



# TOWER CHIMES

Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

April 2011

**Keeping faith  
in the city  
since 1837**

**We will glorify God**  
in our worship and service,  
"equipping the saints"  
to show the good news  
of Jesus Christ  
by the story we tell,  
by the values we live,  
by the choices we make;

**We will grow in faith,**  
manifesting its joy and risk,  
nurturing new generations  
in its promises,  
and inviting others  
to share the journey;

**We will attend to  
human need**  
in both  
congregation and world,  
address the issues  
of our time in dialogue  
with our faith, and  
affirm the love and teachings  
of Jesus Christ  
through our mission.

Mission Statement  
Immanuel Presbyterian  
Church

## *Worship with us* *Holy Week and Easter*

**PALM SUNDAY , April 17**

**10:00 Worship**

*"The kingdom, the power, and the glory" (Dr. Block)*

**11:15 Procession with Palms**

**Upper Room Meal and the Lord's Supper**

*Gather the people, tell the stories, break the bread. Jesus is there, in our midst.*

A unique Holy Week experience for disciples of all ages.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 21**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper + 7:30 p.m.**

The Last Supper and Jesus' Betrayal and Denial (Matthew 26)

*Selections from the St. Matthew Passion by J.S. Bach*

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 22**

**A Service of Tenebrae + 7:30 p.m.**

The Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus (Matthew 27)

*Selections from the St. Matthew Passion by J.S. Bach*

*featuring the chorale, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 23**

**Easter Vigil + 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

*"This most holy night ...*

*when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life"*

Candle light, readings, Baptism and Communion proclaim the resurrection

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, April 24**

**Easter Morning + 10:00 Worship**

Organ and tympani prelude concert at 9:45

**"Morning Has Broken" (Dr. Block)**

The Immanuel Chancel Choir:

**"Christ, Lord Is Risen" by Leoncavallo**

See our web site for Easter Sunday parking information

## IMMANUEL WELCOMES The First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee

On Sunday, April 10, Immanuel will welcome our neighbors from the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee for a special service in the Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. Comparable to Immanuel in size, the Unitarians are unable to fit their entire congregation into their worship space and are grateful for the opportunity to take advantage of our larger Sanctuary for a special annual service.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Sunday, May 15 Annual Program Meeting at 11:15 Chagall Art Exhibit Outing at 12:30

Circle Sunday, May 15 on your calendar for two important events at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Following worship, the Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Upper Room at 11:15. "The year in review" will be presented by the elders and deacons involved in the various programs of the congregation and new elders and deacons will be elected. All reports from the various committees should be received in the church office by Monday, May 9.

Following the meeting, the Parish Life Council will host an outing to visit one of our neighbors, the Milwaukee Jewish Museum at 1360 N. Prospect Avenue. An exhibit entitled *The Children of Israel Journeyed: Selections from the Chagall Bibles Series* is on display. Watch the May issue of Tower Chimes for more information.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN "IMMANUEL EARTH STEWARD"? Weed pullers needed this spring and summer

In partnership with the Landscaping Committee, the Immanuel Earth Stewards are recruiting volunteers to help pull weeds at least once a week during the spring and early summer. A new non-chemical fertilization program is being implemented for a portion of the church lawn that will require regular weeding during the spring and summer months for the next few years. Would you like to help? Contact Jim Green to add your name to the list. He will develop a schedule based on your availability.

### BREWERS FANS! Save the date~ July 31

Immanuel's Brewers game outing to Miller Park is planned for Sunday afternoon, July 31.  
Watch for more details this summer!

## INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH this Holy Week and Easter

Immanuel's journey through Holy Week into the joyful hope of Easter provides a wonderful opportunity to introduce new friends to the life and ministry of this congregation. A special Holy Week and Easter invitation will appear on Facebook again this year and invitations will be mailed to approximately 16,000 Immanuel neighbors, friends, and recent visitors. A radio advertisement will air on WUWM with an invitation to Holy Week and Easter morning worship.

While these efforts are important in raising Immanuel's profile in the community, research shows that newcomers respond most effectively to a *personal invitation* from someone they know. So as you make your plans to worship this Holy Week and Easter, consider who you might invite to share the journey.

### THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY "Welcome to Immanuel Church!"

These words, on the lips of ushers and Welcome Team greeters each Sunday morning, welcome new and old friends alike to Immanuel Church. The smiling faces of ushers and greeters are often the first faces many worshipers see on Sunday morning and can help set the tone for a positive worship experience, especially for visitors. *Would you like to serve as an usher or member of the Sunday morning "Welcome Team"?*

Welcome Team members greet worshipers, invite newcomers to stay for coffee and adult education, and help new friends find their way around the church buildings. Ushers seat worshipers and collect and present the offerings of the congregation.

