

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Need a lifeline? - GOD

On a remote farm in California, a young mother was alone with her three children. The children had been swimming in the family swimming pool when suddenly the mother realized her two-and-a-half-year-old son was lying lifeless in the pool bottom. She dove in and pulled him out as quickly as she could.

Just at that moment, a neighboring farmer came by. He immediately began to administer CPR. After several minutes, the child stirred. The mother and the farmer took him to the nearest hospital for examination, and the doctors assured them that the little boy had suffered no brain damage.

In the days following, as people heard of the child's rescue, several commented to the mother and father, "You were so lucky!" The father said to his pastor, "When people said that to me, I replied, 'It wasn't luck at all. My wife and daughter were praying all the time the farmer was working on my son. He survived because God intervened.'"

When you find yourself in the midst of crisis, don't cross your fingers and depend on luck. Put your trust in God. Cry out to God for a lifeline. God will meet you right where you are, in the moment of your need."

"The Lord is faithful, and will strengthen and protect you from the evil one." (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

It seems to me that most people move through life, often going from crisis to crisis, and relying on luck to get them through. Our life situations take dramatic turns, jobs are lost, loves are lost, and fear sets in. And after we move through that time, we look back and believe that it was luck and our own ingenuity that got us through! But nothing could be farther from the truth.

Most often it is the steady and loving hand of God that guides us through these times. Whether we see or acknowledge God at all.... God still promises to journey with us along the routes of our lives. As you move through your daily experiences try to see and thank God for the protection you receive. It will do you a world of good to always try to find God in your journey!

See you in Church,
Pastor Jack



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THIS AND THAT FROM
PASTOR JACK.....

♪♪♪ I am cautiously optimistic that
SINGING CAN RESUME!!!!!! ♪♪♪

Here is the plan for fall:

Choir Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 9 from 6:40PM to 7:30PM. Choir will meet every week.

NOTE: Choir will be on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 at the regular time.

Bell rehearsals will also begin on Thursday, September 9 from 5:45PM to 6:30PM - Bells will meet two weeks each month and will play once per month. NOTE: September rehearsal are 9/9 and 9/16; we will play on 9/19. October rehearsal will be on 10/14 and 10/21; we will play on 10/24. After October we will reevaluate this schedule.

Come for one or both choirs! Invite your friends!!!!

A piece of house keeping: If you still have "Zoom Choir" music, please return it to the church. I want to begin fresh in September!

Please reach out and let me know if you're interested in participating!!!

~Lisa Miller, Choir Director



The Knit-n-Stitch group will begin their 10am Monday meetings on the Monday after Labor Day week. We will be knitting/crocheting lap robes to donate to AARP before Thanksgiving for their Christmas boxes. Feel free to join us if you are able! ~Judy Bachman



Church Maintenance Day September 11, 2021

Last fall despite COVID-19 restrictions we had a successful Church Maintenance Day on September 19. With the success of that effort last year the Trustees have scheduled this year's Church Maintenance Day for Sept. 11, 2021, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. (September 18 is the planned rain date.)

A Church Maintenance Day sign-up list will be placed in the church narthex for those who are able to sign up after church service. For those not able to go to the church to sign up directly, please send an email to Jerry Sabattis at jsabatti@twcny.rr.com or call 315-243-4336 and Pam Blocklin at pblocklin@gmail.com or call 315-466-9627.

We will be developing a list of jobs that need to be done. We will share more information with those people who sign up as soon as it is developed. Please join us.

Jerry Sabattis, Trustee Chairman



Here are some things to think about and maybe even mark your calendar to attend...

1. RALLY DAY is planned for Sunday, September 12th! On that day our CHOIR will be back and Kidz Club starts, as well! We also hope to be able to offer a time for fellowship following the worship services!
2. Also happening on September 12th we return to 2 worship services... 8:30am and 10:00am. And the 8:30am service will return to the Fireside Room! We are planning to begin coffee hour as well. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.
3. On Sunday, September 19th we will welcome. New members into our church family at both worship services. If you have been considering uniting with us in membership..... speak to me soon to be part of the group!
4. Thanks to all who have helped with our meal delivery to our shut-ins each month! Sam has prepared some wonderful meals (more than 300 to date!!!) and a strong group of dedicated deliverers are making this ministry a much-anticipated time for those unable to join us for worship. Thanks again to all!
5. Don't forget to wear your name tag each Sunday morning! Everyone appreciates hearing their own name and by wearing your name tag you make this much easier. If you need a nametag, please put a note in Pam's mailbox across from the office. Thanks!

