



# TOWER CHIMES

Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

February 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

## "THE STATE OF THE CHURCH" Surprising reversals ... Continuing challenges

Every year we precede our Annual Financial Meeting of the Congregation with a "state of the church" sermon to set a context for what we're doing. We do this by listening to the Word that comes to all of us in the Church of Jesus Christ by way of our Common Lectionary, an effort to keep our view of ourselves and our life together grounded in God's word and not mired in our own agenda. This year, the Gospel reading for January 30 was from the "Sermon on the Mount," Matthew 5:1-12. Here's an excerpt:

*"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."* The gentle ones, the vulnerable, the children of this congregation. By birth and adoption, there were 12 children added to a growing circle --which is a reversal of what is happening in so many congregations, especially in urban churches. We are blessed with children, and we are charged with the responsibility of their future. Our calling is the earth that they will inherit: A peaceable kingdom where all creatures are safe and healthy. A planet that is healthy and green.

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."* This is the third budget year since the economic downturn, and we never reduced our financial commitments to mission. We held the budget in 2009 but continued to push the percentage that goes outward to address local and global needs. Our designated mission budget is 18.6% of the annual budget, and if we add other mission giving, special offerings and benefits, the Alternative Christmas Market, the food pantry, it goes to over 23%. Immanuel Church was recognized at the last General Assembly for being the largest contributor in the denomination to the Fund for Theological Education, and we were seventh in the entire mid-section of the country in supporting the Christmas Joy Offering. And what you don't see in a budget is the hours and love and effort given by so many of you in countering hunger and inadequate housing, unjust mortgage foreclosures and under-educated children. All of that, a hungering for "rightness," the mending of broken relationships and a filling of the human spirit. What a crazy and wonderful way to spend time and money. And, in a reversal of common wisdom and expectation, our endowment fund is invested according to a socially responsible policy and is doing well while doing good.

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."* Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. But with every Sunday? Even the pure in heart see God in church less regularly! The Session just read an article in a recent issue of the *Christian Century* about the decline in worship attendance across Christian denominations and other world religions. One of the trends is that church members no longer define "regular attendance" as every week, but as twice a month or less. We see that here. Although our membership continues to grow, our Sunday worshipping congregation stays the same size. The average last year was 232, not counting summer months ... But it's not always the same 200-whatever in the pew every week, which is a challenge for everything from continuity in preaching and education to recruiting for greeters and ushers and choir members. But the blessing is the growth. Thirty-four new members last year, up a bit, from 30 the year before. Immanuel Church had the greatest numeric growth in the Presbytery of Milwaukee in 2009. Which is a reversal of most congregations of any denomination, and certainly congregations in urban areas. Crazy! An urban church experiencing vitality without electronic worship, with children, with diversity, and without adequate parking! And without conflict. *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."* Crazy! Diversity and inclusiveness building community rather than dividing it. THAT is a blessing we can't keep to ourselves!"

-DB

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?**

**NEW FRIENDS: Join us for a  
Prospective Member Dinner  
Sunday, February 27 at 5:00 p.m.**

Have you been visiting Immanuel Church and wondered what it might mean to become a member? Have you attended an IPC 101 program and feel ready to take the next step of becoming a member of the congregation? Join us for our next Prospective Member Dinner on Sunday evening, February 27 from 5:00 until 8:30. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the worship life, educational programs, and mission opportunities at Immanuel. A delicious supper will be served by Immanuel members and participants will have the chance to get to know one another and the church better.

If you, or someone you know, might enjoy this opportunity to consider membership at Immanuel Church, please contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757).

**NEW 2011 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

A new 2011 Immanuel Membership Directory was printed in January. If you would like an electronic or hard copy sent to you, please contact Ms. Richter in the church office ([ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org), 414-276-4757).

**CHOIR INVITATIONAL**

**Monday, February 21, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Do you like to sing? Have you ever thought about joining the Immanuel Chancel Choir? Give it a try on Monday, February 21. Choir director John Komasa and the Chancel Choir invite Immanuel members and friends to join them for a special rehearsal and choir invitational that evening. They will be rehearsing an Immanuel favorite for Discovery Day (*see page 7*) and worship on February 27, "We Are People of Faith." Don't be shy, give choir a try.

