

Worship Schedule

Sunday mornings – the heart of our life together

10:00 Worship for All Ages – Sanctuary

Sunday, October 2 Proper 22

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-4 and 2:1-4, Psalm 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

The first Sunday in October will bring us World Communion Sunday and lessons about patience, trust, and humility. The prophet Habakkuk complains to God, and after waiting awhile, God offers him, and us, a word of comfort. The psalm is an exhortation to patience and trust and Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, offers words of thanksgiving and encouragement to his young companion. In the gospel of Luke, we find two sayings of Jesus. The first of the two is his response to the disciple's request for greater faith, and the second is Jesus' comparison of the role of the disciples to the work and position of a slave or servant.

Sunday, October 9 Proper 23

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-3 and 7-15c, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

Healing is the theme which carries through the scriptural lessons on this Sunday. The Old Testament lesson from 2 Kings is the story of Elisha healing the powerful enemy general Naaman of leprosy. In the gospel of Luke, Jesus heals ten lepers, but only the Samaritan among them comes back and gives thanks. The psalmist offers us a song of praise for God's wonderful works and the apostle Paul shares his difficult experiences as he writes about his hardships and exhorts Timothy to faithful endurance.

Sunday, October 16 Proper 24

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

Pastor Dale, after officiating the wedding of Diana's and his niece, will be taking this Sunday off, and inviting Pastor Cesar Gonzalez to fill the pulpit. As many of you know, Pastor Gonzalez usually does preach from the lectionary but if you would like to know what the scheduled lessons are, please keep reading!

The most familiar words this week may be from the Psalm where we hear, "I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep." In Genesis, Jacob wrestles with God at Peniel and receives a blessing. An assurance of God's protection is found in the Psalm and in Luke we are offered the Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge who only grants the woman justice because she is relentless in the pursuit of her cause. Paul, in the epistle lesson, encourages Timothy, to value, as he has done since his childhood, the sacred scriptures and to have faith in Jesus Christ.

Sunday, October 23 Proper 25

Scripture: Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, Psalm 84:1-7, 2 Timothy 4:6-8 and 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

This week, the thematic scriptural choices offered by the Revised Common Lectionary, include a choice between a lesson from Sirach (a book found in the Apocrypha) and the prophet Jeremiah. In Sirach, the book written in the time between the Old and New Testaments, we have a lesson that talks about divine justice that builds on the ethic of helping the poor and the prophet Jeremiah writes about the people of Israel who humbly confess their iniquities to God, during a life-threatening drought. Humility continues as a theme in Luke as we read the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector where one prays very loudly, publicly, and insincerely while the other prays humbly, sincerely, and privately. The Psalm is about the joy of worship in the Temple and in 2 Timothy Paul looks toward his death and a heavenly reward.

Sunday, October 30: Reformation/Reconciliation Sunday, Proper 26

Scripture: Isaiah 1:10-18, Psalm 32:1-17, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4 and 11-12, Luke 19:1-10

On a Sunday when we may remember the contributions of the Reformers of the 1500's, one might say the lectionary readings are about how we are called to respond to the words of scripture with openness and sincerity.

In the Old Testament book of Isaiah, the prophet writes about how God rejects ritual worship unless the worship practices are accompanied by a genuine change to moral behavior. In the gospel of Luke, we are offered the account of Zacchaeus, the tax collector who was curious about Jesus, climbing the tree and Jesus calling him down and dining with him. The first verse of the psalm, which is about the joy of forgiveness, is, "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." And in Paul's second letter to the church in Thessalonica, we hear the greeting and intercessory prayer at the beginning of the letter.

Ramp Build

On Saturday, November 12 our church is going to build a ramp for a person in need in Dorchester County. We will, once again, be working with Chesapeake Housing Mission out of Salisbury, who are experts in guiding volunteers in the installation of solid and sturdy ramps which are so desperately needed. The details are being finalized, but many volunteers are needed, so mark the date on your calendar, tell your friends about it, and join us however you can as we help a family in need in our community. Immanuel has helped build two ramps. The last ramp was built on June 14, 2019, and here are a few reminders of that effort.

