



# The Immanuel Light

*For the Living of These Days*

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## Fall Fest

*Fall Fest* will be held outdoors 1-3pm on Saturday, Oct 31.



There will be hot dogs on the grill, a candy hunt, games, and prizes!

Candy donations are welcomed! Please place on pew outside kitchen on first floor by October 25.

# Nashville Food Project Report

Thank you to everyone who made donations to the Nashville Food Project. Our total collection included approximately:

- 35 lbs. of Rice
- 4 gal. of Chicken Stock
- 8 gal. of Olive Oil
- 2 gal. of Apple Sauce

*Stay tuned for news about what we will be collecting for the Ingathering in November to benefit Luke 14:12.*



Pastor Stephanie and Youth Minister Andrew pose with a truckload of food items for the Nashville Food Project.

## New First Graders Receive Bibles

This Fall Immanuel has five new first graders! On Sunday, September 27, they were presented new Bibles from the church. The new first graders are Lauren Clouse, Finley Gale, Lola Gale, Caroline Newman, and Kaelyn Newton. Two of the girls, Kaelyn and Caroline, were able to be present to receive their Bibles in person.



## 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
- Peggy George
- Ruby Nell Morris, mother of Susan Hawkins
- Jennifer Vick Kiper
- John Patton

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

To Felix and Shirley Montgomery (60 years!) and Ed and Betty Kay Wasserman (50 years!).

## Sanctuary Flowers

**October 4** - given by Jim Hawkins in honor of his sister, Dr. Linda Kay.

**October 11** - given by Dwight and Jaye Wagner in loving memory of Guy and Ann Wagner and John Wagner, father, mother and brother of Dwight; and Dean and Jeanette Whited, father and mother of Jaye.

**October 18** - given by Emmy Phillips in loving memory of her husband, Doug, and his parents, Mary Alice and Frank Phillips.

**October 25** given by Sam and Yvonne Christopher in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. Buford M. White.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Billie Patton on the birth of her great-grandson, Turner James Cherry. New parents are Abby and Patrick Cherry and new grandparents are Jody and Cindy Waldrop.

## ROOM IN THE INN

Thank you for the wonderful response to our Room in the Inn Questionnaire! You will be hearing more details from our coordinators soon. It is rewarding to know that despite the restrictions of Covid-19, we will be able to minister to our friends in need. If you have not signed up but are interested, in helping, please let the office know. Thank you!

## NO BUSINESS MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

If you would like to see a copy of the minutes from the August business meeting, please contact Jenny in the office.

### October 2

Brad Harris

### October 3

Ellie Fitzpatrick

### October 4

Billie Patton

Jenny Wilson

### October 6

Becky Atkinson

### October 7

Barbara Mitchell

Shirley Montgomery

### October 8

Catherine West

### October 9

Bethann Easterly

### October 10

Dwight Wagner

### October 11

Jean Sharpe

### October 12

Libby Nicholson

### October 13

Lindy Drolsum

### October 15

Anna Kihlberg

John Winston

### October 16

Al Brown

Ann Carroll Manning

Ellen Newman

### October 20

Jenny Vo

### October 21

Andrew George

### October 25

Judie Martin

Jaye Wagner

### October 28

John Brandon

### October 30

Ann Conn





## The Place of Halloween in the

# Life of Faith

All Hallows Eve, or Halloween, is just around the corner. This fall festivity can cause distress for some Christians who worry about its pre-Christian European origins and its appeal to the shadowy side of life. Others embrace it as a nice kid-friendly holiday and choose to focus on its light-hearted expressions. Still others forego Halloween, as such, and instead place emphasis on fall harvest traditions. Historically and symbolically Halloween draws upon all these expressions and more, so it seems fitting to revisit the origins of the occasion and to think once again about how it relates to the life of faith.

What we experience in the contemporary U.S. as a free-spirited secular occasion, developed out of European folk traditions of ritualizing the changing of the seasons. As pre-Christian practices became part of the liturgical calendar of the church, the recognition of days shortening and plant-life dying also became a time of remembering the dead, both the saints and martyrs of the church (All Saints Day, Nov. 1) and the loved ones of the community who had passed away (All Souls Day, Nov. 2). This period of acknowledging worlds beyond human reach served as a kind of Triduum, a three-day period of feasting and praying, of merriment and mourning, of nighttime trickery and daytime remembering.

All Hallows Eve is to All Saints and All Souls as Mardi Gras is to Ash Wednesday. As humans we need help with transitions. Social customs and religious rituals help us navigate the scary space between the known and the unknown. Rather than hiding from the change from fall to winter, the tradition of All Hallows

embraced and even reveled in the crisp evening air. Rather than pushing away the shadowy figures and things that could go bump in the night, neighbors welcomed visitors who came knocking on their doors and delighted in the things that could frighten them by creating costumes and wearing masques. Instead of pushing away a world beyond their understanding, they transformed their anxieties by making the strange familiar and laughing at the things they could not control.

