

TOWER CHIMES

Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

October 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

Marking a milestone in faith and literature

The Fall 2011

SATURDAY SEMINAR

October 22 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Upper Room

THE ENDURING WORD:

1611-2011

**The King James Version to
the new Common English Bible**

400 years of controversy, discovery, and impact

with guest presenter

Ted Hiebert,

Professor of Old Testament

at McCormick Theological Seminary;

translator of Genesis and an editor

for the newly-published Common English Bible.

Registration on Sunday mornings or call the church office

Your \$10.00 contribution includes lunch

Child care provided as requested

Interested in the history of Biblical translation and why it matters?

You may also want to join a group from Immanuel for a day at

McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago

on Tuesday, October 25 for the 2011 "McCormick Days" lectures:

"CELEBRATING THE OLD AND THE NEW:

From the King James Version to the Common English Bible"

featuring Professors Ted Hiebert and Elizabeth Caldwell.

Of particular note for members and friends of Immanuel:

Sister Karlyn Cauley was commissioned to paint illustrations of newly translated texts. Her work will be on exhibit at this event.

Dr. Block will lead a workshop on the process of "readability" for the new Common English Bible. She, Mr. Ater, Ms. Dow, Sister Karlyn and Dr. Johnstone worked together throughout the spring of 2010 as a reading group for the translation of Psalms 1-51.

McCormick Days registration is \$50.00 plus transportation

**IPC 101: An Introduction to Life at
Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 9 at 11:15 a.m.**

Are you new to Immanuel Church? Would you like to learn more about the congregation? Plan to join members of the Membership Committee following worship on Sunday, October 9, for "IPC 101: An Introduction to Life at Immanuel Presbyterian Church."

We will discuss our focus on worship, education, and mission, tour the church building, and talk about what it means to be a Presbyterian.

The session will last approximately 45 minutes and will include time for questions and discussion. For more information, or to inquire about membership, contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757).

**SING OUT!
The Immanuel Choir Needs YOU**

Instead of watching "The Sing Off" on Monday nights, why not sing out with Immanuel's church choir? New voices are needed -- especially tenors -- and all voices are welcomed. Rehearsals are from 6:00 to 7:30 on Monday evenings; the choir also warms up at 9:00 on Sunday mornings. It's a pleasure to sing with this choir, and there is interesting music ahead for the fall and Christmas seasons. Indicate your interest to Mr. Komasa or one of the ministers following worship. We have a robe for *you*.

**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.

The Sacrament of Baptism
will be celebrated on
Reformation Sunday, October 30.
Please speak with one of the ministers
if you desire to profess your faith
or present a child for baptism.

**COME GROW WITH US
Prospective Member Dinner
Sunday, October 16**

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, October 16 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).

**LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE
FALL CLEANUP DAY
Saturday, October 15
10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

All are invited to help with the Landscaping Committee's fall cleanup day on Saturday, October 15 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Indicate your interest on the sign-up sheets in the Parlor on Sunday mornings or contact the church office (414-276-4757). If you have gardening tools, gloves, etc. please bring them along. Come for a few hours or plan to stay all day!

**CARE PACKAGES
FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

As part of their ministry of support and care, the Board of Deacons will send care packages to approximately ten Immanuel Church college students on Tuesday evening, October 5. In addition to sending a few small school supplies and snacks, the deacons would like to include some homemade treats as well. Cookies, brownies, and bars *that are the least likely to crumble in the mail* would be appreciated.

If you would like to make a contribution, want to make sure your college student is on our list, or you know of another Immanuel member who is away from home or serving in the military who might appreciate a note or package, please contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
All Saints' Sunday - November 6
Thanksgiving Day Dinner - November 24
The First Sunday of Advent - November 27
Alternative Christmas Market - December 4



"DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE" WEEKEND

A huge success! Over 600 visit Immanuel!

