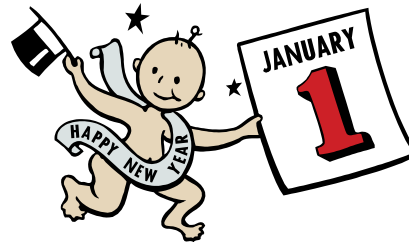


IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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January 2011



January Worship Schedule

Sunday mornings - the heart of our life together

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

10:00 a.m. All ages gather for worship in the Sanctuary, Pastor Anne preaching.

10:15 a.m. 2nd and 5th Sundays – Children's Church.

11:00 a.m. Fellowship time with refreshments.

January 2 – Epiphany Sunday.

We share in Holy Communion, celebrating the day traditionally associated with the Three Kings arriving at Jesus' birthplace. "Epiphany" means a "revealing" or "manifesting," and we will explore how the Word incarnate is made manifest to the world. Texts include Sirach 24:1-12, Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21 and John 1:1-18.

January 9 – Baptism of Jesus.

We consider the Baptism of Jesus as described by Matthew 3:12-17, and ponder the meaning of baptism in our own lives. Texts also include Isaiah 42:1-9 and Psalm 29.

January 16 – 2nd Sunday in Epiphany.

With our Annual Meeting immediately following worship, our texts guide us to consider: "for us as a church, what does it look like to follow Jesus?" Readings include Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11 and John 1:29-42.

January 23 – DISCOVERY SUNDAY – 3rd Sunday in Epiphany.

Sunday morning looks a bit different today! Join us for singing, praise and small group discussion about the history of Immanuel Church. We begin in the Sanctuary and then move to Fellowship Hall. Led by our Interim Team, we will explore both the blessings and challenges through the years, with an eye towards God's leading into the future. Understanding our history is an important part of the Interim process before calling a new settled pastor. Come, share your perspectives! Plan to join us from 10:00-11:30 am, with refreshments included. Children will have a special program from 10:30-11:30 am.

January 30 – 4th Sunday in Epiphany.

The words of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount brings a curious vision of a new age, where poverty, mourning, and meekness are strangely praised. Considering these words in Matthew 5: 1-12, we will explore together this paradoxical "emptiness of heart" that Jesus invites in his followers. Texts also include Micah 6:1-8 and Psalm 15.

From the Interim Pastor

The Rev. Anne Swallow Gillis

“Your light has come, the Glory of the Lord shines upon you! (from Isaiah 60)

It has been said that the Light of Christ beams so radiantly at his birth, and heralds such a tremendous mystery, that a final Feast day is needed to close the Christmas season. Celebrations of the Feast of Epiphany happen all over the world, and mark the beginning of the season of *Epiphania*. This Greek word means “revealing” or “manifestation,” and is a time to ponder in what ways this tiny child born in a humble manger might be God incarnate. It is a time to wonder together about our part in helping the Light of Christ, the Prince of Peace, to shine in our families, our work, our community and our wider world.

These are important annual visioning tasks for any congregation, and especially so for Immanuel United Church of Christ as we move through this interim period between settled pastors. During January, your Interim Team is urging you to take part in an essential part of moving into the future as a church: understanding, celebrating and coming to terms with your history. The Team has designed a process, which they hope will facilitate the sharing of varied perspectives about Immanuel’s past. On **Discovery Sunday, January 23**, members and friends are invited to tell the stories of both the blessings and challenges that this church has experienced. I will join the Interim Team in leading us through a unique Sunday morning time of shared worship, small group discussion and fellowship. Small groups will be led by the Interim Team; individual responses will not be debated, but heard and carefully recorded. This is our chance to review Immanuel’s history, celebrate those times when God has moved powerfully among you, and better learn from those times that have been difficult.

Congregations that take the time to review, and better understand, their histories typically are able to select and connect more positively with a new pastor. These congregations are able to understand and change patterns of interaction and governance that have not served the membership and staff well. They are able to clarify their identity by affirming their basic values and core beliefs. They are able to prayerfully discern and articulate their sense of vision for their future more clearly. They are then able to use this crucial information to help them make a good match with their next settled pastor.

