



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

Summer 2019

THANK YOU, REV. JEAN DOW *Associate Pastor Emerita!*

The Rev. Jean Dow's ministry and retirement as an associate pastor for Immanuel Church was celebrated on June 9. A full Sanctuary heard tributes from the congregation and community, including expressions of gratitude from the Presbytery of Milwaukee, the Interfaith Conference, Common Ground, and the Interchange Food Pantry for her significant contributions and dedicated service on our behalf. Gifts were presented, including a pendant-size replica of the Celtic cross in the Chancel, a photo of the church, and an "envelope" with a collective gift from members and friends.

Her ministry here concluded on Sunday, June 30, with a special thanksgiving liturgy for faithful service and a unanimous conferring of the honorary title "Associate Pastor Emerita." The official "dissolution" of a call in the Presbyterian Church (USA) involves the minister, a representative of the Session, and a representative of the presbytery. Elder Carol Tsao, Clerk of Session, led the congregation in this prayer:

Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:

*For friendships made; for joys celebrated and sorrows comforted, for times of nurture and growth,
For faith deepened and work accomplished, for encouragement given and promises kept,
For our calling in Jesus Christ, and for the love of God, which has sustained us,
For our communion in the Holy Spirit, and for the gifts of the Spirit that will strengthen us,*

Thanks be to God!

The Rev. Ann Gibbs, who is the staff person for the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Milwaukee, summarized the "Covenant of Closure" that establishes the new boundaries between a minister and congregation upon retirement, and then posed these questions:

*Do you, the members and friends of Immanuel Presbyterian Church,
release Jean Dow from service as your pastor?*

*Do you, Jean Dow, recognize and accept the completion
of your ministry with this congregation?*

Ms. Gibbs concluded with thanks for the ministry shared, praying:

Loving God, our endings and our beginnings are rooted in your love...

Let our time together end with your blessing.

Touch all memories with your grace and peace.

Help us to live with courage and gladness in the future you present us. Amen.

Amen! We send Jean Dow with our deep gratitude and best wishes for her retirement.

THANK YOU, TEACHERS!!

Another wonderful year of church school has come and gone. Children have learned stories from the Bible. They have prayed together, sung songs about God's good creation, engaged questions of faith, and built lasting friendships. None of this can happen, of course, without the ministry of our teachers. And so, we say "thank you" to all of the teachers who have shared their talents and gifts - and their love of God and God's children - in the Immanuel Church School this year!

Deborah Anderson
Audra Brennan
Sarah Dominguez
Ann Eisenbrown
Debbie Gillard
Lisa Lauren
Laurie Michalak
Elise Pennington
Jon Richards
Julie Stange-Rortvedt
Susan Teerink

Thank you, too, to Nathan Wesselowski for his leadership with the Children's Chorus, and to Angela Beling, Paige Gnas and Mattie Barnhart, who care for our youngest members every Sunday in the Immanuel nursery.

CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND?

Have you lost a scarf or left behind a dish? Please help the Immanuel staff clean out the lost and found this summer! Please check the table in the Upper Room for kitchen related items and the shelf next to the women's restroom in the Astor Street coat room for other items. Items that are not claimed by the end of the summer will be offered a new home.

HUNGER BOOK SALE

August 1 - 6, 2019

at All Saints' Episcopal Church

It's time to clean out your bookshelves!

The "Great Hunger Book Sale" is planned for August 1 to 6 at All Saints' Episcopal Cathedral, 818 East Juneau Avenue. The sale supports local food pantries and meal sites in Milwaukee (including the Interchange Food Pantry) and hunger programs around the world.

Please drop off books to contribute to the sale in the collection bins in both coats rooms before July 21.

IMMANUEL AED LOCATED IN ASTOR STREET COATROOM *Training events held in June!*

Did you know Immanuel has an AED (automated external defibrillator) in the Astor Street coatroom? An AED is a computerized medical device that checks a person's heart rhythm (in the event of a heart attack) and recognizes a rhythm that requires a shock. The device uses voice prompts, lights, and text messages to tell the rescuer the steps to take. The AED is very easy to operate, but medical professionals recommend regular training opportunities for potential users, preferably paired with CPR training.

