# Immanuel Christian Reformed Church January 24, 2016

## **WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!**

We're glad that you joined us today, and we pray that you will encounter God through prayer, worship, and his word.

Guest mailboxes are located after the alphabetical list of members. Please pick up this information if you would like details on Immanuel's ministries.

This morning Pastor Bob will continue with "Expanding Christ's Kingdom".

Offerings: General Fund & Benevolent Fund

This evening Pastor Bob will focus on Lord's Day 41, the 7<sup>th</sup> commandment - "Be True".

PM Offering: Right to Life

#### NURSERY

Today:

8:45AM Lette Huisman

11:00AM Kerri Nieuwenhuis, Betsy Vander Ploeg,

Kate Plaisier, Vanessa Veldink

5:30PM Lisa Huisman

Next Sunday:

8:45AM Bea Meinema

11:00AM Melanie Kamminga, Ellen Vander Ploeg,

Andrew Herweyer, Gideon Huisman

5:30PM Lette Huisman

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** 

Today: Jesus in the Wilderness

Tammy Wolters, Kris Ter Keurst, Andrew Herweyer

Next Sunday:

Ruth Pohler, Shelli Bosma, Erica Dykstra

**MEETINGS** 

10:00AM

Education Hour

6:30-8:30PM

E.T.

### THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY

**JANUARY 27** 

7:00PM

Immanuel Circle

7:00PM

**Education Committee** 

THURSDAY

**JANUARY 28** 

7:00PM

Knitting Ministry

SATURDAY

**JANUARY 30** 

E.T. Winter Retreat

# **NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 31, 2016**

8:45 & 11AM Immanuel's 68th Anniversary

Church Planting Sunday

Expanding Christ's Kingdom into the Next Generation

Offerings: General Fund & Legacy Campaign

5:30PM

8th Commandment - Lord's Day 42, "Do Not Steal"

Offering: Right to Life

**MEETINGS - January 31** 

10:00AM Ed

Education Hour

10:00AM

CEAP Enrollment - office area

6:30-9PM

Crossroads

#### THE LAURELS OF HUDSONVILLE - 9:00AM

Elder Rob Nesky

De Kleine, De Weerd, De Young families

## **PRAISE & THANKSGIVING**

The flowers in the sanctuary have been given by the family of **Gladys Bosgraaf** in honor of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday which is tomorrow, January 25!

To belong to the family of God is a true blessing. Thank you all for the prayers and messages of comfort, love and hope in the passing of Scott Koomen on January 6.

Sincerely, Agnes Koomen

Doug & Swanee Van Singel and family

Dear Immanuel family,

We want to thank you for all your concerns and prayers as we went through a difficult journey with my sister, Vicki's battle with cancer and home going on January 7. You are truly showing God's love and we are so grateful to belong to this church family.

Cheri & Rog Lutke and family

Thank you again for all the towels you provided for me to make bibs for the Ottawa Area Center! I have plenty to keep me busy, so no more are needed at this time. **Evelyn Vander Kooi** 

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Claus Steenwyk was admitted to the hospital due to a stroke. He expected to be transferred to Mary Free Bed Hospital this past Thursday. Pray for complete healing,

Marcia Gemmen - chemotherapy treatment

Joe Lems - severe back pain

Sharon Ondersma - M.S.

Lula Ringerwole - hospice care

Mari Schut - chemotherapy treatments

Pete Van Rijs - durable cancer remission

Brian Wigger – medication to shrink tumor

#### Military

Ethan Ritsema DC3 - Navy, Japan

Lance Corporal Josh Ter Keurst - Marines

Captain Ron Thenn - Army

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Stephan Thenn - Marines

Trevor Vedders - Marines

<u>Missionary Partner</u> - Rev Joel & Marilyn Van Dyke Guatemala

#### The Laurels of Hudsonville Residents

## Community Freedom Ministry (CFM)

Instead of a personal testimony from a ministry recipient, here is one from a CFM volunteer minister of grace: "Today with the ministry recipient was so, so sweet. Upon her arrival, she had a glow about her that we didn't see last week--a mark of sweet freedom she has been walking in from just the first three steps. Today she readily pressed into confessing and renouncing sin, and sweetly received that 'shame is NOT her name'! Holy Spirit was vividly present in giving insights to the other volunteer and me. What an awesome time of watching a sister in Christ allow light to be shed on darkness! We rejoice!" Since November 1, four ministry recipients experienced the power of Christ and currently three more people are awaiting their freedom appointments. Please pray for victory for these precious souls to begin walking in the truth of Galatians 5:1. Want more information? Please see www.immanuelcrc.com/freedom or the

Freedom Ministries mailbox in the foyer for brochures and business cards.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Directory Update**

Tyler & Joni Cook 2596 Cleveland Ct Hudsonville MI 49426

Christian Education Assistance Program (CEAP) Enrollment

Enrollment for parents of children attending Christian day school, K-12, will take place on Sundays January 31, February 21 & February 28 between the morning services. Look for Mike Wigger in the workroom area between the offices.

