



TOWER CHIMES

Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

November 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

STEWARDSHIP

*is about
cultivating and celebrating*

“Generosity of the Spirit”

How do we cultivate a generous spirit?
How do we celebrate the generosity of God’s Spirit in our lives?

The Stewardship Committee invites you to reflect
on the scriptural theme of God’s rich providing and
our calling *“to be generous, and ready to share.”*
(I Timothy 6:18)

The theme of this year’s stewardship appeal emerged from the committee’s first conversation about why we invite members to give to the church: First of all, we give because God is gracious and generous to all. Secondly, our giving is a response to God’s giving. We give to the church as an expression of gratitude. Think of your pledge card as a thank you note. Thirdly, we are called “to be generous and ready to share” so that God’s work in and through the church is financially supported.

A budget for 2012 has been built through careful and prayerful planning. Many members have participated in the process, and it has been approved unanimously by both the Session and the Board of Trustees. The Stewardship Committee is looking forward to sharing the pie(chart!) at the annual Budget Brunch following worship on Sunday, November 13. We hope that you will be generous; we want you to be well-informed. Members will learn about the commitments and opportunities before us, and how many dollars are needed to make it happen.

The most important pledge goal is 100% -- every member pledging to give something in 2012. Mission, worship, education, the buildings we live in and call “home,” 175 years of work and witness ...
All because of the generosity of the Spirit and our spirit of generosity.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 13
Come for worship; stay for brunch

DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 20
Celebrate the generosity of the Spirit!

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Submit your photo!

Through new on-line software, a 2012 Immanuel Presbyterian Church Pictorial Directory is currently being assembled. Rather than being asked "to sit for professional photos," members may simply submit an electronic photo to the church office over e-mail. *It's really that simple.* When completed, the directory will be available on-line as a pdf that can be downloaded to your computer or mobile device or printed off to put in your desk drawer! Don't worry if you're not "on-line," the church office will occasionally print regular updates that members will be able to pick up on Sunday mornings.

You can help! If you have a nice electronic (jpg) photo of your family, please e-mail it to Ms. Richter in the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org). If you don't have an electronic photo, stay tuned -- we'll have friends in the Parlor on Sundays this winter available to take photos.

LUNCH BUNCH: Bring a Taste of Home To University Christian Ministries Wednesday, November 9

Help spread the warmth and hospitality of this congregation to UWM's students by volunteering to bring lunch and conversation to the University Christian Ministries (UCM) "Lunch Bunch" program. UCM is the cooperative Protestant campus ministry to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

UCM's oldest and most popular program, "Lunch Bunch" serves over 70 students who gather at UCM every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. for fellowship and food. The success of this program is attributed to the Milwaukee area churches who support "Lunch Bunch" by offering time, volunteers, and a meal to make the event possible.

Immanuel has been volunteering at "Lunch Bunch" since 2003 and will be assisting once again on November 9. If you are able to provide part of the meal, or would like to help serve, please contact Steve Swigart or Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757).

Mark your calendar for these Advent and Christmas events:

Advent Workshop:

Sunday, November 27, 11:15 to 1:00

Alternative Christmas Market:

Sunday, December 4, following worship

Christmas Concert and Buffet:

Sunday, December 11, 4:00 p.m.

IMMANUEL'S YOUTH

Attend Episcopal Church Service

On Sunday, October 23, Immanuel's 7-10 grade Church School class attended morning worship at Christ Episcopal Church in Whitefish Bay. Prior to this visit, the class had discussed some of the things they might experience that would be different from the worship service at Immanuel Church, such as the use of the Book of Common Prayer, kneeling and standing for prayer, and a different way of receiving Communion. Afterward, they returned to Immanuel to discuss their experience. Some of their reflections follow:

"Overall it was a great experience. Going to other churches helps us not to be judgmental towards other religious groups."

"By going to someone else's service, I can become more mindful and sensitive to other people. In life, it is easy to become ignorant and be unknowingly mean to someone simply by not understanding how to act."

"During our visit, I learned many things about my own faith and about the Episcopal Church. Their service focused on the Sacrament of Communion, whereas our service focuses mainly on the sermon."

"I liked the sermon. It was short, and the pastor interacted with the group. I now understand how important being friendly to one another is."

"I felt welcomed and connected to their church and service."

"I learned that the Lord's Prayer is similar to ours."

"By going to a different church, I continued learning new ways that different people worship God."

"I would really like another opportunity to go to another church."

