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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 2023 Newsletter

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### June Newsletter Article

It's hard to believe but it's been over a year since I came to Immanuel UCC in Darlington. In my time here I have learned that this is a strong congregation with wise leadership. God is doing great things here through the people(you!) of this church, be proud of what you have done and what you continue to do in the name of our savior Jesus Christ. My last

Sunday here will be on July 2. I won't be taking off much time, and will likely start at another church in August.

I want to thank everyone for the warm reception my wife Tammy and I received, and the ways you taught me and showed me what a Pastor needs to do and be. We have been through some high and low points, but I always have felt that the Holy Spirit is with us all here in Darlington. I wish to encourage all of you to continue to build on the momentum we have been building in the last months. We don't know what's going to happen next, but I sense that you all are going to keep being an awesome church family. I will continue to pray for all of you, please continue to pray for each other.

Bill Whitford  
Pulpit Supply Pastor



### CHURCH COUNCIL

The May Church Council Meeting was held on May 17, 2023. Members present: Roy Berrey, Kerry Black, Jordan Hinderman, Brandi Ruf-Wepking, Sheila Siegler, Dave Sutherland, Connie Ubersox. Absent; Nancy Slama, Fritz Hirsbrunner.

The Council approved the April minutes and financial report as presented.

### Reports

**President Report** - State paid the church \$250 for easement purchase in conjunction with State Hwy 81 repaving project. Approved purchase of 250 pens for church. Rich Pleva would like to present to the Council "Leadership Forward", Roy will let Rich know the Council will schedule a time for this summer to hear the presentation.

**Christian Education Committee** – Last class was held on Sunday.

**Mission Team** – Mission trip is on track.

**Stewardship Committee** – Committee will provide service on June 11<sup>th</sup> when Bill is off.

**EF & G Committee** – Committee provided flowers to all mothers Sunday in celebration of Mother's Day.

**Pastor-Parish Committee** – Bill's last day July 2; Interim pastor call; Pastor Larry Balleine will fill in 2 weeks in July and 2 weeks in August. Will explore other options as they present. Roy will talk with Marjean about names presented for interim pastor.

**Woman's Guild** – Thanks to Fritz for his presentation at the May guild meeting.  
**Worship Committee** – Summer hours will begin May 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 am service, no adult bible study for the summer.  
**Search Committee** – ongoing.

**Old Business**

**Parsonage Renovation** – still waiting for bid, Dave will reach out to him again.  
**Humpty Dumpty renewal and Radon Test** – Renewal contract is same as last year and has been signed. Having trouble getting the state inspector to come and inspect.

**New Business**

**Canoe Fest** – Roy did not hear anything back. We will close this item.

The next Council meeting will be June 21st at 6:15 p.m.

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**THANK YOU PASTOR BILL**

After over a year of outstanding service to God and to IUCC, Pastor Bill is leaving as our pulpit supply pastor. His last Sunday service will be July 2nd. We will miss Bill's from the heart sermons, his easy way with children, his insight at Bible study and his voice in song. He has always been available, in good and bad weather, for services, funerals, and any other needs. He has told us he is trying to ease his workload and may do some pastoral duties closer to home. We will miss Bill and pray that the God who guides his path may bring him back our direction from time to time. There will be a party with cake and ice cream to show our appreciation to Pastor Bill on June 25<sup>th</sup> after the worship service.

God bless you, Pastor Bill!

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**JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP SERVICE**

On June 11th the stewardship committee will be doing the service. We will be holding it in the fellowship hall with coffee and snacks during service.

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**OOPS!!!**

Last month, I missed putting Jada Ruf in as one of Immanuel's graduating Seniors. Jada graduated from Darlington High School on May 26, 2023. She is going to Upper Iowa University for Psychology. Congratulations Jada as you start this new chapter of your life. God bless!

