

# Immanuel's Lighted Path



Fall 2017

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **BIG BALL MARATHON**

SEPTEMBER 2- 9AM  
FRONT FIELD

### **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY + PICNIC**

SEPTEMBER 10

### **TOWNSEND TOWN FAIR**

SEPTEMBER 23

### **CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS AUDITIONS**

SEPTEMBER 24, 4PM

### **CHARGE CONFERENCE**

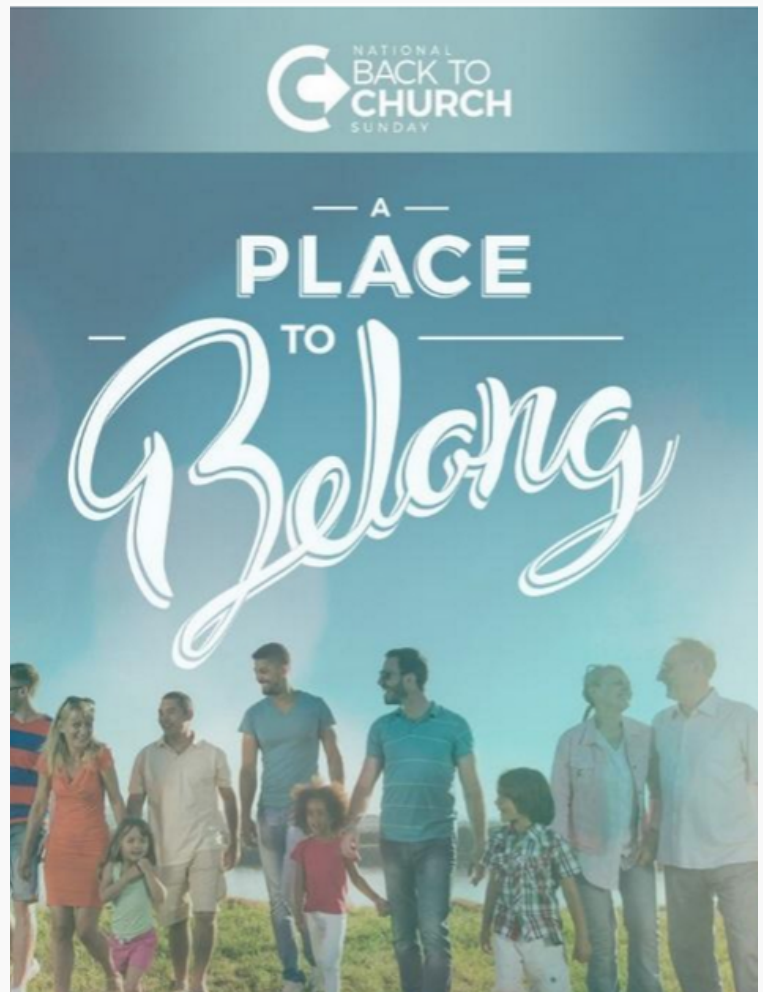
OCTOBER 11, 7PM



### **BIG BALL MARATHON**

**IMMANUEL PLAYS  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2  
9AM  
FRONT FIELD**

No Skills Needed  
Come out and have fun!



## **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY** **September 10**

September 10th, is our Back to Church Sunday and Community picnic.

We welcome those who have been away and those trying to settle in to the new school year to come and worship with us and stay for the picnic. More details to come soon, but invite your family and friends now!



God is good, all the time. I think it is important to remember this when the world around us is falling apart. When peaceful protests end in death, when everyday activities can be disrupted without warning by someone with an agenda contrary to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is important to be reminded that God is good.

Because sometimes we forget.

Sometimes we forget how God desires to give us the best life possible, because we are unsure of what that is. Or even if such a thing is possible. Make no mistake, not everyone in the world views things the same way. Not everyone desires your life to be blessed. Not everyone wants you to have peace, hope, joy and love. That is why Jesus came.

Jesus came to give us what the world never could. He came to give hope first to a nation that was occupied and oppressed, and then to the whole world that was under slavery to sin and death. He came to let us know that God loves us, even those who the world considered unlovable, such as the lepers and invalids, the outcasts and the downtrodden. He came to give us freedom: freedom to love, freedom to live and freedom to help others find the hope of Jesus Christ.

When the pressures of the world, the weight of worry and the disconcert of current affairs leave you tired and worn out, Jesus has an answer. In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Come to Jesus. Spend time in prayer. Spend time reading his words. Spend time in worship and recognize that life is more than the events of the world. Life is in our relationships, starting with the one that started you, God. Jesus will give you rest, peace and encouragement.

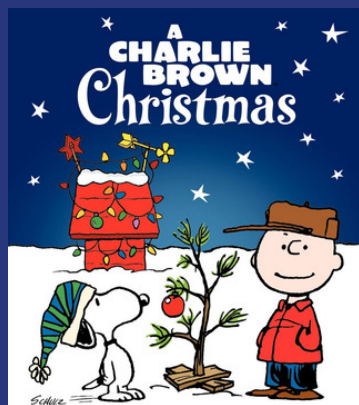
The book of James also offers this: "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." (4:8a). God is with us but sometimes we don't feel it because we have pulled away from God. But if we draw near to God, spending quiet time with God each day, then we will be renewed and feel refreshed and know for certain the truth that all the time, God is good.

Still drawing near,

*Pastor Hayden*

# Townsend Parade and Fair

The Townsend Fair and Parade will be Saturday September 23rd and as the only church in town we need to have a presence. We are looking for volunteers to walk or ride in the parade and to help man the booth at the fair. Let's have a great turnout to show the town, we are their church since 1871! To sign-up, please see the sheet on the bulletin board, or call the church at 378-8203.



