

Immanuel's Lighted Path

Fall 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY CHURCH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 8
SERVICE- 11AM
PICNIC- NOON

TOWNSEND FAIR

SEPTEMBER 28
11AM-3PM

CHARGE CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 23
7PM
BETHESDA UMC

ANNUAL BAZAAR & DINNER

NOVEMBER 2
BAZAAR- 10AM-7PM
DINNER- 3PM-7PM

Back To Church Sunday

TOGETHER

September 8, 2019

Kids
Worshiping Our Way!
10:45am

Worship Service
11am

Church Picnic
Following Worship

As we move into Fall and everything in our lives is getting "Back to...normal" (school, work, routines, etc) it's also time to get back to church! Join us on September 8 - bring the kids for Kids Worshiping Our Way starting at 10:45am, Worship at 11am and bring your favorite covered dish for our church picnic following services! We're saving a seat for you!

HELP NEEDED

Townsend Fair
Booth Coordinators
Fair Date: 9/28/19

- Help Organize Booth Decor
 - Organize Booth Workers
 - Coordinate Set up/Take Down
- Contact Sarah Culler if interested

Due to on going street construction, the Townsend parade has been canceled however the Fair is still being held! This event is fast approaching and we still need someone to lead up Immanuel's booth. Although, this is an important event for us to participate in we can not do so with out someone organizing it. If you or a group of people are interested in organizing our booth, please contact Sarah Culler.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

A guy complained to his mother that he didn't feel like going to church that morning. His mom said, "What are you talking about? Get out of bed and get going. Why on earth would you stay home from church?" The man said, "I'll give you two reasons. First, I don't like those people. And second, they don't like me." His mother said, "Well, I'll give you two reasons you should go. First, you're fifty-nine years old. And second, you're the pastor." I can say that I am delighted to go to church. A survey was taken in which people were asked, "Why do you go to church?" Some of their reasons were:

1. I want to grow in my faith. Weekly worship attendance is the most important behavior to spark spiritual growth. Coming to church weekly exposes you to God's Word and God's people. It resets the clock of your priorities on what's really important and what kind of person you want to be.
2. I want to do what God says. "Let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Gal. 6:10). And, "Serve one another in love."
3. I want to be around people who sharpen me. I want to be around people whose goals are similar to my goals, whose values are similar to my values. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another," and I want to be sharpened by people who are pointed in the same direction I am. I can't get that at the beach, the bar, or the ballgame. So I want to come to church. People who challenge me to be the best I can be.
4. I want to train my children well. They can learn math in school, but they can only learn to love God through my family and God's family. I want them exposed to the Lord.
5. Calm in the midst of the storms of life. Life comes at us in so many directions. Church is a place where I am reminded that God is still on the throne.
6. A Loving Church Family
7. I want to be part of a cause that's bigger than me, and I want to invest in something that will last for eternity. And that's the church.
8. I want to come to church because more people come to Christ in church services than anywhere else on earth. We need to be reminded of that from time to time.
9. The church has a message of justice for all people and speaks the truth even when it is unpopular. ¹"The Arc of the universe is long but it always bends towards justice." ²"Truth may be on the scaffold and wrong on the throne but beyond the shadows God is keeping watch over His own."

In September, many churches are celebrating National Back To Church Sunday. This began as a movement to invite everyone in America back to church by empowering and motivating church members to invite their family and friends to come with them to a special service hosted by the local church. The movement was spurred on by a couple of statistics: Dr. Thom Rainer states that, "82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited". Yet only 2% of Christians EVER invite someone to church!

On Sunday, September 8, Immanuel would like to highlight "Back to Church" Sunday. Please invite your family and friends. Come for an exciting time of worship. Come share with friends as we fellowship together.

Rev. Grant L. Johnson

Wednesday, October 23

7:00pm

Bethesda United Methodist Church

Charge Conference

Immanuel United Methodist Church

Annual Bazaar and Dinner

November 2, 2019

Bazaar 10am-7pm

Attic Treasures
Baked Goods
Candy
Homemade Soup

Crafts
Lunch Available



Dinner 3pm-7pm

Chicken Dumplings
Ham
Turnips
Green Beans
Sweet Potatoes
Cole Slaw
Rolls
Beverage
Dessert

Take Out Available

209 Main Street, Townsend

Church Trustees

UPDATE



Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink!

This was just one of many phrases that went through our minds in early July when we found over three feet of water (over 40,000 gallons) in the basement of the parsonage. In the few days since the Haydens moved out, a valve broke and the water had run full force for days. We have spent most of the time since then cleaning, restoring and replacing. ServPro was hired by our insurance company to remediate the flood water and dry out the house so that mold would not grow in the wet environment. This week we hope to have a new heater installed which is the last of the water damage to be fixed. We already have replaced the sump pump, the humidifier and the water heater. In addition, we have replaced the old water pipes in the house and will be adding air conditioning when we replace the heater. We believe this will not only make the house more comfortable, but also enable us to charge a higher rent. We are very grateful for our insurance.

We have a few other tasks to complete in the parsonage before we can rent it. We will be working on those jobs in the next few weeks.

Along with the work in the parsonage, we have replaced the front and side walks into the church. The ramp has been power washed and will be sealed. A contract has been signed to refinish the front doors and repair the ramp doors. We continue to work on the steeple and the bell.

We hope for an uneventful, calm fall with no emergencies!





Immanuel's Youth Group

Who: All youth grades 6-12

When: Re-Starting Sept 15th
1st & 3rd Sunday immediately following worship

Where: Upstairs in the Board Room

Why: To develop a deeper understanding of God and your place in the world & great fellowship!

For more information or with any questions contact any of the 2019-2020 officers:

President-Matthew Trunfio

Vice President-Riley Boyd

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Our UMW group has been very blessed by all the support you continue to give to our various missions and fundraisers. Thank you!!

We collect throughout the year for Neighborhood House. They send us a list of items that they need and you all generously help us to fulfill this need. Neighborhood House is very grateful for all your help.

The United Methodist Women meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. Our next meeting is in September. Please join us.
Our President is Jenny Trunfio and our VP is Christine Benedict.

