

Art exhibit at Immanuel Congregational

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Most churches in general, and several of the neighborhood churches use the walls of their fellowship halls to display art as a way of enhancing the spiritual experience for their members. They are usually displayed for weeks or in some cases for several months or more. For those who are fortunate to attend meetings at these churches, it becomes like an accidental gallery, and an extra perk for the volunteers at the meetings.

I appreciate good quality photographs, so I was recently taken by the photos now on display at Immanuel Congregational Church's fellowship hall, enough to ask about it. Rev. Isaac Lawton told me they were the work of John Karrer, a member of Immanuel and agreed to connect me to John.



We met there at the church in the fellowship hall and talked for more than an hour. The stories that he told were every bit the equal of the photographs for their ability to stir the soul. I won't try to tell any of them here, as I don't think I can do them justice, but there is a chance you'll be able to hear them in person, as ICC has an occasional event that they call "Second Hour", where someone comes to speak on an inspiring topic after the fellowship following the Sunday service.

I have reason to believe that John will do that soon, and I'm hoping for advance notice, which I will share with everyone I can. In the meantime, you can google John Karrer and find these interesting articles

<https://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-xpm-1998-11-13-9811130281-story.html>

<https://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-xpm-1997-06-22-9706220177-story.html>

<https://www.nytimes.com/1990/06/10/nyregion/no-headline-881790.html>

<http://www.riverfront.org/about-us/news/97-Happy-Walks-in-the-Park>

plus his photography website <http://www.karrerphotostudio.com>

I have also been told that the fellowship hall is open Monday through Friday from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm for any who would like to see these photographs, and for those who aren't available during the week, Immanuel is open each Sunday at 10:00 am for an inspiring worship service followed by fellowship in the "gallery".