



The Immanuel Light

For the Living of These Days

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We Are Thankful!

This year being thankful has a different feel. With Covid-19 as our constant companion we have had to sometimes be grateful at a distance. But grateful we are, and as this season of thanks approaches, Immanuel has a variety of ways to share our thankfulness with one another and with those in our community and our world.

All Saints Day, a service in which we will remember those who have completed their earthly journey this past year, is Sunday, November 1. (see **page 4** for more details).

Ingathering Sunday will be November 22. This year we are collecting bags of egg noodles. There will be baskets set up at the entrances to the sanctuary where you may place your donations. If you are not yet attending Sunday morning in person, you may bring your contribution by the church office. There will be a donation box set up outside the church office. All of these donations will benefit Luke 14:12.

The Boulevard Bolt is virtual this year. You may still register and receive a great t-shirt. More details about race registration can be found on **page 5**.

Responsible Gift-Giving is a most informative article written by Pastor Stephanie giving you ideas on how to take care of your Christmas shopping list during Covid-19. You can read about her ideas on **page 2**.

Christmas Boxes for Appalachia is a way you can provide a Christmas gift for a child who might not be receiving much this year. On **page 4** you will find a list of items, as well as other instructions, for creating your Christmas gift box. This is a wonderful activity for you and your family.



Dear Immanuel Members & Friends,

With COVID-19 in mind, I thought I would share some of my favorite socially-conscious retailers for Christmas card purchasing and gift buying this year. These options have the added bonus of being low to no-contact as well.

—Pastor Stephanie

Remember the Immanuel Library! Consider making a gift in honor or in memory of someone. We will even send a card to someone at your request to let them know of your gift if you like.

You can purchase new copies of worn-out books or new books. Contact Pastor Stephanie about this option: 615-297-5356 or swyatt@ibcnashville.org and she will coordinate with Georgina Businaro and Kay Johnson to help you plan your gift.

Ten Thousand Villages – online at tenthousandvillages.com non-profit, fair-trade, maker-to-market retailer that features unique creations from artisans in developing countries.

Here in Nashville you can visit their store in Greenbriar Village.
3900 Hillsboro Pike Su.34 (Next to Great Harvest Bread Company)
Nashville, TN 37215
nashville@tenthousandvillages.com.

You can call the store and discuss gift options (615) 385-5814 and they will even deliver your purchase to you at your vehicle.

Local non-profit Thistle Farms – thistlefarms.org carries handcrafted candles, lotions, and soaps made by women who are survivors of abuse and exploitation. Other fair trade items are also available on their site. Order online from or find their products at various retailers in town including: The Produce Place, Turnip Truck, and Whole Foods.

United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) for cards and gifts – market.unicefusa.org features well-designed, most often handcrafted items, fashion, jewelry and home decor. Unicef distributes funds to projects related to health care, sanitation, immunization, water purification, nutrition, education, and emergency relief across the globe.

Society 6 – society6.com/ is a clearinghouse for products that feature artwork by a wide variety of artists at a range of price points. They also carry images of iconic film and music icons. For example, artist nikneuk creates floor plans of homes and apartments from favorite television shows like Mary Tyler Moore, Golden Girls, Seinfeld, Fraiser, Will & Grace, and Gilmore Girls. In many cases you can have the art prints you like screened onto notebooks, coffee mugs, towels, shower curtains, acrylic trays, and more.

Etsy - etsy.com clearinghouse for all sorts of wonderfully creative hand-made goods. My mousepad on my desk at church is a rendering of the Hamilton musical characters in a warm and funny cartoon pattern by vendor LittleShopofGeeks.



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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Church Family News

PRAYER LIST

- Marjorie Johnson

Sanctuary Flowers

November 1 - given in honor of those in our church family we gratefully remember today.

November 8 - given by Patty and Al Brown in honor of Al's mother, Clara "Penny" Copeland and Patty's great aunt, Loretta Obermiller.

November 15 - given by Billie Patton "in loving memory of Bob Patton, whose life memories continue to bless our family."

November 22 given by Becky Hinshaw Eagleton in memory of Elton and Jane Hinshaw who loved the Immanuel Church community and were steadfastly committed to sustaining the church family that held them in love and light for over half a century.

