

**PASTOR'S PONDERINGS - Steve Forward, Guest writer**

I am both honored and humbled to be filling in for Pastor Jack this month. As he is away on a spiritual renewal retreat, we will keep things humming here at Immanuel.

We are blessed to have Pastors Diane DiLuzio and Susan Ranous stepping in to help guide our journey. At this writing, Pastor Diane has led us in the last three Sunday services and will be with us for a couple more. Then, Reverend Susan will cover the weeks in November until Jack's return.

All of our committees have been busy with the work of the Church. SPRC is actively seeking a Sunday School Coordinator. Missions is gearing up for our multitude of Advent programs and fundraisers. We are looking at a repeat of the "Live Nativity" in the Church parking lot. And finance is putting together our annual pledge campaign for the General Operating Budget. You will be hearing much more about that through emails, letters and presentations during worship.

In the current year (2022) we appear to be in good financial condition. As always, the end of the year gives our finance team some nervous moments. So, please be sure to bring your annual contributions up to date.

As I look around our property, both inside and out, it is obvious that our Trustees remain diligent and proactive in the upkeep and appearance of our premises. I want to shout out to our membership/hospitality team. The dinner and a movie was great fun and very inspiring. We all look forward to their next event. If you missed this one, be sure to sign up early next time. Along those lines, there is a wonderful opportunity for service and fellowship coming up. The Annual Election Day Turkey Dinner. Dave Stanton, Sam and the crew can always use more helping hands. Be sure to sign up in the Narthex.

It is my pleasure to be involved with such a dynamic group of people doing God's work. All systems are "go", as we finish out 2022 and head into a bright future in 2023.

May God bless you all.

Steve Forward, Lay Leader

**THANKFUL**

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**INSIDE...**

Youth/ Family News  
Ministries News



Our first Dinner and a Movie event was a great success! We watched The Case for Christ, a powerful and moving true story of one man’s journey from atheism to faith.

**Our fellowship team is sponsoring another one.....**

Mark your calendar to join us for our next Dinner and a Movie Night on Saturday, December 3 at 5pm, for another evening of food, fun and fellowship. Get into the Christmas spirit with us as we watch a version of A Christmas Carol, a holiday favorite and suitable for the entire family.

A reservation is needed because seating is limited. Please sign up on the board outside the Fireside Room to secure a spot and bring a dish to pass.

We need main dishes, sides or salad, and dessert. Guests are welcome!

Questions? Contact Barb Merckel

P.S. if you missed The Case for Christ movie night and would like to see it, Barb has a copy of the DVD.



**Advent Bible Study : “The Angels of Christmas”**

Written by Susan Robb Led by Pastor Jack

4 angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus, appearing to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. This book covers the history of Gabriel and the other angels in the Old Testament with a focus on God’s presence in history and our lives today.

This is a four-week study on Wednesdays beginning November 30, 2022 and ending on December 21, 2022. The study will be in person at 1pm and on ZOOM if there are at least SIX participants at 7pm. Books will cost \$13 and can be paid at the first class.

Please sign up in the Narthex.



Poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one will be available to order and be placed on our altar for our Christmas Eve worship. Orders will be taken on December 4, 11, 18. Please see the enclosed order form or orders can be made after worship on those dates.

**Pastor Jack’s Fall Renewal Leave**

Pastor Jack will be taking a Fall Sabbatical in the months of October and November.

We are grateful for the leadership of Pastor Diane DiLuzio this past month. Coming in the month of November, we will have Reverend Susan Ranous who will be leading worship. Susan is an ordained deacon and on the staff of our Upper New York Annual Conference serving as Christian Stewardship.

Let us celebrate Diane and Susan and welcome them into our church family.

Pastor Jack intends to return on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022.

Blessings,

Jeff Gribble, SPRC Chairperson



Dear Church Family,

We (Lori Zaleski, and grandsons Anthony & Jona) are offering Nursery Services the first Sunday of the month starting November 6, 2022. There will be crafts, dancing, games for children 5 and under. Hope to see you all on November 6! ~ Lori Z. & grandsons



**TURKEY DINNER**

**Tuesday Nov 8, 2022, is our annual Turkey Dinner.**

As this is the last one I am coordinating we are still looking for someone to take over the organization of it. Anyone interested in taking over call or text me @ (315) 569-0953, or email me at bev-dave925@gmail.com.

I’ve really appreciated all the help I have had over the past 10 years.

Please see the enclosed flyer for dinner details.

Sincerely:

David Stanton, Chairman of the Turkey Dinner

**Editor’s note:** We give thanks for your leadership Dave. Our turkey dinner is a community favorite and you have made it successful every year!

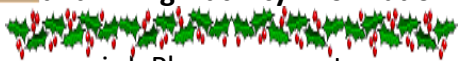
*Thank you*

Dear Adopt a Pot Caregivers,

“Thanks to the beautiful work you created for the enjoyment of others: Barb & Carl Blanchard, Julie DeOrdio, Barb Merckel, Sara Kinsley (with helpers Adie, Carly, Asa), Paul and Linda Paventi, Dick Ramsden and Sam Paventi. See you in the spring!”

~IUMC Trustees

**DOOR SPRAYS**



It's that time of year again! Please support Immanuel's mission work by buying a beautiful door spray for \$20.00.

Orders will be taken on Nov 6th and Nov 13th in the Narthex. However, if you will not be in church those dates but would like a door spray please call me and we can figure something out.

We will be making the door sprays on Saturday Nov 19th starting at 9:00a.m. and any help would be appreciated even if you can only help for an hour. Any questions please see or call Shelley Dawson Smith at 315-727-0671.