**2010 ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**Thank you for shopping!**

Many thanks to all who did some - or all - of your Christmas shopping at Immanuel's sixteenth annual Alternative Christmas Market! The market raised a total of \$21,480 for the twenty agencies and organizations represented this year, allowing us to continue to spread the good news of Jesus' birth to a hungry and hurting world.

**"INVITE-A-FRIEND" SUNDAY(S)**

**March 6 and 13**

As we approach the season of Lent, consider who in your life might appreciate an invitation to explore their faith in this community. Research on church growth tells us that church newcomers visit for the first time because someone personally invited them. Our congregational "research" in the pews validates this information as recent visitors and new church friends have commented on the invitations they received to "join us" at Immanuel.

Transfiguration Sunday with the "Shrove Sunday" Pancake Brunch on March 6 (*see page 7*) and the First Sunday in Lent on March 13 with the Rutter Requiem and Formal Coffee Hour provide two wonderful opportunities to invite a friend to church. Who will you invite?

**MENTORING MOMENT**

Milwaukee Public School students selected for the One on One and Sponsor-A-Scholar programs pledge to abide by the four core precepts of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. The same is expected of mentors as they impart their life experience to our young people in an educational setting. If you've thought about becoming a mentor, why not "try it on to see how it fits" some Thursday from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Waverly House. Mentoring can make a difference in the life of a young student and a difference in your life, too. Contact Tom Neubauer for more information.

**JANICE WELBURN****LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR**

Elder Janice Welburn was recently named Librarian of the Year by her professional organization, the Association of College and Research Libraries. The award "recognizes an outstanding member of the library profession who has made a significant national or international contribution to academic/research librarianship and library development." She will be recognized at a special association event on March 30 in Philadelphia.

In 2006, Ms. Welburn moved to Milwaukee to become the dean of university libraries at Marquette University. Longtime Presbyterians, she and her husband, William, joined Immanuel Church in 2007. Janice currently serves on Immanuel's session.

Congratulations Janice on this important recognition!

## **“SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION”**

### **“TACKLING HUNGER”**

**with the  
Souper Bowl of Caring  
February 6, 2011**

On Sunday, January 30, three members of Immanuel’s youth group – Sally Fahr, Bennett Frank, and Lauren Plantinga – offered a “Minute for Mission” about this year’s *Souper Bowl of Caring*. Now the nation’s largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving, the Souper Bowl of Caring began more than 20 years ago with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

This year, Wisconsin football fans are sure to be tuned in to the game. Immanuel’s 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Church School Class will give you an opportunity to help “tackle hunger,” too, joining with church groups, schools, and other organizations around the country to collect canned goods and monetary donations. All contributions remain in local communities; Immanuel’s will be given to our local Interchange Food Pantry.

The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 when 22 congregations in Columbia, South Carolina raised \$5,700 for food banks and meal programs in their city. Since then, the idea has grown, and in 2010, over 13,000 groups raised over \$10 million for soup kitchens, food pantries, and other helping charities all over the country. Since 1990, over \$71 million has been given to help those in need. Immanuel’s totals will be reported to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters and added to the grand total.

The “Minute for Mission” concluded with these words: “With thanks for all that we have been given, and in a show of support for our team, please join us to help end hunger by bringing your donations to church next Sunday morning. GO PACK!”

## **SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES**

**Volunteers Needed  
February 15-16, 25-28, 2011**

The next opportunity for members and friends of Immanuel Church to volunteer at the Shelter for Women and Families at the Cathedral Center will be Tuesday and Wednesday, February 15 and 16 and Friday through Monday, February 25-28. This is one of the ways the Immanuel congregation reaches out in ministry to the community, where the need for emergency shelter services continues to grow.

