

## May Worship Schedule

*Sunday mornings – the heart of our life together*

*10:00 Worship for All Ages – Sanctuary*

*Available on Zoom and on our Website*

### **Sunday, May 3:** Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5 and 15-16, I Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

The Easter season has us focusing on the pivotal events in the early church as they are told in the book of Acts. This week we hear about Stephen, and how, following his rather critical speech to the Council, he is put to death by stoning. Ironically, the psalmist offers a prayer and praise for deliverance from enemies, and in First Peter, Christ is described a living stone, rejected by mortals, but chosen and precious in God's sight. He is to be the model for believer's lives. Finally, in the fourteenth chapter of John, which is often called the Farewell Discourse, we read Jesus' last words to his disciples. In the verses we read today, which are often heard at funerals, among other things we are told Jesus is going ahead to prepare a room for us in his Father's house.

### **Sunday, May 10:** Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, I Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

Getting closer to the end of the Easter season, in the book of Acts, in a very Greek-style speech lacking in references to Jesus or the gospel, Paul outlines the basic points of God's relationship with humankind. In the epistle of I Peter, the original audience and us, are urged to live a good and faithful life even if we are persecuted and suffer because of it. In words which are often read at funerals, including, "In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live," Jesus, in John's gospel, promises his disciples the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The psalm is a song of grateful praise and a recitation of a personal story of deliverance.

**Sunday, May 17:** Pastor Dale will be on vacation this Sunday recovering from Leah's move from Boston to Washington D.C. as she prepares to begin school at George Washington University in late May. We look forward to welcoming Mel Corbett to our pulpit!

**Ascension Day Scripture:** Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 or 93, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

Forty days after Easter, which is a Thursday, many Christians celebrate Ascension Day. The lesson from the book of Acts picks up where the gospel of Luke ended and we hear about Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Both psalms are joyous songs which celebrate God's power. The epistle lesson from Ephesians celebrates God's power as "he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the

heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.” In the gospel lesson from Luke, we hear Jesus’ last earthly words prior to a brief account of his ascension.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter Scripture:** Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10. 32-35, I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

The passage from Acts is a portion of the account of Jesus’ ascension to heaven. Specifically, after responding to the disciple’s question, “Is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel,” Jesus ascends to heaven. Saying goodbye is something of a theme this week as we find in the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel of John a prayer for the disciples and the final scene of Jesus’ farewell meal. In this, the first part of the prayer, Jesus prays to the Father on behalf of his disciples. In the epistle’s concluding words, the author clearly acknowledges the suffering which comes from living a life of faith but exhorts all believers to be strong. The psalm is a praise and thanksgiving for a strong and protective God.

**Sunday, May 24:** Pentecost Sunday, Memorial Day Weekend

**Scripture:** Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34 and 35b, I Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23

On Pentecost Sunday, fifty days after Christ’s resurrection, we will hear, as we do every year, the Pentecost Story as it is told in the Acts of the Apostles. The account shared in Acts tells us about the Holy Spirit descending on the apostles and uniting them in mission and creating the Church. The Psalm is a song of praise to the Creator. In First Corinthians, Paul speaks about the many and varied gifts we have that are all activated by the same Spirit, Lord, and God and in the gospel according to John, the risen Christ visits the disciples and breathes on them and invites them to receive the Holy Spirit.

**Sunday, May 31:** Trinity Sunday

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

While we won’t be using them this week, the Sunday following Pentecost, in our tradition is called Trinity Sunday, and the scriptures include references to the work of the Father, Son and Spirit. In Genesis we hear the seven-day creation story where God (the Creator/Father), speaks (Christ/Word), and breathes (Spirit) a world into being. The psalm is a word about divine majesty and human dignity and using the Trinitarian formula of Father, Son, and Spirit, Paul offers his final greetings and benediction in his letter to the Corinthians. In the gospel, Jesus, in the closing verses of the first gospel, commissions the disciples, in what is often called the Great Commission.

## Pastor's Message

The end of May will find our congregation participating in something likely far different than anything we, or I, have ever done. We have been asked by the Good Shepherd Ministerium of Cambridge to host a Revival.

The Good Shepherds are led by Pastor Keith Cornish, Dudley Parr, and Pastor Rosylyn Watts and regularly host revivals in Cambridge in the winter months. This year they want to spread their nets wider and reach out to the other parts of the county.

