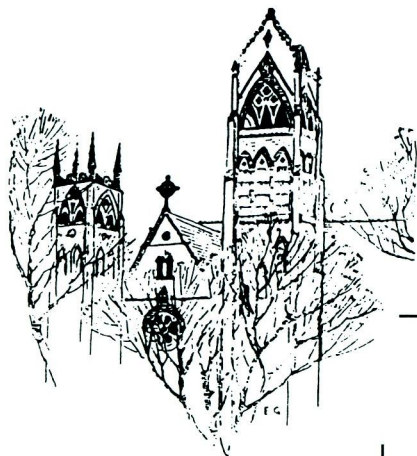


# TOWER CHIMES

Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

September 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

IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*transforming tradition*

## Opening Our Doors for 175 Years

Since the founding covenant established First Presbyterian Church of Milwaukee in April 1837, we've been opening our doors to all who come to worship, learn, and serve together. Plan to join us this fall as we open the door to our 175<sup>th</sup> year:

**September 4**

Annual Hymn Sing

**September 11**

Invite-a-friend *and*  
Christian Education Sunday;  
The Sacrament of Baptism,  
Church School begins,  
Chancel Choir returns,  
Ice Cream Social

**September 18**

Mission Fair following worship

**September 24-25**

“Doors Open Milwaukee” Weekend  
*and* Invite-a-friend Sunday  
(see page 3)

**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).

**RESALE SHOP TO RE-OPEN  
Tuesday, September 6**

The Resale Shop will "officially" re-open on September 6. Members may now drop off any donations they have been holding for the summer. Containers are available in the coat room on Sunday mornings or donations may be brought to the church office.

The shop will be open on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the lower level of Waverly House. Plan to stop and peruse the new merchandise this fall.

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHOIR**

Do you enjoy singing? Are you looking forward to the annual hymn sing? Would you be interested in leading the congregation in song each week as a member of the Chancel Choir? New choir members are always welcome. The choir rehearses each Sunday morning at 8:55 and on Monday evenings at 6:30. No auditions; Mr. Komasa will teach you to sing. There is a robe for you and all voices are welcomed! At the heart of beautiful music is a joyful noise. Speak with one of the ministers or a member of the choir for more information or just show up for a rehearsal ready to sing.

**NEW PARISH LIFE COUNCIL  
MEMBERS APPOINTED**

At its August meeting, the Session appointed four new members to serve on Immanuel's Parish Life Council: Jilaine Bauer and Martha Mainland (Special Events Co-Coordinator) and Keith Sverdrup and Barbara Sverdrup Stone (Members-at-Large). The purpose of the Parish Life Council is to build toward inclusive community at Immanuel Presbyterian Church through hospitality, the arts, and congregational events and celebrations. Welcome to the P.L.C.

**JOIN 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).

**ANNUAL HYMN SING  
Sunday, September 4**

A late-summer tradition at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, the Annual Hymn Sing is planned for Sunday, September 4. Immanuel worshipers have been polled throughout the seasons of the year, and Dr. Block will plan a service around the most popular hymns. Plan to join us for this special service and invite a friend.

**THANK YOU!  
Landscaping Committee**

Once again this summer, the Landscaping Committee has been hard at work and the gardens are looking great. Special thanks to the members and friends who have helped our gardens grow: Keith, Amy, Sophie, Fiona, and Lucy Bender, Del Clear, Roby Ella, Evelyn Ericson, Shobha Gagrat, Susan Kraeblen, Sandra Murray, Sue O'Keefe, Susan Oster, Pat Parks, Bob Schweers, Martha Swigart, Christian Visser, and Julia Vosper. The committee's "gardening gatherings" will continue every Tuesday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 through September. A fall clean-up day is being planned for October. All volunteers are welcome! Would you like to learn more about helping? Questions may be directed to Susan Kraeblen.

**FALL OFFICERS' DINNER for  
Elders, Deacons, and Trustees  
Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m.  
in the Upper Room**

## INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

Although it's always the right time to invite a friend to church, Sundays, September 11 and 25, our fall "Invite-a-Friend Sundays" - are a great time! Do you have a friend, colleague, or family member you would like to introduce to Immanuel Presbyterian Church? Statistics tell us that church newcomers visit for the first time because someone personally invited them. With that in mind, consider who in your life might appreciate an invitation to explore their faith in this community. A special link has been posted on the website to help you make an invitation by e-mail, facebook, or twitter! If you know someone who might appreciate a personal invitation from one of the ministers, please feel free to contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757). Invite a friend to church!