Volunteers typically greet shelter guests when they arrive for the evening, provide a light evening meal, make lunches for the following day, and offer a friendly presence. The time commitment is from about 6:00 until 8:30 p.m.; the shelter is located at 845 North Van Buren Street, at the corner of Kilbourn and Van Buren. In addition to “putting faith to work” and providing an important service, volunteers have found this to be a good opportunity to get to know others in the congregation. Sign up sheets are available on Sunday mornings; interested persons may also contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757).

## **SERVING THE HOMELESS in Bay View and Milwaukee’s South Shore Opportunities to Volunteer**

Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Bay View, has begun hosting an overnight shelter for homeless persons on the south shore. Two hosts, one male and one female, are needed each night from approximately 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. A staff member will also be on site.

Contributions of coffee (fair trade preferred!), oranges, bananas, socks, and bus passes are also needed. The session of Immanuel Church recently approved a contribution of \$1,000 to Tippecanoe Church to assist with utility bills for this ministry. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757) or Karen Hagen, Pastor of Tippecanoe Church.

**WINTER YOUTH EVENT**  
**Roller Skating and “Lock-In”**

Immanuel’s youth group will enjoy an opportunity to socialize and “hang out” together Saturday, February 19 – Sunday, February 20. Pizza at the church will be followed by roller skating at the Rollaero in Cudahy. They will then return to the church for games, movies, snacks and breakfast before attending worship on Sunday morning. For more information, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757).

## Giving TOGETHER *to and through the church*

### Stewardship for 2011

Report to the Congregation at the Annual Financial Meeting  
 by the Chair of the Stewardship Committee, Melinda Scott Krei

Our theme for the past year’s stewardship emphasis was *Giving Together – to and through the church*. We highlighted the way in which generations have given to our church, by educating our children and guiding them along the faithful journey that begins with their baptism, by planning Adult Education programs that give us opportunities to learn and think more deeply about our lives as Christians, by providing meaningful worship, with extraordinary music and preaching, and by insuring that funds are available to maintain our beautiful facilities. We are blessed with an exceptional staff, and we asked our members to give to the Church to support their work and all the service that goes on within these walls.

The Stewardship Committee also emphasized that we give *through* our church—to show Christ’s love to those in need in our city, in our nation, and around the world. We understand that, by giving together, we can increase the impact of our contributions by combining them with others. What’s more, we stressed that giving through the Church carries a distinctive message—a message about our motivation—that we give because we believe it is our obligation *and our privilege* to share God’s love with those in need. At Immanuel, we do that through our prayers, through many hours of volunteer time—and through our pledges of support to the church’s mission programs.

Members helped us interpret this message on Sunday mornings and at the “Budget Brunch,” where we discussed the proposed budget and highlighted areas where increases are needed. A bus tour of sites where Immanuel’s mission dollars have made a difference in our city was offered following the brunch.

I want to recognize and thank the members of this year’s Stewardship Committee for their creativity in developing our plans, for their generous gifts of time, food, slide presentations and posters—and for their energetic approach to dishwashing after feeding bagels to the multitudes. This year’s Committee members are: Mark Anderson, Tim Bowers, Mike Gillard, Don Kynaston, Kristi Leswing, Trent Poole, and John Turner. My gratitude also goes to assorted spouses who helped us in many ways.

As you may recall, two years ago we froze the budget, and last year pledge income increased just enough to hold things even. To meet the needs set forth in the proposed budget for 2011, our goal for pledge income was an additional \$44,000 over pledges from last year. That represented a 6% increase over 2010. At this point, we are \$17,000 short of that goal.

This year we made a special effort to reach out to new members, thanking them for their decision to join our community of faith and asking them to consider a pledge as part of their involvement here. We continue to hope that *every* member will consider supporting Immanuel with a pledge, at any level, as we move toward 100% participation in supporting the mission of our church.

The scripture that accompanied our stewardship communications is from the Apostle Paul’s Second Letter to the Christians at Corinth: He commended their generosity, writing that they “*voluntarily gave according to their means and even beyond their means...they gave themselves to the Lord.*” Corinthians II 8:3-5

Our work continues as we place a renewed emphasis on growing Immanuel’s endowment fund. We are in the process of developing materials about how contributions can be made to the endowment and inviting members to share with us if the church is remembered in their estate plans.

