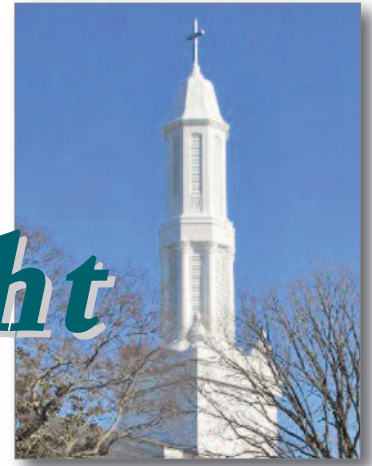


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2019 Haiti Mission Trip



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Before dawn on Valentine's Day, ten volunteers from Immanuel will gather at the Nashville International Airport bound for Haiti. Our largest team to date will be working in beautiful Cabaret, Haiti, in partnership with The Joseph School. For the first time, youth will be included on one of our mission trips to Haiti; Immanuel's four high school seniors are thrilled to have the opportunity to get to know the faculty and students at The Joseph School. This mission team will be building shelves for the school's new library. During the team's time in Cabaret, they will also have the chance to worship with a Haitian congregation.

Please be in prayer for our mission team as they prepare to serve in Haiti on February 14-18: Emily Cooper, Emily Gnetz, Lissa Jarnigan, Olivia Leu, Steven Meriwether, Grace Norman-Wilson, Craig Self, Paul Swiney, Tambi Swiney, and Peter Vu.

THE WEATHER REPORT

Happy New Year! As you read this issue of *The Immanuel Light*, 2019 unfurls. A clean ledger presents itself. Before closing the books on the year past, I decided it merited a quick mention.

I frequently catch SportsCenter on ESPN. The news is often disheartening and majors on irresolvable dilemmas. Sports can create its fair share of perplexing stories, but continue to be a reprieve from life's seriousness. One regular feature is the Top 10 plays of the week past. Some of my favorite memories involve amateur athletes overcoming insurmountable odds.

I have reflected on 2018 and jotted down some memorable moments from the church year. Ranking them in order of importance proved a Herculean task. So I did not rank them in descending order. Avoid assigning too much weight to the order in which these moments appear. Here's my list:

10 – The mission trip to Haiti in January with Susan Crownover, Melanie Dover, Emily Gnetz, Tambi Swiney and Jenny Wilson

9 – The reception after worship on Mother's Day marking my 10th anniversary as pastor

8 – Playing Frisbee Football against Jonah Wilkerson's team at Kids Passport Camp at Covenant College...and winning

7 – The worship service on All Saints Day

6 – The construction of the Columbarium (nearly completed as of press time)

5 – The welcoming of new members to our church family

Reminders . . .

There will be NO Senior Adult meeting in January.

The Immanuel Book Club will meet on January 27 at 5:00 PM. For this meeting we will discuss the book "Great Small Things" by Jodi Picoult. This novel raises a number of contemporary issues including racism, medical ethics, poverty and criminal justice. All are invited to join in the reading and discussion of this book.

Tim Fields will present "Issues of the Eye as We Age" at the February Senior Adult meeting on February 5 at 10:30 AM. Plan to stay for lunch by making your reservation with Evelyn Brandon (make your reservation by February 1).

4 – The Sundays when children and youth led in worship

3 – The occasion to substitute teach for Youth Sunday School despite the fact that I am not their preference for permanent substitute

2 – The hiring of Caroline Talbert as Minister of Music

1 – The observance of Maundy Thursday in the chapel

Compiling the list was not effortless. I could have easily extended it to Top 20 moments of 2018. Your version of such a listing no doubt would be comprised of events not mentioned above. I would find it interesting to compare lists. Backward glances offer a view unlike any other. For starters, I think one sees farther than when looking forward. There's less pressure too. I liken such glances to rewiring a light switch. It is less tricky when the breaker is turned off!

I anticipate memorable moments to come in 2019. A bit of advice from the writer E. L. Doctorow applies to the opportunity before us. He once said that writing a novel is like driving a car at night. "You can see only as far as your headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way."