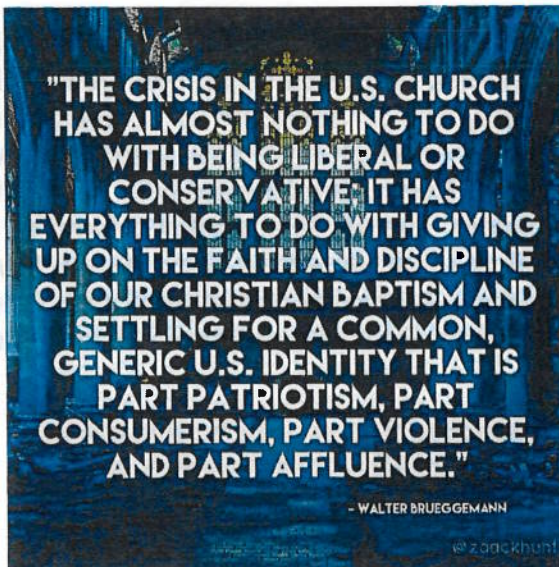


Pastor's Message
Provoking Thought(s)

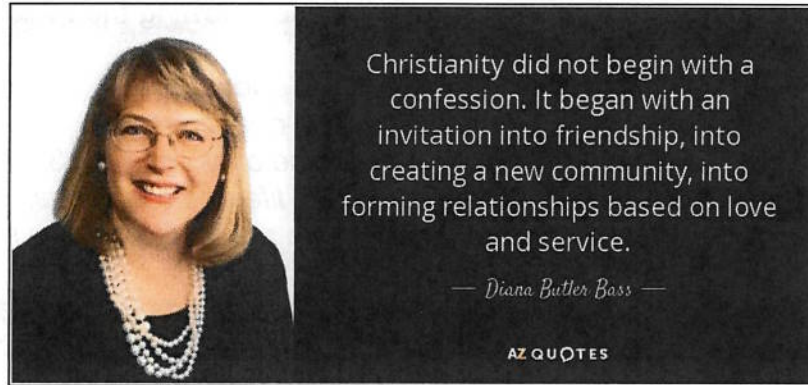
At the beginning of the Confirmation Class, I shared the following thought:

*How many times did Jesus ask questions?
To be precise, Jesus asks 307 questions.
He is asked 183 questions, of which he only answers 3.
Asking questions was central to Jesus' life and teachings.
In fact, for every question he answers directly he asks—literally—a hundred.*

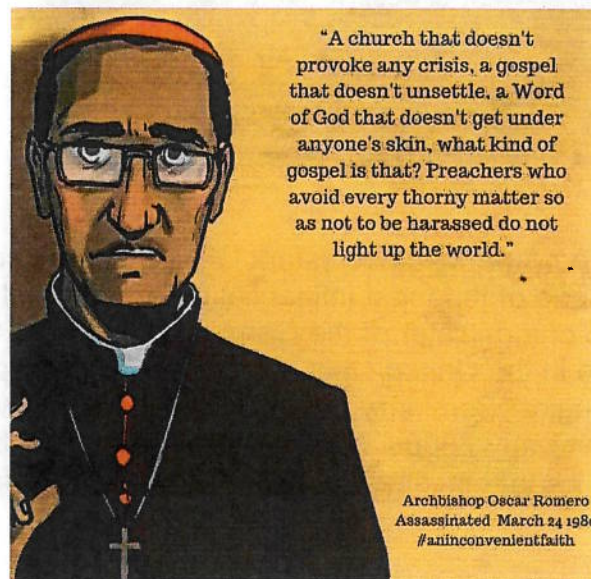
For some time, I have been collecting thought provoking memes from Facebook. These are thoughts which have caused me to ponder matters of faith. Here are a few of my favorites and a comment about their creator.