We thank you for your generous hearts, for giving yourselves to the Lord, and we hope that you will prayerfully consider the current gap between our proposed budget and the pledges we have received.

**IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**  
**JANUARY 30, 2011**

*This is a draft of the minutes that will be submitted for approval to the session at its February meeting.*

Dr. Block called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. with a responsive reading of the Immanuel Church Mission Statement. A quorum was present; approximately 100 members attended.

The President of the Board of Trustees, Trent Poole, presented the report of the Board of the Trustees. Mr. Poole introduced the members of the board and thanked the outgoing class of 2010 for their three years of service. Mr. Poole gave an overview of the work of each committee of the Board of Trustees. Special thanks were given to Jill Fahr, Bob Landaas, Deborah Block, Jean Dow, and Robert Ater. Mr. Poole outlined the bequests and memorials given in 2010.

Elder and Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee Kathleen Burchby presented the trustees who have been elected for the Class of 2013. Those nominated are Maile Beres, Peg Burns, Ken Krei, and William Schulz. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, there was a motion to elect the new trustees. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Dr. Burchby presented a nomination for the Board of Deacons' Class of 2012, Lu Hewes. There was a motion to elect the new deacon. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Church Treasurer Jill Fahr presented the 2010 end of year budget report. Ms. Fahr reviewed the 2010 budget and actual expenses. Pledge income received was 6% under budget. The endowment allocation remained at \$200,000 which is within the 3-6% range as required by the Endowment Policy. Total income and expenses were \$992,966. A new line item was placed in the 2010 budget for a building repair contingency in the amount of the 2010 surplus, \$9887. The addition of this line item results in a break even year for 2010.

Spencer Frank, a member of the Finance Committee, introduced the members of the committee and gave an overview of the past years work. Bob Landaas gave the report on the Endowment Fund investments. Total gains on investments for 2010 were \$294,728. The internal rate of return was 9.01%. The actual asset allocation was in line with the target range and the investment performance was in line with the benchmarks. The endowment is funded by generous gifts and bequests by the members of Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Immanuel Presbyterian Church continues to be committed to socially responsible investing. Mr. Landaas highlighted the section of the Investment Policy which explains socially responsible funds.

Jim Green gave the 2010 Deacons' Fund report. The Deacons are funded through loose offerings given on communion Sunday and through individual donations. Expenses for the year included poinsettias and care packages for Immanuel's college students. Jim Green introduced the Deacons and thanked them for their care and support.

Melinda Scott Krei, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, gave the 2010 "Giving to and through the Church" stewardship campaign report. Dr. Krei introduced the Stewardship Committee and thanked them for their excellent work and dedication during this stewardship season. Dr. Krei reported that there is still a \$17,000 difference between pledge commitments for 2011 and the 2011 budget goal; however, the Stewardship Committee is confident that more pledges will be received. Special effort was made this year to contact new members and members who have not pledged in past years. Dr. Krei thanked the members and friends of Immanuel for their generous support; names of contributors are listed in the annual report.

Church Treasurer Jill Fahr went through the budget for 2011. The income portion of the budget totals \$1,042,918 and consists of pledge revenue of \$780,118. The endowment allocation remains at \$200,000. Expenses total \$1,042,918. New items in the budget include the building contingency line item and a budget for the Immanuel Earth Stewards.

Reverend Jean Dow gave the Mission Budget report on behalf of the Session. The 2011 Mission Budget is \$194,190 which represents the same increase over 2010 that the entire budget represents. Rev. Dow gave an overview of the programs that the Mission Budget supports and a summary of the past years work and highlighted the new programs that the Mission Committee will support in 2011.

Elder Sara Hein, Chair of the Personnel Committee, gave an overview of the benefits package provided to all full time staff. Highlights of this past year include the addition of a Sunday security person, completion of the first year for administrative assistant Amy Richter, and the successful first maternity for a member of the Immanuel staff. Financial Administrator Sarah Campbell and her husband became the parents of twin daughters in March. Dr. Block thanked Karen Plantinga and Karen Morrisey, who, with support from Jill Fahr, maintained financial procedures through the leave.

