

CONNECT, GROW AND HAVE FUN

Sunday School Classes for All Ages at 9:45am:

- Preschool and Kindergarten - Room 3
- 1st through 5th grade – Room 6
- 6th through 12th grade - Youth Room
- Adult Class meets in Witherspoon Hall Rooms 12/13. Current class is Dialogues: The Refugee Crisis led by Dan Johnson.

Youth Group:

- Sunday nights from 5:00 – 7:00pm Includes dinner, games and bible fellowship for youth ages 6-12th grade.

Bible Studies:

- **Men’s Bible Study** - We are a great group of guys who gather for a time of fellowship, digging deeper into God’s Word and sharing life together. Currently studying Romans. Mondays at 10:00am in Witherspoon Hall.
- **Women’s Bible Study** meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:00am in Witherspoon Hall. No meeting on Oct 7.
- **Agape Women’s Circle October 14** - We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00am, held off campus. Contact Mary Kay at ausmbush3@gmail.com for more information.
- **Lydia Women’s Circle on Monday, October 19** at 6:30pm. Join us for refreshments and the Horizons Book Study. We meet on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm in Towner Hall.

Fellowship Groups:

- **Join the Immanuel Choir!** Participation in choir is open to all (ages 15+) who desire to serve through sacred music. No prior choral experience is necessary, and no audition is required. **Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:30pm.** Questions? Email Lori Stuckey, Interim Director of Music Ministries at lorstuckey@hotmail.com
- **Desert Sages Games on Tuesdays** from 10:00am – 12:30pm. Come make new friends, play a variety of card and board games, eat popcorn and then top it off with dessert! Held in Witherspoon Hall.
- **Crafters Group on Thursdays** from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Want to unleash your inner artist? Express your creative talents? Join our Crafters Group - all skill levels and craft projects welcome. Meets in Witherspoon Hall 12/13.
- **Wednesday Night Meals** – Let us do the cooking! Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month) from 5:30-6:30pm. Meals are \$10.00 each/\$5.00 for kids 12 and under. Meets in Witherspoon Hall.

Mission Outreach:

- **Casa Maria Sandwiches on Saturday, October 31** from 8:00 - 9:00am. If you want to participate - each brown bag lunch should include two sandwiches (no mayo please); one fruit item, and two cookies. Drop off station is in parking lot by Witherspoon Hall Kitchen.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Sunday, October 4

- 8:30am Alternative Worship Service
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00pm Youth Group

Monday, October 5

- 10:00am Men’s Bible Study
- 6:00pm/7:00pm Cub/Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 6

- 10:00am Desert Sages Games
- 6:00pm TOPS

Wednesday, October 7

- 5:30pm Wednesday Night Meals
- 7:30pm AA

Thursday, October 8

- 10:00am Crafters Group
- 6:00pm AA meeting
- 6:30am Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 9

- church closed

Saturday, October 10

- 10:00am PW Gathering

Sunday, October 11

- 8:30am Alternative Worship Service
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship Service
- No Youth Group



Welcome to Immanuel
October 4, 2026 8:30am
ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Gathering Music	<i>We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name</i>
Welcome & Opening Prayer	Rev. Duane Mullen
*Song	<i>Waymaker, Sinach</i>
Prayer of Confession	
*Passing the Peace	
*Hymn 581	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>
Children’s Message	Becky Diebold
Prayer for Understanding	Joy Hager
Psalms Reading	Psalms 19: 1-14
Scripture Reading	Matthew 21: 33-46
Sermon	Rev. Duane Mullen
*Song	<i>Wonderful, Merciful Savior, Rodgers & Wyse</i>
Offering	<i>Behold the Lamb, Getty & Townsend</i>
*Doxology 607	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
*Prayer of Dedication	Joy Hager
Communion	
The Lord’s Prayer	Laura Fennema, Becky Diebold, Mike Kobylinski
Announcements	Joy Hager
*Hymn 306	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>
*Charge and Blessing	
*Sending Music	<i>Reprise of God of Wonders</i>

*Please stand as you are comfortable when noted by an asterisk.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

First time at Immanuel? We are so glad you chose to worship with us today! We would like to give you a welcome gift bag – it’s full of goodies and helpful information about our church. Please see an usher to receive yours. Giving envelopes, hymnals, Bibles, printed music and other materials are located on the worship cart inside the sanctuary on the left side by comfort room window.

Please take a moment to fill out the **Connection Card** and let us know that you are here and also if there are any changes to your contact information or a prayer request.

The Nursery is Open for children ages infant to 3yrs. Our Comfort Room is available in the Sanctuary for parents of young children who need comfort and care. We also have children’s activity bags, and the playground is open.

