

IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
transforming tradition

*"In life and in death
we belong to God."*

We have been called
to belong to the
body of Christ
and to seek God's purposes
in this place.
Immanuel Presbyterian
Church is
our home, where we grow
and welcome all;
our community, where we
care for one another and
serve others.
We promise
to worship regularly,
to learn openly,
to give generously,
to live together in the unity
of the Spirit
as a congregation of the
Presbyterian Church (USA)
and to share the work of
mission and ministry . . .
transforming tradition in the
church and in the world.

*This covenant was written
and adopted by the Session
for Immanuel's 175th
Anniversary as an
expression of what
it means to be a member of
Immanuel Presbyterian
Church.*

TOWER CHIMES

February 2019

"Out of Chaos, Hope"

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

Sunday, February 17

The Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, PDA Coordinator

In the United States and around the world

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

*enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church
to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities
adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events.*

Following the worship service and Dr. Kraus' sermon,
the congregation will be directed in a tornado drill,
part of our newly developed Emergency Operations Plan.
Coffee and conversation about PDA at 11:30 in the Upper Room.

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Read more about Immanuel and PDA inside.

"Understanding Racial Identity"

A WEEKEND WITH DR. JENNIFER HARVEY

February 23 - 24, 2019

Dr. Jennifer Harvey, Prof. of Religion, Drake University

Saturday

lecture, workshop, discussion

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Upper Room

Sunday

Following the worship service and Dr. Harvey's sermon there will be
a conversation with parents and caregivers on

"Talking with Children about Race"

at 11:20.

Children and youth will join the adults for lunch and discussion
at 12:15.

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See more details on this weekend's program inside.

Coming up soon ...

Wednesday evenings during Lent

common **commune** communion **community** commit commitment committee

What does it mean for Immanuel Church to be a "community"? How do we intentionally build toward community and what are the gifts we are given for community? As a community, what is our calling? In the presentations and conversations over these weeks of Lent we will hear from the results of this fall's Congregational Assessment Tool ("CAT") and consider the priorities that emerged, our mission, and our future.

Soup suppers + Table worship and the Lord's Supper Discussions about our calling as a community

**March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Upper Room**

**Ash Wednesday + March 6
Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m.
Worship at 7:00 p.m.**

NEW TO IMMANUEL? LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

IPC 101: An Introduction to Life at Immanuel Presbyterian Church Sunday, February 10 at 11:15 a.m.

Are you new to Immanuel Church? Would you like to learn more about the congregation? Plan to join members of the Membership Committee following worship on Sunday, February 18 for "IPC 101: An Introduction to Life at Immanuel Presbyterian Church."

We will discuss our focus on worship, education, and mission, tour the church building, and talk about what it means to be a Presbyterian. The session will last approximately 50 minutes and will include time for questions and discussion.

A Prospective Member Event Sunday, March 3 following the Shrove Sunday Pancake Brunch

Have you been visiting Immanuel Church and wondered what it might mean to become a member? Are you planning to attend IPC 101 and feel ready to take the next step of becoming a member of the congregation? Join us for the Shrove Sunday Pancake Brunch on March 3 and then plan to stay for a Prospective Member Event and Orientation until 2:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the worship life, educational programs, and mission opportunities at Immanuel. Participants will have the chance to get to know one another and the church better.

If you, or someone you know, might enjoy one of these opportunities to learn more about Immanuel Church and membership, please contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757).

DO YOU HAVE A PASTORAL CARE CONCERN?

You can assist the pastoral care ministries of Immanuel Church by notifying the ministers directly when there is a hospitalization, illness, death, or other circumstance where the presence and support of the church is needed. Communication is essential to our caring. Do be in touch!

"THE STATE OF THE CHURCH"

Every year on the Sunday of the Annual Financial Meeting, the lectionary scriptures give us a lens through which to look at the life of the church. The Gospel for Sunday, January 27 was Luke 4:14-21: At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus goes to the synagogue service in his home town of Nazareth. He reads the Scriptures, opening the scroll to Isaiah. These verses from Isaiah 61 were his keynote:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."*

Jesus sat down, "The eyes of all ... were fixed on him."

