

Worship Schedule

Sunday mornings – the heart of our life together
10:00 Worship for All Ages – Sanctuary

Sunday, October 6

Scripture: Job 1:1 and 2:1-10, Psalm 26, Hebrews 1:1-4 and 2:5-12,
Mark 10:2-16

In the readings from Job, God and Satan (considered to be God's prosecuting attorney in the Hebrew scriptures) talk about Job's faith and the two decide to test the depth of Job's faith. The Psalm is a prayer about one who comes into God's sanctuary seeking vindication in the face of false accusations. The first verses of Hebrews proclaim that God spoke through his Son, Jesus, and the later verses say, this Son's "power" was a function of his service and sacrifice – his lowliness. In Mark, Jesus teaches about divorce and then, in the presence of the disapproving disciples, blesses the little children.

Sunday, October 13

Scripture: Job 23:1-9 and 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15, Hebrews 4:12-16,
Mark 10:17-31

Difficulties and struggles are something of a theme in our readings this Sunday. In the beginning of Psalm 22, we find the source of one of Jesus' words from the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The rest of the psalm continues with a plea for deliverance from suffering and hostility. In Hebrews, we read about Jesus, the High priest, who was tempted (or tested) in the same ways we know, and yet is the one through whom we receive mercy and grace. Mark shares a story of the man whose riches stand in the way of his access to the kingdom of heaven.

Sunday, October 20

Pastor Dale will be on vacation this week and Rev. Pastor Cesar Gonzalez will be filling the pulpit and members of our congregation will be leading worship. Pastor Gonzalez seldom uses the Lectionary readings, but if you would like to read them, they are found below.

Scripture: Job 38:1-7 (34-41), Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c, Hebrews 5:1-10,
Mark 10:35-45

In one of the more humorous verses of the Bible, God responds to Job's questions and complaining, by saying (this is not exactly what the Bible says), "Who in the world are you to question me?" God then continues to put Job in his place. A hymn of praise to God the Creator and Provider can be found in the psalm. In Hebrews, citing Melchizedek, the first priest mentioned in the Hebrews scriptures, who dates back to the days of Abraham, Jesus' identity and work is compared to that of priest appointed by God. And finally in the gospel of Mark, Jesus responds to James' and John's request to sit at his right and left hand in glory.

Sunday, October 27

Scripture: Job 42:1-6 and 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

The gospel lesson has another of story of Jesus healing the blind man. Bartimaeus, the one whose sight is returned, who winds up “seeing” in more ways than one. In the letter to the Hebrews,, which is actually more like a sermon, the author writes, unlike all other priests, Jesus is the eternal, holy, blameless, and exalted priest who saves us.

Looking back at the Old Testament lessons, in the last chapter of Job, we are offered a “happy ending” to all of the pain and suffering Job endured, while in the Psalm, we are offered a song of praise for deliverance from trouble, which includes a testimony to the goodness of God.

Looking Ahead

- Sunday, November 3: All Saints Sunday and Congregational Meeting
- Sunday, November 10: A Sunday of Honoring our congregation’s Veterans
- Sunday, November 24: Thanksgiving Sunday and the last Sunday of the Liturgical year.
- Sunday, December 1: The First Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, December 15: A Christmas Music Featuring CEAVE (Celestial Echoes Alumni Vocal Ensemble – the Philippine Singing group who visited us last June)

Pastor’s Thoughts

In the month of October, the second New Testament reading, often an epistle or letter, will be read from the Letter to the Hebrews. Personally, I do not know as much about this book as others in the Bible, therefore, I thought I would use my Pastor’s Newsletter Message to help get me started preparing for the months sermons.

The Letter to the Hebrews

The book was named. “the Letter to the Hebrews,” in the 2nd century C.E.

Who wrote it?

- Hebrews is an anonymous book, without any written clues to its authorship, yet attempts have been made to identify its author.
- In the 2nd century C.E. the eastern church (the church centered in Constantinople) credited Paul with its authorship. Yet even here, there were doubts about its authorship
- In the western Church (the church centered in Rome), Pauline authorship was not accepted until the 5th century, but doubts existed:

- The evidence against Pauline authorship includes:
 - Too much of what is in Hebrews is unlike other Pauline letters.
 - Too much of what is common in Paul's letters is not found in Hebrews.
 - Major themes in the accepted Pauline letters, like faith and works, are handled differently in Hebrews.
 - The vocabulary and style are not Paul's.
- The evidence for Pauline authorship include:
 - There are some similarities to Paul's letter,
 - Including the mention of Timothy.
- Martin Luther suggested, with a degree of plausibility, the author was the Alexandrian Jewish Christian named Apollos, who in Acts 18:24 is given a description that fits the author of Hebrews perfectly: "An eloquent man, well versed in the scriptures."
- The probability of the author being Jewish, though, is strong.
- Origen, a theologian from the 3rd century Egyptian church, made famous the statement, "As to who wrote the epistle (Hebrews), only God knows."

