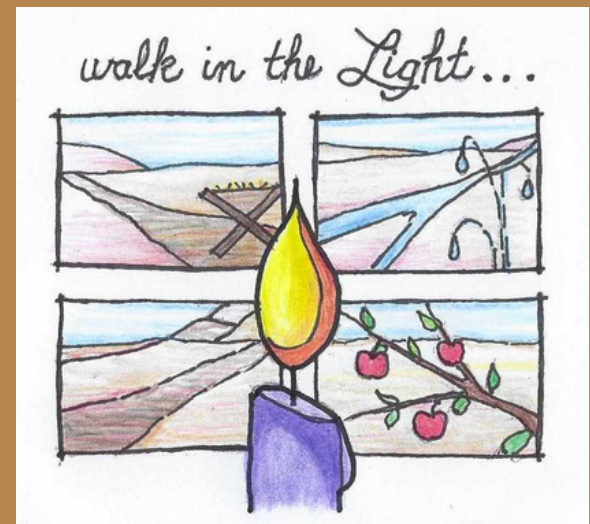


IMMANUEL LIGHT



Advent is here!

At the time of this writing, we have already observed the first Sunday of Advent and you should be receiving Advent devotions in your email inboxes each morning, thanks to member contributions and the coordination of the worship committee.

Our Advent theme this year, beautifully brought to life through Charles Businaro's artwork, is "Walk in the light." Each Sunday a child from the congregation will process into the sanctuary with a light and a child will read a prayer corresponding to that week's theme of Advent: hope, peace, joy, love, and Christ (Christmas Eve). The staff hopes that this theme will provide a meaningful focus for your Advent reflections.

Steep yourself further in Advent by attending the adult choir's performance of **An Early American Service of Lessons and Carols**

**on Sunday,
December 11 at
3:30pm in the
sanctuary.**

Composed by Tim Sharp, it conveys the story and

meaning of Christmas through scripture, prayer, choral and congregational singing.

We will also gather, per our tradition, for a Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 4:30pm with communion and singing by candlelight. Christmas Sunday worship will take place in the Chapel at 10:30am. Sunday School will not meet on that day. The staff and worship committee invite you to bring the baby Jesus from your nativity set at home to be placed on the altar (at a designated time during the service) as we ponder the significance of the birth of Christ to Christians across the ages.



Missions & Ministry



Room in the Inn sign-up sheets for December are posted on the bulletin board outside the piano side entrance to the sanctuary.

If you have questions about volunteering, please contact Pastor Stephanie (615-297-5356 or swyatt@ibcnashville.org).

Winter Hosting Dates

2022

December 1 & 15

2023

January 5 & 19

February 2 & 16

March 2 & 16



Fall Ingathering
Results: 86 Bags of
Egg Noodles collected for

Luke 14:12 will be closed when we usually volunteer in December, but you can still support this vital ministry by baking desserts. Please bring your individually wrapped desserts to the kitchen by Sunday, December 18th.



THIS MONTH

DECEMBER 4

FAMILY ADVENT
GATHERING
AFTER WORSHIP

DECEMBER 6

OLDER ADULT
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
& PROGRAM WITH
TIM SHARP
10:30AM

DECEMBER 11

IBC CHOIR
MUSIC PROGRAM
LESSONS & CAROLS
3:30PM

DECEMBER 12

135 ANNIVERSARY OF
IMMANUEL'S FOUNDING

DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
WITH COMMUNION
4:30PM

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS MORNING
WORSHIP IN CHAPEL
10:30AM
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)




2022

Boulevard Bolt



Stephanie Brown firing the starting shot at 8am on Thursday.



Above (L-R): Dru Anderson [St George's], Grover Baker, Stephanie Brown, Vivian Vu, Laura Cooper, Mayor John Cooper, Tim Reynolds, and Pastor Stephanie who gave the invocation.