Do you have a warm smile and gift for welcoming new friends? Contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757) to learn more about assisting with these important ministries of welcome and hospitality.

### IMMANUEL'S RESALE SHOP Open Saturday, May 7

The Immanuel ReSale Shop will be open on Saturday, May 7. Additional volunteers are needed to help with set-up, sales, and security. If you are interested in assisting, please sign up on the sheets in the Parlor, or call the church office (414-276-4757). Donations for the ReSale Shop may be brought to the coat room on Sunday mornings, or to the church office during regular business hours. Located in the lower level of Waverly House, the ReSale Shop is regularly open Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from the ReSale Shop supports Immanuel's mission programs.

*"Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul . . ."*

**IMMANUEL CHURCH  
GALLERY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE  
at Preservation Framing  
in the Third Ward  
Friday evening, April 15  
5:30 until 8:00**

On Friday evening, April 15, all are invited to gather with a group of Immanuel friends for Gallery Night in the Historic Third Ward. The Parish Life Council and its Fine Arts Coordinator Leslie Davis will host an Open House gathering at Leslie's studio and work space, Preservation Framing, on the sixth floor of the Phoenix Building (219 N. Milwaukee Street). Inspired by Emily Dickinson's poem, "Hope is the thing with feathers," the gathering will feature a beautiful display of water color plates from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century book *Our Native Birds of Song and Beauty* published in Milwaukee by George Brumder. Several original bird paintings by Immanuel friend and "ecumenical member" Sister Karlyn Cauley will also be on display. Refreshments will be served and guests will be able to see some of Leslie's conservation work in action. Although a reply to this invitation is not necessary, if you plan to attend please sign-up in the Parlor on Sunday morning or contact Ms. Richter in the church office ([ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org), 414-276-4757). Parking will be available for \$2.00 in the Historic Third Ward lot across the street from the Phoenix Building. Invite a friend and join us for Gallery Night!

**COUNTDOWN!**

**April 2012 Marks Our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

In April of 1837 the founding members signed the covenant of the First Presbyterian Church of Milwaukee. It was *the* first church of any denomination to be organized in the frontier settlement. In April of 2012 -- a year from now -- the congregation will mark its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Plans are already under way for a year of commemoration and looking forward. Historian John Gurda is updating the history book written for the sesquicentennial in 1987, which will be reprinted in a special second edition. A task force is at work to assess our future needs for education and program space; another group is considering the possibilities of returning organ pipes to the chancel, replacing the deteriorating grill cloth with something more architecturally consistent with the historic style of the Sanctuary. The session is considering ways to celebrate our historically strong mission commitments and grow into new directions of service and leadership. The congregation will be invited to share ideas later this spring. Immanuel has a legacy to be thankful for with humility and a future to embrace with boldness!

**"EASTER PARADE"**

**Church tour for new friends  
Easter morning, April 24 at 11:30**

Are you new to Immanuel Church? Have you been visiting with us? Would you like to see the church buildings? Join Mr. Ater after worship on Easter Sunday for our own "Easter Parade" as we tour the church buildings. As we walk, we'll talk about the congregation's historic and vital presence in the city and the mission and values that have guided Immanuel for nearly 175 years. Enjoy a morning bun in the Parlor and then meet Mr. Ater by the "Welcome Table" in the Great Hall at 11:30. A prospective member dinner and orientation will be held on Sunday evening, May 22. For more information about either of these events contact Mr. Ater in the church office ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org); 414-276-4757).

**“SHARING BRINGS JOY... to others, to God, and to us”  
One Great Hour of Sharing 2011**

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to extend the love of God to people experiencing need. Gifts to this special ecumenical offering support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future. As Presbyterians, our contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing support these programs:

**The Presbyterian Hunger Program** not only provides direct relief through food pantries and meal programs, but also supports domestic and international efforts to help people become self-sufficient through agricultural, nutrition, and public health programs.

**The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA)** witnesses to the love of Christ by caring for people and communities affected by crises and catastrophes. Most recently, PDA has supported relief operations and outreach to displaced persons in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami there last month.

**The Presbyterian Self-Development of People Ministry** creates partnerships with grass-roots organizations to provide opportunities for people to gain control over their own lives, establish self-reliance, and find pertinent solutions to real problems.

Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference in the lives of real people, and serve as a powerful witness to the healing love of Christ at work in the world. Our offerings will be dedicated during worship on Sunday, May 1.



**JOIN “TEAM IMMANUEL”  
for Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity’s  
House Raising Week  
June 13-17, 2011**

An Immanuel team is forming again this year to help build safe, decent, affordable homes in the city of Milwaukee during Habitat for Humanity’s “House Raising Week,” June 13-17. This is a great way to get to know other Immanuel members while making a significant contribution to the community.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. They may sign up to work for one day or all week, but must work full days (8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.). Previous experience is not required, but people with building skills are encouraged to volunteer.

