



# TOWER CHIMES

Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

March 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

*Let us break bread together!*

## LENT 2011



*Come for supper at "our house" this Lent.*

**+ Ash Wednesday, March 6**

Soup supper in the Upper Room at 6:00

The Lord's Supper and a service of healing  
and wholeness in the Sanctuary at 7:00

**+ Wednesday evenings during Lent**

**March 16, 23, 30; April 6 and 13**

On Wednesday evenings we will gather at tables in our common church home for a simple supper of soup and bread at 6:00, followed by a brief service of evening prayer and the Lord's Supper around the tables. After supper and table worship there will be three opportunities for small group study and discussion. Child care will be provided.

6:00 p.m. Supper and the Lord's Supper  
in the Upper Room

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Study and discussion  
(details on page 3)

**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.

**THE GATHERING MEAL PROGRAM**

**Saturday, March 19  
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Help serve a noontime meal to those in need on Saturday, March 19, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Community Center, 35<sup>th</sup> and Lisbon Avenue. Immanuel Presbyterian Church regularly provides volunteers for this program.

If you cannot be a part of the serving crew, but still want to help, you may bring cookies or fresh milk to the church office by Thursday, March 17. The cookies and milk will be contributed to the lunch.

Sign-up in the Parlor after worship or contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757) or Patrick Goggin, for more information.

**IMMANUEL CHURCH SCHOOL  
Spring Quarter Begins March 13**

The spring quarter of church school will begin on Sunday, March 13 and, as always, the children and teachers are looking forward to a full and fruitful season. In addition to learning opportunities every Sunday, there are a number of special events, including the Upper Room Meal on Palm Sunday, April 17; Creation Sunday on May 8; and the Pentecost Party in June.

Teachers for the spring quarter include: Mary Delcore and Stephanie Wesselowski (3 and 4 year olds); Connie Cohan and Jenny Vellinga (Kindergarten - Grade 2); Linda Salisbury and Phyllis Stuart-Jacobson (grades 3 - 5); and a variety of parents and other adults for our Grades 6 - 9 class. Many thanks to winter quarter teachers Nathan Guequierre, Ann Eisenbrown, Karen Plantinga, Casey Cox, and Rhoda Sherwood for offering their time and gifts to the ministry of Christian education.

**GENTLY USED COMPUTER NEEDED**

If there is a new computer in your household's future, please consider donating your gently used model to the Immanuel Church School. A variety of computer resources are available to enhance learning in Church School classes, but there is currently no computer in Waverly House. For more information, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757). Thank you!

**CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

**To serve the people with  
energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.**

The Church Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominations for the office of elder and deacon. Elders serve on the Session and are responsible for the overall life and mission of the congregation. Deacons are responsible for the ministries of care and compassion for the congregation. Do you know someone with gifts for these leadership ministries? A yellow nominating form is included as an insert in this issue of the *Tower Chimes*. Additional forms are available on Sunday mornings in the Great Hall and may also be submitted electronically on the Immanuel website ([www.immanuelwi.org](http://www.immanuelwi.org)).

New officers will be elected at the congregation's annual program meeting called for Sunday, May 22 at 11:15 a.m. Members of the committee include: Sara Hein (chair) and Kathleen Burchby from the Session; Don Craig, Karen Deschere, Nathan Guequierre, and Victor Plantinga from the congregation-at-large; Spencer Frank from the Board of Trustees and Amy Bender from the Board of Deacons.

## *Wednesday evenings during Lent:*

*March 16, 23, 30; April 6 and 13*

6:00 p.m. Supper and the Lord's Supper  
in the Upper Room

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Three opportunities for  
study and discussion:



### *The Greatest Prayer* (Deborah Block)

A study based on John Dominic Crossan's latest book (© 2010) on the Lord's Prayer  
Also offered on Sunday mornings at 11:20, beginning March 20,  
accompanying a Lenten sermon series on the Lord's Prayer

### *Immanuel Reads: The Bible* (Jean Dow)

A study of the books on the "year with the Bible" schedule  
for the weeks of Lent - open to all

March 16: I Samuel

March 23: Job

March 30: Psalms

April 6: Jeremiah

April 13: I Corinthians

*Participants are asked to bring a Bible (Preferably the New Revised Standard Version)*

### *What Do Our Neighbors Believe?* (Rob Ater)

Questions & Answers on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Based on the book by Rabbi Howard Greenstein,

Rev. Kendra Hotz and Dr. John Kalter

March 16: Origins: When, where, and how did the religion begin?