**CROP Walk**

On October 16th the Greater Syracuse Hunger Walk took place at Onondaga Lake Park. Unlike last year's monsoon, the weather was perfect for a 3-mile walk and **ALL** walkers were fortified prior to the walk by a lunch of Barb Blanchard's "world famous" macaroni & cheese. Immanuel's team of walkers were Jane Monnell (and dog Posie), Shelley Dawson Smith, Erin, Chris & Joey Paoli (and dog Penny) and John & Nori Gartner (and dog Baca). At the end of the walk, we were treated to a snack and bottle of water by Liverpool 1st UMC which was very kind of them.

I'm happy to say that Immanuel raised \$1,130.00 because of the fund-raising efforts of the team members and also Barb Merckel. Thanks to everyone who contributed; your donations will help fund six local agencies that feed and minister to the people in our community. Thank you everyone! Shelley Dawson Smith



**Recent Donations School Supplies**-Thank you to whoever donated 2 bags of new school supplies. They were gratefully and thankfully accepted by East Hill Elementary School.

**Food Pantry**-Thank you to the congregation for filling our donation box for St. Joseph's Food Pantry and thank you to Jim Vannelli and Ed Owens of the Tuesday Morning Group for delivering the food to the pantry. Please remember those in our community when you're grocery shopping so that we continue to fill our donation box.

Shelley Dawson Smith Mission Team Chairperson.

**Sleep In Heavenly Peace "No Kid Sleeps On The Floor In Our Town"**

Immanuel's Mission Team



voted to begin supporting Sleep In Heavenly Peace ("SHP"). This organization is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering beds to children (ages 3-17) in need in the greater Syracuse area.

In July Mike Block and I delivered 50 twin size "Bed in a Bag" sets (comforter, sheets & pillow case) and 50 pillows to their building. I think the shelves in both the Camillus and East Syracuse Walmart's were emptied of their inventory. I'm sure it was quite a sight pushing 2 overloaded shopping carts through the store. It took 5 trips to buy everything! My grandchildren helped me buy the pillows-while it was cute watching them fill the shopping carts it was important that they understand there are children who don't have pillows.

In October SHP put a request on Facebook that they were going to be delivering 32 beds however their bedding inventory was just about depleted. Once again the Mission Team voted to help so shopping carts were filled and the shelves of the East Syracuse and Camillus Walmart's were emptied and 45 twin size "Bed in a Bag" sets were purchased and delivered.

Mike Block and I have toured their facility and we also met some of their leaders; their facility is incredibly well organized and their leaders (all volunteers) are very dedicated and hard working. It's important to note that the 2 Chapter Co-Presidents hold full time jobs elsewhere.

Immanuel's hope is not to only support them financially but with the building and delivering of the beds.

Immanuel is able to support SHP because of the generosity of the congregation so thank you very much.

Shelley Dawson Smith  
Mission Team Chairperson



**Mitten Tree:** The mitten tree for our friends in need will be put up Nov 20th thru Dec 18th in the Narthex. Please bring in new gloves, scarves, hats, mittens and socks and also "gently used" children's coats, snow pants, and children's boots. Last year through your generosity we collected 179 items.

Any questions please see Shelley Dawson Smith.

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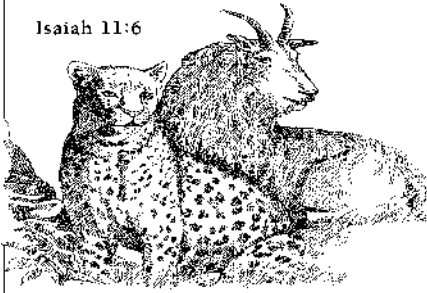
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*Our Mission*

*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world."*

"The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lay down with the goat,  
the calf & the lion & the yearling together,  
& a little child will lead them."

Isaiah 11:6



***Nov./Dec. 2022***

We wish to be good stewards of both financial and environmental resources. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please email us at [churchofthebells@gmail.com](mailto:churchofthebells@gmail.com) and request removal.



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Worship

8:30am and 10am

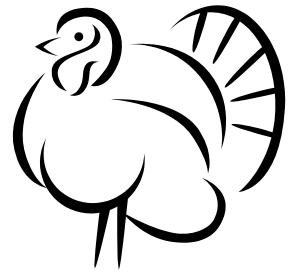
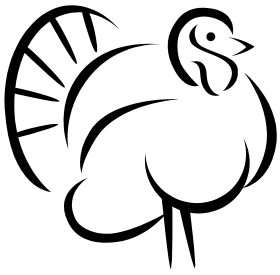
In Person or Facebook Live 10am

Office Hours

Monday-Friday, by appointment

Handicapped accessible

*Please join us!*



**Election Day Turkey Dinner  
Immanuel United Methodist Church**

**“The Church of the Bells”  
303 Kasson Rd., Camillus  
487-1171**

**November 8, 2022  
3:00pm-until sold out  
Take out only**

**Menu consists of turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy,  
vegetable, cranberry sauce, coleslaw, rolls, and  
home made pie.**

**Ticket prices**

<b>Adults (ages 13+)</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>Children (ages 5-12)</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>
<b>Children (under age 5)</b>	<b>Free</b>

**Tickets will be available at the door.**



## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Red Poinsettias will be available for placement in the Sanctuary during Advent. The poinsettias can be ordered until **December 18.**

Please fill out the form below and give your order, along with payment of \$10.00 per plant, to Phyllis Girvan, or leave the form and payment in a clearly marked envelope in the church office. (Please make checks payable to Immanuel UMC). Plants may be taken home following worship on Christmas Eve.

(Please print)

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ (Please limit one or two persons per plant. If more than this, please use "My Family", "Loved Ones", etc.)

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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