Their Facebook page says the Good Shepherds Association is a group that gives help and builds hope through spiritual, financial, social collaboration and intervention. They list their purposes as:

1. Continue to sponsor community events for the purpose of building unity in the community, i.e., Annual Revival Services, Banquets, workshops, concerts, conferences, community prayer watch/walk events, or events to be planned.

2. Continue to provide funding for utility, rental/mortgage assistance, and other needs to the general public

3. Continue to serve in vanguard leadership in the African American faith community.

4. Continue to provide opportunities for cross cultural, racial, and religious collaborations (i.e., work with Bond Servants, Young Life Ministries, Evangelical Ministerial Association, Community outreach activities, and events.)

5. Set up an office facility and other needed administrative services and policies needed to advance the goals and objectives.

6. Fund Raising events and/or grant writing to fund goals and advocate on community health and environmental issues affecting the community, i.e., drug addiction, climate change, sea level rise, tidal land preservation.

The Worship at Immanuel will be led by Roger and Nikki Reynolds of the Thrive Church on Camp Shiloh Road

### **The tentative schedule is:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Host Pastor</b>
Sunday, May 24	Int'l House of Worship	Pastor Dawn Ellison
Monday, May 25	Hurlock UMC	Pastor Jerome Tilghman
Tuesday, May 26	Faith/Mt. Pleasant	Pastor Ashley Jones
Wednesday, May 27	First Baptist Hurlock	
Thursday, May 28	Salem/Aryes	Pastor Shelly McCollister
Friday, May 29	Greater Full Gospel Church	Bishop Charles Cephas
Saturday, May 30	Immanuel UCC	Pastor Dale Krotee

<b>Date</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>
Sunday, May 24	Pastor Keith Cornish	Evangelist Mary Stanley
Monday, May 25	Pastor Joseph Hayden	Rayshawn Vines
Tuesday, May 26	Pastor Michelle Nichols	
Wednesday, May 27	Pastor Harris	Dudley Parr
Thursday, May 28	Minister Nicene Farrow	
Friday, May 29	Pastor Alicia Hill	Minister Joann Slacum
Saturday, May 30	Pastor Roger Reynolds	Pastor Nikki Reynolds

The time of the Sunday and Saturday dates will be 3:30 pm.  
The time of the weekday dates will be 6:45 pm

I am excited to try something new, visit several of the other congregations, and hear a few different pastors, as I and hopefully a few others of us build bridges and connections among the faithful in the county.

Peace, Pastor Dale

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm



### **HEIFER PROJECT**

Thanks to the generous donations from the congregation and the children, we are pleased to say we raised \$1,420.00 for the Heifer Project.

The children were very excited to be able to choose what they wanted to spend the money on to help those less fortunate.

This is what they chose:

- 1-Heifer/\$500
- 1-Goat/\$120
- 1-Sheep/120
- 1-Pig/\$120
- 1-Fish/\$300
- 10 Flocks of Chickens/\$200
- 2 Honey bees/\$60

Thank you again for your support! This was a wonderful project for the children!

Christian Education Committee.

## BIBLE STUDY

The next bible study will focus on the book of Revelation and will begin on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Donna Campbell 443-521-0112 or Claudia McDonald 410-463-4055 for more information.”

### **2026 Spring Sale (Yard Sale and Food Items)**



The Annual Spring Sale date is closing in and if you are planning to bring items for the “yard sale”, please bring them to Church **NO** later than May 8<sup>th</sup> so they can be priced and readied for the sale. If you have already brought item(s)—**THANK YOU!** We are hoping that we have a lot of items to sell. Please remember that we do not accept clothing, but linens are greatly appreciated and we are also requesting “small appliances only”.

We are still looking for volunteers to work that day or prior to the sale, either in the kitchen or at the Church’s yard sale table(s). We also need a couple of men to set-up and take down tables in front of the Church the morning/noon on May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have the time and would like to help, please contact Diane Murphy at 410-228-5167.

Don’t forget to pick up your “**baked goods labels**” in the basket in the Narthex and remember, each item or package requires a label per the Health Department. The labels are “user friendly”—all you have to do is (1) write in the name of the item and (2) check the boxes for the ingredients in your recipe.

The sign-up sheet for the “**Chicken Salad Carry-out**” is on a table in the Narthex so don’t forget to place your order indicating the number you wish and the day you will pick them up—Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are asking that you “**pre-order**” your soups and chicken salad prior to the Sale. This will greatly help us plan the amount of soups to make and the amount of chicken to purchase. You may call Diane Murphy at 410-228-5167 or email me at [murphy2a@comcast.net](mailto:murphy2a@comcast.net) We still hope to have additional items available should you come in that day to purchase our soups and chicken salad.