On September 24 & 25 Immanuel Presbyterian Church joined over 100 Milwaukee organizations in opening our doors for special tours and hospitality. Sponsored by Historic Milwaukee and modeled after successful annual events in New York, Toronto, and Denver, *Doors Open Milwaukee* opened buildings of all kinds in the downtown area free of charge, allowing the public to explore new places and hidden areas usually off-limits to visitors. According to *Doors Open Milwaukee* coordinator, George Wagner, the event was a huge success with approximately 42,000 site visits throughout the weekend. "The response far exceeded our expectations," he reported.

The response to Immanuel's open doors, far exceeded Immanuel's expectations, too! Just over 600 people visited Immanuel during the two day event. Visitors were greeted at the door by Immanuel volunteers with a special Immanuel-Doors Open Welcome Booklet and invited to explore the building with Immanuel tour guides. "I was thrilled and excited," Mr. Ater exclaimed at the end of the first day, "to be able to share the Immanuel story with so many people." On Sunday, a few Doors Open visitors joined the congregation for worship and stayed for Dr. Block's special program entitled "Opening Our Doors for 175 Years" in the Upper Room. The Membership Committee thanks all the people who volunteered to help make the event such a success. Extra copies of the Welcome Booklet are available on the Great Hall tables and from the church office throughout the month of October.

The church office received the following note of gratitude from a Doors Open visitor:

*Thank you for opening your church for Doors Open.
It is a great accomplishment to be in the city for 175 years.
The Tiffany angels look down on a very welcoming group.
You were the only church I visited who invited us back!*

Blessings, Mary

WORSHIP WITH US

World Communion Sunday, October 2 **The Rev. Jean Dow preaching**

A celebration of Christian unity throughout the world,
the service will include
the Sacrament of Holy Communion
and special music from the Luboff *African Mass*.

MISSION BRUNCH

following World Communion Worship

Dr. Block and Elder Melinda Krei will share
pictures, stories, and reflections
from their mission trip to Kenya.

Enjoy a simple brunch of African food
in the Upper Room,
and learn more about our mission partnerships
and commitments in Africa.

THANK YOU

for supporting Immanuel's **public school teachers**

Aware that many public school teachers often purchase school supplies out of their own pockets for students who need them, Immanuel Church members donated supplies throughout the month of September to help offset this cost for Immanuel's public school teachers. Several bins were filled to overflowing in the Great Hall. Thank you!

New member Sara Shaw, in her second year in the "Teach for America" program in a local high school, shares this note of thanksgiving: "Thank you so much for your offer to help with school supplies. Your call made me feel like both my students and I will be well taken care of. I thank Immanuel for the amazing generosity."

“SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION”

INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY OPEN HOUSE Thursday, October 13 ~ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Village Church ~ 130 East Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee

Thousands of people in need in Milwaukee – our community’s seniors, children, parents, neighbors – depend on the Interchange Food Pantry for food and personal care needs they could otherwise not meet. Thanks to the support of seven congregations from Downtown, the East Side, and the North Shore – including Immanuel Presbyterian Church – the Interchange Food Pantry is able to continue to provide needed resources for our neighbors.

The Interchange Board of Directors invites members and friends to come and see where this important ministry takes place at an Open House on Thursday, October 13 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Get an up-close view of the Pantry and a better understanding of how it operates. Meet members of the board, staff, and volunteers. Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and beverages while visiting with friends old and new.

The Pantry is open every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. In addition, monthly deliveries are made to four senior housing facilities – Arlington Court, Convent Hill, Golda Meir, and Jefferson Court. In 2010, the pantry distributed 124,000 pounds of food to nearly 9,000 clients, all made possible by pledges and donations from Interchange congregations and supporters along with dollar-stretching use of free and low-cost food sourcing programs.

Immanuel Church is one of the founding members of Interchange. Jean Dow is the current President of the Board of Directors and Immanuel member Kris Schmidt serves as Treasurer.

“ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME” Milwaukee’s Annual CROP WALK -- October 9, 2011

Immanuel Church is again forming a team of walkers for Milwaukee’s annual CROP Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 9! Those who would like to help but do not wish to walk may support a walker with a financial contribution or by donating non-perishable food items for Milwaukee’s Hunger Task Force. A large collection box is in the Great Hall.