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## CONFIRMATION

Immanuel welcomes as members the following young people who were confirmed on May 14, 2023 during the worship service. They are: Marcus Kendall, Brett Jenson, Trace Jenson, Rosie Reuter, Jaci Kammes,

Sloan Glendenning, Dante Glendenning, Max Martin and Kendyl Ruf.

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## FBC Day Camp 2023

June 26 – 30, 2023



We would love for your K-6th grade (Fall 2023) student to join in the fun at FBC for their Ready, Set, Move! Day Camp.

Mornings will be filled with Bible stories, crafts, snacks, and games as kids learn how to follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere! The fun and excitement continues into the afternoon with great activities and field trips!

The registration fee of \$50 will be paid for by IUCC. Just let them know you when you register. You will receive a t-shirt, snacks, transportation, and all field trips and activities. Register by May 26th for a guaranteed t-shirt size!

**Lunch will not be provided**, so please pack your camper a lunch each day. Please note Friday is a half day, so we will not eat lunch!



## WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The Women's Guild meeting was held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The following items were discussed:

1. Envelopes for janitor bill will be sent out soon.
2. Coffee hour will be ending May 21st and will resume after Labor Day.
3. July outing will be at the Darlington Country Club.
4. Abby Reuter will be the guest speaker at the June women's guild meeting. She will be speaking about her trip to South Africa.

The next Guild meeting will be June 14, 2023 at noon. Lunch will be served.

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## SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Just a reminder that summer worship hours began on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Worship will be starting at 9:00 a.m. There will not be a coffee hour during the summer months. Coffee hour will return September 10<sup>th</sup>.

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### **PASTORAL CARE**

If you know of any church member that would appreciate a pastoral visit, please let Janice Ruf know and she will follow up with the contact. You can contact Janice at 608-553-4182.

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### **April 2023 Financial Information**

	<b>April 2023</b>	<b>Year to Date Budget</b>	<b>Year to Date 2023</b>	<b>Year to Date Budget</b>
Contributions/Other Revenue	\$11,159	\$ 8,038	\$ 37,326	\$ 31,659
Expenses	<u>\$ 5,260</u>	<u>\$ 4,258</u>	<u>\$ 27,337</u>	<u>\$ 25,220</u>
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 5,900	\$ 3,780	\$ 9,989	\$ 6,439

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### **FATHER'S DAY**

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you a happy day with your family.

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### **JANITOR DONATION**

The Women's Guild covers the cost of the janitorial services for Immanuel. Enclosed for the people who receive the newsletter via mail is an envelope for a donation toward the janitor services. For those of you who receive the newsletter via email, the envelopes to contribute toward the cost of the janitorial services is in the back of the church. Please make checks payable to the Women's Guild. Thank you for your support.

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**June 14** – Women's Guild meeting at noon  
**June 21** – Church Council Meeting at 6:15 p.m.  
**June 18** – Father's Day  
**June 25** – Party for Pastor Bill after worship  
**June 26** – Deadline for July newsletter articles  
**July 2** – Pastor Bill's last Sunday at Immanuel

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sam Kendall  
6<sup>th</sup> Oliver Wiegel  
9<sup>th</sup> Karl Geissbuhler  
14<sup>th</sup> Betty Williams  
23<sup>rd</sup> Berny Ubersox  
24<sup>th</sup> Lainey Lewin  
28<sup>th</sup> Joan Blaser



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

10<sup>th</sup> Karl & Mary  
Geissbuhler  
14<sup>th</sup> Randy & Connie  
Ubersox  
Dick & Vicki Ward  
17<sup>th</sup> Scott & Tara Glendenning  
23<sup>rd</sup> Ashley & Anthony Buss  
Larry & Daphne Milestone  
28<sup>th</sup> Roy & Pam Hardt  
Roy & Sheila Berrey



## JUNE LITURGISTS

4<sup>th</sup> Steve Siegler  
11<sup>th</sup> Fritz Hirsbrunner  
18<sup>th</sup> Nancy Slama  
25<sup>th</sup> Joan Blaser



Deadline for the July newsletter articles is **June 26, 2023.**