

Immanuel News

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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SUMMER 2015

REV CHRISTY ECKERT



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I can't adequately express how much I have enjoyed having a garden this summer. Although I lived in the country growing up, as a child I had absolutely no interest in gardening. By the time I reached adulthood, I was living in places far too small with far too little outdoor space to experiment with the craft. But, this summer, living out here on this beautiful land, I have had such a great time trying my hand at growing zucchini and green beans. Some weeks it was so hot, my plants sagged no matter how much hose water or rain they drank, and other

weeks they thrived and grew beyond my wildest dreams.

This summer has helped me see how much growing and tending a garden is like pastoring or participating in a congregation. We are constantly planting new initiatives. Some take off, while others don't. We are constantly watering and nurturing each other and the programs we have in place. Some weeks those relationships and programs flourish, and sometimes they take a little bit of extra tender love and care. We are constantly weeding, sorting through the stuff that gets in the way of our ministry, setting priorities, and repurposing programs or traditions that have fallen out of use. And we are constantly harvesting the fruits of our diligent, and sometimes hard, labor of faith and ministry we do together here at Immanuel.

I'm so excited to be tending this garden with you. When we all give of

our time, talent, and treasure, we can really make beautiful things grow in this amazing small town, and I cannot wait to see what the harvests bring in years to come.

God's Peace,
Rev. Christy Eckert



Women's Retreat at Camp DuBois – November 20-22

Pastor Christy is leading a women's retreat this fall with the theme, "Loving the Woman in the Mirror." This retreat is a wonderful opportunity to leave your obligations behind for a weekend and spend some much needed time for yourself. It is open to any women aged 18 and older. We will stay in Hickory lodge with warm beds, a fireplace, and comfy chairs for our fellowship times, and women from a few churches in the area will be there. Cost is \$100 a person, but we will be doing several fund raising events to help offset that cost. If you are interested, please let Pastor Christy know.

Immanuel UCC is hosting a Boundary Training for Pastors on September 1st.

We are providing hospitality and food for the pastors while they are here during the day. If you are willing to help serve food, please let pastor Christy know as soon as possible.

SCRIP orders are due the last Sunday of every month.



We will be hosting our pictures for the directory on August 20th and 24th. You can sign up online or on the sheet located in the foyer. We are in need of 6 hosts (3 for each day) to help direct families as they come in for their sessions. Please let Pastor Christy know if you are available to host.

Region 5 Concert at St. Paul UCC in Staunton – 3:00 pm on Sunday September 27th.



All churches in region give are encouraged to bring their choir/s (bell choir, vocal, and crystal bells) and provide a selection for this concert. All vocal choirs are encouraged to learn the piece, Worship God with Music, by Natalie Sleeth. This piece will also be presented by the combined choirs of all region five churches. A free will offering will be collected for hitz home.

Confirmation Orientation – August 30th 10:15am



All those who wish to enter confirmation this year are invited to this orientation with their parents after church on August 30th. I will present calendars, class objectives, and expectations at this time as well as answer any questions families may have.

Connection Point Family Picnic Sept 20th 3pm

Calling all kids in 6th grade thru 12th! Come join Connection Point on Sept 20th for our family picnic. There will be food, games and crafts for the entire family. Bring a t-shirt and make a tie dye shirt. Learn what Connection Point is all about and check out all the activities that will be planned for the upcoming year.



IMMANUEL UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

2ND QUARTER MEETING JULY 12, 2015

Dave Kalish, President, opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Rev. Allen Reiter gave the opening prayer.

Secretary's Report: The 2015 1st Quarter Meeting minutes from April 12, 2015 were read and stand accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: for the 2nd Quarter 2015 was read by Dave Kalish: Total Income in the NOW ACCOUNT of \$25408.98 (includes \$224.00 Directed Benevolences), Total Expenses of \$16,981.09 (includes \$224.00 Directed Benevolences) with a Net Income of \$8,427.89. A transfer of \$600.00 was made to the Building & Maintenance Fund resulting in an adjusted Net Income and Transfers of \$7,827.89. The NOW ACCOUNT cash balance was \$10,627.84. THE MONTH MARKET ACCOUNT (Current Active Funds Only) 1) Building & Maintenance Fund 2) Camp Fees Fund 3) Health Ministry Fund for the 2nd Quarter 2015. Income: 1) \$2,335.00 (Donations), 2) \$116.88 (Mother's Day Fundraiser for November Retreat, 2) \$127.91 (Father's Day Fundraiser for November Retreat, 3) \$15.30 (Interest). Expenses: 1) \$2,700.00 (Loan Repayment), 1) \$208.25 (Interest Expense on Loan), 3) \$227.75 (Books & pavilion rent for summer lunch program), results in a Net Loss of \$ (540.95). Including the Transfer from General Fund to Building & Maintenance of \$600.00 results in a Net Income of \$59.09.