Along with the Interim Team (Bill Bair, Susan Collins, Patsy Creighton, Debbie Robbins, Roger Segar and Joyce Wise), I urge you to join us for Discovery Sunday. Each of your voices is valued, and need to be heard! May God guide us in our sharing and listening to one another.

In ministry with you,

Anne

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Lisa Dixon, Custodian

WHAT A JOYOUS DECEMBER!

The generosity and goodwill of this congregation was truly evident throughout the Advent and Christmas season! A number of helping hands decorated our Sanctuary and Narthex right before Thanksgiving, and our Choir Director Curtis White and pianist Lynne Breil led our Choir in beautiful and inspiring Christmas music through December. Thanks go to George Barnett and CR Newman for preparing us on Jesus' upcoming birthday, with their John the Baptist and Santa Claus worship drama, and the Christmas Education Board for the annual Christmas lunch, which followed. The Christian Education Board also helped Pastor Anne guide our children and youth in a dramatic presentation of the Christmas Story during worship the following Sunday, complete with angels in the pulpit and a nasty King Herod.

Headed towards Christmas, candles and poinsettias appeared throughout the Sanctuary, thanks to Helen and David Krom, Janice Haller, Patsy Creighton, Keith Malkus, and Patti and David Cannon, Sr. On Christmas Eve, we delighted in a packed Sanctuary as the Choir opened worship with a tender and haunting medieval chant, accompanied by Chris Gillis on an African drum. Amidst the scripture lessons and carols, voices soared to piano and tambourine as the Choir belted-out the lively spiritual, "Jesus, O Jesus, What a Wonderful Child." With the Choir taking a break the Sunday after Christmas, a small group of intrepid worshippers braved the snowstorm. Sensing a need for a more intimate worship time, Pastor Anne invited everyone to sit in the front pews, jettisoned her prepared sermon and shared an extended Christmas story. Spiritually fortified, we all enjoyed hot coffee, cookies and conversation before digging out vehicles in the parking lot!

Finally, we acknowledge the ongoing generosity of this congregation, as it reaches out to those in need. Ted Malkus, Jan Strain and Marlene Waldis delivered poinsettias to our homebound members, and over \$500 was received for the United Church of Christ Christmas Fund to help our low-income retired pastors. Many of you made donations for our Salvation Army Families gift project and our Church Narthex was filled with bicycles and wrapped toys! Seven bikes, piles of gifts, holiday food boxes and turkeys were delivered to five homes of Cambridge families in need. Thanks also to those who joined me to make the deliveries: Danny Luthy (our intrepid church bus driver), Garrett Luthy, Robin Moore, Jacob Moore, Mitchell Powell, and Kim Leonard. Robin continued to disperse funds to those in need through the month, and we were able to help 28 households have a merrier Christmas.

May the Light of Christ continue to burn in our hearts!

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**WILD GAME DINNER
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15
4:30 P.M. - UNTIL**

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16
FOLLOWING WORSHIP 11:15 A.M.

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Member January Birthday Wishes go to:

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| Kari Lynn Tolley | 1/2 |
| Carter Richard Warfield | 1/3 |
| Mike Jones | 1/3 |
| John Philip Giese | 1/6 |
| Courtney Travers | 1/8 |
| Bill Gore | 1/10 |
| Jason Burton | 1/10 |
| Wallace Dodson | 1/11 |
| Brian Burton | 1/12 |
| Jacob Moore | 1/12 |
| Donald Knauer | 1/13 |
| Ashton Elzey | 1/13 |
| Elsa Schnoor | 1/14 |
| Thelma Smith | 1/14 |
| Freddie Schnoor | 1/14 |
| Garrett Luthy | 1/15 |
| William Foxwell, Jr. | 1/17 |
| Jay Mitchell Simmons | 1/18 |
| Howard Todd, Jr. | 1/19 |
| Alison Luthy Cherry | 1/19 |
| Thomas Paul Jones | 1/20 |
| Debbie Collins | 1/22 |
| Sarah Todd | 1/23 |
| Arianna Spillman-Wise | 1/26 |
| Tammy Luthy | 1/28 |
| William Brady Lyons | 1/30 |
| Dave Leonard | 1/31 |