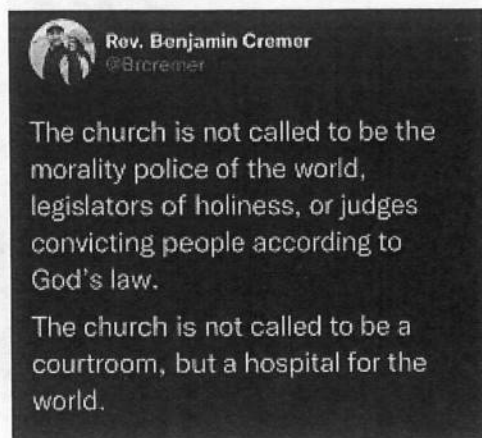
Walter Brueggemann is an American Protestant Old Testament scholar and theologian who is widely considered one of the most influential Old Testament scholars of the last several decades. The son of a minister of the German Evangelical Synod of North America. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ. He was professor of Old Testament at Eden Theological Seminary and later at Columbia Theological Seminary, from which he retired in the early 2000s. Rev. Dr. Brueggemann's books were required reading in seminary and I heard him speak at Central Atlantic Conference meetings and other events.



Diana Butler Bass was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and grew up in Scottsdale, Arizona. She was raised a United Methodist, and became an evangelical. Today she is an American historian of Christianity and an advocate for progressive Christianity. She is the author of eleven books, many of which have won research or writing awards. Bass earned a PhD in religious studies from Duke University in 1991 with an emphasis on American ecclesiastical history, she wrote a weekly column on religion and culture for the New York Times Syndicate that appeared in more than seventy newspapers nationwide, and has since become a popular commentator on American religion for other media outlets. As of this date, Bass is a member of the Episcopal Church.



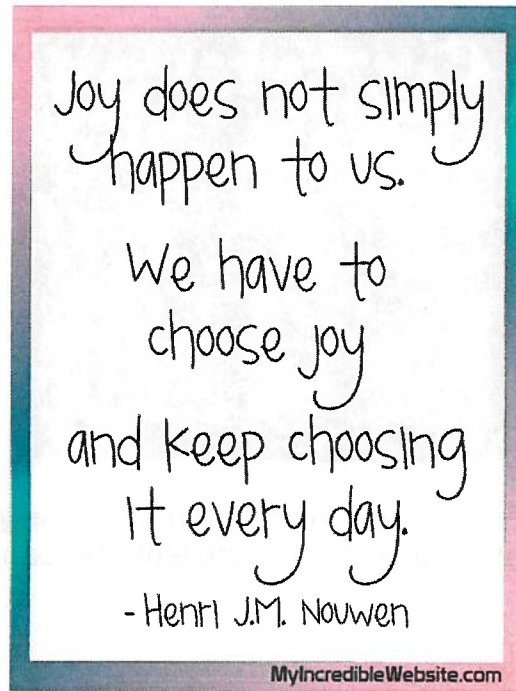
Oscar Romero became the archbishop of El Salvador in 1977. Seen as a social conservative at the time of his appointment as archbishop in 1977, As archbishop, Romero spoke out against social injustice and violence amid the escalating conflict between the military government and left-wing insurgents that led to the Salvadoran Civil War. In 1980, Romero was shot by an assassin while celebrating Mass.



Rev. Benjamin Cremer is a Pastor. Wesleyan. Writer. BA in Religion. MA in Spiritual Formation. MA in Theological Studies. Chronic student. Idahoan.

**THE LOST AREN'T
COMMANDED TO GO TO A
CHURCH BUILDING. THE
CHURCH IS COMMANDED
TO LEAVE THE BUILDING
TO GO TO THE LOST.**

First Baptist Church Red Springs -- Texarkana Texas



Henri Nouwen was a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian. His interests were rooted primarily in psychology, pastoral ministry, spirituality, social justice, and community. After nearly two decades of teaching at academic institutions including the University of Notre Dame, Yale Divinity School and Harvard Divinity School, Nouwen went on to work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the L'Arche Daybreak community in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Call for a Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 30, 2022 11:00 am

Purpose:

1. To vote on acceptance of the proposed budget for 2023
2. To elect a President of the Congregation for 2023

If you are interested in serving your church as President of the Congregation, please let Bill Bair or any member of the current Church Council or Pastor Dale know.

