

## 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 4:** Third Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** Acts 9:1-6 (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

The first Sunday in May finds us moving through the fifty days of the Easter season and we hear two powerful stories of changes in those who find Christ. In the book of Acts, Saul, the great persecutor of the church, is blinded and meets Christ who calls him to a new mission. In the gospel of John, after the disciples go back to fishing, Jesus, unrecognized by the disciples, appears to the fisherman and directs them to a great catch. He then shares a meal of bread and fish with them on the beach and offers Peter a chance to recant his three pre-crucifixion denials. The psalm and passage from Revelation are both more positive and assure us of God's power. The psalm is a song of thanksgiving for recovery from grave illness which ends with the phrase, "You have turned my mourning into dancing, you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy." John's vision in the fifth chapter of the book of Revelation, which is also the inspiration for one of the more memorable choruses in Handel's Messiah, finds the angels and elders in heavenly throne singing, "Worthy is the Lamb," and "Blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever."

### **Sunday, May 11:** Fourth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

**Scripture:** Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

In Revelation, the praise continues, as John, the writer of the book, has a vision of the heavenly throne where multitudes are praising God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and honor and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!" In the book of Acts, hearing that Tabitha (Dorcas in Greek), a disciple of Christ, dies and Peter visits her, prays over her, and she then opens her eyes and becomes an inspiration for many throughout Joppa and for us too. The 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm begins with the familiar words, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." In the gospel of John, many Jews gathered around Jesus at the portico of Solomon asking him if he is the Messiah and Jesus responds, "You do not know me. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they know me."

**Sunday, May 18:** Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

Inclusive love is the theme for the scriptural lessons this Sunday. In John's gospel we hear Jesus giving us a new commandment, ". . . that you love one another. Just as I have loved, you also should love one another." In Acts, the mission to the Gentiles is better understood as Peter has a vision of clean and unclean food and hears further directions from the Holy Spirit. In the Psalm we are offered a song of praise for God's universal glory, while in Revelation the familiar words of the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter, where John sees a vision of a new heaven and a new earth, we read, "Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more, and the first things have passed away."

**Sunday, May 25:** Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10 and 21:22-22:5, John 14:23-29

With Ascension Day following later in the week, on the sixth Sunday of Easter we learn of Paul, who, after being called by the Holy Spirit to Macedonia, meets and converts Lydia, the dealer of purple cloths. In the gospel lesson, with phrases like, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," and "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid," Jesus prepares his disciples for his death. He also promises them the presence of the Advocate, or Holy Spirit. Near the end of the book of Revelation and the Bible, we are given a vivid description of the New Jerusalem, the place where God and people live together. The psalm is a call for the nations to praise God.

**Pastor's Message**

This installment of my pastor's newsletter message is a big thank you note. As I sit at my desk on the Monday morning after our special Family Bible Worship service on Sunday, April 27, I am feeling exceptionally thankful.

I am thankful for the support of so many people on yesterday's special Sunday. I am thankful for Judith Robins of the "Daughter's of the American Revolution," for advertising their Family Bible Genealogical Project and for joining us yesterday to share it with us. Judy was overwhelmed by our response. She told me it was the largest number of Bibles she has recorded at one event. She was a joy to work with and I am sure she felt welcomed by so many people in our congregation. For this I give thanks.

I am thankful for the families who brought their treasured Bibles to worship. It was so nice to see the Luthy and Reeder Family Bibles as well as the four very old Murphy family Bibles. Thank you to everyone who brought their Bibles and those who took the time to look at them and talk with these families. I also want to thank Keith Malkus for displaying the old German Bibles that are a part of our church history. He took the time, not only to get them out and put them on display, but to translate (with the help from the app on his phone) and help us understand the German title pages of these big old books. Thank you again, Keith and all of our families.

Thank you also goes out to Curtis, Tina, and our Choir for selecting and singing an anthem most appropriate for our special Sunday. Whenever possible, I try to create liturgies and select hymns which support the theme of the scriptures we use each week and this week it seemed like everything went together so well. Thanks again to our musicians!

Finally, on special occasions congregations may commission a hymn writer to create music or a hymn to be written to celebrate their event. We did just that Sunday. I am thankful, today, for the Council's approval to commission a hymn to be written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for our Family Bible Sunday. I am even more thankful that Ms. Winfrey Gillette was willing to share her exceptional hymn writing skills with us. She is a prolific hymn writer, and we have used her hymns frequently over the last ten years and I have heard many positive comments about her work from our members. Yesterday was no exception. The hymn, "Within Our Treasured Bible," was the perfect addition to our worship, and the lyrics she offered us fit in so well with the theme of our celebration. I cannot wait to complete the thank you note I will write to her. I also want to thank Terry Malkus for quickly framing the hymn and displaying the hymn in our church.