Dr. Block invited a motion to receive the 2011 budget as presented. The budget was unanimously adopted by the Session on January 18 and the Board of Trustees unanimously concurred on January 27. The vote by the congregation includes the approval of the ministers' terms of call and an endorsement of the budget previously approved by the Session and the Board of Trustees. The motion to approve was seconded and the congregation voted unanimously to receive the 2011 budget as recommended.

The Annual Program Meeting will be held on May 22, at which time reports will be given by the various Session committees. The new class of elders and deacons will be elected at that time.

Dr. Block closed the meeting with prayer at 12:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Campbell, Recording Secretary and Financial Administrator

## READ ... THINK ... DISCUSS ... LEARN ... GROW

### *Adult education opportunities*

#### READING THE BIBLE IN 2011

Immanuel members and friends who have made a commitment to read through the Bible in 2011 are well underway. If you haven't yet begun, but are still interested in making this journey, it's never too late. The Immanuel Church website ([www.immanuelwi.org](http://www.immanuelwi.org)) has information about getting started, including a schedule of readings (*see insert*), as well as a link to join an online discussion group. This group has been set up to facilitate "conversation" among those who are reading the Bible – a place to post questions and comments, and respond to others.

On Sunday, February 13, the monthly Bible discussion following worship will include a panel of readers, who will reflect on their experience thus far. All are invited to attend and participate in this discussion.

#### "GENESIS FROM SCRATCH"

**The Old Testament for Beginners**  
**Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45**  
**with Dr. Johnstone in the Upper Room**

As a companion to reading through the entire Bible or on its own, this study will present basic themes, personalities, and meanings of the first book of the Bible. The interpretation skills learned will be helpful for reading and understanding other books of the Bible, as well. A workbook is available; please bring a NRSV Bible, if you have one. The class will run through March 6. In the spring, we will study the First Gospel, using a new resource from the same series, "Matthew from Scratch."

#### "MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT**  
**"The Greatest Prayer"**

Soup suppers, table worship, and study will again mark the Wednesday evenings during Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 9 this year. Supper will be served and worship in the Sanctuary will follow. On the following Wednesday evenings (March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13) the soup supper will be followed by table worship and an opportunity for study and conversation about the "greatest prayer," the Lord's Prayer. Save these dates on your calendar and plan to make the Lenten season a time of renewed faith and understanding. Childcare will be provided. If you would like to host one of the soup suppers (prepare soup and provide bread for the meal; clean up after), please contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757).

#### "ENGAGING TYRANNICAL TEXTS"

**Two lectures by Dr. Frances Taylor Gench**  
**at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago**  
**Monday, February 21 ~ 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

On Monday, February 21 (President's Day), Dr. Frances Taylor Gench will deliver the 2011 Zenos Lectures at McCormick Theological Seminary. Her presentations, entitled "Desperate Housewives? Engaging Tyrannical Texts," will confront what are for many modern day Christians the Bible's most awkward, offensive, or embarrassing texts and explore strategies for engaging them directly, honestly, faithfully, and publicly.

If there is sufficient interest, Immanuel Church will rent a van for members and friends to attend these lectures together. Please indicate your interest by calling the church office (414-276-4757) by Friday, February 11.

Dr. Gench is the Herbert Worth and Annie H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. She is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (now Union Presbyterian Seminary; M.Div., Ph.D.). She was a member of the PCUSA General Assembly's Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church, and is the author of *Faithful Disagreement: Wrestling with Scripture in the Midst of Church Conflict*; *Encounters with Jesus: Studies in the Gospel of John*; and *Back to the Well: Women's Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels*.

#### THEOLOGICAL CLASSICS

Theological Classics meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Waverly House Youth Room and offers an educational opportunity for persons interested in exploring the writings of important theologians.

The study of Daniel Day Williams' *God's Grace and Man's Hope* will conclude on February 8 (chapters 7 & 8).

A new study will begin March 8 on Harvey Cox's *When Jesus Came to Harvard. Making Moral Choices Today*. Books may be purchased online or will be available through the church office or at the book table in the Narthex. New friends are welcome!