On June 29-30, approximately thirty-five Immanuel members and friends attended AED/CPR training and orientation events to help familiarize the congregation in the proper use of an AED. Nineteen people were CPR certified, too! Hosted by the Board of Deacons, the training events were led by Immanuel member and lieutenant in the New Berlin Fire Department, Joe Dominguez. Thank you Lt. Dominguez.

These events will continue to be hosted at least biannually. A list of those who have been AED trained is kept on file in the church office.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE Your Help Is Needed

Fostering a sense of community at Immanuel Church is an important part of the work of Immanuel's membership committee. One tool used to help support that work is the online Church Photo Directory! The directory can be easily accessed under "Helpful Links" at the bottom of the church website (www.immanuelwi.org). Church members may contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757) for the password. The "directory instructions" link on the Immanuel website will help you to download the "directory app" on your smartphone! Members who are not online may request that a printed directory be mailed to your home.

When was the last time you checked your directory listing? Is your contact information up-to-date? When was your photo taken? Is your photo even included? An up-to-date and accurate directory helps us to better foster that sense of community that we all value! Please help us keep the directory up-to-date by *updating* your information and/or jpg photo with Ms. Pennington in the church office at ipc@immanuelwi.org by September 1. Mr. Ater is also happy to take your photo on Sunday morning during coffee hour - it's that easy! Thank you for your help!

THE REV. JEAN DOW RETIRES AS OF JULY 1, 2019

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE from Ms. Dow

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you for such a wonderful celebration of ministry on June 9! It was a special and meaningful day from beginning to end. Pentecost worship was joyful – and the new anthem, composed by Nathan Wesselowski and sung so beautifully by the Chancel Choir, was a special surprise. Thank you to the children for their gift of music and to everyone for the many kind words, the lovely reception, and the more than generous gifts. The Immanuel cross necklace is something I will specially treasure as a reminder of these 17 years of ministry. I am deeply grateful for the honor and privilege of sharing this journey of life and faith with you. Thank you!

GOING FORWARD: What's next?

The Session's Human Resources Committee continued its appraisal of present and future staffing needs at an all-day retreat on July 9. An extensive process has incorporated input from the congregation, our mission statement, time studies, local and denominational data, and financial sustainability. A staffing design will be presented to the congregation on two Sunday mornings, September 22 and 29.

The original transition time line called for welcoming an Interim for Christian Education and Congregational Life by July 1; however, that search process continues. The job description is posted on our website, www.immanuelwi.org if you know of someone who might be a good fit for the position.

In the immediate time-being, please direct requests for pastoral care to Dr. Block and Mr. Ater. They are also temporarily assuming essential responsibilities in education and mission. Guest preachers have been invited for some of the summer Sundays to accommodate some vacation time for the ministers. Please keep the HR Committee and the Interim Search Committee in your prayers as we navigate this transition.

The Human Resources Committee:

Sharon Rose, chair; David Plank, Jeff Teerink, John Turner, Leigh Joost, Jill Fahr, Victor Plantinga, Sara Hein, Deborah Anderson, Kate Lewis

Interim Search Committee: Sharon Rose, Sara Hein, Laurie Michalak, Scott Silet

WELCOMING OUR NEIGHBORS

Neighborhood Hospitality Tables

August 17 + September 6 & 7

Again this year, the Membership Committee will host hospitality tables at the Cathedral Square Farmers Market on Saturdays: August 17 and September 7. Immanuel will also host a table at the Carroll University Activity Fair on Friday afternoon, September 6 as a way of offering a warm Presbyterian welcome to new students.

If you would like to assist with this ministry of hospitality, please contact Mr. Ater to indicate an interest. Immanuel volunteers will invite new friends to worship, the Hymn Sing, and Ice Cream Social; pass out IPC pens and shopping bags and information about the congregation; and visit with market goers.