"I'd like to attend a non-Christian service - maybe Jewish or Hindu."

There are plans for the class to attend worship services in other churches later in the year.

NEXT "INVITE-A-FRIEND" SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2011

The next "invite-a-friend" Sunday is planned for December 4. The worship service will include the Lighting of the Advent Wreath and will be followed by the 17th Annual Alternative Christmas Market! It will be a great day to invite a friend to church. Who will you invite?

The Sacrament of Baptism
will be celebrated on December 11.
Please speak with one of the ministers
if you desire to profess your faith
or present a child for baptism.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION

"MWANDI SUMMIT 2011"

Report from Ruling Elder Steve Swigart

On October 7 and 8, the Rev. Jean Dow and I attended a special gathering in Mooresville, North Carolina, called by the American representatives on the Board of the Mwandu Christian Hospital in Mwandu, Zambia. This was a unique gathering, bringing together the many congregations and organizations which have supported the mission hospital for many years. Since 1995, Immanuel Church has made four organized trips to this mission site along the Zambezi River in Zambia's Western Province. Two years ago for World Communion Sunday, Immanuel hosted Keith and Ida Waddell, who are Church of Scotland missionaries at the Mwandu mission complex.

The attendance far exceeded the organizers' expectations. More than fifty people came from five states - Colorado, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Wisconsin. We were pleased to represent Immanuel and Milwaukee at this gathering. Many of the attendees had been to Mwandu several times, and it was fascinating to hear about the deep connections with the hospital staff and the village that have been made over time.

The American Board reported on their meeting in Mwandu in April of 2011. At that meeting, members spent time listening to the people who make all the programs work - staff from the school, the hospital, the orphan and vulnerable children's program, the church, and residents of the village. What they determined from these conversations was that the American Board can better serve the mission by focusing on financial and material support. In order to help the mission have a more significant impact for the people it serves, there needs to be serious coordination among the stateside congregations that support Mwandu, as well as a way to monitor the use of contributions. To start the process, the Board has developed a web site - mwandumission.org - that will assist with communication and coordination of efforts. It is a site that is evolving. This is all volunteer work.

Those who have been to Mwandu recently indicate that there is good progress at the mission: there is a new hospital administrator and plans for an emergency room; the high school is continuing to grow; and a new church building is being planned. A major goal is to help the various components of the mission to be self-sustaining, and the Board believes this is possible with good coordination, accountability, and support.

Jean and I were impressed with the folks at the meeting and their commitment to the Mwandu mission. It was gratifying to be recognized by the others there for the financial and service commitment that Immanuel has made over the years to the mission. There was significant interest among those in attendance to continue these meetings on an annual basis.

Immanuel is hoping to take a group to Mwandu in late May and early June of 2012 to see and assist in the work of the mission. If you are interested participating in this mission trip, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-27-4757).

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT OUR HOUSE

Thursday, November 24

Hors d'oeuvres in the Parlor at 3:00

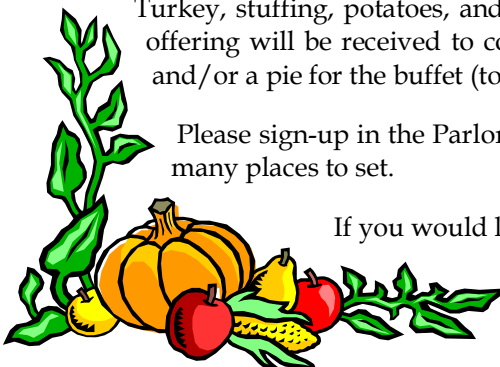
Dinner in the Upper Room at 4:00

YOU ARE INVITED... to Thanksgiving Day Dinner at our house. The Immanuel Church family will be gathering in our common church home for a traditional, elegant, and festive Thanksgiving dinner for everyone. The festivities will begin with hors d'oeuvres in the Parlor at 3:00 p.m. followed by table worship and dinner in the Upper Room at 4:00 p.m.

Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, and gravy will be provided from our Kitchen (thank you Peter Corrao!). A free will offering will be received to cover the costs. Guests are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre, a hot vegetable dish, and/or a pie for the buffet (to serve 8-10).

Please sign-up in the Parlor or call the church office (414-276-4757) so that your Immanuel family knows how many places to set.

If you would like to help host or plan this event, please contact Mr. Ater in the church office.