#### NIEBUHR STUDY

The study of Reinhold Niebuhr's book, *Beyond Tragedy. Essays on the Christian interpretation of history*, will conclude on Thursday, February 10, from 11:30 - 1:00 in Waverly House with a discussion of the final chapters (13-15). Newcomers welcome! The book is out of print but is available from sellers of used books.

**“SHROVE SUNDAY” PANCAKE BRUNCH**  
**Sunday, March 6, 11:15 a.m.**

Each year Immanuel Presbyterian Church gathers for a pre-Lenten celebration of pancakes and ham on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday. This annual tradition recalls a time when fat, eggs, and milk had to be used up in Christian households before the Lenten fast began.

Join your Immanuel Church friends for this special gathering of fun and fellowship on Sunday, March 6 immediately following worship. Register for a donation of \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10, during coffee hour on Sundays in February. You may also sign-up to volunteer to help set-up for this event or to help in the kitchen.

**PRESBYTERY OF MILWAUKEE**  
**“DISCOVERY DAY” at Carroll University**  
**Saturday, February 26; 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The Presbytery of Milwaukee is hosting Discovery Day (*formerly called Church Leader Training Day*) on February 26 at Carroll University. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Sarah Drummond, Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Ministerial Leadership at Andover Newton Theological School. A longtime friend of Immanuel Church and the former Campus Minister for University Christian Ministries at UWM, Sarah is an engaging and energetic speaker. She will be speaking on the theme: "Walking on the Moon: Strategies for Being Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," drawing from her recent publication: *Holy Clarity: The Practice of Planning and Evaluation*. In addition to speaking at Discovery Day, Dr. Drummond will be Immanuel's guest preacher on Sunday morning, February 27.

Would you like to attend Discovery Day? The event will include Dr. Drummond's two keynote addresses, workshops, a Presbyterian Publishing Corporation virtual bookstore, opportunities for networking and lunch with presbytery friends, and a worship service led by Mr. Ater and an All Presbytery Choir (*let Mr. Ater know if you'd like to sing!*).

An event brochure with registration information is available on the Great Hall tables. To register, contact Ms. Richter in the church office (414-276-4757).

**DO YOU HAVE**  
**A PASTORAL CARE CONCERN?**

You can assist the pastoral care ministries of Immanuel Church by notifying the ministers directly when there is a hospitalization, illness, death, or other circumstance where the presence and support of the church is needed. While the ministers and deacons try to anticipate needs, specific requests for assistance and support help in providing the right care at the right time.

If you are scheduled for a surgery or hospitalization, please provide the date, time, and location of the hospital and the name and phone number of a contact person (in the event that you are unable to be reached). If emergency hospitalization is required, call the church office. Do not assume that by formal or informal communication the church is aware of an illness or hospitalization. The "grapevine" is undependable and often, inaccurate. Although a hospital may ask a person's church affiliation upon admission, this information is used for its internal religious census and not for the purpose of notifying the patient's church. Privacy laws do not allow the ministers to get updates from hospital personnel; i.e., they can't call the nursing station and ask how Ms. Member is doing after surgery.

If you have specific needs for support (food, transportation, prayer), direct those requests to the deacons through Mr. Ater, who is the minister with specific responsibility for coordinating pastoral care.

If you want others to be aware of your health circumstances, convey this to the ministers. Personal health information is held as confidential unless permission is given by a member him/herself to share it. Concerns shared from the "prayer letters" that go twice a year to each household are shared between the three ministers.

Communication is essential to our caring. Do be in touch!

