. This will be a great way to hear our Moller organ played in a dramatic and different way.

Visit the library for your Advent Reading!

Unwrapping the Names of Jesus: an Advent Devotional by Asheritah Ciuciu
The Women of Christmas: Elizabeth, Mary and Anna by Liz Curtis Higgs
Devotions for Christmas: a Celebration to Bring You Joy and Peace by Zondervan
The Night of the Child – Nativities featured at the Upper Room in Nashville
The Christmas Candle by Max Lucado, fiction
Snow by Calvin Miller, fiction

and for children:

A Night of Great Joy by Mary Engelbreit – the Nativity presented through a children's Christmas pageant
Christmas in the Barn by Margaret Wise Brown – a Christmas classic reprinted with new art
M is for Manger by Crystal Bowman – a Christmas alphabet board book



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