

## Worship Schedule

*Sunday mornings – the heart of our life together*

*10:00 Worship for All Ages – Sanctuary*

**Sunday, October 5:** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22

### **World Communion Sunday**

**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 12:** 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23

### **Pastor Dale on Vacation**

**Pastor Cesar Gonzalez will be the Supply Preacher**

**Scripture:** Acts 5:41-42

<sup>41</sup>As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.

**Sunday, October 19:** 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24,

### **Pastor Dale on Vacation**

**Dr. Steven Kraftchick will be the Supply Preacher**

Dr. Steven J. Kraftchick, a friend of Rev. Dr. Tom Long and resident of Town Point, taught courses in New Testament interpretation, directed the Advanced and General Studies programs, and was involved with Candler's digital learning initiative until his retirement in 2020. He was also a faculty member in the New Testament Course of Study in Emory's Graduate Division of Religion. Kraftchick came to Candler in 1983, and previously taught at Princeton Theological Seminary, Oberlin College, and The School of Theology at Sewanee: The University of the South.

**Scripture:**

### **1 Thessalonians 4:9-12**

9 Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters,<sup>\*</sup> you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; <sup>10</sup>and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters<sup>\*</sup> throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved,<sup>\*</sup> to do so more and more, <sup>11</sup>to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, <sup>12</sup>so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one.

## **I Thessalonians 5:12-24**

12 But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters,<sup>\*</sup> to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup>esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup>And we urge you, beloved,<sup>\*</sup> to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup>See that none of you repays evil for evil but always seek to do good to one another and to all. <sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets,<sup>\*</sup> <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound<sup>\*</sup> and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

### **Sunday, October 26:** 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, 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.

### **Beyond October:**

Sunday, November 2: All Saint's Sunday  
Sunday, November 9: Stewardship Sunday  
Sunday, November 30: First Sunday of Advent

### **Ramp Build:**

Saturday, October 25 is the date we have set aside to, once again, work with the Chesapeake Housing Mission to build a ramp. The details are still being finalized, but Chesapeake Housing has invited us to consider splitting our group up and working on a couple of smaller projects instead of one big ramp. Stay tuned for more details and look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help with this project.

## Pastor's Message

From 1996 to 2008, I served St. Vincent United Church of Christ in East Vincent Township, near Spring City and Pottstown, Pennsylvania. About twelve miles to the north was Faulkner Swamp United Church of Christ. I share this because on October 15 of this year the United Church of Christ will celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first celebration of Communion by a German Reformed Congregation in North America. That congregation was the Faulkner Swamp Reformed Church.

The United Church of Christ, the denomination to which we belong, has primarily four major roots. They are:

- The first **Congregational church** in America was established by the Pilgrims in 1620 at Plymouth, Massachusetts, with the First Parish Church. These were [Separatist Puritans](#) who had fled religious persecution in England. The broader Congregational tradition was also rooted in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, where numerous Puritan churches were founded starting in the 1630s.
- Members of the **German Reformed** church members began immigrating to America in the late 17th and early 18th centuries, with large numbers of German settlers, including many Reformed individuals, arriving in Pennsylvania starting in the 1680s and 1700s. Organized congregations began forming in the early 18th century, with [John Philip Boehm](#), an immigrant, organizing the first German Reformed congregations in Pennsylvania around 1720 and ordaining the first pastor in 1729.
- The **German Evangelical church** came to the United States various waves. The mid-19th century saw a surge of German immigration, with many settlers moving west to states like Missouri and Illinois, where they formed the basis of the new German denomination in the U.S., The German Evangelical Synod of North America. There was also a group of German immigrants who entered the U.S. through Baltimore too. These Midwest and East Coast Germans are the ancestors of the people who founded our congregation.
- The Christian Church, a branch of the United Church of Christ arose in the 19th century, drawing from Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian influences on the American frontier and emphasizing the simplicity of first-century Christianity.

In addition to these four roots which are traditionally recognized as the “four major ancestors of the denomination, more recently the contributions and participation of the Afro-Christian Convention has been acknowledged. The Afro-Christian Convention was a historical religious convention of African American churches which also participated in the formation of the United Church of Christ (UCC) in 1957, bringing its unique spirit of Afro-Christian spirituality and advocacy for liberation. Today, it is recognized as the UCC's "[fifth stream](#)" and continues to influence the denomination through groups like [United Black Christians](#) (UBC), preserving Black church history and promoting racial justice.

One can see, while not the oldest roots or foundations of our denomination, the German heritage of the United Church of Christ is strong. The Evangelical and Reformed (E & R) Church was created in 1934 by the merger of the two German-American Protestant churches: the Reformed Church in the United States and the [Evangelical Synod of North America](#). This denomination was short-lived, existing for only 23 years before it merged with the [Congregational Christian Churches](#) in 1957 to form the [United Church of Christ \(UCC\)](#). It is this heritage we remember and celebrate this year.

The 300th anniversary of the first communion of the German Reformed Church at Falkner Swamp (or Falkner Swamp) has been celebrated throughout 2025. The initial communion service took place on October 15, 1725, and the anniversary commemorations include special services, reflections on heritage, and community events organized by the [Pennsylvania Conferences of the United Church of Christ \(UCC\)](#).

It is my understanding that Rev. Stephen Fair, our Supply Preacher from September, is using a slightly edited (and translated) version of the original 1725 communion liturgy at the worship service at United Evangelical United Church of Church in Baltimore on Sunday, October 12. Furthermore, one of his, and our friends, Rev. Selena Blackwell, will be preaching on that special Sunday as well.