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- Born** Susanna Margaret Diane Van Hallgren, to Sam and Carrie Van Hallgren, Monday, January 3.
- Baptized** Ethan Robert Janke, son of Daniel and Nicole Janke, Sunday, December 12.  
Matteo Nicholas Rostagno, son of Anthony and Jacie Rostagno, Sunday, December 26.  
Ethan James Perlberg, son of Troy and Sherry Perlberg, Sunday, December 26.  
Gracie Rose Amato, daughter of Salvatore and Kathryn Amato, Sunday, January 9.  
Myles Frederick Manning, son of Lane and Kristen Manning, Sunday, January 9.
- Died** Jessie Margaret McCown, December 12.  
Wilma Ann Robinson, December 14.  
Jacqueline Vazquez, January 22.
- Married** Alexandra Trumbull and Randall Holper, January 8.
- Moved** Trish Horn, to.
- Tenured** James Zager, Associate Professor of Theater Arts at Carroll University.
- New E-mail** Patsy Aster, Beth Perrigo,;  
Barbara Flint,; Jim Flint,
- New Phone** Rhonda Hoernke,; Ralph Cook,

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**A MONTH OF SUNDAYS**  
**FEBRUARY 2011**  
*at Immanuel Presbyterian Church*

**February 6**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Souper Bowl Sunday*

8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers -- *Waverly Nursery*  
8:55 Choir rehearsal  
9:00 "Genesis from Scratch" - *Upper Room*  
10:00 Morning Worship; Ms. Dow preaching  
10:30 Church School - *Waverly House third floor, Youth Room*  
11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor  
11:20 "Life Together: Faith Matters"  
George Neureuther, Interchange Food Pantry

**February 13**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers -*Waverly Nursery*  
8:55 Choir rehearsal  
9:00 "Genesis from Scratch" - *Upper Room*  
10:00 Morning Worship; Mr. Ater preaching  
10:30 Church School - *Waverly House third floor, Youth Room*  
11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor  
11:20 "Life Together: Faith Matters"  
Experiencing the Bible Day by Day

**February 20**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers -*Waverly Nursery*  
8:55 Choir rehearsal  
9:00 "Genesis from Scratch" - *Upper Room*  
10:00 Morning Worship; Dr. Block preaching  
10:30 Church School - *Waverly House third floor, Youth Room*  
11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor

**February 27**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers -*Waverly Nursery*  
8:55 Choir rehearsal  
9:00 "Genesis from Scratch" - *Upper Room*  
10:00 Morning Worship; The Rev. Dr. Sarah Drummond  
10:30 Church School - *Waverly House third floor, Youth Room*  
11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor  
5:00 Prospective Member Dinner & Orientation

*“And from morn to set of sun,  
through the church the song goes on.”*

460 Holy God, We Praise Your Name (stz. 3)

## WINTER HYMNS 2010

What were your favorite hymns this winter?

Looking ahead to our next hymn sing (September 2011!),

we’re compiling a list of favorite hymns as we go through the year,  
season by season. Listed below are the hymns we sang this winter.

Please select (X) your three favorites. You do not need to rank them.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2  | Come, Thou Long-Expected<br>Jesus | <input type="checkbox"/> 49  | Once in Royal David’s City              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3  | Comfort, Comfort You My People    | <input type="checkbox"/> 53  | What Child Is This                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4  | Creator of the Stars of Night     | <input type="checkbox"/> 62  | Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9  | O Come, O Come Emmanuel           | <input type="checkbox"/> 63  | As With Gladness                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13 | Prepare the Way                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 66  | We Three Kings                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 23 | Angels We Have Heard on High      | <input type="checkbox"/> 68  | What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27 | Gentle Mary Laid Her Child        | <input type="checkbox"/> 69  | O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 29 | Go, Tell It on the Mountain       | <input type="checkbox"/> 275 | God of Our Life                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 31 | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing      | <input type="checkbox"/> 292 | All Beautiful the March of Days         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 34 | In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born      | <input type="checkbox"/> 327 | O Word of God Incarnate                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 36 | In the Bleak Midwinter            | <input type="checkbox"/> 376 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40 | Joy to the World!                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 411 | Arise, Your Light Is Come!              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 41 | O Come, All Ye Faithful           | <input type="checkbox"/> 412 | Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 44 | O Little Town of Bethlehem        | <input type="checkbox"/> 496 | Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 46 | On This Day Earth Shall Ring      | <input type="checkbox"/> 554 | Let All Things Now Living               |

*Drop this “ballot” off in the Great Hall or mail it to the church office:*

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