~Pastor Jack



Adopt-A-Pot friends,

it seems Spring 🌸 was ages ago when Immanuel's church family was first being delighted by blooming bulbs planted last Fall, or watching as empty pots were being freshly planted with surprises.

With the months of September/October around the corner and the soil cooling, this is the perfect time to plant next Spring's bulbs. Or you may consider replacing summer's fading flowers with Fall's 🍂 options.

Also, give some thought to pot maintenance in preparation for next year.

Thank you for your beautiful efforts.
Trustees



12th Annual Mini Golf Tournament

August 7th was a perfect sunny day for the 12th annual Miniature Golf Tournament to support Disaster Recovery Mission.

- We were blessed to have 21-hole sponsors with signs spread throughout the course recognizing their support.
- We were blessed to have several businesses and golf courses donate prizes for the tournament.
- And what would a successful tournament be without golfers? There were 71 people playing mini golf at beautiful Fairmount Glen.
- For the second year we were joined by Jim Lerch and Boy Green, the hosts of The Manchild Show sports radio show on 1260. They brought 26 of their radio fans and they donated several very nice prizes and some of their fans made monetary donations..
- And what would a Methodist event be without food? Thanks to Sam Paventi and his helpers for the delicious brunch.
- A special thanks is extended to Tom Ness, owner of Fairmount Glen Miniature Golf for donating the course for this event and also to several church members who made cash donations..

There were a lot of smiles as everyone had a great time. Thank you to everyone involved for your support and because of all of you \$2,910.00 was raised!

Shelley Dawson Smith
Mini Golf Chairperson



Ongoing Outreach Opportunities

If you have any unused eye glasses sitting around, Sue Powell would be happy to take them to donate through the Lions club. There is a basket on the table outside of the church office. Please see Sue with any questions.



We are also always taking donations of non-perishable food for St. Joseph's Food Pantry in Camillus and gently worn shoes for Ralph the Shoe Guy. Ralph takes the shoes and reconditions them and then donates them to the Rescue Mission to be given to those in need. Both of these items can be left in the bins in the Narthex.



The September/October edition of the Upper Room is available now on the table outside of the church office. Please help yourself and spend some time with God.



CWS CROP

The Church World Services CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday October 17th at Onondaga Lake Park. It is scheduled to start at 12:30 and end by 3:30. So dust off your sneakers and get out your pen and check book and help support this event and help Immanuel reach it's goal of \$1,500.00.

Any questions ask Shelley Dawson Smith, CROP Walk coordinator.

RIDE FOR ROSWELL UPDATE:

Please accept our thanks for being a part of this year's Ride for Roswell bike ride. Our team, Becky's Blessings, has raised \$10,434 for cancer research and patient care for the Roswell Park Cancer Center in Buffalo, NY. Our nine riders rode 20.6 miles on July 31st in northern Onondaga County and we had a great time. Each of you were a part of our team through your financial support and messages that I carried with me in my backpack during the ride! We appreciate each and every one of you and we look forward to seeing cancer defeated for all those who are suffering. Pastor Jack and Becky



ANNUAL ELECTION DAY TURKEY DINNER

As last year proved to be a challenge for us, this year will be much easier. Keep the date **Nov 2, 2021**, open. That is Election Day, & The Turkey Dinner. We had a very successful dinner last year, let's do the same this year.

In light of all the Covid-19 still going around we will be having the same **DRIVE-THROUGH ONLY** plan this year. Again, beginning Oct 10, we will start having advance sale tickets.

PRICES: Adults \$13.00, Kids (6-12) \$6.00, 5 & under free.

Please keep this date open as it will not be successful without all the help **IMMANUAL CHURCH** members provide. Thanks!

David Stanton, chairman of the Turkey Dinner

3M update:

June 2021 3M Donations	
Total Collected	\$1,399.00
Mortgage Payment	\$2,564.46
Shortage	\$(1,165.46) *

July 2021 3M Donations	
Total Collected	\$2,500.00
Mortgage Payment	\$2,564.46
Shortage	\$(64.46) *

*The funds collected in June and July were insufficient to make the full mortgage payment nor make distributions to the Trustees or Missions. The shortage in the mortgage payments were temporarily advanced from Mission team funds.



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



September/October 2021

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 and request removal.



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Please join us!