Something similar can be said of the year before us. We do not have to see every turn and twist in the path or know every possible outcome to begin. It is not necessary to be anxious. Jesus said, "Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day."

—Steven

Save the Date!

Women's Retreat

Saturday, March 9

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Kay Johnson's Lake House

Serving God Through Serving Others

Until recently, I never realized how many of my youth group experiences have been made possible with gifts from the members of Immanuel. These experiences have shaped my character and allowed me to deepen my love for God and to serve others.

I have participated in the Appalachian Outreach mission trip for five years and counting. In Jefferson city, the youth and other volunteers help the community by sorting donated clothes for the local thrift shop, setting up a Valentine's Day party for the children temporarily living in the Samaritan House, and working to make the shelter feel more like home by cleaning baseboards or cooking. This is an experience that I look forward to every year and that I will always remember.

During the summer, the youth have the privilege of attending Passport Youth camp. This week-long camp is more than just a fun time—we have the opportunity to deepen our love for Christ by worshipping with and making meaningful friendships with other teenagers

who share our love for God. Additionally, a handful of youth have made the decision at Passport that they want to open their hearts to Christ and be baptized. This opportunity would not be possible without your gifts to Immanuel, and we are forever grateful.

This February, I, along with nine other Immanuel members, will be participating in a mission trip to Haiti. As you can probably imagine, an overseas trip is not inexpensive. With contributions from Immanuel, we are able to serve God and others by attending the trip. I am very much looking forward to this experience and I am immensely thankful that it has been made possible.

In less than a year, I will be going off to college. I trust that your support for the youth group will continue to be made known through your monetary donations to the church, so that the youth that succeed me will have as wonderful of an experience as I have had.

—Emily Cooper

Hearthsiders 2019

January 26 & February 23

One of Immanuel's traditions is to gather with friends – old and new – for dinner during the cold winter months. We become family while sharing home-cooked meals and conversation. There are three Hearthsiders this year. The January and February dates will be groups of 6-10 hosted at various homes and occur on January 26 and February 23. Deacons will invite their deacon groups to Hearthsiders in March or early April. We would love for everyone to join us.

You can sign up for the January and February dates at church, or you can email reynoldsabigail@gmail.com. Include which date(s) you wish to attend and if you would like to host. If you can host, please include the date(s) you can host and if you can host 6, 8, or 10 people.

The deadline for signing up is January 6. Everyone who signs up will receive information about the locations of their dinners by January 11. Please see one of us if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Kay Johnson and Abigail Reynolds

10th Annual

Appalachian Outreach Mission Trip

In September 2010, Immanuel sent a team of nine adults to East Tennessee to work with Appalachian Outreach doing home repair work. In 2014, youth began serving alongside adults on the annual Appalachian Outreach mission trip. The following year, for the first time a child worked alongside teenagers and adults in Jefferson City. Last year we sent our largest team ever to serve with Appalachian Outreach - 27 volunteers ranging in age from 5 to 71. Our congregation now can count 61 men, women, teenagers, and children who have worked with this poverty-relief ministry in East Tennessee.

Our 10th annual Appalachian Outreach mission trip is scheduled for April 5-7. We will be staying in a hotel near Jefferson City on Friday and Saturday nights, working with Appalachian Outreach on Saturday, and worshipping at First Baptist Church in Jefferson City on Sunday. Our tasks have not yet been finalized, but we will likely be sorting donations at A.O.'s warehouse, cleaning the Samaritan House, and hosting dinner for the guests of the Samaritan House.

If you are interested in participating in this year's A.O. trip, contact Pastor Tambi. Volunteers will be responsible for hotel costs and two meals.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, IMMANUEL!



DEACON INFORMATION

The three-week period for nominating deacons to replace those completing their current terms begins January 20. During that time all Immanuel members will have the opportunity to nominate up to four members to “assist the church in the accomplishment of its total mission.”

• **Deacon Role and Function:** Collecting the offering, serving the Lord’s Supper, and looking after a deacon care group may be the most noticeable services they perform, but according to our Bylaws, the active deacons also work with the pastor and staff “with the goal of guiding the church and its members in worship, in service and ministry, and in effective use of the church’s personal and corporate resources.” They also serve “as advisors to the congregation, pastor, and staff in all areas of the church’s life. They plan, review, evaluate, and recommend to the congregation proposals for improving the effectiveness of the church’s worship, witness, education, ministry, and fellowship.”