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and ICE CREAM SUNDAE/SUNDAY September 11

On September 11, we'll mark Christian Education Sunday as we welcome the children and their teachers back to church school. The choir will be back in the loft and the service will include the Sacrament of Baptism. Following worship the Parish Life Council will host Immanuel's annual Ice Cream Social on the Astor Street lawn. Worshipers are invited to enjoy a sundae and the company of new and old church friends as we gather for a new church year (our 175<sup>th</sup>). If you would like to help host the Ice Cream Social, contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757). Servers, hosts, and runners are needed.

### OPENING OUR DOORS FOR 175 YEARS "DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE" WEEKEND Saturday and Sunday, September 24 & 25

On September 24 & 25 Immanuel Presbyterian Church will join 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* will open 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. Enjoy the view from U.S. Bank's 41<sup>st</sup> floor observation deck, check-out the locker rooms at the Bradley Center, explore backstage at the Pabst Theater, or say a prayer in Immanuel Presbyterian Church's sacristy!

A special program entitled "Opening Our Doors for 175 Years" is planned for the "Life Together: Church Matters" forum following worship on Sunday, September 25. As we mark the beginning of Immanuel's 175<sup>th</sup> year, we'll talk about the congregation's long history of "opening our doors" in Milwaukee and the beautiful architecture of our building.

Immanuel volunteers are invited to help "open our doors" to new friends by serving as building hosts and tour guides on both days. Sign-up on Sunday morning in the Parlor or contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757). More information about the event is available at: [www.doorsopenmilwaukee.org](http://www.doorsopenmilwaukee.org).

### CHURCH SCHOOL RESUMES Sunday, September 11

Children and their teachers will return to church school this year on Christian Education Sunday, September 11. Teachers for the fall quarter include Sydney Rearick (3 year olds), Nathan Guequierre and Stephanie Wesselowski (4 year olds), Nancy Herro and Debbie Gillard (Kindergarten - Grade 2), and Susan and Jeff Teerink (Grades 3 - 6). Joell Poole is coordinating the 7-10 Grade class, which includes a variety of programs, with a number of different teachers and facilitators. The church school teachers for the entire program year will be commissioned during the worship service on Sunday, September 11. Many thanks to all of the teachers who so generously give of their time, talents, and energy to help our children grow in faith!

We will continue to use the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s curriculum: *We Believe: God's Word for God's People*, with materials for children of all ages. *We Believe* is designed to engage children with the stories of Scripture, and to nurture their growing faith in the context of a caring community.

A letter with additional information has been mailed to families with church school-aged children. Any family with children that did not receive this letter is asked to contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757).

## **“SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION” + IMMANUEL MISSION FAIR + SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

Fall is a great time to start something new – and that includes putting your faith to work with one of Immanuel Church’s mission partners. Come and learn more at our “Mission Fair” following worship on Sunday, September 18, sponsored by Immanuel’s Mission Committee. Immanuel members and representatives from a number of organizations that Immanuel Church supports will be on hand in the Parlor and Great Hall with information about volunteer opportunities and other ways to get involved. The following organizations will be represented: the Cathedral Center Shelter for Women and Families, Common Ground, Eastside Senior Services, The Gathering, Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity, the Interchange Food Pantry, University Christian Ministries/Lunch Bunch, and the Y Mentoring Programs.

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

Mark your calendars NOW for Milwaukee’s 26<sup>th</sup> annual CROP Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 9! Immanuel Church will again be forming a team of walkers; in addition, members will be given the opportunity to support those who walk with financial contributions. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items to contribute to the Hunger Task Force.

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 materials will be available for interested persons on Sunday, September 18. For more information, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757).

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### **SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL CONCERT 3:00 p.m. at CATHEDRAL SQUARE PARK**

On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on New York City, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania – Milwaukee’s Bel Canto Chorus and the Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra will present a special afternoon program at Cathedral Square. All are invited to attend this free outdoor program, which will include the Mozart *Requiem* and Samuel Barber’s *Adagio for Strings*. The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee will also participate in the program, offering readings from various faith traditions and prayers for peace.

The program will begin at 3:00 p.m. A patriotic prelude concert featuring the Midwest Vocal Express male *a cappella* chorus and the Bel Canto Boys Choirs will take place at 2:15. In addition, there will be an opportunity to include your wishes of remembrance, hope, peace, healing, and understanding on a prayer flag. This participatory art project is being organized by the Peace and International Issues Committee of the Interfaith Conference. Materials will be free and available in Cathedral Square from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m.