So much for our brief history lesson this week. There are a few resources worth checking out if you want more information. I will do my best to get them easily accessible on our website soon. For now, here are a few of the best connections one might make:

[www.psec.org](http://www.psec.org)  
<https://youtu.be/LIMAVCGnkyc>  
<https://youtu.be/fuHXv6RtT1Q>

Peace, Pastor Dale

## **Call for a Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 11:00 am

### **Purpose:**

1. To vote on acceptance of the proposed budget for 2026
2. To elect a President of the Congregation for 2026

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

### **CHURCH COUNCIL 2026**

It's time to look for three new members for the church council. Our retiring members are: Chuck Hanson, Carolyn Price and Roger Segar. 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!

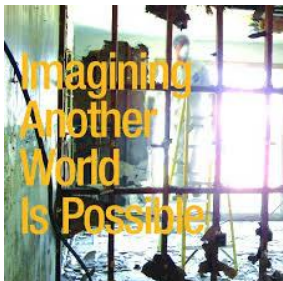
### **PRE-PAID FUEL 2025-2026**

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. We currently have donations of \$1,500. Be sure to mark your donation "Pre-Paid Fuel".



*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 5. 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 2025

Please join us for a family fun night. Dress up and enjoy the fun on Sunday, October 26, 2025 4:30-6pm. 12 and under.

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 2026

All committees – mark your calendar for Sunday, October 19 about 11:15am following the worship service. There will be a meeting in the Fellowship Hall to plan events for 2026. 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.

### Financial Update

Our church has experienced a few financial expenses for which we were not planning. In the parsonage, the washer no longer works, and the refrigerator should be replaced. In our church building, the Council desires to thoroughly clean the duct work for the first time since the building was built, and plans are underway to upgrade the church landscaping. The cost for each is:

\$2100	Parsonage Appliances
\$4000	Duct Cleaning
\$6000	Landscaping

We also have large budgeted items coming soon. These include:

\$17,000	Insurance for Church building and Parsonage
\$10,000	Heating Oil

This year, there was also about \$1000 used to upgrade our WiFi and repair the electronic sign.

Any financial help the congregation can offer would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Max Schnoor about the church building matters, and Roger Segar for details about the parsonage appliances. As always we thank you gratefully for both your "regular" support, and for the gifts offered for our special needs.



## HOLIDAY BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 15 , 2025



The Holiday Bazaar is the “last fund raiser” of the year and it will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 October 16<sup>th</sup> and no additional items after November 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



This year we will also be offering our home-made spaghetti sauce for sale during the Bazaar - these may also be pre-ordered!

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
Leslie 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](mailto:info@immanuelucc.com) to provide us with your information. You may also provide an e-mail address.*

### **Your Staff**

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

Pastor  
Church Secretary  
Choir Director/Organist  
Pianist

### **Your Church Council**

Max Schnoor – President

Susie Creighton  
Debbie Luthy  
John Adkins  
Carolyn Price  
Chuck Hanson

Roger Segar  
Stephanie Dunnock  
Mark Eberspacher  
Sam Reeder

### **Church Contact Information**

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**IMMANUEL 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*

*Patsy CREIGHTON, health issues*

*Wells David DODSON, son of Scott & Amy Dodson*

*Bill FOXWELL, facing health challenges*

*Janice HALLER, health issues*

*Helen KROM, health issues*

*Julia NEWMAN, health issues*

*Carole SEGAR, health issues*

*Family & friends of Frank SPILLMAN who died Sept.15<sup>th</sup>*

*For those who would like to send cards to Joyce*

*Joyce Wise 35510 SE Highway 211 Boring, OR 97009*

**Friends of Immanuel Church:**

*Cindy ATKINSON, friend of Bill & Kim Bair, health issues*

*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*

*Gerry KROTEE, Pastor Dale's step-mother, health issues*

*Charles LOWENSEN, brother of Diana Krotee, health issues*

*John LOWENSEN, father of Diana Krotee, health issues*

*Betty MALKUS, health issues*

*Debbie McCRAY, friend of Beverly Shelly & the Kozaks, health issues*

*Shawn PARKS, friend of Kim & Bill Bair, health issues*

*Mary Frances WARFIELD, 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 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 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, U. S. Marine Corps, nephew of Michal Dixon,  
in Djibouti, East Africa*



# OCTOBER 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6:30p Choir Practice	3	4
5 10a Worship Neighbors In Need offering	6 Fellowship Hall Closed	7 11-noon Bible Study	8	9 6:30p Choir Practice	10 Garden Club	11 Council Room in Use George Barnett
12 10a Worship	13	14 11-noon Bible Study	15	16 6:30p Choir Practice	17	18
19 10a Worship 11:15a 2026 Planning	20	21 11-noon Bible Study	22	23 1-6p Blood Bank 6:30p Choir	24	25 Ramp Build
26 10a Worship 4:30-6p Trunk Or Treat	27	28 11-noon Bible Study	29	30 6:30p Choir Practice	31	

COUNTERS:

October 5 Robin Burton & Kathy Kelly  
October 12 George Barnett & Bill Bair  
October 19 Tom Wilkison & Beverly Shelly  
October 26 Robin Burton & Kathy Kelly

CHANCEL

ALL SUNDAYS—GRREEN

Guest Preacher October 12— Pastor Cesar Gonzalez  
October 19— Dr. Steven Kraftchick



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**Call for a Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 9, 2025 11:15 am**



**PREPARE FOR WINTER, NOW!**  
**It is time to start thinking about**  
**PRE-PAID FUEL FOR THE 2025 – 2026**  
**HEATING SEASON GOAL: \$10,000**

**Please make your check payable to Immanuel UCC**  
**Memo – “Pre-Paid Fuel”**  
**Could you help us warm the church? Thank you.**

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