If you are interested in being part of an Immanuel building team, please sign up as soon as possible on the Milwaukee Habitat website ([www.milwaukeehabitat.org](http://www.milwaukeehabitat.org)). Click on the “Volunteer” tab, then on “Blitz Build Weeks.” You will be asked if you are registering as an individual or as part of a group; sign up with Immanuel Presbyterian Church, which is listed as a “group.” If you have questions, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757) or Jenny Vellinga. There will be an information and orientation session at 12:00 noon on Sunday, May 1.

Habitat for Humanity provides the opportunity for home ownership to families who wouldn't, because of income level, qualify for a mortgage with a lending institution. Habitat makes no profit on the homes it builds and provides a no-interest mortgage loan for homesteaders. Habitat families work with other volunteers in building their home - putting in 500 partnership hours as a "sweat equity" down payment. This investment of time in the actual building of their house or other Habitat houses gives families a sense of ownership and pride in their homes and in the neighborhood. Habitat is a "hand up" not a "handout" program. Consider making a gift of your time and talent to support this important organization.

**“THE ECONOMICS OF HAPPINESS”  
Milwaukee Area Premier**

On Tuesday, April 12, the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee will host the Milwaukee-area’s premier screening of a new documentary film, “The Economics of Happiness.” The program will take place at the Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet Street, at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00). “The Economics of Happiness” features a chorus of voices from six continents calling for systemic economic change. The documentary describes a world moving simultaneously in two opposing directions. On the one hand, government and “big business” continue to promote globalization and the consolidation of corporate power. At the same time, all around the world, there are people resisting these policies, demanding a re-regulation of trade and finance, and starting to forge a very different future. Communities are coming together to rebuild more human-scale, ecological economies based on a new paradigm: an economics of localization. Following the 65 minute film, there will be a panel response and discussion featuring experts in a range of disciplines including economics, spirituality, sustainability, and psychology. Immanuel member Keith Bender will be part of this panel. More information is available from the Interfaith Conference at 414-276-9050 or [www.interfaithconference.org](http://www.interfaithconference.org).

**SPRING FLOWER SALE  
to support Eastside Senior Services**

Nothing says spring like flowers in the garden! This year, Immanuel Church will join again with other East Side congregations in a Spring Flower Sale to support East Side Senior Services.

On Sundays April 10 and May 1, volunteers will be available in the Parlor to take orders for hanging baskets of various kinds... begonias, petunias, geraniums, impatiens... from a local greenhouse. The cost is \$28 for one basket; \$50 for two; and \$22 each for three or more. An order form is also included with this issue of *Tower Chimes*. Flowers will be available at the church on Sunday, May 8.

Eastside Senior Services is one of fifteen neighborhood programs of Interfaith Senior Outreach which help older adults in Milwaukee County continue to live independently and in their own homes. Services are provided by volunteers and staff at no cost to seniors, and include: transportation and shopping services; in-home visits to adults who are lonely or isolated; seasonal chores; light housework; remembrance through cards and small gifts; telephone reassurance; referral; and advocacy. Eastside Senior Services serves persons who are 60 years of age or better who live downtown, in River West, and on Milwaukee's East Side.

**CREATION SUNDAY  
Celebrate God’s Good Creation  
and Learn to be Stewards of the Earth  
on Sunday, May 8**

The children of the church school and their teachers will celebrate God’s good gifts to us in creation on Sunday, May 8, with their annual Creation Sunday activities – planting flowers around the church grounds, and making special feeders for the neighborhood birds to enjoy.

The adults will gather following worship that morning for a “Life Together” conversation, sponsored by the Immanuel Earth Stewards, with environmental education consultant Chris Beimborn. Ms. Beimborn will discuss the why’s and how’s of recycling, and other actions everyone can take to be good stewards of the environment.

At noon, everyone is invited to gather in the Upper Room for lunch -- “garden salad,” sandwiches, and (always the specialty of the day!) “dirt cake.”

Those planning to stay for lunch are asked to sign up on the sheets in the Parlor, or to call the church office (414-276-4757). Bring your mothers and grandmothers, and enjoy this special event with the Immanuel Church family.

## IMMANUEL MEMBERS HONORED

Immanuel members Tim and Mary Bowers and Jon Richards will be honored by the Aids Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) at the organization's annual "Make A Promise" dinner on Saturday, April 9. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers have been named ARCW's "Philanthropists of the Year" for their support and dedication to the mission of ARCW. Specifically this year, the Bowers supported the creation of a new on-site ARCW pharmacy that already serves over 400 patients. They were also instrumental in the development of Wisconsin's HIV Medical Home law. A recipient of the "Leadership Award," Representative Richards was a bipartisan co-sponsor of the HIV Medical Home bill that was passed by the state legislature and signed into law by Governor Doyle. ARCW is Wisconsin's largest and fastest growing provider of HIV health care and according to ARCW's Bill Keeton, the HIV Medical Home law provides access to new funding sources for HIV patients and "recognizes the comprehensive and integrated health and social services that ARCW provides as a 'medical home' for HIV patients." Congratulations Tim, Mary, and Jon!