We would like to **THANK** everyone, in advance, for your help and orders!

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



The men of Immanuel will prepare breakfast to honor the mothers of Immanuel UCC on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> , 8 – 9:30am. All IUCC families are invited to attend!

## GRADUATES



In June, we would like to honor our high school and college graduates (Date to be determined). In order to do this, we will need to know who they are and their future plans. An information sheet is included in this newsletter which we would like you to complete and return to the church by **MAY 17** . Please send your information sheet by e-mail: [info@immanuelucc.faith](mailto:info@immanuelucc.faith). Of course, you may drop it in our locked mailbox located on White Hall Rd. or leave it in the church office. ***If you have a photo that we can include, send that to us as well by e-mail.***



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| August 22, 2026    | Family Bingo – details to follow via Facebook and our website ( <a href="http://www.immanuelucc.faith">www.immanuelucc.faith</a> )   |
| September 11, 2026 | Spaghetti Dinner – 4:00 – 6:30pm for both inside and carry-outs.   |
| October 25, 2026   | Halloween Trunk or Treat – 4:30-6pm<br>See the church website for more details.  |
| November 14, 2026  | Holiday Bazaar – 9:00am to noon. Offering Chicken salad, soups plus Bake Table, Country Store, White Elephant tables, Silent Auction, Crafts (snowmen & crochet items) and 50/50 raffle. |

***Information on Graduates for Newsletter***

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
          First                          Middle                          Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

School/University from which Graduating  
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Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Activities/Hobbies - church, school, community, etc.  
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Possible plans following graduation?  
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Any Brothers/Sister?  
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Any pets and their name?  
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### May Birthdays

Lindsay McDonald	5/2
Jake Creighton	5/2
Lucas Tolley	5/3
Ella Dodson	5/3
Nicholas Bradley	5/5
Linda Slacum	5/7
Kim Leonard	5/7
Leah Krotee	5/11
Sara Slacum	5/15
Amanda Bair	5/15
Kyle Jackson	5/15
Brenda Pender	5/16
Jocelyn Spies	5/20
Ronnie McCollister	5/24
Brian Malik	5/24
Jim Murphy	5/26

### May Anniversaries

Susie & Jim Creighton	5/2
Connie & George Barnett	5/7
Jill & Jason Segar	5/17
Tracy & Andrew Frase	5/20
Kim & Bill Bair	5/22

### BIRTHDAYS (Continued)

Kathy Kelly	5/27
Jillian Burton	5/27
Wendy Appollos	5/27
Giselle Burton	5/29
Bill Cox, III	5/29
Don Rae	5/30
Ruth Bradley	5/30
Steve McDonald	5/31

### **Your Staff**

The Rev. Dale Krotee  
Janice Haller  
J. Curtis White  
Lynne Breil & Tina Lyte-Davis

Pastor  
Office Administrator  
Choir Director/Organist  
Pianist

### **Your Church Council**

Wallace Dodson – President

Debbie Luthy  
Mark Eberspacher  
John Adkins  
Susie Creighton

Stephanie Dunnock  
Sam Reeder  
Charlotte Hanson  
Lynn Nossick  
Lynn Malkus-Lyons

### **Church Contact Information**

Office Hours - Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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**IMMAMUEL PRAYER LIST:** *You are invited to remember these people in prayer*

**Members of Immanuel:**

*Connie BARNETT, health issues*  
*Carter BASS, grandson of Jim & Susie Creighton, health issues*  
*Carole Ann BROHAWN, health issues*  
*Patsy CREIGHTON, health issues*  
*Wells David DODSON, son of Scott & Amy Dodson*  
*Bill FOXWELL, facing health challenges*  
*Helen KROM, health issues, Bayleigh Chase, Easton*  
*Julia NEWMAN, health issues*  
*Don RAE, health issues*  
*Carole SEGAR, health issues*