Congratulations to those celebrating a
January Anniversary:

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| Beverly & Ray Shelly | 1/9 |
| Patti & David Cannon | 1/13 |
| Barbara & Phil Albert | 1/15 |
| Debi & Jay Book | 1/29 |
| Ann & Mahmood Shariff | 1/30 |

Please advise the church office of
any changes.



IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST: *You are invited to remember these people in prayer*

Members of Immanuel:

Grace Louise ADKINS, at Mallard Bay
Andrew ALBERT, undergoing treatment for cancer
Dorothy BURTON at home
Norma Lee BURTON, recovering from surgery at home
Marilyn CUSICK, facing health challenges at home
Bill FOXWELL, facing health challenges
Christ FOXWELL, facing breast cancer surgery, January 6
Frank HOGE, health issues, recuperating at home
Virginia LYONS, at Chesapeake Woods
Helen MALKUS, facing health issues, at home
Dickie ROBBINS, undergoing treatment for leukemia
The ROSENCRANCE family, in the recent death of Erma, Lou Jones' mother
Isabelle SHELLY, at Chesapeake Woods
Dan and Jane SIDES, facing health challenges
Frank SPILLMAN and family, in the recent death of his mother, Mildred Spillman



Friends of Immanuel Church:

Betty ABBOTT, at Chesapeake Woods
Carole Ann BROHAWN, daughter of Marilyn Cusick, facing surgery
Kim BROHAWN, granddaughter of Marilyn Cusick, facing MS
Shirley BURTON, mother of Robin Moore, hip surgery
Aaron DECKENBACK, recovering from a broken arm
Debra DUNHAM - stomach cancer, friend of Debi Book
William ELLIOTT, facing health issues, friend of Terry & Bill Malkus
Kenny ELZEY, Julia Newman's father, at Chesapeake Woods
Mary GARBER, grandmother of Dennis Katulis, health issues
Doris GOSLIN, by-pass surgery on New Year's Eve, friend of Beverly Shelly
Minnie HALL, mother of Tammy Luthy, facing health challenges
Stanley KATULIS, father of Dennis Katulis
Sydney KEYES, Sr., father of Sydney Keyes, Jr., at Chesapeake Woods
Jean OUTTEN, at Harbor Point, Salisbury, friend of Ted Malkus
Rosa PRITCHETT, recovering from fall at Chesapeake Woods
Jordan SHOCKLEY, recuperating at home, friend of Patti Cannon
Bradie TODD, newborn, friend of the Dodson family and congregation, at UMD Hospital
JoAnn WATERS, cousin of George Barnett, undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer

Those Serving in Our Armed Forces:

Vincent JARMAN
Michael PATRICK
Seth PRUETT
Blake TURNER, U.S. Marine Corp, nephew of Robin Moore
Cody TURNER, U.S. Marine Corp, nephew of Robin Moore
Kregory TYLER, U.S. Navy, grandson of Janice Haller & Don & Patsy Creighton
Ruth WILSON
Jimmy WINDSOR*, U.S. Army, friend of Suzy & Dennis Katulis