November 29 given by Jimmy and Ann Conn in loving memory of their parents, Ruth and Louis Conn and Ethel Mary and Edmond Tipton

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your expressions of concern and support during my recent hip replacement surgery and recovery. I received numerous calls and visits from the pastor, our deacon, and others. I especially appreciate the gifts of food and flowers. Thanks also for your prayers. Immanuel is truly a caring congregation.

—Peggy George

REMINDER!

We go OFF Daylight
Saving Time on
November 1. Turn your
clocks **BACK** one hour on
Saturday night.



November 2

John Blackman
Brandon Gnetz

November 7

Emily Gnetz

November 8

Yvonne Justis
Aden Drolsum
Virginia Neely

November 9

Ryan Talbert
Todd Maxwell

November 10

Judy Auer
Evelyn Brandon

November 12

Dean Bilyeu

November 13

Suzanne Brandon

November 15

Mark Vick, Jr.

November 16

Vickie Vu
Vivian Vu

November 17

Peter Vu

November 19

Merryanne Tran
John Lykins

November 21

Bart Boozer
Patricia Schlamp

November 22

Finley Gale
Lola Gale

November 24

Rachel Roberts

November 27

Sam Christopher

November 28

Grace Peterson

November 30

Georgina Businaro

November Birthdays

All Saints Day

November 1, 2020

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us . . ."
—Hebrews 12.1

Those church members we remember who have died since All Saints Day 2019:

Ray Scott
Ruth Ramsay
Susan Carpenter
Don Jones
Cosette Baker
Ed Manning
Ann Oman Dorsett
Claudia Maddox
Flo Clark
Sue Jones



Advent Devotions

As we prepare for the birth of Christ this Advent Season, we will provide email Advent Devotions each day, beginning Sunday, November 29. The devotions will be written by members of the Immanuel church family.

Everyone on the church's email distribution list will receive a devotion each morning through Christmas. Those who do not have email access may request a printed copy.

Olive Branch Ministries Christmas Boxes for Appalachia Program

Items Requested for ALL Boxes

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|--|-------------------------|
| •2 in 1 Shampoo/Body Wash
(in a zip lock bag) | •GLOVES |
| •TOOTHBRUSH (1) | •BRUSH |
| •WASHCLOTH | •TOOTHPASTE (small/med) |
| | •HAT |

You may place these items in a shoebox you already have, or you can purchase a uline box of a similar size. Feel free to decorate your box, just leave it so workers can open it easily. If you want to add additional items for either a high school or middle/elementary age child, please contact Pastor Stephanie for a list of specific items. Please bring your completed boxes to Immanuel by November 10.



Lord's Supper

Due to both scheduling and health concerns, we will be observing the Lord's Supper on the following Sundays:

November 8

(rather than November 1)

December 6

(rather than Christmas Eve)

We will continue the practice of each person bringing their own bread and grape.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (Daylight Saving Time ENDS)

10:30 Worship
9:15 Sunday School

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

5:00 Youth ZOOM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

5:00 Youth ZOOM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30 Stewardship Committee

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:30 Deacons' ZOOM Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5:00 Youth ZOOM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Daily Advent Devotions Begin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

The First Sunday of Advent

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship



The Bolt is VIRTUAL THIS YEAR! But, you can still register (to support the agencies that help the homeless in Nashville), get a t-shirt with this cool artwork! **Registration is up and running.** Until Nov 1 the cost is \$40. Shirts will be mailed before Thanksgiving. From Nov 2-Nov 26 the cost is \$45 and those shirts will be mailed after Thanksgiving.

Room In the Inn Schedule 2020-21

November 5 and November 19

December 3 and December 17

January 7 and January 21

February 4 and February 18

March 4 and March 18

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help!



Learning the Ropes!

Five volunteers assembled at church on October 14 for a workshop to help them learn the new library operating system we plan to implement in the near future. We're one step closer to checking out books online!

Grounds Day 2020



Thank You, Grounds Day Workers!
 Carol Boozer
 Ed & Betty Kay Wasserman
 Steven Meriwether
 Susan and Jim Hawkins
 Tim Reynolds
 Patty Brown
 Allen Schlamp
 Andrew Tonks
 Debbie and Larry Maxwell
 Emily and Lyla Gnetz
 Richard Shadinger
 Georgina Businaro