READ ... THINK ... DISCUSS ... LEARN ... GROW
Adult Education Opportunities for Fall

"THE OLD TESTAMENT FROM SCRATCH"

Sunday mornings at 9:00

with Dr. Johnstone in the Upper Room

a new series of Bible studies that start from the beginning, "from scratch,"
 for those who need to start fresh or re-fresh --
 and for those who are reading the Bible and scratching their heads
 about the Old Testament!

Come for one session or the whole series.

THEOLOGICAL CLASSICS: The Book of Confessions

Second Tuesday evenings of each month at 7:00

with Dr. Fisher in the Waverly House

Each creed will be treated as a "Theological Classic,"
 examining its context, the purpose and meaning behind its rhetoric,
 and its continuing contribution to the theology of the Reformed tradition.

*Copies of the Book of Confessions are available for \$10
 at the Book Table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or from the Church Office.*

*The November 8 conversation will consider the Scots Confession
 and its awareness of divine providence and strong commitment to the triune God.*

"IF IT'S THURSDAY . . . It's Tillich"

Second Thursday mornings of each month at 11:30

with Dr. Fisher in the Waverly House

Explore *The Essential Tillich: An Anthology of the Writings of Paul Tillich*
 and uncover Tillich's answers to some of the
 most profound questions about human existence.

The November 10 conversation will explore parts II, III, and IV.

"It's About Our Children"

COMMON GROUND CONDUCTING EDUCATION SURVEY

Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground is in the process of conducting a survey of individuals in member organizations to assist with their current education initiative, "It's About Our Children." The purpose of the survey is to obtain information about how members are involved in area schools - as parents, foster parents, caregivers, teachers, aides, administrators, or volunteers - and where those schools are located.

All Common Ground member organizations are being asked to participate in this effort. Immanuel Church will offer members and friends an opportunity to complete surveys following worship on Sundays, October 30 and November 6. Surveys will also be available for parents, caregivers, and teachers in Church School classrooms.

The information collected from this survey will be used to compile data to help Common Ground identify the schools with which members are involved. All information will be kept confidential and will not be shared with others. No information is being collected about children.

For those who would prefer to complete the survey online, it can be found on the Common Ground website:
www.commongroundwi.org

**PARTICIPATING IN IMMANUEL'S
ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET:
LET US COUNT THE WAYS**



The Alternative Christmas Market (ACM) has become one of Immanuel's signature events since its inauguration in 1995. Each year, tens of thousands of dollars are collected to benefit local and global organizations. As we approach another holiday season, Immanuel member Bobbi Timberlake and the Mission Committee thought you might like to know that there are many ways to participate in the ACM. Here are just a few. We'd love to hear of any others you may have used.

- You might use the "traditional approach," as the Timberlake family has over the years: Decide which friends and family members you want to gift in this way; choose from among the many options on the "shopping list" (we try to match items with each person's interests); come to the market and purchase the items, along with cards and inserts that describe the organizations. In addition to other family members and friends, we give ACM gifts to each of our four grandchildren. Now that they are all able to read, we present the cards at a family Christmas meal and have each member read what they've received and the information about the organization. We talk about the organizations, what they do, and why they need our support.
- Another Immanuel family shared a different approach: they give each family member a certain amount to spend and let them decide how they want to divide up their gift. The parents make the donation, but each person receives the pleasure of selecting the gifts.
- Do you belong to a Book Club? How about giving ACM gifts to the members?
- Or, if you do gift exchanges at work, this would be an easy way to get the right fit.
- You might consider giving employees or business clients ACM gifts.
- And parents, how about ACM gifts for your children's teachers? They get plenty of candy, cookies, and trinkets and would probably welcome such a thoughtful gift.

These are just a few of the many ways to participate in the Alternative Christmas Market. The important word here is "participate." This year's Market will be held on Sunday, **December 4** following worship in the Upper Room. Come and meet the agency representatives and get to know our community in a new and deeper way. Think about how the gifts you purchase will spread the good news of Christmas. You, the agencies, and your family and friends will grow and benefit from the experience.

A draft of the "shopping list" and descriptions of the participating agencies are included in this issue of *Tower Chimes*.