Here is an excerpt of Dr. Block's sermon, which included some of the summary results of this fall's **congregational assessment survey**:

The Session is re-thinking Immanuel's mission statement, looking at and looking beyond a mission statement that is now over twenty years old and realizing that no church really invents its purpose. We are given that by God, in Jesus Christ. "The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church." (Book of Order, PCUSA F-1.01) So, elders take note of today's Gospel! We've looked to the scriptures for words and ideas that capture who we are to be and what we are to do. The prophet Micah's "*do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God*" (6:8); the Great Commandment lifted up by Jesus from his Jewish tradition to love God with all our heart, soul, mind; Jesus added "strength" (from Deuteronomy) -- and love your neighbor as yourself. There's Jesus' Great Commission to his disciples, to go and make disciples, baptize and teach what he had taught. We've considered using the word "calling" instead of "mission statement" and read the Apostle Paul's ethic of faith, hope, and love as "the calling of the church" - to be a community of faith, hope, love, and witness. Language actually from our Presbyterian constitution: The church as a community in the world, the body of Christ given all the necessary gifts, a community that works beyond itself. And so, as a part of that body, we are discerning our particular gifts, our particular calling. What do we let go of? What do we take on? What are we equipped to do well and what do we need to be better equipped to be life-giving, life-changing persons called to be the Church today and tomorrow?

[On the evening of January 23rd,] the members of the Session and its Human Resources Committee gathered to hear the results of our congregational assessment survey ("CAT") from the research consultant.

We had an overwhelming response to the survey; our participation numbers were far over the goal. *Thank you!* The objectives of that assessment are to make better decisions because we have current, broad-based data, and as our consultant emphasizes, we can set future directions knowing where we are. We will digest and share the survey results as we move through the next months. There were confirmations and a few surprises and some things to explore. But briefly, relevant to our look at the state of the church and our horizons for 2019:

On the whole, 78% of those who took the survey are satisfied with how things are at Immanuel Church. On the energy and satisfaction map, we are high satisfaction and high energy, indicating congregational health and vitality. We're a little more settled than adaptable, "intellectually open and reflective, but with attention paid to the importance of structure and ritual." Our consultant told us that churches in that quadrant "are sources of new meaning and purpose for their members" and "may also serve as mentors to other churches." Satisfaction and energy are **by-products**. And we learned that in our specific case, they are driven by:

*The quality and content of the worship services + Leaders who are representative of the membership +
Ministers who keep you informed and connected + Consideration of different approaches in important decisions
+ Providing opportunities for education in a variety of ways to fit complex lifestyles.*

With almost **all** churches in the CAT data base, we, too, lift up growth and "attracting families with children and youth" as the top two priorities - where "additional energy" and "expanded" effort should go. What priorities are **specific** to Immanuel? Even considering some differences in sorting the data by age groups, the next priorities that emerged from your responses are:

Creating more opportunities for people to form meaningful relationships; + Expanding outreach ministries that provide direct services to those living on the margins of society (the survey question gave as examples, "homeless, immigrant, and transient persons") + Developing ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances.

That's important information about what's important to this church. As we go forward into decisions for our future, how do those priorities inform our staffing? And the bigger, big question: how does what is important for us fit into what we discern God is calling us to be and do? What are God's priorities for us? We need to ask some provocative questions as we go forward. Immanuel is statistically satisfied and settled. What in this church and in our world is God dissatisfied with? And what are the unsettling changes we may need to address? What is our part in the larger Body of Christ as it lives in and for the world?

That day in Nazareth Jesus stated God's mission: good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight, freedom for the oppressed. And, it is written, all eyes "were fixed on him" (4:20). That's how we go forward in this day, this year. A careful look at our congregational assessment, a careful look in this next hour at our bottom line but all eyes fixed on Jesus ... who we believe gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. All ears open to his calling and to the Word of God speaking through scripture. All that high energy of heart, mind, and strength ready to flow.

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINUTES*
THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION + January 27, 2019

Dr. Block called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. A quorum was present; approximately 110 members attended.

The Vice President of the Board of Trustees, Karen Morrisey, presented the report of the board's work. Ms. Morrisey gave an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees as well as a review of the work of each committee for the year. Ms. Morrisey outlined the memorials and bequests given in 2018. Thanks were given to Deborah Block, Jill Fahr, Sarah Campbell, and the outgoing class of the Board of Trustees.