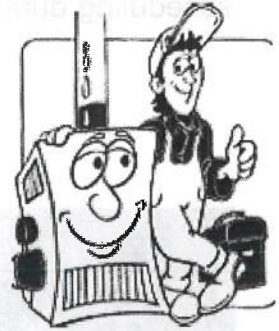
CHURCH COUNCIL 2023

It's time to look for three new members for the church council. If you would like to serve this church as a member of the Church Council, please contact any of the council members to have your name placed on the ballot or, if asked, would you consider putting your name on the ballot. This is a great way to see and learn the inter-workings of your church...how decisions are reached, future plans. You can be in on the ground floor!

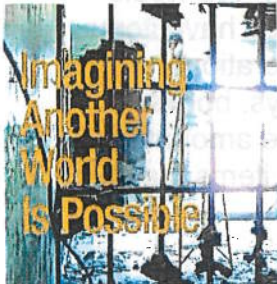
PRE-PAID FUEL 2022-2023

With cold weather just around the corner and the need to keep our church building warm this winter, getting help via our pre-paid fuel account offers a big bonus in meeting our financial obligations. Our goal this year is \$10,000.

Diana Jackson, Treasurer



MISSION UPDATE



NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING, which supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, will be received on Sunday, October 2. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries goes to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible.

FELLOWSHIP AND/OR FUND-RAISING

TRUNK OR TREAT 2022



Please join us for a family fun night. Dress up and enjoy the fun on Sunday, October 30, 2022 4:30-6pm.

We will need trunks by 4 pm and helpers to do crafts and pass out tickets.

Rain or Shine Come enjoy the fun.

PLANNING FOR 2023

All committees – mark your calendar for Sunday, November 6 following the worship service at 11:30am. There will be a meeting in the Fellowship Hall to plan events for 2023. This is the time that the various committees and individuals come together to make plans for the next year. We are asking for your input. If you would like to "schedule/plan an organized" fundraiser for the Church, please come to the meeting. If you have a fundraiser idea, come to the meeting. This will help in avoiding conflicts with scheduling during the year.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 19 , 2022



The Holiday Bazaar is the "last fund raiser" of the year and it will be held on November 19th—the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. In the past several years, this has been one of our largest fund raisers and many people in the community come to enjoy all of our food, bake table, and items we have for sale.

This year will be the first time we will hold the "White Elephant" tables and the "Silent Auction/Bid-It or Buy-It tables since Covid. We would like to request that you start planning for the Bazaar—checking to see if you have items for the "White Elephant" table, including dishes/pot and pans, holiday decorations, pictures, costume jewelry, handbags, curtains, linens, pictures, pillows, toys, books—just about anything you can think of to donate, but **NO** clothing. Due to the amount of work required during this busy week, we are making some changes when items may be brought to Church this year.

We are requesting that items be brought to Church starting on October 10th and no additional items after November 7th. This will give us time to arrange and price the various items.

In addition, we will have our "Silent Auction or Bid-It/Buy-It" sale. Please consider furnishing an item or basket for this table. People are always looking for something "special" for a Christmas gift. We have not always had something for children—this would be a good opportunity to donate an item for that special child. **If you don't want or have time to shop, you may make a donation and we will do the shopping for you—just make your donation by November 6th to give us time to shop!**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays

Vivian Barnett	10/2
Christy Foxwell	10/3
Paul Jackson	10/6
Sonny Malkus	10/7
Lessie Tolley	10/12
Jarrett Ashton	10/12
Barbara Bailey	10/13
Max Schnoor, Jr	10/13
Amy Malkus	10/13
Thomas Wilkison	10/13

October Birthdays (Continued)

Jack Dodson	10/15
Robin Burton	10/18
Hannah McDonald Warfield	10/19
Leah Warfield	10/20
Carole Segar	10/22
Natalee Lyons	10/23
Bette Adams	10/27
John Dodson	10/30
Danny Luthy	10/30
Susie Creighton	10/31
Parker Hodnett	10/31

Anniversary

Garrett & Jamie Roe	10/10
Barry & Frances Adkins	10/16

Are you celebrating a birthday but it does not appear on our monthly birthday/anniversary listing? If so, contact the office: 410-228-4640 or email: info@immanuelucc.com to provide us with your information. You may also provide an e-mail address.