Time Together for Children ages 3 - 5, from after the Children's Message in worship until the worship service ends. Please pick up your children in Towner Hall Room 3.

Join us for fellowship and refreshments after the services today. We meet in Witherspoon Hall for coffee and refreshments. It’s a great way to catch up with friends and make new ones!

Participants: Rev. Duane Mullen, Pastor Kris Goorsky, Minister of Christian Formation: Lori Stuckey, Interim Director of Music Ministries; Joy Hager, lay reader; Becky Diebold, children’s message; Ed Vander Woude, Audio/Video

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Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there

PASTOR’S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear Immanuel Family,

World Communion Sunday! We have so many ways to think of our world. When Jesus teaches us to pray, part of that prayer says, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven.”

Two truths to remember today: There are Christians throughout the world and across time who share this meal. And likewise, the world is not our own and does not belong to us. This is not our home.

When I was thinking about this Sunday, I began thinking about the Wicked Witch of West as she’s melting crying out: “Oh, what a world, what a world! Who would have thought a good little girl like you could destroy my beautiful wickedness?”

I have loved this movie since my childhood. But the books have so much more of the story to them.

The world the Wicked Witch is trying to rule is not her own; neither does it belong to the Wizard. In the books, the people gave their world over to the Wizard, who turns out to be a charlatan. Dorothy says, “I think you are a very bad man!” And he corrects her: ““Oh, no, my dear; I’m really a very good man, but I’m a very bad Wizard, I must admit.”

The Land of Oz actually belongs to King Pastoria. The king-shepherd. It is the people who give the land over to “The Wizard” when he dazzled them by landing his hot air balloon in their midst.

Our world is much the same. As Christians, we are in it and not of it, because we serve the true and rightful king. Our scripture this week is about a master who entrusted his lands and vineyard to tenants to care for and work the vineyard. But they deny the master what they owe, beating the master’s servants and ultimately killing the master’s son.

The world has rejected God’s Son, our Lord. The rightful King and Shepherd. However, today we remember this world is the Lord’s. And the faithful take communion, bend to Christ, give, and serve God and together, even across time, claim the name of Christ our Lord as our Lord.

“Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that... I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel” Phil. 1:27

Sincerely Yours in this Shared Love of Christ,
Pastor Duane

NEWS AND EVENTS

In honor of World Communion Sunday, the decor in the sanctuary reminds us of our connection to the world-wide community. The tablecloth on the communion table was donated as a thank-you to the Immanuel congregation by Dr. Migs Muldrow for its support of her charity (Village Health Partnership) which works to improve maternal health in Ethiopia. The Afghan wood crosses on the plant stands and the free-standing pulpit were a gift from Mike and Ann Pastric.

The tray on the communion table contains a variety of breads representing various regions of the world.

A thank you is extended to all the people who have prepared the communion elements during the past year - Barbara Ayer, Merrily Davis, Jessie Hampton, Susan Hampton, Louise Poehlman, Amy Burton, Judy Dunn, Debby Johnson, Kathy Parker, Paula Rich, and Cheryl Wood. If you might be interested in assisting in communion preparation, please contact Merrily Davis or Debby Johnson.

▪ **Presbyterian Women’s Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 10** from 9am – 2pm, held here at Immanuel. Keynote Speaker is Selina Jesus, Native American Advancement Foundation. Cost is \$17.00 (includes lunch). Registration forms are in sanctuary and office. Register by today.

▪ **Guitarist Wanted For Worship Band!** Are you a talented guitarist with a heart for worship and want to join us in leading our congregation in praise each week. We are looking for:

- An experienced guitarist comfortable playing in a worship band setting.
- A heart for ministry and a desire to use your musical gifts to glorify God.
- Ability to commit to weekly rehearsals (Wednesdays at 6:00pm) and Sunday morning 8:30am worship services.

Auditions are required. Please contact Lori Stuckey, Interim Director of Music Ministries at lorstuckey@hotmail.com for more information.

▪ **October Wednesday Night Meals** – Let us do the cooking! Come enjoy great food and fellowship with us. From 5:30pm – 7:00pm in Witherspoon Hall. Adults are \$10.00; kids 12 & under \$5.00

October 07 – Potato Soup, bread and dessert

October 21 – Annual Chili Cook-Off! Free Event

▪ **SAVE THE DATE** – The Service of Installation of Rev. Duane Mullen will be held on Sunday, November 8 at 3:00pm with a reception to follow.

HAVEN TOTES FOOD PANTRY DRIVE
OCTOBER 4 - NOVEMBER 8

Pantry provides assistance to over 500 children and their families in our community. Requested items are:

- BOXED STUFFING
- CRANBERRIES
- GRAVY
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- CANNED FRUIT
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- LARGE LAUNDRY DETERGENT