Elder Scott Silet presented the report of the Church Nominating Committee. Placed in nomination for the Trustee Class of 2021 were Jilaine Bauer, Spencer Frank, Brian Schwelling, and Vance Werner, Jr. Mr. Silet introduced the nominees. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, there was a motion to elect the new trustees. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Church Treasurer Jill Fahr presented the 2018 end-of-year budget report. Ms. Fahr reviewed the 2018 budget and actual expenses. Pledge income received was \$67,529 under budget. Gifts and other offerings were over budget by \$32,504. Total revenue was under budget by \$21,764. The endowment allocation was \$182,000, which is within the 3-6% range as required by our endowment policy. Total expenses were \$1,151,241. The unspent mission allocation in the amount of \$8,699 was returned to the general operating budget. The building repair line item was over budget by \$15,421, salaries and benefits were under budget due to a leave of absence, and \$1,531 was added to the building contingency fund, resulting in a breakeven year for 2018. The Capital Campaign has been completed as of December 31, 2018. \$455,184 has been used from the endowment fund to close out the campaign. Any further donations for the capital campaign will go back to the endowment fund. Special thanks were given to Steve Carlton for donating his time and skill in serving in the substitute organist position.

Karen Morrisey, chair of the Finance Committee, introduced the members of the committee and gave an overview of the past year's work. George Herro, member of the Board of Trustees and also a CPA, conducted a thorough internal control review with successful results. Special thanks were given to Bob Landaas for his 28 years of work on the committee.

Bob Landaas, member of the Finance Committee, gave the report on the endowment fund. The total loss on investments for 2018 was \$92,900. The internal rate of return was -2.34%. The value of the portfolio on December 31, 2018 was \$3,692,981. The portfolio has averaged an 8% growth over the last 6 years. The endowment is funded by generous gifts and bequests by the members of Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Mr. Landaas emphasized that Immanuel Presbyterian Church continues to be committed to its policy of socially responsible investing.

Deacon Barbara Flint, moderator of the Board of Deacons, gave the 2018 Deacons' Fund report. The deacons' work is funded through unenveloped offerings given on Communion Sundays and through individual donations. The mission of the deacons is to care for Immanuel's members. The Deacon's fund balance on December 31, 2018 was \$3,511.

Stewardship Committee co-chair Audra Brennan gave the 2018 "We Are One in GRATEFUL GIVING" campaign report. Ms. Brennan introduced the members of the Stewardship Committee. The pledge goal for 2019 was an increase of 6.5% over the 2018 pledge request. The increases received have averaged 10%. 263 pledges have been received, which is an increase in the number of pledges from last year. Ms. Brennan thanked the members and friends of Immanuel for their generous giving.

Church Treasurer Jill Fahr went through the budget for 2019. The budget has been adjusted from the original proposed budget to account for actual pledges received to date. The adjusted income portion of the budget totals \$1,210,525 and consists of pledge revenue of \$956,625. The endowment allocation is \$178,600, which represents 4.5% of the market value of the endowment fund on September 30, 2018. Expenses total \$1,210,525. The original and the proposed 2019 budget are presented as a balanced budget, however, the adjusted proposed budget was reduced by \$18,600. 14.3% of the budget is represented in the mission allocation. 37% of the salaries and benefits line item represents the benefits.

Elder Scott Silet gave the Mission Budget report. The adjusted 2019 budget is \$172,602. In addition to the annual mission budget, over \$48,352 has also been given by Immanuel's members and friends to special focus mission efforts. A new organization in the budget this year is the Urban Ecology Center. There is an increase in the budget for the Interchange Food Pantry due to an increase in the needs of the community served.

Elder Sharon Rose, chair of the Human Resources Committee, gave an overview of the 2019 salary and benefits budget. Ms. Rose introduced and thanked the members of the Human Resources Committee, and listed the skills and experience that each one brings to this work. Thanks were given to all the staff for their continued service and dedication. The committee has been working on a long term strategic staffing plan for over two years and plans to have a proposal by late fall 2019. A celebration of Jean Dow's ministry has been planned for June 9th, 2019.

Dr. Block invited a motion to receive and endorse the 2019 budget that has been unanimously approved by the Session and the Board of Trustees. The vote by the congregation includes the ministers' terms of call. The motion to approve was seconded and the congregation voted unanimously to receive the 2019 budget as presented.

The Annual Program Meeting will be held on May 19, at which time reports will be given by the various Session committees. The new class of elders and deacons will be elected at that time.