• **Nomination forms (ballots):** Shortly before January 20, deacon nomination forms will be distributed at church and by email. Anyone who needs to have a form sent by mail should contact the church office. For quick reference, a list of resident church members who, as of January 20, are eligible to serve as deacon will be distributed with the nomination forms. The same list will be posted on the bulletin board beside the library. (For a more complete discussion of qualifications, see Article III Section 6 of the Bylaws at right.)

• **Nomination period:** Nominations may be submitted anytime from Sunday January 20 through Sunday noon, February 10. After prayerful consideration, all members are asked to recommend up to four people they believe to be best qualified. Each member should fold the unsigned nomination form, place it in an envelope, then seal the envelope, print his/her name on the outside, and drop it in one of the two ballot boxes (near the church office and near the library), place it in the Sunday morning offering plate, or mail it to the church office in time to be received no later than Friday, February 8. Forms may also be submitted on Sunday, February 10 until noon.

• **And then:** A tabulating committee composed of outgoing deacons will check names to be sure the voter is a member, separate ballots from envelopes so that privacy is ensured, then unfold ballots and prepare a list of nominees ranked according to number of nominations received. The church administrative staff will pass the resulting list of nominees to the Committee on Deacons.

The Committee on Deacons will contact the nominees, in order of nominations received, asking them to consider serving for three years beginning May 1, and inviting them to meet with the Committee before accepting or declining. A slate of four nominees who have accepted the call to serve will be presented for approval at the annual business meeting in April.

• **Now:** Please pray for God’s guidance as we join together in this significant church-life process.

—Committee on Deacons

Lerma Hearn, Claude Huguley, Jeanie Reynolds

Article III, Section 6 of Bylaws

Eligibility and Qualification of Deacons. To be eligible for service as a deacon of Immanuel Baptist Church, persons at the time the deacon ballots are distributed pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of these bylaws shall: (1) be a resident member of Immanuel Baptist Church; (2) be at least twenty-five years of age; (3) have been a member of Immanuel Baptist Church for at least one year; (4) have actively participated in the life of the church, by being a member of a church committee or being elected to a church office (i.e., treasurer, Sunday School teacher, etc.), at some point within the three years preceding their nomination; and (5) have financially supported the church, either personally or through their family giving unit, during each year of their membership or during each of the three years preceding their nomination, whichever period of time is shorter. Deacons should reflect those qualities that the church expects of its members including regular church attendance and financial support of the church. Persons nominated to serve as deacons should also agree to commit their time to serve a deacon care group, to attend deacons’ meetings regularly, and to study carefully the teachings of scripture before agreeing to serve. They also should examine the church covenant as an expression of what the church calls each of its members to be and to do.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those among our family of faith who are facing moments of crisis and celebration.

TIME TO APPLY FOR THE MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP

Any church member planning to attend Belmont University as an undergraduate in the fall of 2019 may apply for the Martin Scholarship now. For more information, contact Jenny Dean.

Extended Session

January 6 - Stephanie Self, Emily Gnetz, Lissa Jamigan, Emily Cooper

January 13 - Carol Boozer, Ellen Mundy, Patty Littlejohn, Josiah Baker

January 20 - Cindy Lutz, Debbie Maxwell, Abigail Reynolds, Grace Norman-Wilson

January 27 - Elaine McKenna, Betty Kay Wasserman, Laralee Huguley, Malcolm Horner

Sanctuary Flowers

January 6 - given in honor of our faithful and talented church choir.

January 13 - given by the Grigsby Sunday School Class in loving memory of Sarah Grigsby.

January 20 - given with gratitude for the Immanuel church family by Altricia and Jim Evans.

January 27 - given by Mary Louise Murphy in loving memory of Wayne Murphy.

Welcome, New Members!



Stephen and Ashley Payne join by letter from Broadmoor Baptist Church in Madison, Mississippi. Their deacon is Charles Martin.