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### **IMMANUEL RESPONDS TO DROUGHT IN AFRICA**

Immanuel’s friend in mission, the Rev. Joseph Kisanga, has confirmed what Americans are hearing in the news – that the worst drought in many years is devastating the Horn of Africa. In August, Immanuel members and friends donated \$2,225 to support a direct Immanuel response through our mission colleagues in Kenya. If you missed the announcement this summer and would still like to make a contribution, you may place a check in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Checks should be made payable to: Immanuel Presbyterian Church (designate “Africa” in the memo line).

**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.

**SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN COMMON GROUND**  
**Initiatives Moving Forward**

Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground's "Milwaukee Rising" initiative continues to move forward with the August announcement that U.S. Bank joins Bank of America, Deutsche Bank, and Wells Fargo in partnering with Common Ground and the City of Milwaukee to address the foreclosure crisis that has impacted Milwaukee's Sherman Park neighborhood. Two homes (a third is almost finished) have already been rehabilitated and are on the real estate market. As the initiative moves into a new phase, volunteers are needed to serve on three new committees: evaluation, marketing, and mortgage.

In addition to "Milwaukee Rising," Common Ground's education team continues to grow in energy and enthusiasm in its efforts to explore the challenges that face public education. The next education team gathering is planned for September 27. New friends are welcome!

Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground is a broad based community organizing group, founded in April, 2008 to address some of Greater Milwaukee's important social needs in an effective, non-partisan way. Immanuel Presbyterian Church was a founding member of Common Ground, and Ms. Dow serves on the organization's Leadership and Strategy Teams.

To learn more about these initiatives or about how you can get involved, please speak with Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757) and visit Common Ground's website: [www.commongroundwi.org](http://www.commongroundwi.org).

*IN MEMORIAM*

William Ross died on Tuesday, July 19. Bill and Lonie joined Immanuel Church in February; Bill was an active member of the Chancel Choir. A memorial service was conducted in the Sanctuary on July 23.

Phyllis Schwartz died on Wednesday, July 20. Phyllis and Roger Schwartz were married at Immanuel Church in 1942; Mr. Schwartz died in 2008. Roger and Phyllis and their two children, Virginia and Richard, have been active members of Immanuel since 1986. A memorial service was conducted in the Sanctuary on July 24.

June Gardner died on Friday, July 29. An affiliate member of Immanuel since May, Ms. Gardner was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Tolono, Illinois where she previously served as Clerk of Session. A memorial service was held there on August 3.

Our prayers and sympathy are with the Ross, Schwartz, and Gardner families.

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

**“The Old Testament from Scratch”\***

Sunday mornings at 9:00 with Dr. Johnstone  
 beginning September 18

(\* 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!)

**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.*

**“THE ENDURING WORD:**

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

A SATURDAY SEMINAR, OCTOBER 22

with Ted Hiebert,

Professor of Old Testament at McCormick Theological Seminary  
 and translator of Genesis

for the newly-published Common English Bible.

Save the date! Registration opens September 11.

*And/or ...*

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  
 and illustrations of the Biblical texts by Sister Karlyn Cauley.

McCormick event registration \$50.00 plus transportation

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## 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.

## "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.



## 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](http://www.covnetpres.org) for more information, including a full listing of conference speakers, preachers, and registration details.

### COVENANT NETWORK CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

- ❖ Early bird rate, \$150 through September 15,
- ❖ Regular rate, \$180 September 16 to October 26,
- ❖ Last minute rate, \$200 beginning October 27.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT: [www.covnetpres.org](http://www.covnetpres.org)

### NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- Born** Anna Catherine Schultz, to William and Jennifer Schultz, Tuesday, July 5.  
Morgan Elizabeth Bushell, to William and Wendy Bushell, Tuesday, July 12.  
Raymond Frederick Edwards, to Emily Bach and Raymond Edwards, Friday, July 29.
- Married** Sara Babicky and Craig Griffith, July 23; Jaime Corrao and Paul Stephan, August 20.
- Died** *Please see the "In Memoriam" section of this issue on page 5.*
- Moved** Kari Biava, to 1842A N. Warren Avenue, Milwaukee, 53202.  
Carla Ernst, to P.O. Box 170795, Glendale, 53217.  
Judith Goetz, to 1800 N. Prospect Avenue #15D, Milwaukee, 53202.  
Kyle Hicks, to 10990 West Road #509, Houston, TX 77064.  
Sam and Lloyd Lewis, to 1800 N. Prospect Avenue #14D, Milwaukee, 53202.  
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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

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10:30    Church School – *Waverly House 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Youth Room*  
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