Dr. Block closed the meeting with prayer at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sarah Campbell
 Recording Secretary and Financial Administrator

**These minutes will be officially approved by the Session at its next meeting.
 This draft is provided as a timely communication of the congregational meeting.*

GABRIEL RETURNED IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

Gabriel, the Angel of the Nativity window, returned to the Immanuel Sanctuary on Friday, December 21, 2018-- just in time for Christmas! The window had deteriorated badly and was removed over a year ago to prevent further damage. Its restoration was made possible by gifts from Immanuel members and friends in celebration of Dr. Deborah Block's forty years of ministry at Immanuel. The work was done by Oakbrook Esser Studios in Oconomowoc.

On Sunday, December 23, the Chancel Choir accompanied by chamber orchestra presented "Gloria!" by Antonio Vivaldi. It was the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The season had unfolded the messages of Gabriel in Jesus' birth narrative and the final theme was "Glory to God!" Dr. Block shared these remarks in celebration of Gabriel's return:

Although the window's official name in the Tiffany registry is "Praise and Peace" we have come to call it the "Angel of the Nativity" for its clear Christmas setting: the night sky (which is now a whole lot brighter than it used to be! Clear rather than cloudy!) and the five-point Bethlehem star up in the canopy. No halo for this angel, but a laurel wreath, a symbol of peace and victory. And none of the usual Christmas angel accessories. This angel isn't playing a harp or blowing a trumpet or reading a scroll. Carefully held and clearly labeled, this angel comes bringing a gift, more visible now. PEACE. Most valuable now ...

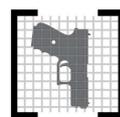
We have come to call this angel "Gabriel," the announcing angel of Christ's birth, to Mary and to shepherds. The "-el" at the end of *Gabriel* means "a shining brightness" in Hebrew. As it should be! In a new day Gabriel shines a light on an important peace, peace between Christians, Jews, and Muslims, since Gabriel plays a role in each of these three great religions. Gabriel is now not only a messenger of peace, but an ambassador.

That window was new 115 years ago, given by Benjamin Young in memory of his wife, Clarissa B. Young. They were members when this congregation re-united to become Immanuel Presbyterian Church in December of 1870. We are grateful to the many members and friends whose gifts made the restoration possible. We thought we were just starting a fund and you fully funded the project! And we are also grateful to the Young family for their long-ago generosity. This was the first of the four Tiffany windows that grace this sanctuary, the first of the three angels that for all these years have told the story and preached the faith: Christ is born, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. These angels are the messengers of incarnation, resurrection, and ascension. Pastors will come and go; these are the real preachers in this sanctuary, whose good news will continue to go and go.

Thank you

to all who made possible the restoration of this beautiful and meaningful window!

**SUCCESSFUL FIREARM SAFETY EXPO HELD;
NEXT Campaign Meeting
Thursday, February 28 at Immanuel
in the Upper Room 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



COMMON GROUND
DO NOT STAND IDLY BY
MAKE, BUY & SELL GUNS SMARTER & SAFER

Common Ground's *Do Not Stand Idly By* campaign hosted more than 100 law enforcement officers, gun-safety developers, investors and public officials for a Firearm Safety Expo at the MATC - Oak Creek campus on January 16. Several national and international developers and innovators in the field of smart technology and gun safety presented and demonstrated their products. The event was opened with remarks by co-hosts including Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele and Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm and Wauwatosa Police Chief Barry Weber. "I like the approach that Common Ground has taken to encourage products that actually save lives," said DA Chisholm. "I've taken these ideas to community safety meetings and even national prosecutors' meetings - it's amazing to see people's eyes light up when they see the obvious potential of these products."

For nearly three years, a few dozen Immanuel members have been part of this important Common Ground campaign. A market-based approach, the goal of the campaign is to curb the loss of life due to gun violence by changing the way guns are bought and sold. More details are available at: www.donotstandidlyby.org/.

A broad based community organizing group, Common Ground is made up of over 50 congregations, nonprofit organizations, small businesses, and schools in Southeastern Wisconsin, organized to address some of Greater Milwaukee's important social needs in an effective non-partisan way. Immanuel was a founding member of Common Ground. Learn more at: www.commongroundwi.org. Questions? Speak with a member of Immanuel's Common Ground Core Team: Margaret Crowley, David Ewald, Martha Mainland, Sharon Rose, Jean Dow or Rob Ater.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

IMMANUEL SUPPORTS PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

PDA is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

Immanuel members and friends gave \$2,205 through the 2018 Alternative Christmas Market and the 2019 mission budget includes \$3,500 to PDA. Some of our folks donned the signature blue PDA shirts and headed to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina to help rebuild homes.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

- Focuses on the long term recovery of disaster impacted communities.
- Provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods.
- Works collaboratively with church partners and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) internationally, and nationally with other faith based responders.
- Connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response – United Nations, NVOAD (National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster), World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA and others.