Is it a letter:

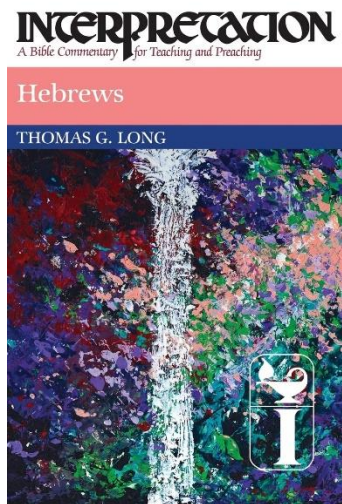
- It does not begin like a typical New Testament or Greek letter which begins by identifying the author and addressees.
- It does end like a letter because it:
 - makes a brief reference to the circumstances of the author.
 - mentions "our brother Timothy."
 - and offers some personal greetings.
- It is more like a sermon or treatise sent as a letter.

Literary Traits of Hebrews

- Hebrews is written in a Jewish style:
 - The arguments made are Jewish in nature,
 - The use of Hebrew Scripture – 30 quotes and 70 allusions,
 - The Midrashic style of interpretation is a particularly Jewish style of "explanation"
 - The writing style alternates between discourse (written or spoken communication or debate) and exhortation (encouragement).
 - Unlike Paul's letters, it is written in an eloquent Greek style.
- About the audience:
 - The audience is most likely Jewish, but a Gentile or mixed community are possibilities.
 - The audience continued to face severe persecution for their faith

- So much so, they were tempted to abandon Christianity.
- The audience needed to be informed concerning the superiority of Christianity and the new covenant over the sacrificial system of the old covenant.
- Hebrews is neither one of the earlier writings of the New Testament, nor one of the later epistles, and clues in the book suggest the audience were second generation Christians. Suggested dates of its writing range from 70 C.E to 95 C.E.

There is much more to say about the Letter to the Hebrews, but I share some of that in the sermons I offer in October. And to make one local connection, Rev. Dr. Tom Long, who just recently filled our pulpit has authored many books and one of them is a commentary on Hebrews!



Peace,
Pastor Dale

Call for a Congregational Meeting

Sunday, NOVEMBER 3, 2024 11:00 am

Purpose:

1. To vote on acceptance of the proposed budget for 2025
2. To elect a President of the Congregation for 2025

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 2025

It's time to look for three new members for the church council. Our retiring members are: Tina Lyte-Davis, Max Schnoor and Lou Jones. 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!

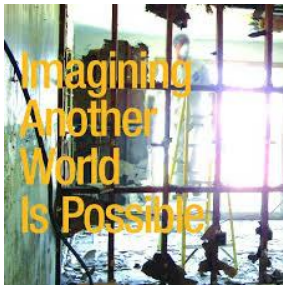
PRE-PAID FUEL 2024-2025

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 6. 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 2024



Please join us for a family fun night. Dress up and enjoy the fun on Sunday, October 27, 2024 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 2025

All committees – mark your calendar for Sunday, October 20 following the worship service at 11:30am. There will be a meeting in the Fellowship Hall to plan events for 2025. 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.

PIANO GIVE AWAY

The 3 pianos in our sanctuary (Council Room, Fellowship Hall, and Choir Room) are available to any Church member for **free**. Your only cost will be to have the pianos moved into your home (or business). A new piano has been purchased for the Fellowship Hall. Deadline to claim a piano is November 1. Please contact Pastor Dale, Tina, or Curtis.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Immanuel United for allowing me to do my Eagle project here. Thank you Pastor Dale for connecting us to Ms. Robin and for teaching the God and Me program. I chose Immanuel United because our troop (754) participated in the God and Me program last year from September to November. Around this time I reached the rank of Life and began to think about what my Eagle project could look like. I was inspired to do a toiletries and sock drive after seeing the pantry room, which lacked basic toiletry supplies compared to the food supplies. We ran a very successful drive, assembling 489 toiletry bags, receiving 400 pairs of socks, and lots of miscellaneous items, such as feminine and full sized supplies. We also organized the pantry so Immanuel United volunteers would have sufficient space for donations. I would also like to thank my parents, Melanie and Brad, for driving me around and supporting me during this project. I want to again thank Ms. Robin. Without her guidance, patience and knowledge this project would not have been possible.