Most recently American popular culture has reminded us of the connection between Halloween, All Saints, and All Souls with an interest in the Latin American tradition of *Dia de los Muertos*. Animated films *The Book of Life* in 2014 and *Coco* in 2017 remind us that love is stronger than death (Song of Songs 8:6) and teach us the importance of celebrating the lives of our deceased loved ones even as we accept that they are no longer with us on earth. The image of brightly adorned, dancing skeletons make us chuckle even as they remind us how precious and fragile life is.

Halloween will, of course, look different this year. Our Fall Fest will be an in-house event, meaning that it is open just to the children of Immanuel Baptist Church and their families. You can still be involved by donating candy for our candy hunt with the kids. Remember that we have kids who can only eat gluten free or nut free treats, so donations that include those kids are particularly appreciated. Candy donations can be left on the pew opposite the kitchen (or dropped by the church office) through October 25.

*Blessings, Pastor Stephanie*

## Grounds Day

Saturday, October 17  
8 AM - noon

Come one, come ALL!

We need your help! Bring any yard tools you think you might need.



# Calendar of Events

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:30 Worship

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:00 Wednesday Wonderings

5:00 Youth ZOOM

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00 Stewardship Committee

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:15 Adult Sunday School

10:30 Worship

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:30 Deacons' (ZOOM)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:00 Wednesday Wonderings

5:00 Youth ZOOM

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:15 Adult Sunday School

10:30 Worship

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:00 Wednesday Wonderings

5:00 Youth ZOOM

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:15 Adult Sunday School

10:30 Worship

11:30 Youth Picnic Lunch

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00 Wednesday Wonderings

5:00 Youth ZOOM

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

1:00-3:00 Fall Fest

## From the Library . . . For young readers:

### **Colorfull** by Dorena

Williamson. This joyful story takes a unique approach to discussing race: instead of being colorblind, we can choose to celebrate each color God gave us and be colorFULL instead.



### **Chik Chak Shabbat**

by Mara Rockliff. Cholent, a slow-cooked stew, is a cornerstone of Jewish cuisine. Goldie cooks it every week and shares with her neighbors but when Goldie isn't feeling well, the neighbors provide ingredients to prepare a Shabbat dinner for her.



### **Every Little Letter**

by Deborah Underwood. Big change starts small: A curious little (i.e. lower case) letter lived in a city surrounded by walls built by big (i.e. upper case) letters. Through a hole in the wall the little letter "h" discovers courage, kindness and cooperation.

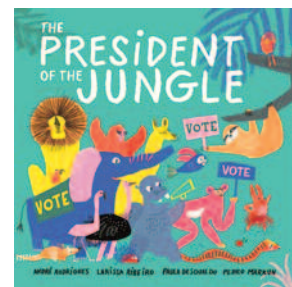


### **The Voice that Won the Vote**

by Elisa Boxer. In 1920 Tennessee representative Harry Burn changed his vote to yes at the last moment, assuring Tennessee would be the 36th state to ratify the 19th amendment to the U.S. constitution, giving women the right to vote.



**The President of the Jungle** by André Rodrigues. An introduction to how elections work: Lion may be King of the Jungle, but lately he seems to only care about himself. So, his subjects decide to try something new – hold an election: The animals hold rallies, debate and take selfies, trying to prove whether monkey, snake, sloth or lion would make the best president.



## Books for the parents:

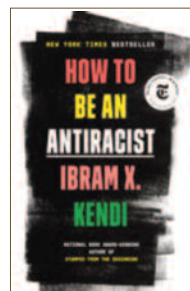
### **I'm Still Here** by Austin Channing Brown.

An eye-opening account of growing up Black, Christian and female in a world made for whiteness.



### **How to Be an Antiracist**

by Ibram X. Kendi. Essential instruction to help readers see all forms of racism and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves.





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.



## It's time to gear up for Passport 2021!

**Passport Kids** will be June 22–25 at Berea College in Berea, KY  
 Cost: \$350 per child  
 Deposit of \$100.00 due December 6, 2020  
 Remainder due January 10, 2021

**Passport** will be July 5–10 at Furman University in Greenville, SC  
 Cost \$500 per child  
 Deposit of \$125.00 due December 6, 2020  
 Remainder due January 10, 2021

For more information contact Pastor Stephanie Wyatt (swyatt@ibc-nashville.org) or Youth Minister Andrew Tonks (atonks@ibcnashville.org).

## Youth Lunch and Hang Out after Church October 25th

The youth will gather on church grounds for a brown-bag picnic on Sunday, October 25th following worship. The youth will help stuff mini-pumpkins with candy for Fall Fest. Contact Andrew Tonks for more information.

Youth are also invited to volunteer for Fall Fest on Saturday October 31st. Arrive at 11am to help with set up. Contact Pastor Stephanie if interested.