Immanuel friends also hosted a hospitality table on the Astor Street steps prior to the July 3 organ concert. Many thanks to those who helped to welcome neighbors! About 125 people attended the organ concert; thank you Mr. Jensen.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

PRESBYTERY GATHERING *with* Dr. Bettina L. Love

Award-winning author of:

We Want To Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and The Pursuit Of Educational Freedom
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 + 4:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Dr. Love's talk + 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)

Good Shepherd Trinity Church

3302 N. Sherman Boulevard

More details & registration information at:

www.pbymilwaukee.org

**NORTH AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF WALES
COMES TO MILWAUKEE AND IMMANUEL CHURCH
September 1**

Immanuel's Parish Life Council will host the North American Festival of Wales for two Gymanfa Ganu (hymn sings) on Sunday, September 1. The first session is from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. and the second session will be held from 7:00 until 9:00 in the evening. Immanuel's organist, Steven Jensen, will accompany both sessions. He has been playing at Gymanfa Ganus since he was nineteen and is a big draw for this event. The organizers hope to fill the Sanctuary, twice!

Immanuel members and friends are cordially invited to attend the hymn sings and other events throughout the weekend. Go to: thewnaa.org for a full schedule. A donation of \$10 at the door may be requested for the hymn sings for non-registered participants.

Would you like to help serve as a building host for one of the hymn sing sessions? Contact Mr. Ater in the church office (roberater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

**YOUTH ATTEND "URBAN MISSION RETREAT"
Thank you, supporters**

Twelve Immanuel youth and seven adults participated last month in an "Urban Mission Retreat" in Chicago. Hosted by Fourth Presbyterian Church, the group slept on cots each night in the Fourth Church Sunday School before going out to serve in various programs and ministries in the city. They served alongside youth from Ohio and Minnesota with agencies addressing problems like homelessness, poverty, and food insecurity.

The team held a "free" car wash and bake sale on June 2 to support their trip. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the car wash, purchased baked goods, and made generous contributions to support this meaningful experience for Immanuel youth. The participants were commissioned by the congregation on June 23 and look forward to reporting back to the congregation on their experience this fall.

**IMMANUEL TO WELCOME
WEST VIRGINIA YOUTH GROUP TO OUR PEACEABLE KINGDOM**

On a Saturday evening in July, Immanuel will host a group of 19 youth and six adult leaders from Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg, West Virginia. The group will enjoy a pizza dinner in the Peaceable Kingdom before setting up air mattresses in our church school classrooms to bunk down for the night.

Milwaukee is half way between their home and a week of mission service on a Native American Reservation near Leech Lake, Minnesota. "Our students are mostly middle to upper middle class," their church educator writes, "living in an almost exclusively white community. One of our goals is to help our students learn to live out their faith in a diverse world by forming personal relationships with those who look different than them. We thank you for hosting our group. Our budget depends on the hospitality of like-minded congregations along our path. Should you ever find yourself in need of hospitality in West Virginia, you have a friend!" A true example of the "connectional church" at its best!

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
BUILDING WITH PRESBYTERIAN PARTNERS**

Thank you to the Immanuel volunteers who worked on Saturdays in June to help frame at the Presbyterian Coalition home, 1912 N. 30th Street in the Midtown neighborhood. Special thanks to Margaret Crowley, Leslie Davis, and Pat and Connie Goggin who provided and served lunch to the work crew on June 22.

Would you still like to get involved this summer? Drywall work has been scheduled for August 17 and 24. Experience is not required; Habitat staff and seasoned volunteers will be onsite to provide necessary training and encouragement. Anyone over 16 years of age is welcome to help build but must be 18 to use power tools. This is a great way to serve the community while getting to know other Immanuel members. Sign-up online at: <http://vhub.at/presbycoalition> Questions may be directed to Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757).

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

The Session of Immanuel Presbyterian Church received two new members on June 2. They were welcomed during morning worship on June 16.

Lynda Johnson is a fellow alumna and trustee at Carroll University with Dr. Block. She has felt warmly welcomed at Immanuel and is grateful for the sense of community and purpose found in a congregation like this one. She enjoys worship and especially the choir and music. Professionally, Ms. Johnson serves as the Assistant Treasurer for Harley-Davidson. She enjoys travel, music, and yoga in her free time and also serves on the Board of Trustees for Milwaukee Repertory Theater. She lives in Cedarburg.

Judith (Judy) Purpora was invited to Immanuel by her neighbors, James and Jill Zager. She has enjoyed worshipping at Immanuel for several months and is grateful to have found a new community of faith in this congregation. She looks forward to learning and spiritual growth opportunities and finding ways to serve and support Immanuel's mission work. Ms. Purpora is a legal assistant at von Briesen & Roper and enjoys spending time with her family and practicing yoga and meditation. She lives in St. Francis.

EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES + CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Would you be willing to help an older adult remain independent at home?

Through the generosity of volunteers, Eastside Senior Services (ESS) offers tangible support to older adults who live alone on a very limited budget. When hiring someone to help with needed support and services is beyond reach, volunteers from ESS step in with rides to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, help with light household chores, assistance with minor home repairs and/or outdoor chores, and companionship.

Would you like to help? Volunteers choose how often they are available....once a week or once a month....they can commit to whatever works best. If a request is received from the ESS office, a volunteer can decide if the day and time and task will work. They're very flexible.

Eastside is also currently building a "loan closet" of items such as wheelchairs, walkers, and shower chairs for those who need them and would gratefully receive gently used donations.

Immanuel Church has been a longtime supporter of ESS with Connie Goggin currently representing Immanuel on the ESS Board. To volunteer or to get more information, contact Ms. Goggin at 414-243-4206 or ccohan44@gmail.com. She would be happy to talk with you and answer your questions about this organization. You may also call the ESS office at 414-210-5881. Check out the ESS website: www.essmilw.org.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Baptized

Phoenix James Hunn, son of Drew and Meredyth Hunn, June 9.
Madison Lynn Stoll, daughter of Christian and Cassy Stoll, June 9.
Jacob Kenneth Edward Pennington, son of Michael and Elise Pennington, June 9.

Died

Sally Finnigan, May 18. Ms. Finnigan joined Immanuel Church in 2002. A memorial service was conducted in the Sanctuary on May 29 at 4:00 p.m.

Christian Visser, May 19. Mr. Visser joined Immanuel Church in 1998 and served as a deacon. A memorial service was conducted in the Sanctuary on June 15.

Kristine (Kris) Schmidt, June 10. Ms. Schmidt joined Immanuel Church in 2007 and served as a deacon. A memorial service was conducted in the Sanctuary on June 19.

Melinda Scott Krei, June 13. Ms. Krei joined Immanuel Church in 2004 with her husband, Ken and served as an elder. A memorial service was conducted in the Sanctuary on June 29.

Maxine Reis died on June 23. Ms. Reis joined Immanuel Church in 1988. A family committal service is being planned.

Moved

Cheryl Banks

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:



**ANNUAL HYMN SING
AND ICE CREAM SUNDAE / SUNDAY
September 8**



The Annual Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social are planned for Sunday, September 8. "Make a joyful noise!" and then enjoy a sundae and the company of new and old church friends as we gather at the end of summer and look forward to a new church year.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY AND
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
September 15**

On September 15, we'll mark Christian Education Sunday as we welcome the children and their teachers to church school in the Peaceable Kingdom and the Chancel Choir back to the loft. The Sacrament of Baptism will also be part of the worship service. Parents wishing to present children for baptism and adults who would like to make a profession of faith are invited to speak with one of the ministers in the church office.

Not just for kids!

Vacation Bible School

is for kids, youth, and adults

“Christmas in July”

July 23, 24, 25 + 5:30* - 8:00 p.m. (includes supper)

A celebration of Christ's birth without the distractions of the holiday season!

Join your Immanuel Church friends for three evenings of fun and learning!

Parents, call the office if you need a registration form.

“VBS” is for children and youth, pre-school through high school, and adults.

Invite your friends and neighbors too!

For children (pre-school to Grade 6)

“The Christmas Journey”

NEW! For youth (Grade 7 and up)

A theater workshop with Prof. James Zager,
Theatre Arts Department at Carroll University,
based on the tradition of “Las Posadas”

For adults A discussion of Diana Butler Bass' book

Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks

A follow-up on Dr. Bass' visit last fall for those who wanted more
and those who have wanted to read the book. **Now in paperback!**

Carol Tsao and Nancy Debbink, co-facilitators

* The adult class begins at 6:45 in the Church Conference Room.

Please register; call 414-276-4757 or ipc@immanuelwi.org





CONGRATULATIONS
IMMANUEL GRADUATES



COLLEGE and UNIVERSITY

Charlie Fahr

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Calvin College – Grand Rapids, MI*

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HIGH SCHOOL

Victor Herro

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Ryan Katcha

Whitefish Bay High School

Sebastian Kristensen

New Berlin Eisenhower High School

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