Sincerely,
Jerry Rice
Troop 754

HOLIDAY BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 9 , 2024



The Holiday Bazaar is the “last fund raiser” of the year and it will be held on November 9th. 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.

We will hold the “White Elephant” tables and the “Silent Auction/Bid-It or Buy-It tables. 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 September 29th and no additional items after October 28th . 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!**

We will again offer the “Chicken Salad Platter Carryout” at the Bazaar and as “Pre-orders” for our congregation. This has been well received in previous years and we want to continue to provide them as part of the Bazaar. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, with either Saturday, Nov 9th or Sunday, Nov. 10th pickup.

There will also be a need for HELP the week leading up to the Bazaar and also that day. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex listing the various needs,, so please give us your HELP to make this an even bigger success this year.

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
John Dodson	10/30
Danny Luthy	10/30
Susie Creighton	10/31
Parker Hodnett	10/31

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

Your Church Council

Bill Bair – President

Tina Lyte-Davis	Chuck Hanson
Max Schnoor	Carolyn Price
Lou Jones	John Adkins
Sam Shelly	Susie Creighton
Debbie Luthy	

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
Donna CAMPBELL, health issues
Dolores DIXON, health issues
Wells David DODSON, son of Scott & Amy Dodson
Bill FOXWELL, facing health challenges
Helen KROM, health issues
Phyllis MURPHY, health issues
Beverly SHELLY, health issues
Frank SPILLMAN, health issues

Friends of Immanuel Church:

Pat ELZEY, friend of Carole Ann Brohawn, health issues
Shirley BURTON, Robin Burton's mother, health issues at home
Joan COLLINS, friend of Beverly Shelly, health issues
Charlotte EDWARDS, friend of Deana Kozak, health issues
Kent ELZEY, brother of Julia Neman, health issues
Carolyn ELZEY, sister-in-law of Julia Newman, health issues
Manford "Hunter" McGLAUGHLIN, friend of Deana Kozak, health issues
Henry & Gerry KROTEE, Pastor Dale's father, health issues
John LOWENSEN, father of Diana Krotee, health issues
Debbie McCRAY, friend of Beverly Shelly & the Kozaks, health issues
Terry VINCENT, friend of Beverly Shelly, health issues
George & Linda WRIGHT, friends of Carole Ann Brohawn, health issues
Scott YANN, friend of Carole Ann Brohawn, health issues

Other Prayer Requests:

Guidance in Immanuel's leaders for 2023 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
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 Wiesbaden, Germany
friend 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
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.
Lucas TOLLEY, U.S. Marine Corps, son of Leslie & Adam Tolley,
Grandson of Lou & Dennis Jones, stationed in Okinawa, Japan
Jason T. WARDEN, Marines, nephew of Michal Dixon, in North Carolina

**IMMANUEL UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST
HOLIDAY BAZAAR
SATURDAY,
NOV. 9, 2024
9:00AM—TIL**



SERVING....Chicken Salad (by the cup, platter or sandwich), Soups, Hot Dogs.

There will be White Elephant Tables, Silent Auction/"Buy-It or Bid-It" tables, a bake shop, country store and lots of HANDMADE snowmen and crochet items. There is a "year long" 50/50 Raffle with the drawing the day of the Bazaar at 11:30am. Please call Diane Murphy @410-228-5167 or email her at murphy2a@comcast.net or the Church 410-228-4640, info@immanuelucc.faith with your pre-orders for items listed above.

**5401 White Hall Road @ U.S. Rte. 50
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** Registration Begins

at 10:00am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11-noon Bible Study	2	3 6:30- Choir Practice	4	5
6 10a Worship	7	8 11-noon Bible Study Fellowship Hall closed	9	10 6:30p Choir Practice	11 Garden Club lunch & Meeting	12 Assoc. Meeting at Harriett Tubman Pavilion **
13 10a Worship	14	15 11—noon Bible Study	16	17 6:30p Choir Practice	18	19
20 10a Worship 11:15a Planning for 2025	21	22 11—noon Bible Study	23	24 1-6p Blood Bank 6:30p Choir Practice	25	26
27 10a Worship 4:30 -6pm Trunk Or Treat	28 Fellowship Hall Closed	29 11-noon Bible Study	30	31 6:30p Choir Practice		

COUNTERS

- October 6 Robin Burton & Kathy Kelly
- October 13 George Barnett & Bill Bair
- October 20 Tom Wilkison & Beverly Shelly
- October 27 Robin Burton & Kathy Kelly

CHANCEL

ALL SUNDAYS—GREEN

Fellowship Hall Closed—October 28 thru Nov. 12, 2024



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Memo – “Pre-Paid Fuel”
Could you help us warm the church? Thank you.

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