**2011 ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET
Participating Agencies**

Adult Learning Center

Milwaukee's Adult Learning Center provides motivated adults with basic education, life-long learning opportunities, and resources to transform their lives and contribute to their communities, in the spirit of the teachings of Jesus Christ and the principles of social justice. Offering both a traditional classroom setting and one-on-one tutoring, the ALC helps adults gain the basic academic skills necessary to earn a General Educational Development (GED) Certificate, and to succeed in careers and higher education.

www.mlkadultlearningcenter.org

Bread of Healing Clinic

Begun as a ministry of Cross Lutheran Church in 2000, the Bread of Healing Clinic now sees 350-400 patients each month at three locations in Milwaukee. Most patients are employed but do not have access to health insurance. In addition to primary health care services, the Clinic offers programs such as Diabetes Education and an Eye Glass program. The name of the organization comes from Ecclesiastes 11:1, which invites the reader to: "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you

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Bread of Healing Clinic (continued)

will find it after many days." Maya Angelou writes further: "When we cast our bread upon the waters, we can presume that someone downstream, whose face we may never see, will benefit from our action, even as we enjoy the fruits sent to us from a donor upstream."

www.breadofhealing.org

Cathedral Center Shelter for Women and Families

The Cathedral Center provides emergency shelter and case management services for Milwaukee area women and families who are homeless or experiencing a housing crisis. The shelter is open 365 days a year, serving up to 32 single women and eight families per day.

www.cathedral-center.org

Community Advocates

Community Advocates is the largest human needs advocacy agency in Wisconsin, and one of the few remaining community-based organizations of any kind that welcomes walk-in clients five days a week. All Milwaukee residents who need assistance with meeting basic needs can come to Community Advocates and find help.

With more than 60 assistance programs, Community Advocates staff may:

- Help a homeless single mother and her children find clean, safe housing
- Connect a low-income family to health insurance
- Provide shelter and supportive services for individuals who are homeless, mentally ill
- Advocate for those who qualify for SSI disability benefits
- Provide counseling for batterers to help them learn to resolve conflict without violence
- Offer a safe haven to a mother and her children who are victims of domestic violence
- Arrange short-term financial assistance and budget training to help persons manage utilities and heating costs

Community Advocates believes that no one should have to lose hope for the future because of a lack of resources today. For more than 35 years, Community Advocates has worked to see its vision for Milwaukee become real: *a community in which each person envisions a future with hope.*

www.communityadvocates.net

Eastside Senior Services

Eastside Senior Services is one of fifteen neighborhood programs of Interfaith Older Adult Programs which help older adults in Milwaukee County remain independent 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 Riverwest, and on Milwaukee's East Side.

www.interfaithmilw.org

Interchange Food Pantry

Since 1972, the Interchange Food Pantry (IFP) has served low-income individuals from downtown Milwaukee, the East Side and Shorewood. Currently, IFP provides free groceries and personal hygiene items at the pantry to 475 guests each month. In addition, free groceries are delivered to 285 senior citizens on a monthly basis. All pantry guests are treated with compassion and dignity. Donations allow the Interchange Food Pantry to provide guests with high-quality food, especially fresh fruits and vegetables (locally grown when available) and frozen meats. Immanuel Presbyterian Church is a founding member of Interchange, an ecumenical coalition of churches that also includes All Saints' Cathedral, First Unitarian Society, North Shore Presbyterian Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Summerfield United Methodist Church, and Village Church.

Kenya Mission Partners

Immanuel Church has mission partnerships with the Greater Kandara Parish and Kiserian Parish near Nairobi, Kenya – made up of several congregations of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa. These parishes also support several schools and early childhood development programs in the communities they serve. Gifts to the Alternative Christmas market will support these educational ministries, and will assist with developing micro-enterprise projects to alleviate poverty in the area.

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity

Milwaukee Habitat is a hands-on ecumenical housing organization working in partnership with all of God's people to create in the Greater Milwaukee community a decent habitat in which to live and work. Starting with the building or rehabilitation of modest but adequate housing, and with equal concern for the uplifting of families and neighborhoods, the aim is to create an environment of hope, dignity and a truly human existence for all people.

www.milwaukeehabitat.org

Mwandi Christian Hospital and Mission

The Mwandi Christian Mission in Zambia's Western Province includes a hospital, basic primary school and high school, as well as various programs to serve the needs of Mwandi village and the surrounding area. These programs include Kandiana Village for the Vulnerable and Aged, the TLC preschool, an Orphans and Vulnerable Children's project, and an Agricultural Project. Immanuel Church has been one of Mwandi's United States mission partners since 1995.

www.mwandimission.org

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (USA), enabling congregations to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. PDA focuses on the long term recovery of disaster affected communities, and works collaboratively with national and international partners, such as the United Nations, the World Food Program, and the Red Cross. PDA's core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts, including those from Immanuel's Alternative Christmas Market.

gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pda

Sojourner Family Peace Center

Sojourner Family Peace Center's mission is to create peaceful communities in which domestic respect and a life free from violence is the right of every woman, man, and child. The agency provides education, advocacy, and resources to keep people safe. A 42-bed shelter has provided safety and support services to thousands of women and children. Other programs include a 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline, Domestic Abuse Victim Advocates in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office, Courthouse Advocacy, Ending Violence through Education, and BA - Beyond Abuse, for men and women seeking alternatives to abusive behavior. Sojourner Family Peace Center is committed to creating communities where people live peacefully.

www.familypeacecenter.org

Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.

Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. is a 98-year-old, non-profit agency that advocates for justice and community safety. It provides innovative opportunities for individuals to overcome adversity in the Milwaukee area. Services include job training, mental health treatment, halfway houses, youth programs, substance abuse treatment, restorative justice, and community alternatives to incarceration. The Swigart House, named for Immanuel member Steve Swigart (who retired in 2007 as Executive Director of Wisconsin Community Services) offers permanent residence to nine men with severe and chronic mental illness. A gift to the Alternative Christmas Market will help with the ongoing renovation of the house, inside and out.

www.wiscs.org

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

The Wisconsin Conservatory of Music strives to provide the finest music education experience for professionals and beginners alike. With over one hundred and eleven years of experience, three branch locations, and a highly knowledgeable faculty, the Conservatory has the resources to help students excel and reach their full potential. The Conservatory also serves the community with concerts, music education programs in schools, and music therapy services.

www.wcmusic.org



*Draft***2011 Alternative Christmas Market Shopping List***Draft***Adult Learning Center**

Classroom supplies for a new student	\$5
USB drive for a student's computer work	\$15
GED preparation book for 1 student	\$25
Job preparation counseling for 1 student for 1 semester	\$75
Donation to the Adult Learning Center	

Bread of Healing Clinic

Blood pressure screening	\$5
Eyeglasses with exam	\$10
Flu shot	\$25
Insulin for one month	\$100
Donation to the Bread of Healing Clinic	

Cathedral Center Shelter for Women and Families

Towel and washcloth	\$10
Children's books and games for the family room	\$30
Winter coat and gloves	\$60
Pack N Play for a baby in the shelter	\$75
Donation to the Cathedral Center Shelter	

Community Advocates

Plush toy for a child victim of domestic violence	\$10
Starter cleaning kit for a homeless family moving to permanent housing	\$30
Monthly bus pass for an adult who is disabled	\$60
Comforting pillow, blanket, and mattress for a guest in the Older Abused Women's Shelter	\$100
Donation to Community Advocates	

Eastside Senior Services

A Christmas gift for a senior living alone	\$10
Transportation and support for a medical appointment	\$15
A recorded book for a visually impaired older adult	\$30
A lap quilt for an older adult	\$40
Donation to Eastside Senior Services	

Interchange Food Pantry

50 lbs. of fresh fruits and vegetables	\$10
A Christmas dinner for a family of six	\$30
A bag of groceries for 15 pantry guests	\$50
One pound of ground turkey for 200 households	\$100
Donation to the Interchange Food Pantry	

Kenya Mission Partners

Personal hygiene supplies to allow a girl to stay in school	\$5
Sports equipment for youth	\$15
Teaching supplies for a grade school classroom	\$30
Transparent roof panels to provide light for an otherwise dark classroom	\$50
A microcredit loan for a woman in Kenya	\$100
Donation to Kenya Mission Partners	

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity

A smoke/carbon monoxide detector for a new home	\$15
Dining area light fixture	\$50
Kitchen or bathroom cabinet	\$75
A front door to a new home	\$200
Donation to Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity	

Mwandi Christian Hospital and Mission

Mosquito net to prevent malaria	\$10
A blanket for a resident of Kandiana Village for the Vulnerable and Aged	\$15
1,000 fingerlings for the fish farm	\$50
Annual school fees for a child in the Orphan and Vulnerable Children's Center	\$60
Medical equipment for a new Emergency Room	\$100
Donation to Mwandi Christian Hospital and Mission	

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

A school kit for children in a post-disaster area	\$10
Family food parcel	\$25
Emergency household kit (blankets, sleeping mats, water can, mosquito nets, soap)	\$35
Tools or building supplies to help homeowners rebuild after a disaster	\$40
Seeds to replant what was lost due to wind, war, & flooding	\$60
Donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	

Sojourner Family Peace Center

Cab fare to bring a family seeking emergency safety to the shelter	\$25
A new winter jacket for a child	\$30
Food for two women and their children for one day in the shelter	\$50
Art therapy supplies for children's programming	\$100
Donation to the Sojourner Family Peace Center	

Wisconsin Community Services

Gift cards to reward residents for achieving program goals	\$10
A week of bus tickets for a resident traveling to work or appointments	\$20
Assistance obtaining documentation for a Wisconsin Identification Card	\$25
"University of Wellness" class for 10 clients who are chronically mentally ill	\$100
Donation to Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.	