It is a privilege to have the coordinator of PDA with us on Sunday, February 17 . The Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus brought more than 20 years of experience in working with disaster response through the PC(USA) when she was named to the position in 2012.

Speaking of her volunteer work with PDA over the years, she says, “I believe the work of PDA, in collaboration with all the partner ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, is ‘Emmanuel,’ God made flesh, as we seek faithfully to work for healing the divisions and wounds in the world, in the communities we serve and in the Church we love.”

Welcome her to Immanuel on February 17!

COVENANT SIGNED FOR THIRD IMMANUEL WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM IN CUBA

With gratitude to God and thankful to Immanuel for its commitment to helping to provide clean, safe water for all – five members of Immanuel’s “Living Waters for the World” team – Jean Dow, Dave Klehm, Allyson Nemec, Jim Schleif, and Sue Rennane – made a return trip to Cuba in late January.

“We trusted that we would be provided safe transportation and lodging,” Elder Sue Rennane writes, “and a meaningful new relationship with our partners at the Iglesia Baptista de Matanzas (the Baptist Church of Matanzas). With great gratitude we are happy to share that we have signed a covenant with the church’s water team and have made a commitment to return to Matanzas in the fall of 2019 to install a water filtration system.” The Immanuel team will partner with Nancy Gonzalez, Zaida Guitierrez, Rosa Armas, Kalexis Perez and Arelys Lopez who describe this experience as an answer to prayer for safe water for their church, neighbors, and community.

The town of Matanzas is about ninety kilometers east of Havana. Like Milwaukee, it is a city with three rivers. Members of the Immanuel team reported on their experience following worship on February 3. To learn more about “Living Waters for the World,” go to: <https://www.livingwatersfortheworld.org/> or speak with any member of the team or one of the ministers.



**INTERFAITH CONFERENCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE
MARCH LUNCHEON/LECTURE SERIES**

#Immigrants&RefugeesMatter

“no one leaves home unless . . .”

March 5, 12, 19, 26 at noon

First Unitarian Society + 1342 N. Astor St.

Each year, the Peace and International Issues Committee of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee sponsors a lecture series on the Tuesdays in March. This year, that series will offer speakers and panelists addressing the history and importance of immigrants, the coming wave of climate migration, current refugee resettlement efforts, and navigating the justice system. Programs run from 12:00 until 1:30 at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 North Astor Street. Individual lectures are \$20.00; the full series of four is \$65.00. A simple vegetarian lunch is included. For more information and/or to register, contact the Interfaith Conference at 414-276-9050 or www.interfaithconference.org.

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN ADOPTED
“Balancing hospitality and safety”**

At its January meeting, the Session approved an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for Immanuel Presbyterian Church. The opening sentences of the plan affirm that it is “a guideline for emergency planning and response at Immanuel. The EOP reflects a thoughtful, pastoral balance between the values of hospitality and safety, fostering a safe place for ALL who come to worship, learn, and serve together at Immanuel.”

The EOP idea was sparked by Immanuel’s 2015 Lenten Study: “Building the Peaceable Kingdom: Responding to Gun Violence.” Development of the plan began in earnest in 2016 by the Board of Deacons with Deacons Judi Gunn and Sue Rennane leading the effort. Elders Debbie Anderson and Carol Tsao have been a part of the team over the last year. Former members Beth Perrigo and Larry Walton also contributed. The development team consulted resources from other organizations and churches as well as hosted meetings and conversations with the local fire department education specialist, our security team: Elite Protection Services, and our security system company.

The plan includes three sections addressing evacuation (fire, bomb or other internal threat), tornado or storm, and active shooter. A draft of the first two sections of the plan was presented to the congregation at a listening session last year. FEMA’s *Guide for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship* was instrumental in the development of the Active Shooter section.