I am so very pleased with the Family Bible Sunday, and I hope everyone else shares my enthusiasm for Carolyn's work and for all that went into our special worship and celebration yesterday (Sunday, April 27). I look forward to other such special Sundays in the years ahead! I have included the text of the new hymn below.

Peace, Pastor Dale

### **Within Our Treasured Bibles**

AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")

A hymn celebrating family Bibles, the biblical story,  
and our place in the family of God.

Within our treasured Bibles, O God of love and grace,  
we find the faith of others that's brought us to this place.  
We see the underlinings of verses they held dear;  
their writings in the margins still nurture our faith here.

Sometimes we find notations of family history—  
the births and deaths and weddings for everyone to see.  
We learn of people baptized— and those who joined the church.  
We see their faith with new eyes when we begin to search.

Not all of us have Bibles passed down from year to year—  
and yet, O God, we marvel at your great family here.  
We're siblings and we're neighbors— together, bound by Christ.  
The stories in the scriptures speak of our family life.

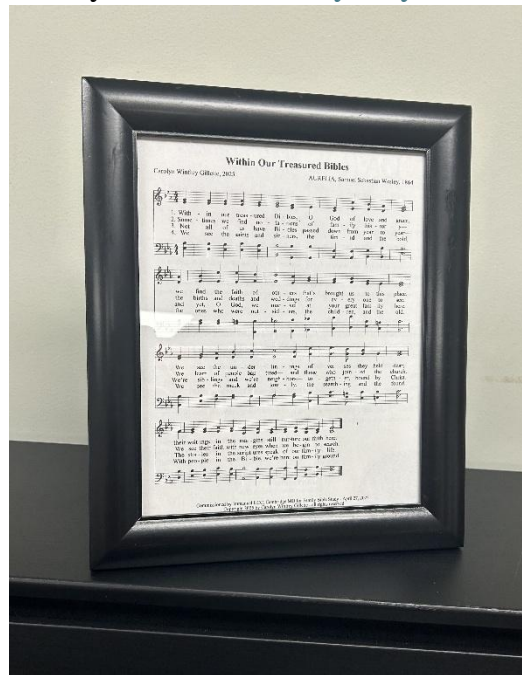
We see the saints and sinners, the timid and the bold,  
the ones who were outsiders, the children, and the old.  
We see the meek and lowly, the searching and the found.  
With people in the Bible, we're here on family ground.

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New Hymns: [www.carolynshymns.com](http://www.carolynshymns.com)



## Ramp Build

Our members and friends are invited to help build another ramp for the Chesapeake Housing Mission on Saturday, June 7. The details of the event are yet to be fully determined, but if you are interested in helping or learning more about the event, please contact Terry Melius or Pastor Dale.

The picture here is from our last ramp building event.



## COUNCIL MEETING

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> following worship

## **2025 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 7<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 17<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 17<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, May 18<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.

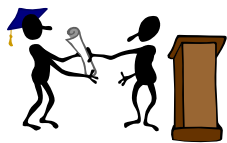
We would like to **THANK** everyone, in advance, for your help and orders!



### **MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST**

The men of Immanuel will prepare breakfast to honor the mothers of Immanuel UCC on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 8 – 9:30am. All IUCC families are invited to attend!

### **GRADUATES**



We would like to honor our graduates for 2024 on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 18**.