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

Tickets for 4 public school students to attend a concert	\$10
A drum for a member of the Samba Unit	\$20
1 Music Therapy session for a patient with autism or Alzheimer's Disease	\$30
Tuition assistance for a student in "music counts" (an after-school program for MPS students with no music programming in their school)	\$50
Bus transportation for children to attend school concerts	\$100
Donation to the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music	

Donations may also be made through the Alternative Christmas Market to:

Covenant Network of Presbyterians
Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground

Advent 2011
 Looking forward to our 175th anniversary;
 Looking back to
 “Christmas Through the Years”

Our Advent booklet this year will reflect on the themes of wilderness, “Immanuel”, challenge, and promise as we move into our 175th year. In its beginning, the first members of First Presbyterian Church were dreaming of having a church in their frontier community. In December of 1870, a church divided before the Civil War reunited and chose a new name, “Immanuel.” In its centennial year, Immanuel faced the challenges of re-building after the Great Depression, and in 1987 resolved to “keep faith in the city.”

“Christmas Through the Years” will be a collection of members’ traditions and memories for daily reading from November 27 through December 24. Put your thoughts into words and share them with the congregation as part of this annual offering. The booklet is published in mid-November so that it is ready for distribution on the First Sunday in Advent, November 27. Contributions are due in the church office by November 15. Please send them to Ms. Richter at ipc@immanuelwi.org. Interested? A writers’ workshop on Sunday, October 30 at 11:20 will introduce you to the theme, weekly emphases, and Bible readings for the 28 days of Advent.

ANNUAL ADVENT WORKSHOP
November 27, 2011

Members of all ages are invited to participate in Immanuel’s annual Advent Workshop, which will be held this year on Sunday, November 27 from 11:15 until 1:00 in the Upper Room. As always, there will be a variety of activities reflecting and celebrating the meanings of the season, in which we await the coming of the Christ Child. The Advent theme this year is “Christmas through the Years,” and workshop activities will focus on some of the traditions that make this season special. There will, as always, be an opportunity for participants to make their own Advent wreath, with boughs freshly cut from the north woods, in order to mark the weeks of Advent at home as we do here at church.

Please let the planners know how many in your household will be participating by signing up on the sheets in the Parlor so that we can be sure to have sufficient materials and food. You can also help by bringing:

- wire wreath ring with candle holders from previous year (if you have one; or \$6.00 to purchase one)
- \$5.00 minimum contribution per wreath for supplies (greens, ribbons, four candles)
- a pair of scissors (labeled with your name)
- clippers for greens (labeled with your name)
- a friend (this is a great opportunity to introduce a friend to Immanuel Church!)
- a sliced loaf of holiday bread, a plate of cheese and crackers, or some fruit for the refreshments table (the Church School Committee will provide coffee, juice, and milk)
- something for the Christ Presbyterian Church Christmas Store: toys, books, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves

Do plan to join us for this wonderful intergenerational event!

TOWER CHIMES
Now available electronically!

In an effort to simplify communication and to be better stewards of our resources, Immanuel members and friends may now request that the *Tower Chimes* be sent to them *only* by e-mail, *only* by mail, or both. To update your *Tower Chimes* mailing preference, contact Amy Richter in the church office (414-276-4757, ipc@immanuelwi.org). Members who do not make any changes to their mailing preference will continue to receive the newsletter *only* by mail. A “web-edited” version, with personal contact information removed, continues to be available on the Immanuel website.

TWENTY FIVE NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED!

The Session of Immanuel Presbyterian Church received twenty-five new persons into membership during a special meeting Sunday evening, October 16. The largest new member class in at least the last ten years, new members will be welcomed by the congregation during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 30.

By reaffirmation of faith . . .

