

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, March 9, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 188th anniversary this year. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Our livestream worship extends our community across the country.

Worshippers are invited to a special **Formal Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Melissa and David Gilbert, Susan and Curtiss Peck. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Marge Brindley, Lynda and Jim Peterson. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available this Sunday from 9:30 until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level; elevator access is also available. A **"crying room" on the second floor** offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during worship. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" for more information: <https://conta.cc/4hb29nc>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

"SECOND SUNDAY" + LENT @ HOME WORKSHOP TODAY at 11:15 in the Peaceable Kingdom

Today parents, grandparents, and other friends of Immanuel Church School children and youth are invited to gather in the lower level's Peaceable Kingdom for a workshop on observing the season of Lent at home. Rev. Larson and the Church School Committee will provide an overview of the meaning of Lent from 11:15-11:30. Children and youth will be dismissed from their classes at 11:30 to explore new resources to practice faith at home this season. Please join us!

"IMMANUEL READS"

James by Percival Everett

Online discussion + Monday evening, March 10 at 7:30

https://bit.ly/Immanuel_Reads_James

One of *The New York Times* best books of 2024 was Percival Everett's novel *James*, which re-tells the story of the novel, *Huckleberry Finn*, from the perspective of Jim, a fugitive from slavery. If you've read this book or would like to discuss it, please join us on Zoom on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. (link above)! The conversation will be facilitated by Immanuel member and Carthage College professor Greg Baer. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

Lent 2025



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

"Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes"

Soup supper in the Upper Room at 6:00,
followed by table worship and the Lord's Supper
Conversation and Discussion at 7:00

This year's theme, "Everything in Between," is an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed.

Each week a presenter with expertise and wisdom will help us engage the binaries of our lives and help us to see that God is present in between.

This week: March 12

Faith & Works: Social Witness Policies of the PC(USA) Facilitated by Revs. Ater, Bush, and Larson

All are welcome for an exploration of how Presbyterians live out their faith in the public square. Facilitated by the ministers, the evening's discussion will begin with an overview of how our denomination's social witness policies are created and the work of the Office of Public Witness, followed by conversations on policies related to gun violence, the Middle East, and environmental justice.

**Come for soup and worship at 6:00 or study at 7:00 or both!
The evenings have been designed with flexibility in mind.**

Although not necessary, signing up in advance helps the cooks and ministers with planning. Sign up in the Parlor or click https://bit.ly/IPC_LentSoupSuppers2025!

Upcoming Topics

- March 19 - Stranger & Neighbor:** Common Ground's organizing with immigrants and public housing residents – Gabriela Dieguez and Kevin Solomon
- March 26 - Rest & Growth:** Caring for yourself spiritually in unsteady times
– Rev. Jean Dow, Associate Pastor Emerita and Spiritual Director
- April 2 - Righteousness & Mercy:** Peacemaking through nonviolence
– Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
- April 9 - Lost & Found:** In a time of church transition, asking real questions about identity, community, and hospitality
– Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and Immanuel Transition Team

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE MARCH LUNCHEON/LECTURE SERIES

“Where do we go from here?”

March 11, 18, and 25 + 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

First Unitarian Society + 1342 N. Astor Street

Each year, the Peace and International Issues Committee of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee sponsors a lecture series in March. This year’s theme “Where do we go from here?” will examine what’s at stake in the upcoming Wisconsin Supreme Court election, the challenges faced by refugees and immigrants, how people of faith might respond to climate change, and the current challenges in public education.

Programs run from 11:45 until 1:30 at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor Street. Parking is available at Immanuel. Individual in-person lectures are \$20.00; the full in-person series of four is \$70.00. A simple vegetarian lunch is included with in-person registration. Remote access registration is also available for all sessions for \$20. For more information and/or to register, contact the Interfaith Conference at 414-276-9050 or <https://www.interfaithconference.org/2025-tuesdays-in-march>
The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee is a longtime Immanuel mission partner.

CONFESSING THE FAITH IN UNSTEADY TIMES An Exploration of the Theological Declaration of Barmen and the Confession of Belhar

Sundays, March 23 and 30 + 11:15 in the Upper Room

Throughout the history of the Christian movement churches have written confessions of faith (a public declarations of what a church believes) when they have sensed an urgent and emerging need to share their convictions in response to changing cultural landscapes. Two of these confessions will be explored in an upcoming adult education series. On March 23, Rev. Dr. John Helt and Rev. John Dillon will lead an exploration of the Theological Declaration of Barmen, written in 1934 in response to the rise of Nazism in Germany. On March 30, Dr. Bush will discuss the Confession of Belhar, written in 1986 in response to apartheid in South Africa. Copies of each confession are on the tables in the Great Hall. Reading the confessions beforehand is not required to participate in the series.

In Memoriam

John Radtke died on February 23 in Sun City, Arizona. He was an active member of Immanuel with his wife Susan Radtke from 1999 to 2015. Susan and John were married at Immanuel Church during morning worship on July 9, 2000.

Clair Baum died on March 2 at his home at St. John’s on the Lake. Clair had been an active participant in the life of the congregation since his wife Mary joined in 2009. A memorial service in the Immanuel Sanctuary is being planned for later this spring.

Our prayers and sympathies are with the Radtke and Baum families.

INTERIM SEASON "TRANSITION TEAM"

As our congregation continues to navigate the challenges and opportunities of this interim season, a commission of 11 church members has been convened to provide assistance to Dr. Bush, our staff and Session. During the coming months, it will be important to have numerous and varied opportunities to gather information from Immanuel members – to listen to your concerns, to facilitate open dialogue, and to ask about your hopes and dreams for the future of our church. The "Transition Team" consists of both new and long-term members who will help craft and facilitate these conversations. Continue to keep this group, our staff and church leadership in prayer as we discern together God's plans for our congregation.

Transition Team members:

Bob Bewell	Connie Goggin	Mary Stoker Smith
Audra Brennan	Nathan Guequierre	Sara VanderHaagen
Mike Gillard	Lindsey McKee	Matt Weith
Mary Ginnebaugh	Virginia Riggs	

*Mark your calendar and plan to
worship with us for*

Holy Week

at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

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| April 13 | Palm/Passion Sunday |
| 10:00 | Morning Worship |
| 11:15 | Upper Room Meal |
| April 17 | Maundy Thursday |
| 7:30 | The Lord's Supper |
| April 18 | Good Friday |
| 7:30 | Service of Tenebrae |
| April 19 | Holy Saturday |
| 7:30 | Easter Vigil |
| | Services of Light, The Word,
Reaffirmation of Baptism, Communion |
| April 20 | Resurrection of the Lord |
| 10:00 | Easter Morning Worship |
| | <i>Christ is Risen!</i> |

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

March 9	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
	7:30	Immanuel Reads "James" book discussion ~ <i>virtual</i>
Tuesday	6:00	HR Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Wednesday	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables, Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
	7:00	

NEXT SUNDAY

March 16	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
March 17	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
	7:00	Church School Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
March 18	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
March 19	6:00	Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables, Study and discussion ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
	7:00	
March 22	9:00	Transition Team meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

The **Immanuel Columbarium** is open today and every Sunday until noon.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING: Worshipers may park behind another car in the Waverly or Telluris/Brico (north) lots. **PLEASE place a Sunday bulletin on your dashboard with your name and cell phone number and move your car immediately after worship.** Please DO NOT park in the Barnett Gallery lot.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers - Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, Paul Campbell, Dave Salisbury, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator - Kristi Leswing.