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.***

***Information on Graduates for Newsletter***

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

School/University from which Graduating  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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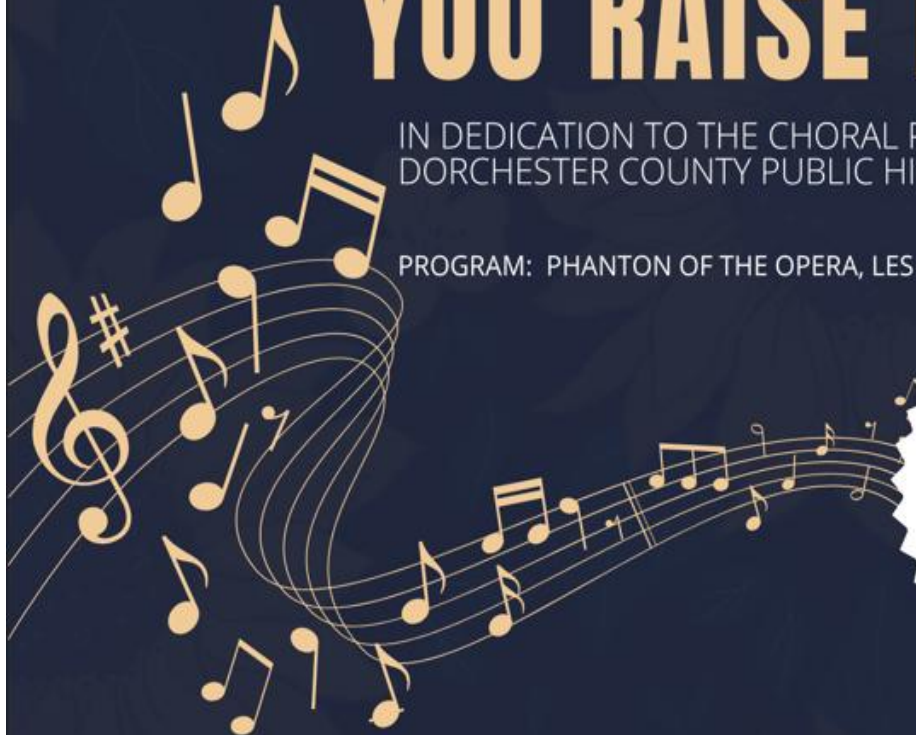
SPRING 2025

THE CHORUS OF DORCHESTER  
PRESENTS

# YOU RAISE ME UP

IN DEDICATION TO THE CHORAL PROGRAMS OF  
DORCHESTER COUNTY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

PROGRAM: PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, LES MISERABLES AND MORE



**FREE  
ENTRY**

**IMMANUEL UNITED  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025  
6:00PM

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025  
4:00PM

**COOKIE BROHAWN**  
CONDUCTOR

**LAURA TODD**  
PIANIST

**BARBARA HUBBARD**  
ORGANIST

LOVE OFFERING OPPORTUNITY BENEFITTING CSD AND NDHS

## MAY 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  
Church Secretary  
Choir Director/Organist  
Pianist

### **Your Church Council**

Max Schnoor – President

Chuck Hanson  
Carolyn Price  
John Adkins  
Susie Creighton

Debbie Luthy  
Mark Eberspacher  
Stephanie Dunnock  
Sam Reeder  
Roger Segar

### **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:***

Jeri BOUNDS, health issues, friend of Don Rae & Kim Leonard  
Connie BARNETT, health issues  
Carter BASS, grandson of Jim & Susie Creighton, health issues  
Wells David DODSON, son of Scott & Amy Dodson  
Bill FOXWELL, facing health challenges Helen KROM, health issues

***Friends of Immanuel Church:***

Shirley BURTON, Robin Burton's mother, health issues  
Kent ELZEY, brother of Julia Neman, health issues  
Carolyn ELZEY, sister-in-law of Julia Newman, health issues  
Alice FREY, sister of Jim Murphy, 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 and Jill his caregiver

***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 from Peru  
Dorchester County Public Schools  
Children at the border;  
Those shot in our country  
Harley Jones, and all the folks in California suffering with the fires  
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 Reserves  
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



## UPCOMING EVENT FOR 2025

- August 16                      Family Bingo – Details are not final at this time,  
But please check both Immanuel’s Facebook page  
and Website for more information
- September 12                      Spaghetti Dinner – 4:30 – 7:00pm for both inside  
and carry-outs.
- October 26                      Halloween Trunk or Trear – 4:30-6pm  
See the church website for more details.
- November 15                      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.



# MAY 2025

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30p Choir Practice	2	3
4 10a Worship	5	6 11-noon Bible Study	7 Yard Sale Donations Closed	8 6:30p Choir Practice	9	10
11 Mother's Day 8a Breakfast 10a Worship	12	13 11-noon Bible Study Fellowship Hall	14	15 6:30p Choir Practice	16	17 7a Spring Yard Sale
18 10a Worship Fellowship Hall Closed	19	20 11-noon Bible Study	21	22 1-6p Blood Bank 6:30p Choir Practice	23	24
25 10a Worship	26	27 11-noon Bible Study	28	29 6:30p Choir Practice	30	31 6:00pm Chorus of Dorchester

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**COUNTERS:**

May 4 Tom Wilkison & Beverly Shelly  
 May 11 Robin Burton & Kathy Kelly  
 May 18 George Barnett & Bill Bair  
 May 25 Tom Wilkison & Beverly Shelly

**CHANCEL**

**ALL SUNDAYS - WHITE**



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**IT'S A "SPRING SALE**  
**(RAIN OR SHINE)**  
**Immanuel United Church of Christ**  
**Saturday, May 17, 2025**  
**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)**