Immanuel will provide some tuition assistance to all families that choose to enroll their children in the CEAP. Additional levels of assistance are available from Immanuel, if needed. Plan to attend one of these meetings to get more information and to enroll your children.

If you can't attend one of these meetings, please call Mike Wigger (616-389-9683) to get an enrollment form and/or more information.

#### **Elder & Deacon Nominees**

The council invites the congregation to submit names for consideration to be selected for the church offices of Elders and Deacons.

As a reminder, the council approved a motion a few years ago allowing women to service in the office of Deacon. To submit names, or if you have any questions, please contact your district Elder or Deacon by February 10.

#### Coffee Servers Needed

We need coffee servers for 2016! This requires making/serving coffee, lemonade, putting cookies on trays and enjoying the fellowship with other Immanuel members. Please contact Ruth Pohler (669-5657 or <a href="mailto:pohlers5@sbcglobal.net">pohlers5@sbcglobal.net</a>). You can sign up with another family/friend. There is a signup sheet in the kitchen. We need YOUR help. Thank you!

# **Library News**

Come check out the recently updated selections in the library! We have a fresh supply of DVD's for kids and family viewing. We have expanded our collection of books, adding titles by new authors and additional selections by many of your favorite writers. A list of the latest additions is available in the library. Can't wait to see you between AM services!

#### Church Van

The church van is now in a storage facility. If you would like to use the van for your group, please contact the church office to reserve it. The van will then be brought to church for your use on that date. Building & Grounds Committee

### Church Wide Pinewood Derby Car Races

Join us on Saturday, March 5, for our Pinewood Derby Car Races! Anyone is welcome to enter. If you would like to build a car, please contact Jeff Kooienga.

### **Tuition Assistance Program**

For the upcoming school year, families who wish to apply for Level 2 tuition assistance from Immanuel will need to use the FACTS application format online via a confidential web site at www.FACTStuitionaid.com.

The required application information is easily accessible data from the 2015 tax return along with other basic information. Copies of confirming tax documents will be required to be sent to the FACTS center. The \$30 application fee will be paid by the schools. Parents who have children in more than one participating school need only to fill out the application one time-

the information will be available to the schools where their children attend and to Immanuel CRC.

The FACTS organization will analyze the information of each applicant. Through FACTS Immanuel CRC and participating schools have the ability to more evenly distribute available tuition assistance funds based upon factual information the families provide in the application. While the schools and Immanuel CRC will use the same information, the schools will distribute their funds after they know how much assistance Immanuel CRC will provide.

Please contact FACTS at (866) 315-9262 with any questions. The deadline for submitting this application is March 31, 2016. You may also contact Mike Wigger (616) 389-9683 with questions.

# **FINANCIAL UPDATES**

## January Corners Offering

Immanuel Knitting Ministry

## January 17, 2015

General Fund \$12,869 Short-Term Missions 1,328 Right to Life 20

### General Fund Year-to-Date

Received \$334,105 Budget goal 361,883 Over (Under) (27,778) Budget received –92%

Fiscal year -- July 1, 2015 -- June 30, 2016

To fulfill our General Fund budget, an average weekly offering of \$12,479 is necessary. Please tithe in faith and as your response to God's blessings.

## **WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE**

January 24, 2016

#### SUNDAY

Remember in prayer and with a card this week our shut-ins: Clara Timmer, Agnes Koomen

### MONDAY

Pray for God's strength to be with the many persecuted Christians in **Moldova**.

#### TUESDAY

Pray for God's blessing and protection this week on our Youth & Outreach Director, Tyler Cook.

#### WEDNESDAY

Pray for Rev Joel & Marilyn Van Dyke and their work with World Missions in Guatemala.

## **THURSDAY**

Pray for these young adults and remember them with a note or card:

Ethan Austhof, Hannah Huisman, Lanae Nesky

#### **FRIDAY**

Pray for God's blessing on our Youth Ministries.

#### SATURDAY

Ask God to bless the civil and church leaders of our city and the residents of your street.

Denominational Prayer Line: 1-888-CRC-PRAY