

IMMANUEL LIGHT

AN UPLIFTING MESSAGE: OUR ELEVATOR NEEDS HELP

In early December, we were notified by our elevator servicing company that parts needed to maintain our elevator were no longer being manufactured and that repair parts needed to keep it in operating condition would soon be unavailable. The existing elevator was installed in 1988. While the elevator does not experience large traffic demands, it plays a vital role in allowing access to all areas of the church for those with limited mobility.



In order to hold the cost of the upgrades needed, it is proposed to salvage as much of the existing elevator components as practical. An example is the elevator car, that is, the portion in which passengers are transported. Still, the estimated cost of the upgrades is anticipated to be around \$108,500 instead of the approximately \$500,000 amount for a brand new elevator. The \$108,500 project includes systems such as fire alarm and air conditioning (heating), items not required in building codes when the existing elevator was installed. The Stewardship Committee has identified the various sources of funding available, such as undesignated gift accounts. However, additional gifts from the membership are welcomed, to help fund the upgrade. When making your gift, please indicate "Elevator upgrade" on the memo line of the check.

In order to avoid an unexpected disruption and months of no service, the Building and Grounds Committee solicited the services of an elevator consultant to verify the recommendations of our service provider. He has concurred in the opinion. Refurbished parts were also explored and found to not be available. The consultant has further offered to be our coordinator in preparing bid documents and soliciting prospective bidders. He has offered these services at no cost to the church. The facilitator is Chip Duncan, a relative of Pastor Steven. We are grateful for his offer.

Bids are scheduled to be received on February 24th and, after review, we will award a contract. Thereafter, it is anticipated that the project will be

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completed within 4 to 6 months. The delays in project delivery are consistent with current market conditions. However, the time without any elevator service is expected to be only a few weeks, during actual work. In this interim, we will help those in need of the service find alternate means of access to the church facilities.

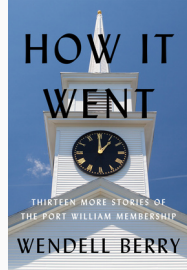
Respectfully submitted,

Ed Wasserman, Building and Grounds Committee Coordinator,
on behalf of the Committee.

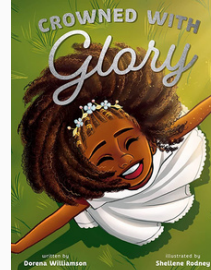
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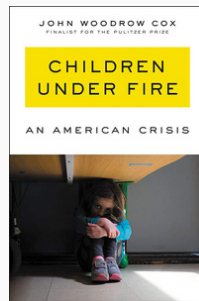
NEW in our Library:



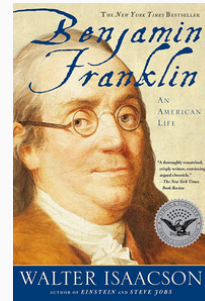
How It Went
by Wendell Berry
Thirteen new stories of the Port William membership.



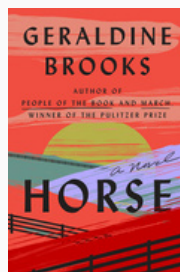
Crowned with Glory
by Dorena Williamson
A children's picture book that follows a young girl's journey to find her true beautiful self.



Children Under Fire: an American Crisis
by John Woodrow Cox
An account of the devastating effects of gun violence on America's children.



Benjamin Franklin
by Walter Isaacson
Biography of the founding father's life and multiple careers.



Horse
by Geraldine Brooks
Based on the true story of Lexington, the greatest American racehorse, his enslaved trainer and the 21st century scientist and author who uncover the legacy.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS



March 1		March 8
“God Image & Mental Health”		“A Family Story of Mental Illness”
by Chris O’Rear		by Brian & Jerry Grant
This program presents a way of assessing a person’s “personal theology”, which is a set of beliefs or principles that goes beyond the person’s professed beliefs. The program invites the participant to reflect on their own views and beliefs about various aspects of faith including image of God, how one makes meaning of suffering, the concept of sin, faith, grace, and gratitude. How a person understands God affects their view of themselves, others, and the world.		The father and son volunteers with the Davidson County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will present the story of their journey with Brian’s mental health diagnosis and how their faith and faith community provided comfort and disappointment for them. They will talk about ways to be supportive of those going through such struggles and where to find help in the community.

THIS MONTH

MARCH 5

WOMEN OF IMMANUEL DAY

MARCH 21

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MARCH 24-26

AMOS MISSION TRIP

UPCOMING

HOLY WEEK

APRIL 2-8

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 30

Dr. Klefstad, Professor of Piano at Belmont and a friend of Immanuel, will present a piano concert in the chapel at 4pm as part of our Fifth Sunday events.

Sunday, May 21

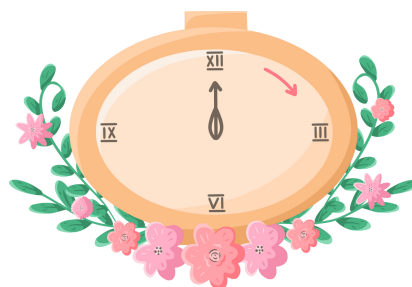
High School Senior Recognition Event following Worship.

Meal and desert will be covered, courtesy of Stephen and Geneva Wilkerson!

March 15- “This is My Story... This is My Song” Billie Patton

March 22- TBA

March 29- Business Meeting



Don't Forget -

**Spring Forward
March 12th**



**SPRING
TIME**

A Look Back at Some February Fun!