**A Charlie Brown Christmas Auditions**  
**Sunday, September 24, 4pm**  
**Ages 4-12**  
**Contact Pastor Hayden for more information**  
*[pastorhayden@verizon.net](mailto:pastorhayden@verizon.net)*





Our Fall Bible Study will begin on Monday, September 18th, at 7:00PM. All are encouraged to attend. Just bring a Bible, a note pad and a pen as we delve into God's Word together.



Anyone interested in joining the congregation of Immanuel is welcome to attend our New Members seminar Saturday, October 21 from 9-3. Lunch and materials will be provided. To register, please email Pastor Hayden by October 15th.



November 5, 2017 will be our annual All-Saints celebration. If you have a Christian loved one who has died since November of last year, we would like to honor and remember them at this celebration.

Please contact Pastor Hayden by October 28th to have your loved one included in this special service.

## Contemporary Service Update

After much deliberation and prayer, Pastor Hayden has decided to cancel the contemporary service until there is enough congregational support to make it successful. With the pastor's current time constraints, fitting the service in to the limited window made it difficult and the every other week format made it difficult for new comers to find consistency. We do believe that a need for such a service still exists and we hope that those interested will help to design and push for its re-emergence soon. Thank you for those who have helped to make it happen thus far and we look forward to future opportunities to worship in a new way.



The District Superintendent has announced our annual Charge Conference to be held on October 11 at 7PM. This is an opportunity for the church to report on its ministries and activities for the year. Everyone is invited to attend, and all those on the Church Council are expected to be in attendance. All committee chairs are to have narrative reports and all appropriate forms in to Pastor Hayden by September 30th.

## The Bishop's Day on the District

Every year our bishop, Rev. Peggy Johnson invites the laity from the district to spend an evening with her, hearing directly from her heart for our conference. There is usually time to ask questions as well. This year she is including an opportunity for dinner. This year it will be held at Cornerstone UMC in Bear on Thursday October 26th with the dinner starting at 5:30 and the session starting at 6:30 and going until 8:00PM. Registration information will be coming soon, but mark your calendars now.



## CALLING ALL YOUTH, GRADES 6-12

The youth rooms are ready, with space for study, games and relaxing all we need is for you and your friends to join us the first and third Sundays every month at 12:30. We will begin September 3rd and we look forward to planning a great year of fun! For more information contact Shawn Gagnon or Heather LoRusso.



Kids Wow for fall is kicking off on September 10th! Kids Wow is for children from Kindergarten to Sixth grade. Feel free to tell or invite children in your neighborhood! This fall we will be using the Deep Blue Kids curriculum, Learn & Serve. We will do bible lessons and crafts and other fun things to learn about Jesus and ways to serve in our homes and communities. We could use some more teachers and helpers! If you would be willing to help out a week, you don't even need to teach, one Sunday a month or occasionally please let me know. Any help is appreciated. We adhere to safe sanctuary rules which requires at least two adults in the room where children are present as well as background checks.



As the calendar turns to August, we turn our thoughts to the return of the Choir! We are looking to expand our Choir and extend an invitation to anyone who wants to sing to join us on Thursday nights from 7-8pm starting September 7th. We are also looking for soloists to fill in throughout the year and over the summer. If you play an instrument or sing but can't commit to a weekly rehearsal, please let me know and we'll find a time that you're available to play or sing for the congregation.

This year, we're going to be working on a cantata. Let me know if you're interested in participating on that.

Thanks, and keep making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

*Debbie Edwards*

*Choir Director*



Debbie Edwards, Church Historian

I can't tell you how excited I was to find the documents that will support a request for a historical marker. The church building has been in constant use since it was erected in 1871 - over 100 years. We are just shy of 150 years as a congregation so we cannot add that to our marker, but we're getting there. Imagine...we have been serving the spiritual needs of the Townsend area for over 100 years. I head to Barratt's Chapel to review what documents they may have for the church and congregation and I'll document them in our inventory.

Please make sure to keep a copy of any minutes, financial reports, and membership lists for the groups that you belong to. If you need help or a place to store them, please contact me and I'll get you set up. Anyone interested in helping with the Church History project, please leave me your name and number (put it on the Organ) and I'll dial you in.





# Relay *Update*

We became “Pirates of the Cure-a-bean” for the 2017 Relay for Life. Our team walked the plank, sunk ships, dressed up like sea monsters and pirates and walked many laps while raising \$15,871 for the fight against cancer to become the top fund raising team. We had 5 of the top 10 fund raisers at the event. Our camp site won first prize for site decoration and we also won the overall top spirit award. Thanks to all of our congregation, friends and family for making this all possible. A special shout out to those who stayed up all night to participate in the overnight activities and theme laps.

The sleepless night was worth it as together we will find a cure!



We've had a quiet summer. The group went to Frazier's in Dover for our summer get together in June. We donated to Vacation Bible School.

In the Fall, we will probably be serving a dinner or two.

If you'd like to join 3M's, just let Kay Heinold or any member know....or just show up at a function...we'd be glad to have you.





United  
Methodist  
Women

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Next Meeting:  
September 13, 7pm  
Purple Room Upstairs  
All Women Welcome!

Look Out For Information On These Upcoming Events

Fall Festival  
Hanging of the Greens  
Christmas Eve  
Mission Opportunities

**Immanuel United Methodist Church**

# **Annual Bazaar and Dinner**

**November 4, 2017**

**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



**209 Main Street, Townsend**



## *500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reformation Worship Service*

*Sunday, October 29, 2017*

*4:00 p.m.*

*Trinity Episcopal Church*

*1108 N Adams St*

*Wilmington, DE 19801*

A collaboration of the following:



The Episcopal Church



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