The Total Parsonage Building & Maintenance Loan with the First National Bank Staunton as of 06/30/2015 was \$29,700.00.

A comparison of the actual 2nd Quarter 2015 Expenses vs the 2015 Budget was also presented by Dave.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Sheryl Hencke and 2nd by Julie Gusewelle. Motion was approved. Reports are attached.

Church Sign-up Sheets: were passed around during the meeting for volunteering services as: Sunday morning greeters, ushers, acolytes, coffee hour hosts, and lay readers. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Apple Butter Team Report: No new update at this time.

Cemetery Committee: No new update at this time.

Memorial Fund: Gladys Wilkening reported receipt of \$2.00 interest.

Chicken Dinner Committee: Barb Bloemker reported that the date of the 2016 Chicken Dinner is still scheduled for 03/13/2016.

Connection Point: Barb Bloemker reported that they would be assisting on 07/22 with the box lunch in the park/reading time/fun time. A family fun day would be held 09/20/2015. This was going to be a special kickoff as they were going to have a number of new members becoming eligible (6th grade and up) at that time. They would also plan a lock-in during October. Barb thanked everyone for of the materials they received for making blankets for the St. Louis Hospital.

Faith Quest: Joyce Towner stated that the blessing of the back packs would be held on 8/16 and that Rally Day would be held on 09/13. Bible school was a big success and she thanked everyone who came out and assisted as they had quite a number of little tots this year.

Hitz Home: Rose Olive reported that Region V workday would be held on 7/25 at Hitz from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and everyone was to bring their own lunch. Alvin stated that he had no new updates.

AHMA: Dave reminded everyone of the Pancake Breakfast on 07/18 at IUCC from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and stated they would really appreciate any workers. Tickets are \$10.00 ea. and FREE for children under 5 years of age. He further thanked everyone for all their generosity with goods for the pantry. It truly is a blessing to be able to serve all the people that come to the pantry each week with so many needed items.

PRAYER PALS: Frank Harbison stated that Janice isn't able to help at this time. Please remember her in your prayers.

Pastor Christy Report: In Christy's absence, Dave stated receiving the Deaconess Grant which included \$750.00 for books and food for Bag lunches in Hamel Park including 2 readings to the kids and sending home a book. The kids all had a good time playing on the grounds afterward. On 7/22 the youth group will help out passing out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, or bologna and cheese sandwiches, fruit, cookie and drink. Christy has left early to travel to DuBois where she will serve as camp Chaplain for a week.

OLD BUSINESS: Two annual conference delegates are being requested to attend Our Lady of the Snows on 10/23 & 24. This is all paid for by the church. Dave & Elaine Kalish have been attending for the past 4 years, where they attend other meetings which they are members of committees. Allen and Lynn Reiter will also attend

as a retired minister member of conference. They all state that this would be a very interesting time to see what and how the church does and how they do it. It can be a lot of fun and a good learning experience. Dave will announce the deadline for enrollment. Rev. Dr. Sheldon Culver will be retiring so this will be her last annual conference. Next year the conference will be held at Rend Lake on a Saturday and Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS: AED/CPR Training will be held with Salem UCC Church in Alhambra on 9/19 from 9:00 -12:00. Dave will announce the cost later. Election of Officers will be held at the next meeting. Gerry Dmochowski has served 4 years and a replacement will be needed. See Dave if you would like to be a Council Member and learn more of our church operations.

Confirmation class will begin in September. This will be a 1 year program. At this time, there is 1, and maybe 2 interested in participating.