High Lonesome Mass

IBC Choir at Wightman Scarritt Chapel



Youth Ministry at an Escape Room !

L-R: Sonia Higdon, Adam Brett, Edmond Jarnigan, Jonathan Higdon, Campbell Gnetz



Parents Day Out

Pastor Steven played guitar for the IPDO Giraffe class during their music week.

If you take any photos at IBC events, send them to office@ibcnashville.org

Missions & Ministry



ROOM IN THE INN



Room in the Inn sign-up sheets for March 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).



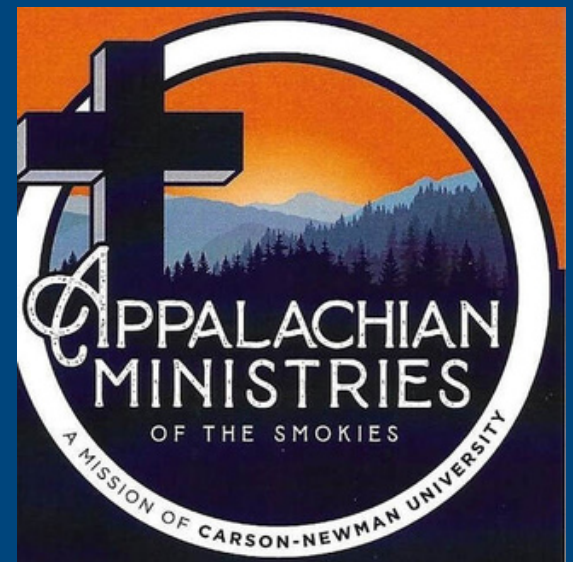
Note: we will NOT be collecting desserts for Luke 14:12 in March.

If you would be interested in volunteering with a team of folks from Immanuel who serve on the 4th Tuesday of each month, please contact Melanie Dover at mmd78@bellsouth.net.

AMOS Mission Trip Mar 24-26

We will leave for East Tennessee on Friday, March 24th, work all day on Saturday, March 25th, and worship together Sunday morning, March 26th, before departing.

Accommodations will be in a hotel on Friday and Saturday nights. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Stephanie know as soon as possible (swyatt@ibcnashville.org) or 615-297-5356.



Church Family News

In Memoriam

Ashton Dillard
26 April 1994 ~ 18 February 2023

Sanctuary Flowers

The arrangements of curly willow during the Lenten season are provided by the Church Decorations Committee.

New Members!



Jim and Martha Jo Berry join by letter from Glendale Baptist Church in Nashville. Their Deacon will be Kay Johnson.

IBC Choir

Welcome New Choir Members
Chris O'Rear
Susan Besser
Bray Stratton

Attendance

February 5 - 94 February 19 - 106
February 12 - 84 February 26 - N/A

Financials

(Through January 31, 2022)

Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expense
\$336,608.64	\$330,441.17
Offerings to Date	Year-to-Date Net Income
\$333,753.31	\$3312.14

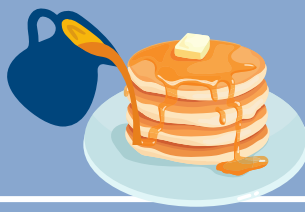


March Birthdays



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| MARCH 1
SUSAN HAWKINS | MARCH 11
SCOTT NEWMAN | MARCH 19
BEN ROWAN | MARCH 24
LAUREN BAKER |
| MARCH 3
CLEATUS MOOREHEAD
PATTY BROWN | MARCH 12
ABIGAIL REYNOLDS
RICHARD SHADINGER | MARCH 21
TIM FIELDS
MINA HARRIS
ERIK KIHLEBERG | MARCH 26
BILL GREGG |
| MARCH 7
NANCY VANDERVEER | MARCH 17
SHERRY COOPER | MARCH 23
CLAUDE HUGULEY
CAROL BOOZER | MARCH 27
BENNETT JARNIGAN
CHARLES BUSINARO |

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Next Children's Church:
April 16th



Finley Gale



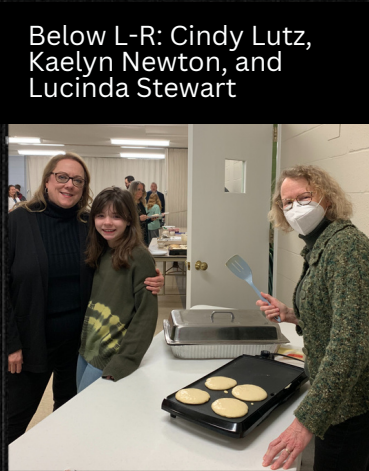
Jack Newman



Above L-R: Harper Jenkins,
Sims Crownover,
and Geneva Wilkerson



Kaelyn Newton (L)
Geneva Wilkerson (R)



Below L-R: Cindy Lutz,
Kaelyn Newton, and
Lucinda Stewart

Everybody likes pancakes!



Bennett Jarnigan (L)
Sims Crownover (R)
gliding on cardboard
pancakes!



Bennett Jarnigan putting
on his kerchief!



Melissa Clouse doing the
quick pancake shuffle!

Pancake Day with Children and Families

February 19th, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, the children's Sunday School classes and the young families class joined together for a traditional pre-Lenten pancake feast. The children made pancake fortune tellers that guided them in questioning the adults about the meaning and origins of the day (to use up staples like flour, butter, and sugar prior to the Lenten fast). Children also engaged in pancake-themed races complete with head kerchiefs and aprons, a British custom.