**Friends of Immanuel Church:**

*Merry Lee BEAVEN, friend of Bev Shelly, Candle Light Cove*  
*Shirley BURTON, Robin Burton's mother, health issues*  
*Jamie DOEHLERT, friend of Janice Haller, health issues*  
*Susan DUKES, sister of Betty Malkus, health issues*  
*Kent ELZEY, brother of Julia Neman, health issues*  
*Carolyn ELZEY, sister-in-law of Julia Newman, health issues*  
*Mary Ann FARNALL, at Mallard Bay, Rm. 114, friend Bev Shelly*  
*Alice FREY, sister of Jim Murphy, health issues*  
*Gerry KROTEE, Pastor Dale's step-mother, health issues*  
*Charles LOWENSEN, brother of Diana Krotee, health issues*  
*Betty MALKUS, health issues*  
*Debbie McCRAY, friend of Beverly Shelly & the Kozaks, health issues*  
*Shawn PARKS, friend of Bill & Kim Bair, health issues*  
*Cathy POTTER, friend of Patsy Creighton, health issues*  
*John RAWLS, Amy Dodson's father, health issues*  
*Nancy ROBERTSON, friend of Sandy Dodson, health issues*  
*Bobby SELLERS, friend of Jock & Debbie Luthy, health issues*  
*Charlotte SPEDDEN, friend of Terry Malkus, health issues*  
*Bud STRAIN, Jan Strain's son, health issues*  
*Terry VINCENT, friend of Beverly Shelly, health issues*  
*and Jill his caregiver*

**Other Prayer Requests:**

*Guidance in Immanuel's leaders for 2026 and beyond*

*The leadership of Immanuel church, the need for people willing to serve to do the mission and business of the church.*

*Our adopted child from Peru*

*Dorchester County Public Schools*

*Children at the border*

*Those shot in our country*

*Those suffering from natural disasters*

*Those dealing with COVID-19*

*For the healing of our nation and the world, both physical & emotional*

**Members and Friends Serving in Our Armed Forces:**

*Hunter BROWN, U.S. Army, stationed in Egypt, fiancé of  
Laura Dixon*

*Jake CREIGHTON, Captain, U.S. Army, stationed  
Ft. Sam Houston, TX*

*Alton FRASE, Cpl, US Marine Corps, Camp LeJeune,  
North Carolina, Son of Andrew & Tracy Luthy Frase,  
grandson of Jock & Debbie Luthy*

*Lt. Kevin GRIER, nephew of Kathy Kelly, U.S. Navy, stationed in  
California*

*Buddy HAYDEN, friend of Robin Burton, U.S. Air Force*

*Lucas TOLLEY, U.S. Marine Corps, son of Leslie & Adam Tolley,  
Grandson of Lou & Dennis Jones, stationed at  
Camp Pendleton, CA*

*Jason T. WARDEN, U. S. Marine Corps, nephew of Michal Dixon,  
in North Carolina*

# MAY 2026

*An open-hearted church, empowering people to serve God and the community*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10a Worship				1 8 Last Day For White Elephant Donations	2	
10 Mother's Day 8am Breakfast 10a Worship	4 11-noon Bible Study One Mission Dinner	5 11-noon Bible Study	6 6:30p Choir Practicer	7 6:30p Choir Practice	8 16 7am Spring Sale	
	11 Fellowship	12 11-noon Bible Study	13 Hall Closed	14 6:30p Choir Practice	15	
17 10a Worship Melvin Corbett	18 Fellowship Hall Closed	19 11-noon Bible Study	20	21 6:30p Choir Practice	22	
24 10a Worship	25 Memorial Day	26 11-noon Bible Study	27	28 1-6p Blood Bank 6:30p Choir Practice	29	
31 10a Worship					30 Good Shepherd Revival 3:30pm	

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April 26—May 8  
 Receiving items  
 For yard sale .

Strengthen the Church  
 Offering May 24, 2026

**COUNTERS:**

May 3 Tom Wilkison & Beverly Shelly  
 May 10 Robin Burton & Kathy Kelly  
 May 17 George Barnett & Bill Bair

May 24 Tom Wilkison & Beverly Shelly  
 May 31 Robin Burton & Kathy Kelly

CHANCEL  
 May 3-17 WHITE  
 May 24 RED  
 May 31 GREEN



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**IT'S A "SPRING SALE**  
**(RAIN OR SHINE)**  
**Immanuel United Church of Christ**  
**Saturday, May 16, 2026**  
**Sale starts at 7:00am**  
**Tables available: \$10.00**  
**Call to reserve your sale table!**  
**Or to place an order for food**  
**410-228-5167 or [murphy2a@comcast.net](mailto:murphy2a@comcast.net)**  
**Enjoy soup, chicken salad**  
**Bake table (contributions needed)**