March 23: Dates, People, and Places

March 30: Sacred Texts

April 6: Beliefs and Practices

April 13: Relationships: Living in community

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

For more than sixty years, American Christians have joined together to respond to neighbors in need – both here and around the world – through the One Great Hour of Sharing, with the conviction that we can make a bigger impact together than we can on our own. *Sharing* awakens our awareness of our common struggles, our common hopes and dreams, our common life. Over the years, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering has made a tremendous difference in the lives of others. It has also made a difference in the lives of those who have witnessed in faith and compassion through a gift to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Immanuel Church has long made participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering a Lenten tradition. Our gifts to the offering support three Presbyterian programs:

**The Presbyterian Hunger Program** provides direct hunger relief through food pantries and meal programs; it 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. Last year, the PDA responded within twenty-four hours to the devastating January earthquake in Haiti, providing food, shelter, clean water, and medical assistance to those most affected.

**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 solutions to real problems in their communities.

Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference in the lives of real people, and offer a powerful witness to the healing love of Christ.

In the weeks leading up to Easter, the Mission Committee will provide additional information about this special giving opportunity through Minutes for Mission during worship. The children of the church school will receive “sharing calendars” and fish banks to collect offerings at home. The offering will be dedicated during worship on Sunday, May 1.

**COMMON GROUND DELEGATES ASSEMBLY**

**Monday, March 7 ~ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Mount Mary College**

On Monday March 7, Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground will hold a delegates assembly from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Mount Mary College, Helfaer Hall. At the action, Common Ground will recognize new member organizations and provide updates on the Healthcare Co-op and Faces of Foreclosure Campaign.

Common Ground is a broad-based organization in the four-county, greater Milwaukee area, whose leaders come from diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, and political backgrounds, but share a concern for the health and vitality of this community. Common Ground seeks to address the region’s critical social issues in an effective, non-partisan way. Immanuel Church is a founding member of Common Ground.

For more information, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757), or Kathleen Scott at [Kathleen.Scott@commongroundwi.org](mailto:Kathleen.Scott@commongroundwi.org).

**“THREATS TO PEACE: Who Will Control What We Need for Life?”**

**The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee**

**March luncheon/lecture series**

**March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at noon**

**First Unitarian Society**



**INTERFAITH  
CONFERENCE  
OF GREATER MILWAUKEE**

Every Tuesday in March from 12:00 until 1:30 at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor Street, the Interfaith Conference will host a series of lectures addressing: challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, greed in the economy, international hunger, transitions of returning war veterans, and the moral challenges of cutting-edge technology. For more information and/or to register, contact the Interfaith Conference at 414-276-9050 or visit their website at [www.interfaithconference.org](http://www.interfaithconference.org).



**100 HOMES, 100 FAMILIES,  
100 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

In 2010, Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity received a three-year Neighborhood Stabilization Program II grant from HUD, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This grant gives Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity the capacity to build 100 affordable homes for low-income families. This is an exciting and challenging opportunity for our local affiliate. We must raise \$6.5 million in matching funds and qualify 100 families in a not-so-friendly economic climate. We also need to mobilize a large number of volunteers to participate in both construction and non-construction activities.

This year, the Immanuel Mission Committee has chosen the framing "blitz build" in June (13th-17th) as the week for an Immanuel team to participate in the Habitat mission. Volunteers of all skill levels are needed both in construction and non-construction jobs. We ask that you commit to work at least one full day but welcome as many full days as you can give. Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity discourages volunteering for half days. If the June week doesn't work for you, there will be on-going volunteer opportunities including framing, insulating, hanging drywall, painting, finish work, and non-construction tasks throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

Please consider giving some of your time or resources to this mission. There is more information and an on-line registration form at the Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity website ([www.milwaukeehabitat.org](http://www.milwaukeehabitat.org)). Go to "Volunteer," then "Blitz Build Weeks," and there will be a link for on-line registration. If you plan to join the Immanuel team in June, please register as an Immanuel Presbyterian Church group member. Watch for an informational meeting to be scheduled this spring and direct any questions to Jenny Vellinga.

**SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES**

**Volunteers Needed  
April 12 and 13, 15-17**

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, April 12 and 13 and Friday through Monday, April 15-17. 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).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Upcoming Parish Life Council Events**

**GALLERY NIGHT in the Third Ward**

**Friday, April 15**

An Immanuel gathering is planned  
at Leslie Davis Preservation Framing

**"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME"**

**Sunday, July 31 at 1:10 p.m.**

An annual Immanuel tradition -  
Brewers game outing to Miller Park

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## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### *Monthly Offerings:*

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

### **THEOLOGICAL CLASSICS**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm. + March 8  
in the Waverly House**

Theological Classics is a monthly educational opportunity for persons interested in exploring the writings of important theologians. On March 8, the group will begin discussing Harvey Cox's *When Jesus Came to Harvard. Making Moral Choices Today*. Copies of the book are available at the Book Table in the Nathex on Sunday mornings. Please read the introduction and first section of the book for March 8. The group will continue meeting on the second Tuesday evening of the month through the spring.