CROP, Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty, brings together neighbors of various faith traditions, cultures, and ages, who walk together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Some 2,000 communities across the country participate in CROP Walks each year, raising awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as for local hunger-fighting agencies. In Milwaukee, up to 25% of dollars raised is used locally to support the anti-poverty advocacy work of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee. The remaining funds are used by Church World Service to provide sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief and refugee assistance, and global hunger education in more than 80 countries, including the United States.

The Interfaith Conference has set a goal of 1,000 walkers for this year’s CROP Walk. The walk begins at 1:30 on Sunday, October 9 at the McKinley Marina on Milwaukee’s lakefront. Walkers may choose a shorter 2 mile walk or a longer 5 mile route. Registration forms are available on Sunday mornings in the Parlor. You may also sign up as a walker, or to make a donation, on Immanuel’s “Team Page” at www.churchworldservice.org. For additional information, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757).

THE GATHERING MEAL PROGRAM Saturday, October 15 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Help serve a noontime meal to those in need on Saturday, October 15, at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Community Center, 35th 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, October 13. 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.

SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES
Volunteers Needed
October 25 to 30

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 through Sunday, October 25 to 30. 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) with questions.

WORLDWIDE HUNGER RELIEF
FOOD PACKING EVENT
October 13 to 16

Worldwide Hunger Relief, a Milwaukee organization dedicated to addressing the issue of hunger around the world, is sponsoring a Food Packing Event at Wisconsin State Fair Park, October 13-16, with the goal of packaging and sending 1,000,000 meals to Haiti. Immanuel Presbyterian Church has signed up to bring a team on Friday, October 14 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, October 15 from 10:30 a.m. - noon. Several Immanuel youth and adults took part in a similar event last spring and found it both fun and meaningful. There is a \$25 per person cost to cover ingredients and shipping. Volunteers of all ages are invited to help and the Immanuel Mission Committee has offered to cover the \$25 cost for anyone up to age 18 who wishes to participate. Sign up on Sunday mornings in the Parlor and call Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757) with any questions.

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).

UNICEF VOUCHERS
available Sundays in October

Again this year, members of Immanuel Church will be able to support UNICEF through the purchase of UNICEF vouchers, which can be given to trick-or-treaters instead of (or in addition to) a candy bar -- a "treat", indeed, for the children of the world. The vouchers are still only 4/\$1.00 and will be available during coffee hour on Sundays, October 16, 23, and 30.

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.

THE SAINT JOHN’S BIBLE

on special display for Immanuel members at the Marquette University Archives
 Sunday, October 16, departing from the church at 11:30
 Hosted by Elder Janice Welburn, Dean of Libraries at MU
*The Saint John’s Bible is the first completely handwritten and illuminated text of the Bible
 to be commissioned by a Benedictine Abby since the invention of the printing press.*
 Please indicate your interest in attending on the sign-up sheet in the Parlor on Sunday mornings.

**THE ENDURING WORD:
 A Saturday Seminar on October 22**
(see cover page for details)

THEOLOGICAL CLASSICS: The Book of Confessions
 Second Tuesday evenings of each month at 7:00 with Dr. Fisher
 beginning October 11 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 October 11 conversation will consider the nature of the creeds
 and explore the Nicene and Apostles Creeds.*

“IF IT’S THURSDAY . . . It’s Tillich”
 Second Thursday mornings of each month at 11:30 with Dr. Fisher
 beginning October 13 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 October 13 conversation will explore
 the Invocation and Parts I and II of the book.*

MEMBERSHIP CLASS REUNION BRUNCH
Sunday, October 23, 12:15 p.m.

What year did you join the church? The Parish Life Council will host a Membership "Class Reunion" Brunch on October 23 for all persons who joined Immanuel Church in 2010, 2005, 2000, 1995, 1990, 1985, 1980, 1975 . . . Invitations were mailed in late September. If you joined the church in one of these years and did not receive an invitation, please contact the church office so that we can update our database and add you to our guest list. These "Class Reunion" brunches are part of Immanuel's 175th anniversary celebration and will continue through 2012.