IN MEMORIAM

MAGGIE THOMPSON

11 March, 1928 ~

1 December 2018

Joined Immanuel

11 June 1961

THANK YOU!

To the Church Decorations Committee for all your work in making the church beautiful during the Advent season!

Mozart Birthday Concert



Friday, January 18, 12 noon
St. George Episcopal Church

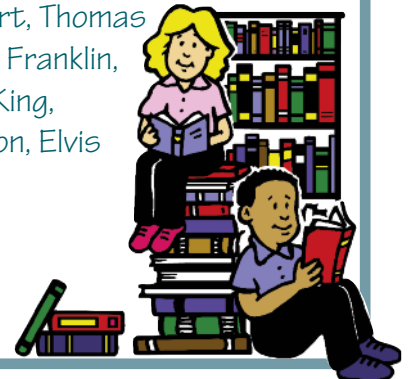
Featuring Original Works
by Nashville Symphony Musician
Roger Weismeyer

Lunch following the concert

Special for Middle School Students:

There are numerous new books in the *Who was...series*. Look for biographies about Abigail Adams, Maya Angelou, Neil Armstrong, Alexander Graham Bell, Daniel Boone, Rachel Carson, Winston Churchill, Christopher Columbus, Marie Curie, Walt Disney, Frederic Douglass, Amelia Earhart, Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, Anne Frank, Ben Franklin, Galileo, Wayne Gretzky, Coretta Scott King, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Isaac Newton, Elvis Presley, Eleanor Roosevelt, Babe Ruth, Seabiscuit, and Frank Lloyd Wright.

Check them out!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

NO ACTIVITIES AT CHURCH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

5:00 Room in the Inn

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

10:30 Worship

11:30 Youth Lunch/Frist Field Trip

11:45 Outreach/Welcome Comm.

11:45 Sanctuary Study Group

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

9:30 PDO

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

5:00 Church Family Supper

5:00 Children and Music

5:50 Church Family Time

6:00 TBA

6:00 Children on Mission

6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

9:30 PDO

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

10:30 Worship

11:45 Denom. Relations Committee

5:00 Youth Supper at the Dovers' home

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

9:30 PDO

7:00 Stewardship Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30 PDO

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

5:00 Church Family Supper

5:00 Children and Music

5:50 Church Family Time

6:00 TBA

6:00 Children on Mission

6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

9:30 PDO

5:00 Room in the Inn

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

10:30 Worship

11:45 Worship Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

9:30 PDO

11:15 Luke 14:12

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

9:30 Bordeaux Visit

5:00 Church Family Supper

5:00 Children and Music

5:50 Church Family Time

6:00 TBA

6:00 Children on Mission

6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

9:30 PDO

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Hearthsiders

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

10:30 Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

9:30 PDO

6:30 Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

9:30 PDO

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

5:00 Church Family Supper

5:00 Children and Music

5:50 Church Family Time

6:00 Business Meeting

6:00 Children on Mission

6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

9:30 PDO

Lord's Supper

2019 Schedule

Sunday February 3 (seated)

Sunday March 2 (altar)

Maundy Thursday

April 18 (seated)

Sunday June 2 (altar)

Sunday July 7 (seated)

Sunday August 4 (altar)

Sunday September 1 (seated)

Sunday October 6 (altar)

Sunday November 10 (seated)

Christmas Eve (altar)

Facts and Figures

Financially Speaking

(Through November 2018)

YTD

Fiscal Year Income

\$ 295,428

YTD

Fiscal Year Expense

\$ 264,679.02

Net income: \$ 30,748.98

Attendance Report

Sunday School

December 2 117

December 9 99

December 16 114

Worship Service

December 2 132

December 9 108

December 16 141



January 3
January 17

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board near the parlor.

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Happy Birthday to You!

January 1

Cathy Fleming

January 2

Bill Vo
Betty Kay Wasserman

January 4

Ralph Atkinson

January 6

Mark Ring

January 7

Martha Bomboy

January 12

David George
Jerry Warren
Martha Winston

January 14

Marie McEntire

January 15

Tim Reynolds

January 17

Sims Crownover

January 18

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January 22

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January 28

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January 29

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January

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