### **"IF IT'S THURSDAY ..."**

**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. + March 10  
in the Waverly House**

"If it's Thursday . . ." all are welcome to join a monthly mid-day discussion from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., beginning March 10, about *Jesus. A Revolutionary Biography* by John Dominic Crossan. 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 March 10 discussion will focus on the Prologue and first two chapters.

### *On Sunday mornings:*

#### **"MATTHEW from Scratch"**

**The New Testament for Beginners**

**Beginning March 13 and  
continuing through the Lenten season  
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.

#### **"LIFE TOGETHER: FAITH MATTERS"**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Beginning March 20 and  
continuing through the Lenten season  
with Dr. Block in the Upper Room  
from 11:20 to noon**

Through the season of Lent, join Dr. Block for "part 2" of morning worship with an exploration of "the greatest prayer," the Lord's Prayer.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**August 16, 17, 18  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

This is the time when many are thinking and dreaming about summer... warm weather... long days... so, now is the time to start thinking about Immanuel's Vacation Bible School!

We hope that you will mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School 2011. A time for children and their parents (or grandparents... aunts... uncles... friends) to gather 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.

Vacation Bible School is always 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 spring. Friends, neighbors, and other relatives are also welcome to attend. To register, or for more information, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757).

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

The Session of Immanuel Presbyterian Church received ten new persons into membership during a special meeting Sunday evening, February 27. The new members will be welcomed by the congregation during worship on March 6 and 20.

*By reaffirmation of faith . . .*

**Ashley Lukens** and **Phil Mueller** work for GE Healthcare and have traveled extensively around the world. They are planning an October wedding in the Immanuel Sanctuary and are excited to have found a new church home. A native of Germany, Mr. Mueller looks forward to meeting new friends at Immanuel. They both appreciate the warm welcome and meaningful worship.

*... from Lake Park Lutheran Church, Milwaukee*

**Ken Krueger** recently moved to the neighborhood and has been a regular Sunday morning visitor for several months. He is grateful to have found a new church family and looks forward to growing in faith and getting to know God and the people of the church better.

*... from Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Mequon*

**Bill** and **Lonie Ross** value the worship services at Immanuel, the inspirational and thought-provoking sermons, the warmth of the leaders, and the wonderful music. Both retired music educators, Mr. Ross already enjoys singing in the Immanuel choir. Ms. Ross is an ordained deacon and Mr. Ross is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). They have enjoyed getting to know their new church family and look forward to continuing to grow in faith in this community.

*By letter of transfer...*

*... from the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay*

**Joe Bauer** recently returned to Milwaukee and has enjoyed visiting Immanuel with his parents, members Jilaine and Gary Bauer. Mr. Bauer appreciates the opportunities to give back to the community through the church and looks forward to getting involved. He works in the loan department for Chase Bank and enjoys playing Frisbee and eating Wisconsin cheese in his free time.

*... from Memorial Presbyterian Church, Appleton*

**Craig Griffith** has been worshipping at Immanuel for several years and is pleased to finally be joining. He and his fiancée Sara Babicky are planning a July wedding in the Sanctuary. Mr. Griffith values the music at Immanuel and the "thoughtful and uplifting teaching." When not working as an I.T. consultant for small companies, he enjoys sailing.

**Jeff** and **Marge Stearns** have enjoyed worshipping at Immanuel the last several months and appreciate the thoughtful preaching and emphasis on mission and community they have found. Dr. Stearns is a family physician currently working in the field of medical education for Aurora Healthcare and is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Ms. Stearns is a public health consultant for the University of Wisconsin focusing on an urban medical education track for medical students.