***Member of Immanuel UCC**



2011 Usher List

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| Jan | 2 | Debi and Jay Book, C. R. Newman, Dennis Katulis |
| | 9 | Charlotte and Chuck Hanson, Carole and Roger Segar |
| | 16 | Philip Jackson, Danny Luthy, Kathy Kelly, Max Schnoor |
| | 23 | Helen Krom, Dennis and Lou Jones, Jim Creighton |
| | 30 | John Breil, Bill Bair, Pat Creighton, Patti Cannon |
| Feb | 6 | Wallace Dodson, Frank Spillman, Diane and Jim Murphy |
| | 13 | Robin and John Moore, Debi and Jay Book |
| | 20 | Dennis and Suzy Katulis, C. R. Newman, Kathy Kelly |
| | 27 | Charlotte and Chuck Hanson, Carole and Roger Segar |
| Mar | 6 | Max Schnoor, Danny Luthy, Dennis and Lou Jones |
| | 13 | John Breil, Bill Bair, Pat Creighton, Patti Cannon |
| | 20 | Jim Creighton, Helen Krom, Robin and John Moore |
| | 27 | Wallace Dodson, C. R. Newman, John Adkins, Frank Spillman |
| Apr | 3 | Kathy Kelly, Calvin Malkus, Dennis and Suzy Katulis |
| | 10 | Charlotte and Chuck Hanson, Carole and Roger Segar |
| | 17 | Dennis and Lou Jones, Jay and Debi Book |
| | 24 | Philip Jackson, Diane and Jim Murphy, Frank Spillman |
| May | 1 | John Breil, Bill Bair, Pat Creighton, Patti Cannon |
| | 8 | Kathy Kelly, Robin and John Moore, Helen Krom |
| | 15 | Danny Luthy, Jim Creighton, C. R. Newman, Dennis Katulis |
| | 22 | Charlotte and Chuck Hanson, Carole and Roger Segar |
| | 29 | Philip Jackson, Jay and Debi Book, John Adkins |
| June | 5 | Wallace Dodson, C. R. Newman, Dennis Katulis, Frank Spillman |
| | 12 | Kathy Kelly, Calvin Malkus, Carole Segar, Charlotte Hanson |
| | 19 | Dennis and Lou Jones, Danny Luthy, Helen Krom |
| | 26 | Pat Creighton, Patti Cannon, Bill Bair, Philip Jackson |

Acolytes for January

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| Jan | 2 | Harrison Spies |
| | 9 | Logan Middleton & DJ Elzey |
| | 16 | Maggie Meilhammer |
| | 23 | Joycelyn Spies |
| | 30 | Kari Tolley & Abigail Spillman-Wise |

CALL TO THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 – 11:15 A.M.

In accordance with our Immanuel United Church of Christ Bylaws, Article V, an annual meeting for conducting business of the Congregation is to be held each January. At this upcoming meeting, all members and friends of the Congregation are invited to attend and participate, however, only members are eligible to vote. Agenda for this year's meeting will include:

1. Discussion and Vote on 2011 Budget (copies in Narthex).
2. Nominations for Church Council and Vote
 - a. Dennis Katulis
 - b. CR Newman
 - c. Carol Segar
 - d. John (Tate) Moore
3. Interim Team's Report – update on the work of our interim period between settled pastors.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AT IMMANUEL

Join the folks helping serve the Emergency Cold-Weather Shelter: We are bringing a hot dinner, light breakfast and bag lunches for about a dozen guests at the Shelter, twice a month through the end of March. On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Frank Spillman prepares dinner, and other volunteers are needed to purchase and pack lunches, and to join Pastor Anne in delivering the food to the Shelter at 6:00 pm, at the corner of Washington and Race Streets. We meet the guests and monitor, serve dinner and provide a compassionate presence for those experiencing hardship during the cold winter months. Food costs are reimbursed by our Missions Committee funds. Sign-up in the Narthex or call the office.

Help provide a hospitality time following worship: As Pastor Anne says, "good worship should make us hungry!" Our experiment with "coffee hour" in the Narthex in December has been quite successful. We now have a relaxed time to welcome new-comers and connect with one another following worship. Sign-up in the Narthex if you can help set-up, clean-up or provide goodies one Sunday.

Come enjoy WILD GAME and support a good cause! This annual church fundraiser is always a treat. No tickets are sold, and cost is by donation. The men start serving the food at **4:30 pm....until it is gone!** Be sure to come early and taste some delicious local game and side dishes.