Immanuel member Alfred Block will be honored by his alma mater, Carroll University, with the "2011 Distinguished Alumnus Award for Community Service" at a special "Celebrating Success" dinner on Tuesday evening, April 19. An ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Mr. Block has been a member of Immanuel Church since 1987. In addition to his service to the church, Mr. Block is being recognized for his active involvement in public education for over 50 years both as a teacher and administrator. Most recently his passion for education has stretched to East Africa where he is overseeing the construction of a primary school in honor of his late wife, Carol Block. Mr. Block is also a supporter of the Franklin (Wisconsin) Historical Society and the nonprofit group Ducks Unlimited. Located in Waukesha, Carroll University is the oldest four-year institution of higher education in Wisconsin and the only Presbyterian Church (USA) affiliated college or university in the state. Mr. Block is a graduate of the Carroll class of 1950. Congratulations Al!

*Let us break bread together!*

# LENT 2011



### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT THREE OPTIONS FOR STUDY & DISCUSSION

Join your Immanuel friends for the final soup supper of the season on Wednesday, April 13. Three kinds of soup served at 6:00 and three kinds of study offered at 7:00!

#### *The Greatest Prayer*

Including insights from John Dominic Crossan's latest book on the Lord's Prayer  
(also offered on Sunday morning April 10 at 11:20)

#### *Immanuel Reads: The Bible*

A study of the books on the "year with the Bible" schedule  
for the weeks of Lent  
(I Corinthians on April 13)

#### *What Do Our Neighbors Believe?*

Questions & Answers on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Child care will be provided. Although reservations are not necessary, call the church office (414-276-4757) if you plan to attend. An approximate count will be helpful for the cooks.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**“God’s People in ACTion”**  
**August 16-17-18, 2011**  
**5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Please mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School 2011. Immanuel children, from preschool through grade 6, and their parents (or grandparents... aunts... uncles... friends) are invited to join us again this summer for three evenings filled with fun and learning for all God’s children! Evening activities begin with supper at 5:30 for children and adults, followed by a program that includes stories, songs, crafts, and games.

The theme for Vacation Bible School this year is “God’s People in ACTion.” Our focus will be on the book of Acts in the New Testament, and we will learn about some of the people in the early church who put their faith into action by helping and welcoming others. We will pay special attention to Tabitha, who is with us every Sunday in one of our stained glass windows.

Vacation Bible School is a great time to reconnect with members of the church family at summer’s end, as we all prepare to return to fall activities. Additional information about Vacation Bible School will be sent to families with children later this month. Friends, neighbors, and other relatives are also welcome and encouraged to attend. To register, or for more information, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757).

**ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

Two monthly offerings will continue in April that invite Immanuel members and friends to theological engagement, study, and conversation. Both of these groups are led by Parish Associate James Fisher. New friends are welcome. Questions? Contact Dr. Fisher for more information.

**THEOLOGICAL CLASSICS**  
**7:00 - 8:30 pm. + April 12**  
**in the Waverly House**

Theological Classics is a monthly educational opportunity for persons interested in exploring the writings of important theologians. On April 12, the group will continue discussing Harvey Cox’s *When Jesus Came to Harvard. Making Moral Choices Today*. Copies of the books are available at the Book Table in Nathex on Sunday mornings. The April 12 discussion will cover chapters 9-17.

**“IF IT’S THURSDAY ...”**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. + April 14**  
**in the Waverly House**

A monthly mid-day discussion on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., about *Jesus. A Revolutionary Biography* by John Dominic Crossan will continue on April 14. Crossan was a founder of the Jesus Seminar and, prior to his retirement, was professor of biblical studies at DePaul University. This book, written for a lay (as opposed to an academic) audience, presents Jesus in a vivid and engrossing manner. Copies of the book are available through new and used booksellers, both locally and online. The April 14 discussion will focus on chapters 3-5.

**“MATTHEW from Scratch”**  
**The New Testament for Beginners**  
**Continuing on Sunday mornings through April 17**  
**with Dr. Johnstone in the Upper Room**  
**from 9:00 to 9:45**

From the first book of the Bible to the first Gospel! Continue your Bible study with this new addition to the “From Scratch” series. A workbook is available; please bring a NRSV Bible, if you have one. Newcomers welcomed!

**NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

**Died** George Gold, Monday, March 14. Mr. Gold joined Immanuel Church in 1979. A memorial service was conducted by Ms. Dow at the funeral home on March 17.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**