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manifesting its joy and risk,  
nurturing new generations in its promises,  
and inviting others to share the journey."*

From the **Mission Statement** of  
**Immanuel Presbyterian Church**

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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- Born** Langdon Matthew Thornton, to Matthew and Marleen Thornton, Monday, January 31.  
Henry James Densmore, to John and Emily Densmore, Tuesday, February 22.  
Daphne Barbara Chase, to Jason and Katie Chase, Friday, February 25.
- Died** James "Jim" Welsh, Tuesday, March 1. Mr. Welsh joined Immanuel Church a year ago with Jane Mendelblatt. A memorial service will be conducted by Mr. Ater in the Sanctuary on Friday afternoon, March 18 at 4:00.
- Moved** Larry and Laura Potts, to.
- New Phone** Ralph Cook,

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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

**March 6**

**Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**Reception of New Members**  
**Sacrament of Baptism**  
8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Waverly Nursery*  
9:00 "Genesis from Scratch"  
Dr. Johnstone - *Upper Room*  
10:00 Morning Worship; Ms. Dow preaching  
*Sacrament of Baptism; Reception of new members*  
10:30 Church School - *Waverly House third floor*  
11:15 "Shrove Sunday" Pancake Brunch - *Upper Room*

**March 13**

**First Sunday in Lent**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Waverly Nursery*  
9:00 "Matthew from Scratch"  
Dr. Johnstone - *Upper Room*  
10:00 Morning Worship; *The Sacrament of Communion*  
Special music: *Requiem* by John Rutter  
Dr. Block preaching  
10:30 Church School - *Waverly House third floor*  
11:00 Formal Coffee in the Church Parlor  
5:00 Second Sunday Supper - *Poole home*

**March 20**

**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**Reception of New Members**  
8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Waverly Nursery*  
9:00 "Matthew from Scratch"  
Dr. Johnstone - *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  
11:20 "Life Together: Faith Matters" - The Lord's Prayer  
*Upper Room*

**March 27**

**Third Sunday in Lent**  
8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Waverly Nursery*  
9:00 "Matthew from Scratch"  
Dr. Johnstone - *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  
11:20 "Life Together: Faith Matters" - The Lord's Prayer  
*Upper Room*

# IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This committee is elected annually for the purpose of presenting nominees for the offices of the church at the congregational meetings in January (trustees) and May (elders, deacons, nominating committee, Parish Life Council):

Sara Hein and Kathleen Burchby from the Session; Victor Plantinga, Karen Deschere, Nathan Guequierre and Don Craig from the congregation-at-large; Spencer Frank from the Board of Trustees; Amy Bender from the Board of Deacons; the pastor, ex officio without vote.

## SUGGESTIONS TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

You can assist the Nominating Committee by suggesting the names of persons who might be nominated to serve on the **Session**, the **Board of Deacons**, the 2011-2012 **Nominating Committee**, or the **Parish Life Council**. The persons you suggest must be members of Immanuel Church. Current officers are listed on the other side of this sheet. Send this form to the church office or give it to a member of the Nominating Committee. *Be specific about the person's gifts for a particular office; only names with qualifications will be considered.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_  
QUALIFICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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NAMES FOR PARISH LIFE COUNCIL (Hospitality, Special Events, Fine Arts)

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# IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## OFFICERS

Elders and Deacons in the class of 2011 complete their term of office at the end of May. New elders and deacons will be elected on May 22. They will be ordained and installed on Sunday, June 12. Trustees for the class of 2014 will be nominated and elected at the Annual Financial meeting next January.

### THE SESSION

#### Class of 2011

Connie Cohan  
David Gritter  
Sara Hein  
Nancy Herro

#### Class of 2012

Michael Gillard  
Stephen Swigart  
Jenny Vellinga  
Janice Welburn

#### Class of 2013

Kathleen Burchby  
Laurel Heebsh  
Sharon Rose  
John Turner

Deborah A. Block, *Pastor and Moderator*

Mark E. Anderson, *Clerk*

Jean Dow, *Associate Pastor*

Robert W. Ater, *Associate Pastor*

### THE BOARD OF DEACONS

#### Class of 2011

Judy Christofferson, *Secretary*  
Joanne Fowler, *Moderator*  
Shobah Gagrat  
Sylvia Miller

#### Class of 2012

Amy Bender, *Vice-Moderator*  
Ronda Ewald  
James Green, *Treasurer*  
Lu Hewes

#### Class of 2013

Mary Bowers  
Kathy Brumder  
Marty Dooley  
Bob Schweers

Robert W. Ater, *Advisory Member*

### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### Class of 2011

James Brindley  
Spencer Frank, *President*  
Nancy Konrad  
William Morley

#### Class of 2012

Susan Kraeblen  
Priscilla Kuehn  
David Plank  
Vance Werner, Jr.

#### Class of 2013

Maile Beres  
Peg Burns  
Kenneth Krei  
William Schultz

Deborah A. Block, *ex officio* Jill Fahr, *Church Treasurer*