Left Photo (L-R) Debbie Maxwell, Judy Skeen, and Becky Atkinson volunteering for registration at The Temple on the Tuesday before the Bolt.



Anna Kihlberg making her mark on the Boulevard.



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Thank you to everyone who volunteered, walked, and ran the Bolt! Thank you in particular to Abigail Reynolds who ably led us as Immanuel took charge of Bolt planning this year. We will have more details to share about the Bolt (and more photos!) in the January newsletter. A special congratulations goes out to Anna Kihlberg who placed 3rd in her age group!

PDO Celebrates Thanksgiving

The Immanuel PDO (Parents Day Out) hosted its Thanksgiving feast Monday, Nov 22. Teachers brought food to share with one another and the children ate goodies from the lunches their parents provided. Pastor Stephanie even got to join in with some of the fun. The PDO staff is extremely friendly and the teachers frequently invite the staff to participate in activities where schedules allow.



IPDO Staff 2022-2023

Christmas Boxes for Appalachia

Children on Mission prepared 28 gift boxes for children in McCreary County, KY and Scott County, TN this fall. Boxes included practical items like toothbrush, toothpaste, hat, and gloves, as well as books, art supplies, and small toys. Susan Crownover also organized gift cards to send. For some children these boxes will be the only gifts they receive this Christmas.

Making Christmas boxes helps IBC kids put their own wish lists in perspective and focus on the needs of others.

IBC kids enjoy decorating as well as forming an assembly line to fill the boxes. Boxes and gift cards will be distributed through Olive Branch Ministries led by Scarlett Jasper, CBF Field Personnel.



Pastor Stephanie and Kaelyn Newton loading Christmas Boxes



December Birthdays

DECEMBER 2
BELLE BUTLER
MALCOM HORNER

DECEMBER 3
STEFAN GORE

DECEMBER 4
PENNI GREGG
LERMA HEARN
SOPHIA BROWN

DECEMBER 5
SHARON BATES
CLIFF VAUGHN
CHRIS O'REAR

DECEMBER 10
GREG SHARPE

DECEMBER 13
DIANE SHARPE
JUDY SKEEN
KENNY COOPER

DECEMBER 14
LARALEE HUGULEY PAGE

DECEMBER 19
NATALYA FLEMING



New Members & Upcoming Baptisms



December Birthdays (Continued)

DECEMBER 21

MELANIE DOVER
JENNY DEAN

DECEMBER 24

KRISTIN WINSTON
MARY CLAIRE LUTZ

DECEMBER 28

ALLEN SCHLAMP
ADAM DJ BRETT



Hagen Self & Pastor Stephanie

On Sunday, November 13, Hagen Self joined Immanuel by profession of faith. Hagen is the daughter of Stephanie and Craig Self. She is a fourth grader at Grassland Elementary.

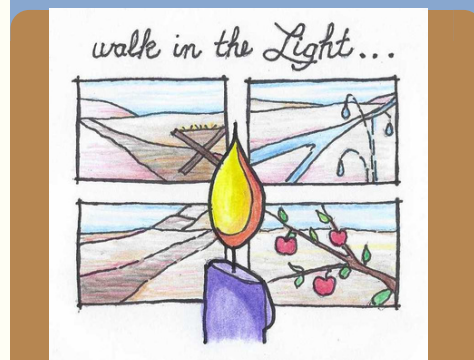
Hagen will be baptized at IBC on Sunday, December 18. We share Hagen's joy as she takes this important step in her faith journey.



Campbell & Lyla Gnetz

On Sunday, November 20, siblings Campbell and Lyla Gnetz joined Immanuel by profession of faith. Campbell and Lyla are the children of Emily and Brandon Gnetz and the grandchildren of Larry and Debbie Maxwell. Lyla is a fifth grader at Head Middle Magnet School. Campbell is a seventh grader at MLK Jr. Magnet School.

Campbell and Lyla will be baptized at IBC on Sunday, January 15. We celebrate with our newest members!