Patty Amborn is an adjunct professor for Ottawa University, a free lance writer, and trained Stephen Ministry Leader. She comes to Immanuel from the Lutheran tradition and values the meaningful worship and warm hospitality she has found at IPC.

Corrine Brantner and **Matt Mitchell** are excited to have found Immanuel and look forward to a May 2012 wedding in the Sanctuary. The self-described "son of a Presbyterian preacher woman," Mr. Mitchell feels very much at home at IPC. They both appreciate the inclusive and warm welcome of the congregation and the many opportunities to serve. A former "Teach for America" instructor, Ms. Brantner now provides support and resources to teachers in the program.

Jon Cappelli moved to Milwaukee in April with his fiancée Stephanie (*see next page*). A recent Purdue University graduate, Mr. Cappelli is part of the executive management team for Target in Menomonee Falls. He appreciates the thought-provoking sermons and the hospitality Immanuel provides to members and friends all the time, "not just on Sundays."

Anca Deselnicu was invited to Immanuel by friends and has enjoyed visiting for the last few years. Born in Romania, she's lived in Milwaukee for over fifteen years and works in the banking industry. She appreciates the congregation's involvement in the community and looks forward to getting involved herself. Ms. Deselnicu joins Immanuel with her new husband John (*see next page*) and five year old son, Michael.

Joe Dominguez is a paramedic/firefighter for the city of New Berlin. He and his wife Sarah (*see next page*) are excited to be new parents this month and are glad to have found a new church home. Mr. Dominguez appreciates the welcome and diversity of Immanuel's congregation and looks forward to future involvements.

Lindsay Hook recently moved to Milwaukee from Denver, Colorado to be near her fiancé James Utts (*see next page*). They are looking forward to an August 2012 wedding in the Sanctuary. Ms. Hook has felt warmly welcomed and has already enjoyed meeting new friends. Professionally, she is an internal auditor at Quad Graphics.

Tom and **Karen Scott** were members of Westminster Presbyterian Church in the 1970's and are pleased to have found their way back into the Presbyterian tradition. They value the intellectually and spiritually enriching worship services and wonderful music and appreciate the many opportunities for service. Dr. Scott teaches English Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Ms. Scott is retired from a career in social services.

By letter of transfer...

... from Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Mequon

Steve and **Danette Carlton** very much value the worship and music at Immanuel. They have also appreciated the warm welcome they've received and the many opportunities for service offered at IPC. An ordained ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Mr. Carlton is a commercial banker at U.S. Bank and also enjoys playing the organ. He has substituted for Mr. Jensen on the Immanuel bench several times. Ms. Carlton is a retired registered nurse looking for new involvements now that both of their children are grown. **Matthew Carlton** is in his first year of law school at Case Western Reserve University and **Kathryn Carlton** is a junior at Indiana University. Even though they've been away, they are each glad to be welcomed into this new community of faith.

Susan (Sue) Renanne is committed to mission and service and has already helped to recruit Immanuel volunteers to help with a recent food packing event at State Fair Park. A newly retired middle school teacher, Ms. Renanne appreciates the warm welcome she and her husband Rabah have received at IPC.

... from *Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church, Wauwatosa*

A lifelong Presbyterian, **Sarah Dominguez** grew up at the former Perseverance Presbyterian Church. She is glad to have found a new church home and appreciates the "tradition and newness" of Immanuel. Ms. Dominguez teaches middle school physical education in Greendale and looks forward to being a mother soon.

... from *Djoungolo Presbyterian Church, The Presbyterian Church of Cameroon, Yaoundé, Cameroon*

Before **Gothard Roby Ella** moved to Milwaukee from Cameroon in July, he'd already found his new church home, Immanuel, on the internet. A lifelong Presbyterian, Mr. Ella's mother serves as an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon and encouraged him to "get connected to a new church soon." Almost immediately Mr. Ella began volunteering with the Landscaping Team and Vacation Bible School. He is thankful to God for all the gifts of life and for a new church community.

... from *Norwich Congregational Church, Norwich, Vermont*

After many years away, **David Johnstone** is happy to return to Immanuel with his wife Candice. Dr. Johnstone is a cardiothoracic surgeon at Froedtert Hospital. An ordained ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), he appreciates the intelligence of the congregation and the sense of community he's found.

... from *The First Presbyterian Church of Smithtown, New York*

A lifelong Presbyterian, **Candice Johnstone** feels right at home at Immanuel and appreciates having been so warmly welcomed. Dr. Johnstone is a radiation oncologist at Froedtert Hospital and also teaches at the Medical College of Wisconsin. In her free time she enjoys serving in a rescue network for Brittany Spaniels.