Your Staff

The Rev. Dale Krotee	Pastor
Janice Haller	Church Secretary
J. Curtis White	Choir Director/Organist
Lynne Breil & Tine Lyte-Davis	Pianist
Stephanie Carmine	Nursery Care Provider

Your Church Council

Bill Bair – President

Catherine Burton	Sherry Hoefer
Robin Burton	Tina Lyte-Davis
Jock Luthy	Max Schnoor
Jack Breil	Lou Jones
George Barnett	

Church Contact Information

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

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

Members of Immanuel:

Bette ADAMS, health issues
Norma Lee BURTON, health issues, at home
Wells David DODSON, son of Scott & Amy Dodson
Bill FOXWEL L, facing health challenges

Friends of Immanuel Church:

Mary Ann AARON, great aunt of Robin Burton, in Mallard Bay
Recovering from hip replacement after a fall
Gretchen DEJTER, friend of Robin Burton & George & Connie Barnett
brain aneurysm, recovering at home
John GOLDEN of Austin, TX, friend of Brent Malkus, health issues
Tatum Lee HARDING, son of Abrey & Brandon Harding, born 7/1/11
with complications, University of MD hospital
Shirley HICKS, at Mallard Bay, health issues
Henry KROTEE, Pastor Dale's father, health issues
John LOWENSEN, father of Diana Krotee, health issues
Lillian LOWENSEN, mother of Diana Krotee, health issues
Brent MALKUS, health issues by Terry Malkus
Bill TYLER, husband of Carolyn Tyler, health issues

Other Prayer Requests:

Guidance in Immanuel's leaders for 2022 and beyond
The leadership of Immanuel church, the need for people willing to
serve to do the business of the church.
Our adopted child, Royer Gaeel Arroyo Sulca, 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 including some area churches
For the healing of our nation and the world, both physical & emotional

Members and Friends Serving in Our Armed Forces:

Christopher ANTENEN, U. S. Air Force, now stationed in the USA,
grandnephew of the late Jean Haddaway
Hunter BROWN, U.S. Army, stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany
Friend of Laura Dixon
Jake CREIGHTON, U.S. Army, stationed at Ft. Stewart, GA
Buddy HAYDEN, friend of Robin Burton, U.S. Air Force
Keagan ROSARIO, U.S. Air Force, friend of Kim Leonard, now
stationed in the U.S.
Matthew L. RUBLE, II, U.S. Army, nephew of Michal Dixon,
stationed in Texas
Lucas TOLLEY, in basic training at Paris Island, SC. Graduation from
boot camp is August 25, 2022. Son of Leslie & Adam Tolley,
grandson of Lou & Dennis Jones
Jason T. WARDEN, Marines, nephew of Michal Dixon,
stationed in Japan

OCTOBER 2022

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CONFIRMATION CLASS:

October 9—God/Jesus

October 23—Church

History

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10a Worship	3	4	5	6 6:30p Choir Practice	7	8
9 10a Worship	10	11	12	13 1-6p Blood Bank 6p Choir	14	15
16 10a Worship Pastor Cesar Gonzalez	17	18	19	20 6p Choir Practice	21	22
23 0a Worship	24	25	26	27 6p Choir Practice	28	29
30 10a Worship Congregational Meeting Trunk/Treat 4:30-6P	31					

COUNTERS:

October 2 Robin Burton & Kathy Kelly

October 9 Sherry Hoefer & Bill Bair

October 16 Tom Wilkison & Joyce Malik

October 23

October 30

Robin Burton & Kathy Kelly

Sherry Hoefer & Bill Bair

CHANCEL

ALL SUNDAYS - GREEN



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Could you help us warm the church? Thank you.

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