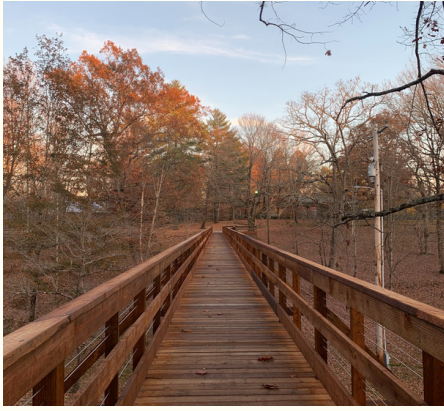
Advent Art 2022 – “Walking in the Light”

BY CHARLES BUSINARO

In contemplating possible art for this Advent season, I read the Isaiah lectionary passage for each Sunday. As I read, I noted key phrases in each passage, so that when illustrated, they would easily communicate with all ages in our church family. The key phrases of each week are as follows:
Week 1 – Isaiah 2.1-5 walk in his way...go to the mountain of the Lord
Week 2 – Isaiah 11.1-10 the branch shall bear fruit.
Week 3 -- Isaiah 35.1-10 streams in “the desert . . . water will gush forth.

Week 4 – Isaiah 7.10-16 the virgin will be with child...ask the Lord for a sign.
Then I began sketching while recalling Advent art I had designed in previous years—challenging myself not to create something similar.
Walking in the Light,” a phrase from the first Sunday’s reading and the theme for this year, needed to be the focus for each Sunday. So I looked at how a candle could illuminate each week’s illustration.

By arranging the rectangles for the images to touch the flame, I developed a series of four “window panes.” The sketch for each Sunday is in the same sequence in which the Advent candles are lighted and each illustration points toward the flame.
Watch as each window-pane design changes from black and white to color in our Order of Worship and Advent devotionals each week. See a thumbnail sketch of the fully illustrated artwork above.



Bottom Row (L-R): Sarah Wilkerson, Emily Gnetz, Susan Crownover, and Lissa Jarnigan.
 Top Row (L-R): Laralee Page, Sonia Higdon, Lucinda Stewart, Abigail Reynolds, Stephanie Wyatt, and Katy Clouse.

Young Women's Retreat

Ten women took part in the Young Women's Retreat November 4–5. Many thanks to Laddie Neil who invited us to stay at "Mamaw's House," her family homestead at the Sunday School Assembly Grounds in Monteagle, TN and to Nancy Adcock who helped us coordinate our stay. We enjoyed each other's company, walking around the Assembly Grounds, and learning about the liturgical year.

Roamers Needed

We are in need of a few more roamers who can help on Sunday mornings. Typically this will happen once every two months or so.

Duties: Lock exterior doors at beginning of service, starting with main door near nursery. Check in with nursery/extended session workers periodically by radio. Once doors are locked, you can listen to service from the rooms outside the sanctuary, if you like, or check out all those rooms you have never been inside. Training is provided.

This is an important role every Sunday in order to keep us (and especially our children) safe. Contact Laurie Woods, 615-400-6747 or laurie.woods@vanderbilt.edu to volunteer.

Upcoming Wednesday Night Programs

December 7

Kay Johnson & Patricia Schlamp
 Travel Reflections
 Germany & Egypt

December 14

Our Favorite Christmas Stories

December 21

TBD

December 28

No Wednesday Night Program

Immanuel's Chrismon Tree

A FORTY YEAR
TRADITION

Charles Businaro

The 2022 Christmas season marks the fortieth anniversary of Immanuel's Chrismon tree. The tree was first decorated in 1982 to honor Immanuel's ninety-fifth anniversary. It has stood in front of the large antique mirror in the parlor since that time.



Sunday School class at the time, adorn its branches. Each ornament contains approximately 3,000 stitches, and each was stitched by a church member.