Immanuel’s EOP will be rolled out to the congregation over the course of the year beginning with a brief tornado drill planned for Sunday, February 17 between worship and coffee hour. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Coordinator Laurie Kraus will be with us that day. Members of our Sunday morning usher team, security staff and our church school teachers will learn about their specific roles under the new plan. The sixteen page plan includes evacuation maps and will soon be available on the Immanuel website. Questions? Please speak with Mr. Ater or a member of the EOP development team.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- Born** Greer Margaret Yocum, to Dan and Laura Yocum, November 18.
Phoenix James Hunn, to Drew and Meredyth Hunn, December 24.
Madison Lynn Stoll, to Christian and Cassy Stoll, January 9, granddaughter of Dick and Susi Stoll.
- Baptized** Lydia Frances Wesselowski, daughter of Amy Pauls and Nathan Wesselowski, January 13.
- Died** Gary E. Buerstatte, December 29. A member of Immanuel Church since 2013, Mr. Buerstatte was a longtime Presbyterian, active in several congregations in the presbytery over the years. A memorial service was held on February 2 at Hope United Church of Christ in Sturgeon Bay. Ms. Dow offered the words of remembrance.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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The deadline for the March issue of the *Tower Chimes* is February 26.

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"SHROVE SUNDAY" PANCAKE BRUNCH **Sunday, March 3, 11:15 a.m.**

Each year Immanuel Presbyterian Church gathers for a pre-Lenten celebration of pancakes and ham on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday. This annual tradition recalls a time when fat, eggs, and milk had to be used up in Christian households before the Lenten fast began.



Join your Immanuel Church friends for this special gathering of fun and community on Sunday, March 3 immediately following worship. Register for a donation of \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10, during coffee hour on Sunday mornings. A Prospective Member Event will be held following the brunch (see page 2 for the invitation and details).

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS
FEBRUARY-MARCH 2019
at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

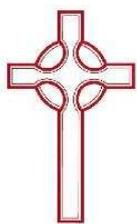
February 10 **5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:45 – 12:00 Child Care for infants & toddlers – *Nursery*
8:55 Choir rehearsal
10:00 **Morning Worship; Ms. Dow preaching**
10:30 Church School in the *Peaceable Kingdom*
11:10 Coffee in the Church Parlor
11:15 IPC 101: An Introductory Tour of Immanuel Church
11:45 Spiritual Practices Conversation – *Upper Room*

February 17 **6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:45 – 12:00 Child Care for infants & toddlers – *Nursery*
8:55 Choir rehearsal
10:00 **Morning Worship; The Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus preaching**
10:30 Church School in the *Peaceable Kingdom*
11:10 Coffee in the Church Parlor
11:20 A conversation with Laurie Kraus, Coordinator of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – *Upper Room*

February 24 **7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:45 – 12:00 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Nursery*
8:55 Choir rehearsal
10:00 **Morning Worship; The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Harvey preaching**
10:30 Church School in the *Peaceable Kingdom*
11:10 Coffee in the Church Parlor
11:20 “Talking with Children about Race” – *Upper Room*
12:15 Post-conversation luncheon with Dr. Harvey

March 3 **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**
8:45 – 12:00 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Nursery*
8:55 Choir rehearsal
10:00 **Morning Worship; Dr. Block preaching**
10:30 Church School in the *Peaceable Kingdom*
11:15 Shrove Sunday Pancake Brunch – *Upper Room*
12:15 Prospective Member Event & Orientation – *Parlor*

March 10 **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION; NEW MEMBER WELCOME
8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Nursery*
8:55 Choir rehearsal
10:00 **Morning Worship; Dr. Block preaching**
11:00 Church School in the *Peaceable Kingdom*
11:10 Formal Coffee Hour - *Church Parlor*



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A WEEKEND WITH DR. JENNIFER HARVEY

Author of

Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation
and
Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America

February 23 – 24, 2019

Saturday, February 23 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
"Understanding Racial Identity" lecture, workshop, Q & A

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Sunday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship; Dr. Harvey preaching
Followed by conversation with parents and caregivers on
"Talking with Children about Race"
Lunch at 12:15 for adults and children

A writer, teacher, and speaker, Dr. Jennifer Harvey focuses much of her work on the intersection of religion, ethics, race, gender, and spirituality. A professor of religion at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, she has become a sought-after speaker on the topic of racial justice. This engagement with Dr. Harvey is another step in our commitment to continuing conversation and action around the realities of racial injustice and white privilege in church and culture.

Registration On-line at www.immanuelwi.org
Call 414-276-4757
Sunday morning at Coffee Hour

*Immanuel Church is pleased to offer this opportunity for the community through a special gift by our members.
Books will be available through Boswell Book Company on Saturday afternoon.*