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"The Lantern"

Greetings from your Pastor . . .

An End or A New Beginning



December brings us to the end of the secular calendar year and to the beginning of the Church calendar year.

Sunday, December first, is the first Sunday of Advent. Fifty years ago, on that day, I was Ordained to the ministry of word and sacrament. For me it seemed a most appropriate time to begin. I still think it is a good time to begin again to see all that has gone before as prolog to what is yet to come.

Near the end of December on the 25th we will celebrate the birth of Christ, truly a new beginning for the whole world. His life, death, and resurrection gave and still gives hope that everything that has gone before in our lives and in our world is simply prolog to the hope of eternal life, that begins now and goes on forever. Everything we experience in this life is transient; what Christ's birth promises is eternal.

Advent was once and still should remain a period of preparation for what is yet to come.

In a world obsessed with short term goals, it is important to remember that eternity is real, and how we live in the now will and does impact the future.

Pastor McKinley



Faith Group Christmas Party

December 16th at 10:00 AM at the church

We 've enjoyed getting to know each other better, discussing the future of the church. All questions of faith are on the table.

All are invited!



Celebrations November

Birthdays:

9th ~ Adam Hepp
12th ~ Donna Palzer
16th ~ Lexi McLain
19th ~ William Palzer
23rd ~ Cindy Camp
23rd ~ Carole Hepp

Anniversaries:

9th ~ Bud & Edie Gurley
31st ~ Jim & Judy Wolfer

Servers for December

Lay Asst.:

1st: Terry Stahlhut ~ 8th: Kris Calabro ~ 15th: Todd Engle ~
22nd: Roberta McGilvery ~ 29th: Terry Stahlhut

Lector:

1st: Sharon Rollier ~ 8th: Kris Calabro ~ 15th: Todd Engle ~
22nd: Roberta McGilvery ~ 29th: Steven Lance

Ushers:

1st: Lana Hyer & Eva LaBrozzi ~ 8th: Carole Hepp & Sharon Rollier ~
15th: Millie Martin & Roberta McGilvery ~ 22nd: Scott & Kim Brown ~
29th: Tom & Jane Grogan

Altar Guild: Donna Palzer

**Ushers are needed for
both of the Christmas Eve
services! 4:30 & 9:00 PM
Please let either Roberta or
Millie know if you can help.**

THANK YOU!

The Faith Exploration Group

The next meeting is scheduled for

December 16th at 10:00 AM



Events for December:

1st: 1st Sunday in Advent
8th: 2nd Sunday in Advent
15th: 3rd Sunday in Advent
22nd: 4th Sunday in Advent ~ Christmas Pageant
24th: Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 PM & 9:00 PM
25th: Christmas Day ~ Merry Christmas Everyone!



Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel,

As some of you may already know, I will be retiring as of December 19th. I have enjoyed my 21 years here, 9 at the Nursery School and 12 here as your church secretary. I am looking forward to that next chapter of my life.

May God bless you all!

Roxanne Rossano

Merry Christmas!

IMPORTANT SERVICE DATES:

On December 29th ~ English Lesson's & Carol's

On January 5th, 2020 ~ Epiphany

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The annual Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 22nd

All children are invited to participate!

Practices will be on Sunday's: December 1st, 8th, and 15th during Sunday School

Christmas Party following the pageant!



SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Everyone is invited to shop! All items are \$1.00 ~ FREE gift wrapping!

Shop will be open on: Dec. 8th, 15th, & 22nd, following church during the coffee hour.





ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

On Sunday, **January 19th** we will have a congregational meeting to vote for new church council members and other items. If you think you would be interested in serving on Church council please speak with pastor, Donna Palzer or any current member of council.

**All Committee Reports are due by
JANUARY 14th to the secretary!**

JANUARY 5TH ~

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 12TH ~

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 19TH ~

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL



Writer's Corner



It's Christmas

***Evergreens,
and ever dreams,
Holly berries,
bright red cherries,
Candy canes
that bring good cheer
At this special
time of year.***

***Decorate
and celebrate,
Sing for joy,
gifts enjoy -
The king is born,
King of the Earth,
King of the Stars.***

***Bringing peace -
ill will to cease -
Simple to do,
Just follow through -
Jesus says to
love your brother,
sister, friend
and each other.***

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

By Jane McKinley





Food Pantry

UPDATE:

The food pantry continues to remain busy. For October we helped 68 families which totaled 279 people. We will be giving out the Thanksgiving baskets on Saturday November 23rd and have started signing up for the holiday gift and clothes giveaway which is on Saturday December 14th. We are currently in need of cereal, oatmeal, and paper shopping bags. For Christmas we will be selling Hallmark gift wrap for \$1.00 as a fund raiser.

If anyone would like to help out at the food pantry, please contact me.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

Scott



Pantry Hours & Dates

**December 12th, 19th &
28th 10 AM to 12 PM**

Christmas Gift Shop

December 14th

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