At the base of the tree, on a cloth hand crocheted by the late Martha Ann Blount, missionary to Brazil, are figures that represent the Holy Family. It has become a tradition for many Immanuel families to gather around the tree for photographs that celebrate the season.



Thirty-six petit point ornaments, designed by Susan Haltom, a church member and member of the Co-Ed 1 (Friendship II)



*I've been decorating the
Chrismon tree my whole
life. It is an important part
of the holidays to me.
~Olivia Cooper*



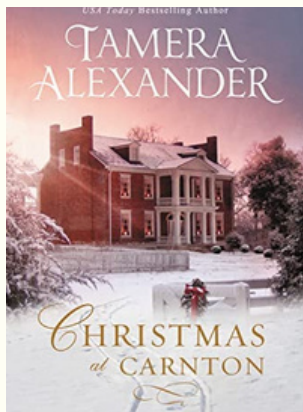
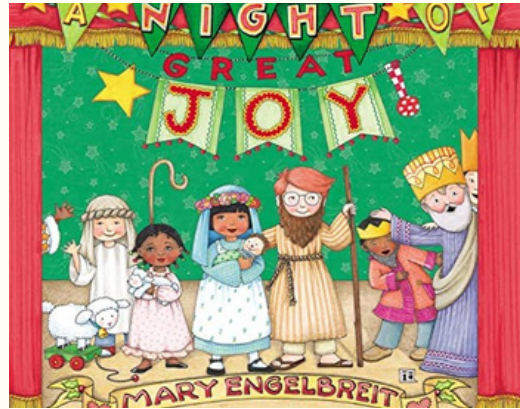
LIBRARY

Need some inspirational reading for December?

Stop by the library and check out some of our 83 Christmas books that are on display!

- **A NIGHT OF GREAT JOY**

A children's book retelling of the story of Jesus's birth through the performance of a children's nativity pageant with Mary Englebret's signature illustrations.

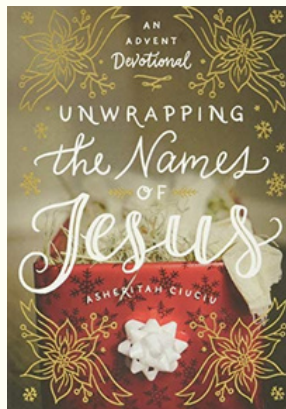


- **CHRISTMAS AT CARNTON**

The introductory novella to the bestselling Carnton series draws upon the history of the Carnton Plantation in Franklin, Tennessee, telling a story of hope renewed and faith restored at Christmas.

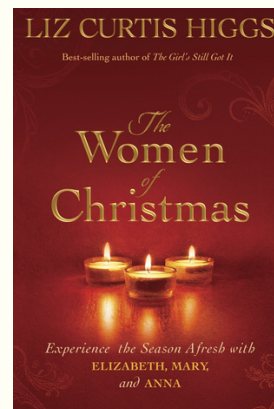
- **UNWRAPPING THE NAMES OF JESUS**

An interactive family devotional that offers five daily reflections focusing on that week's name of Jesus. Book includes suggestions for family activities and service.



- **THE WOMEN OF CHRISTMAS**

An exploration of the biblical stories of Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna, key figures in the birth narratives of Jesus.



IBC Kids Hallelujah Sunday – Oct 30



(L-R) Luke Saylor, McCall Self as Pikachu, Jacob Humphries, Nora Beth Humphries, Hagen Self, Kaelyn Newton, Geneva Willkerson (behind), Meredith Crowover (in green), Lyla Gnetz, Ian Jarnigan, Lauren Clouse, Bennett Jarnigan, Jack Newman, Charlie Newman, and (seated) Holland Saylor, and Everett Dover Wilson.

The children's choir joined the adults to sing during the Hallelujah Sunday service. Afterwards, rain necessitated an indoor pumpkin hunt. Some pumpkins contained numbers that entitled finders to a prize from Pastor Steph's prize stash. Every child received a goody bag including a Squishmellow stuffie – the hit of the day!