UNICEF HARVEST/HALLOWEEN
CHILI SUPPER

Friday, October 28, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
in the Upper Room



On Friday evening, October 28, Immanuel members and friends are invited to gather in the Upper Room for a UNICEF Harvest/Halloween Chili Supper. Co-sponsored by the Parish Life Council and Church School Committee, the event will include special activities for children. At this gathering, children and adults will learn about the work of UNICEF and how "kids can help kids" through the "Trick-or-treat for UNICEF" program. Friends of all ages are invited to come in costume. Sign-up in the Parlor following worship or contact the church office (414-276-4757).



COVENANT NETWORK CONFERENCE

First Presbyterian Church
Durham, North Carolina

November 3-5, 2011

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is moving through a period of deep discernment. The literal language of G-6.0106b is now a thing of the past, while the conflicted history associated with this issue of inclusivity is still very much with us. Many people are celebrating the passage of Amendment 10-A, while others are grieving the direction in which the church is moving. All are pausing and wondering what the future holds.

The change in ordination policy, as well as the approval of the New Form of Government, means Presbyterian congregations and governing bodies need to rely more than ever on skills of mutual respect, civility, and spiritual forbearance. Presbyterians have tremendous resources from our history to draw upon. And scripture is quite clear that God has "entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19). Can we seek together a spiritual maturity that is more proactive than reactive? Can we learn how to let our light shine in the midst of difficult conversations? Can the practice of reconciliation become a condition of our daily lives, rather than simply an ideal end toward which we strive?

Join fellow Presbyterians at the 2011 Covenant Network Conference as we ask these important questions. Guest speakers, preachers, and workshop presenters (including Immanuel friend, Scott Anderson, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches) will help us seek answers faithfully and respectfully. Come see what the grace and spirit of God is leading us to be and do as people of faith. Go to www.covnetpres.org for more information, including a full listing of conference speakers, preachers, and registration details.

COVENANT NETWORK CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

- ❖ Regular rate, \$180 September 16 to October 26,
- ❖ Last minute rate, \$200 beginning October 27.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT: www.covnetpres.org

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- Born** Ryan Mark Dahler, to Sarah Hagen and Matt Dahler, Thursday, August 25.
 Marco Julius Moreno, to Carley Sauter and Fernando Moreno, Friday, August 26.
- Baptized** Keaton Harris Engliien, infant son of Matt and Katee Engliien, Sunday, September 11.
 Zarin Lucy Richardson, infant daughter of Tehemina Gagrat Richardson and Andrew Richardson and granddaughter of Shobha and Dinshah Gagrat, Sunday, September 11.
- Married** Anca Deselnicu and John Klein, September 25.
- Moved** Patsy Aster,.
 Richard and Kay Bibler,.
 Sarah Hagen,.
 Robert Parrish,.
 Matt Weith,.
- New E-mail** Tom Neubauer,

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS OCTOBER 2011

October 2

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion 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; Ms. Dow preaching

11:00 Church School - *Waverly House third floor*

11:15 Mission Brunch "A Taste of Kenya" - *Upper Room*

October 9

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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; Mr. Ater preaching

10:30 Church School - *Waverly House third floor, Youth Room*

11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor

11:15 IPC 101: An Introduction to Life at Immanuel Church

1:30 CROP Walk - *McKinley Marina*

5:00 "Second Sunday" supper for 7-10 grade students - *Ms. Dow's home*

October 16

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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; Dr. Block preaching

10:30 Church School - *Waverly House third floor, Youth Room*

11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor

11:30 The Saint John's Bible - *Marquette University*

5:00 Prospective Member Dinner - *Parlor & Upper Room*

8:00 Meeting of Session to receive new members - *Parlor*

October 23

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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; Dr. Block preaching

10:30 Church School - *Waverly House third floor, Youth Room*

11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor

12:15 Membership Class Reunion Brunch

October 30

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Reformation Sunday

Sacrament of Baptism/Reception of New Members

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; Dr. Block preaching

10:30 Church School - *Waverly House third floor, Youth Room*

11:00 Coffee in the Church Parlor