

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September/October 2010

Dear Beloved in Christ,

As we begin our journey with our interim pastor, The Rev. Anne Swallow Gillis - we would like to have you join in welcoming her and her husband, Chris.

Rev. Gillis will be in the office on August 16th and her first worship service at Immanuel, with Holy Communion, will be on Sunday, August 22nd. She will be making her home while with us at the parsonage, 2903 Cedarwoods Road in Cambridge.

Come and get to know both Rev. Gillis and her husband following worship service where a lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Gillis will be with us for a year or possibly longer - helping us follow the United Church of Christ guidelines for calling a permanent pastor. I know she will want to get to know us as much as we want to know her. Please come to the luncheon and welcome her!

In the last newsletter, we requested information and a picture for a Children's Welcoming Book to be presented to Rev. Gillis. While we have received some very nice photos of our Sunday School kids, we would like to include them all. Please drop off your information forms and a picture at the church office, give to your Sunday School teacher or put it in our locked mailbox. In case you lost your form, another one is included in this newsletter. (The picture does not have to be studio quality, just a snapshot would do.)

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TURN RIGHT - USE THE LIGHT - Be safe!

MISSION'S

Our Mission Board has been busy with the start up of school gathering supplies for the following elementary schools: Choptank, Hurlock, South Dorchester, Maple, Warwick, Vienna and Sandy Hill. Provided among other items were notebooks, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, rulers and pencil cases. These supplies provide a much needed resource for the children attending these schools. Your gifts to Special Benevolence help many! Thank You.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP...

Is for young people 6th grade & up. We get together about every other week for either fellowship, fund raising, and/or activities. We are looking forward to seeing all of our young people again - we hope you have had a great summer!

Fellowship time is held from 6:00 - 8 p.m. on a Sunday, and includes food (usually pizza), games, music & a brief meeting/lesson. Kids are welcome to come & bring a friend, cd's (no foul language), & games. We have several games on hand, welcome others. Next Fellowship time will be Sunday, August 29 - at which time we'll work on planning our fall/winter dates and events.

Fund Raising - such as car washes, bake sales, etc. - is done to help with costs of food, supplies, and also to allow us to take the kids on activities.

Activities that we've done before include Overnight lock-ins at the church, Breckenridge Farms' Corn Maze, Paintball, An afternoon in Ocean City, movies & more. Ideas from the kids are welcomed, talked over & decided on.

When we have a fall schedule available, we will post it, and try to send out reminders via text message, e-mail, myspace, facebook.

Looking forward to seeing all the young people.

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**“from Jesus’ fullness,
We have all received, grace upon grace.”**

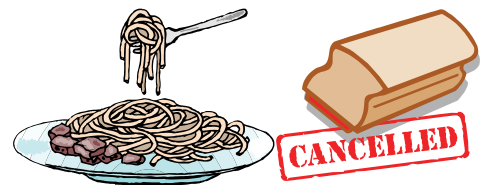
John 1:16

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The Missions **Spaghetti Dinner** scheduled for August 28th, has been cancelled.

Mark your calendars now for the Missions Breakfast to be held November 7th.
More details to follow in our next newsletter.

Next Mission Meeting - September 16th 7:30 p.m.



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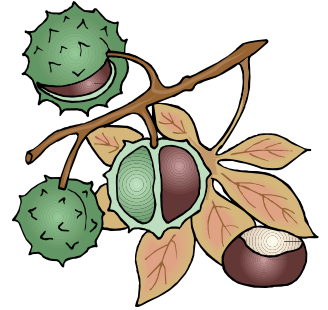
Welcome our newest arrivals:

May 29 Giselle Grace Burton, daughter of Jen and Brian Burton
July 7 Luke Lewis Cherry, son of Alison and Jeff Cherry
July 21 Kent William Giese, son of Michael and Danielle Giese

Nuts for Hoffman Home

Again this year, as an extra gift to **Hoffman Homes for Youth**, Beverly Shelly will be selling a quality selection of nuts. **Nuts** available are: Pecan Halves; Light Walnuts; Black Walnuts; Deluxe Mix; Cashews; Praline Pecans; **Chocolate coated** items are: Cashews; Almonds; Raisins; Peanuts; Dark Chocolate Bridge Mix; Pecan Clusters and Mint Melt-A-Ways. Also available: Almond Cranberry Granola.

Please see Beverly Shelly after church or call 410-228-4890 (Cecille's Beauty Salon, Inc.) or 410-228-7192 (home) to place your order.



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BBQ CHICKEN

We are still working out the details, but planning for our Chicken Barbeque is being finalized.
Date: September 19.



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OKTOBERFEST at Immanuel United Church of Christ will be held on Saturday, October 23rd. 4:30 p.m. German Dinner - Carry Outs Available. Look for more information in our next newsletter.

PRAYER LIST

If you know of someone who is sick or in the hospital and would like to have them added to our prayer list, please contact the office 410-228-4640. Also, please let us know when there name can be removed from the prayer list. Thank you for helping to keep our prayer list up to date.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - THANKS!

A special thank you to all the organizers, teachers and workers at this year's Vacation Bible School. It was a terrific success, and I know that much work went into it's planning and conduct.

A famous quote goes something like this: "No one ever stands so tall as when he (or she) stoops to help a child." Immanuel had many standing tall at VBS.

BITS 'N PIECES...OF NEWS!

Everyone will agree that our choir added much to our services this past winter. Choir rehearsal will resume on Thursday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. Come...sing to God's glory.

Choir Members and prospective choir members - mark your calendar for a Choir Picnic to be held on Sunday, September 5th at Jock Luthy's home 4508 Maple Dam Rd, Cambridge, MD). Bring a covered dish to share, drinks and lawn chair. BBQ Chicken will be provided. Please RSVP September 1st to 410-463-0985.

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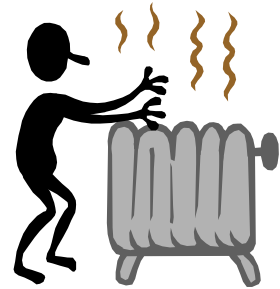
HELPING OTHERS

Immanuel UCC has seen a large increase in the number of people coming to us for help paying rent, electric, or other utilities. Certainly a discouraging sign in these troubling times. Many people come also looking for food. While we do not have a pantry, your generosity in bringing canned goods and other non-perishables to place in our basket, has allowed us to offer something to these people also. Our Mission Board is working on plans for a Mission Breakfast in November at which time we will raise funds for Special Benevolence. In the meantime, gifts to that fund are always appreciated. Bless you for your thoughtfulness!

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PREPARE FOR WINTER, NOW!

It is time to start thinking about
**PRE-PAID FUEL FOR THE 2010 – 2011
HEATING SEASON GOAL: \$8,500**



Please make your check payable to Immanuel UCC
Memo – “Pre-Paid Fuel”
Could you help us warm the church? Thank you.

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ALL CHURCH PICNIC AT IMMANUEL UCC

Sunday, September 12, after worship
Bring a dish to share, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers on the grill
Cold Drinks provided... Bingo, Games & Fellowship!
Remember, Bring a Yard Chair and crab knife (just in case)
See you then!