The Pictorial Directory photographer will be here at IUCC 8/20. Sign up is online or contact Christy. If the 20th fills up and more time is needed, the 24th has been selected. Anyone can send in their photo with \$10.00 to be included in the Directory. Also, anyone bringing a bag of food for the pantry will receive a credit of \$5.00. There will be a trivia night on 9/19 with Christy as trivia master.

Motion to adjourn made by Deb Ohlson and 2nd by Julie Gusewelle. Motion approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Caryl S. Tune, Secretary

PASTOR CHRISTY'S OFFICE HOURS....

Tuesday 8:30-11:30 am

Wednesday 8:30 – 11:30 am

Thursday 9:00-12:00 pm

Christy's day off is Friday. She reserves this day for time with her family; however, she is still available for emergencies

IMMANUEL MONEY MAKERS

Did you know that you can help Immanuel make money in several different ways?

Recycle your used computer ink



cartridges.

Recycle your old cell phones.



Donate your empty soda cans.



Remember the continuing fundraisers with Schnucks and Schwans.

If you purchase food items from either company, consider using the

fundraiser programs available with each company. Sheryl Henke can provide info about Schwans. Elaine Kalish can help you register for the Schnucks fundraiser.

Thank you for considering each fundraiser that is available to you.

Some programs may not earn a huge amount of money, but each is

Important to the financial goals of Immanuel.



Each of these items may not be a big money maker, but when you continue to donate and use the reward programs the money will continue to grow.

If you need more information about any of these items, please contact Immanuel's Church Council.

Happy Anniversary!

August

Ralph & MaryAnn Champion 7
Buddy & Julie Gusewelle 10
Larry & Connie Willeford 14
Mark & Lori Kruckeberg 20
Randy & Marianne Meikamp 21
Bob & Ruth Klenke 23
Bruce & Karma Colbert 29
Robert & Susie Randel 28
Dan & Amy Gusewelle 30

Happy Birthday!

August

Heather Schneider 2
Diana Balke 5
Chris Gremer 7
Georgia Surbey 12
Jeremy Kruckeberg 17
Kevin LeDuc 19
Janet Wilkening 18
Roger Wilkening 20
Raymond Cartwright 20
Nathan Dyer 27
Lisa (Harbison) Bolsen 29

GETTING TO
KNOW YOUR
COMMUNITY....

WELCOME TO HAMEL ILLINOIS



VILLAGE OF
HAMEL
ILLINOIS

First established in 1818, the Village of Hamel, Illinois became an incorporated village on February 24, 1955. Throughout the years, residents have seen the town grow with the addition of businesses and residential development. City maintained water and sewer projects have enabled the continued growth of a village which boasts well-paved, quiet streets.

Security is insured by the Village police force and an excellent lighting system designed by Illinois Power Company, the supplier of power and natural gas in the village limits.

Located just 30 minutes from St. Louis, MO, at the intersection of Interstate 55 and Illinois Route 140, Hamel offers small town comforts and friendliness along with big city accessibility.

Shipping modes for goods are available as nearby as the Mississippi River with the multitude of rail yards located throughout the 30 mile span from Hamel to St. Louis. In addition, local firms include trucking companies to add to the ease of shipping.



AUGUST 16 9AM BACKPACK BLESSING

AUGUST 30 10:15AM CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

SEPT 1 8:30-3:30 BOUNDARY TRAINING

SEPT 6 9AM WORSHIP & COMMUNION WITH REV ALLEN REITER

SEPT 13 9AM FAITH QUEST RALLY DAY KICKOFF SUNDAY

SEPT 19 6PM TRIVIA NIGHT

SEPT 20 3PM CONNECTION POINT FAMILY PICNIC

**Worship Service 9:00 am
Faith Quest 10:15 am**

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Where: Immanuel UCC of Hamel, IL
5838 Staunton Rd,
Edwardsville, IL 62025

When: Saturday, September 19th at 6pm

Cost: Tables are available for \$80 (\$10 a person)

50/50 drawing!

Cash Prizes awarded
for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams!

Free water, tea, lemonade and Popcorn provided.
Soda available for \$1 a can!

All proceeds will help provide scholarships for retreat/camp
participants at DuBois Center!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Return to Immanuel UCC Office
5838 Staunton Rd, Edwardsville, IL 62025

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Team Name: _____ Cost: \$80 _____ Paid? _____