... from *First United Methodist Church, Waukesha*

John Klein was introduced to Immanuel by his new wife, Anca, shortly before Mr. Ater married them in September. His experience at IPC was immediately positive. Mr. Klein found the congregation warm, open, and kind. An engineer by profession, he enjoys playing tennis and watching football in his free time.

... from *Central Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, Indiana*

Stephanie Mathis values being Presbyterian and was excited to find a wonderful Presbyterian church just a few blocks from her home when she moved to Milwaukee this summer. A recent graduate of Purdue University, Ms. Mathis works for GE Healthcare. She looks forward to getting involved in the many community outreach opportunities at Immanuel and is excited about planning a June wedding in the Sanctuary.

... from *Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago*

A longtime Presbyterian, **Richard Myers** first joined Immanuel in 2001 before briefly transferring his membership to Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. He's happy to be back and enjoys ushering on Sunday mornings. He travels regularly to the East Coast for consulting work and is also involved in the Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin.

... from *Fox Point Lutheran Church, Fox Point*

Brent and Liz Nelson are longtime Immanuel friends who are pleased to have "officially re-connected." They particularly appreciate the meaningful worship and the many mission opportunities and fun Parish Life Council events. They have an adult son, Erik, and a ten year old son, Dan. Ms. Nelson is an ordained deacon in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and manages a non-profit dental clinic for people with no other access to care.

... from *First Congregational United Church of Christ, Oconomowoc*

Mary Pollock comes from a long line of Presbyterians and says that she is "pleased to be a Presbyterian again!" She very much enjoys the traditional worship service balanced by brilliant preaching, good friends, and fabulous music. She has recently relocated to the East side and is thrilled to be so close to her new church home.

... from *Christ United Methodist Church, Deerfield, Illinois*

James Utts was drawn to Immanuel's emphasis on care and outreach to the community. He and his fiancée Lindsay had already volunteered with a food packing event before they joined the church. They both look forward to continuing mission involvement. During the week, Mr. Utts works in medical sales.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- Married** Ashley Lukens and Philipp Müller, October 22.
- Died** Michael Brust, Saturday, October 1. Mr. Brust joined Immanuel Church in July. A memorial service was conducted by Mr. Ater in the Sanctuary on October 4.
 Charles Forsaith, Friday, October 14. Mr. Forsaith joined Immanuel in 1999 with his wife Virginia and daughters Sally and Debra. A memorial service will be held at a later date.
 Ralph Cook, Thursday, October 20. Mr. Cook joined Immanuel in 1982. A memorial service will be conducted by Mr. Ater in the Chapel on Monday, October 31 at 2:30 p.m.
- Moved** Barbara Hunter,
 Kari Klatt,
 Basil Maglaris and Gina LaPorte,
 Gibson Wehr,
 Nathan Wesselowski,

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A MONTH OF SUNDAYS
NOVEMBER 2011
at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

November 6

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints' Sunday

- 8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Waverly House*
- 8:55 Choir rehearsal
- 9:00 "The Old Testament from Scratch"; Dr. Johnstone
- 10:00 Morning Worship
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Five movements from "Requiem" by Andrew Lloyd Webber
with soloist, Charlie Fahr (*age 14*)
- 11:00 Church School - *Waverly House third floor & Youth Room*
- 11:00 Formal Coffee Hour hosted by the Board of Deacons
Columbarium will be open to members and visitors

November 13

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Interpretation Sunday

- 8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Waverly House*
- 8:55 Choir rehearsal
- 9:00 "The Old Testament from Scratch"; Dr. Johnstone
- 10:00 Morning Worship
- 11:00 Church School - *Waverly House third floor & Youth Room*
- 11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor
- 11:15 Stewardship "Budget Brunch" - *Upper Room*

November 20

Christ the King

Dedication and Thanksgiving Sunday

- 8:45 Child Care for infants and toddlers
- 8:55 Choir rehearsal
- 10:00 Morning Worship
Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 11:00 Church School - *Waverly House third floor & Youth Room*
- 11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor

November 27

First Sunday of Advent

- 8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers - *Waverly House*
- 8:55 Choir rehearsal
- 10:00 Morning Worship
Lighting of the Advent Wreath and
Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 11:00 Church School - *Waverly House third floor & Youth Room*
- 11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor
- 11:15 Advent Workshop for all ages - *Upper Room*