

November Celebrations

- The Kingdom Kidz Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 30th, exceeded any expectations during these times as we had many more ELC families than anticipated decorate themselves and their cars, and, a huge turn-out of children and families.
- Though there were small numbers from ELC that attended the Miami Valley Women's Center Virtual Gala Watch Party on Friday, October 30 the gala was a huge success to raise funds to support this important ministry for the Sanctity of Life and Emmanuel was once again able to be a sponsoring ministry.
- Though limited in this year's observance of LWML Sunday, November 8th, we did have a wonderful kick-off presentation for the women of ELC in their "Soups and Sweets Sale," and Thanksgiving Pie Sales to raise further funds for missions.
- The Ohio District Sr. Gift Planning Counselor, Eileen Fitzenreiter introduced the "Gifting for Emmanuel," faith legacy program as she shared that Chris Schonscheck will be joining in the team effort to assist families in Estate Planning. Chris Schonscheck is ready to work with any families to prepare insurance products with ELC as the beneficiary for future ministries. If interested in talking with Eileen or Chris, contact can be made with the ELC office.
- Sunday, November 15th provided us the opportunity for an Observance of Veterans Day to tell all of our veterans, "Thanks for serving our nation!!"
- While this year's Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child box numbers were slightly less than 400, we want everyone to know that the decision has been reached to provide an additional \$2500 toward the build a box funds providing another 100 boxes for children around the world. This year marks the 5th year the Emmanuel has served as a drop off location. We thank Lesa Bame, Grace Jones, and all the wonderful volunteers who served to make this happen this year and in past years!!
- We were able to gather for worship on Thanksgiving Eve to express our thanks, praise and worship for all that God has provided our nation and our families.
- The First Sunday in Advent, November 29th included the Farewell and Godspeed for Adreel and Sahreem George and gathering of Going Away Gifts. We will love and miss them as we peacefully release them into the next season of their lives in Aurora, Colorado.

We want to again thank everyone for their loving, caring approach toward fellow worshipers through social distancing and other precautions while onsite at Emmanuel, especially on Sunday's. The recent step to resume Holy Communion at the altar after services ended as we practiced social distancing has been well received. In December we anticipate that Holy Communion will be reinserted as part of the Classic Grace and Living Praise worship services.

Once again we want to take this time to offer our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the ELC congregation for such faithful stewardship! Have a Blessed Advent and Christmas Season!