



# Immanuel Dove

*Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there.*

Immanuel Presbyterian Church (USA) Tucson, AZ

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I'm a big Dr. Seuss fan. Dr. Seuss is just as much for "big kids" as "little kids." One particular story has been speaking to me as of late—*The Zax*. The North-Going Zax collides with the South-Going Zax along the wide prairie of Prax. They bump into one another—toe to toe and face to face. They're both committed to their position saying:

**Never budge! That's my rule. Never budge in the least!**

**Not an inch to the west! Not an inch to the east!**

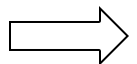
**I'll stay here, not budging! I can and I will**

**If it makes you and me and the whole world stand still!**

The two Zaxes did stand still . . . *but the world didn't*. A city was built around them and the Zax Bypass Highway was built over them. Much of human history is the sad story of the Zax played out on many levels—internationally, in society, in politics, in homes, and yes, even in the church.

Our Presbyterian (U.S.A.) denomination, along with Episcopalians and Lutherans, are in a bit of a "Zax moment" regarding how we define sexual ethics. Many churches are in the midst of figuring out whether to change, compromise, or not budge on this issue. In July, prohibitions upon the parameters of sexual activity were loosened for ministers, elders, and deacons in the PC(USA). Each presbytery and church now has the local option to decide whether or not to ordain to church office non-married sexually active heterosexuals and sexually active homosexuals. This means that a new threshold has been crossed in the 30+ year debate over how the Bible and Reformed theology inform and guide sexual behavior.

This change in ordination standards (plus other issues) has been the tipping point for a massive reorganization that's presently happening in the PC(USA). Some pastors and churches are in process of leaving the denomination altogether. An increasing number of Presbyterian denominations around the world, including the Presbyterian church in Mexico, are cutting ties in various degrees with the PC(USA). A new Reformed Body under the umbrella of the Fellowship of Presbyterians will be constituted in January of 2012 for PC(USA) churches to affiliate with on varying levels. The majority of churches will be staying in the PC(USA), but will decide on their own whether they will retain traditional Judeo-Christian definitions of sexual ethics (fidelity in marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness) or adopt more progressive interpretations of sexual mores for church leaders.



## October 2011

So, where is Immanuel in all of this? Good question! We are committed to fully being within the PC(USA), as we have been since the 1983 reunion of Presbyterian churches. Our Session had a special meeting Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to begin dialogue about what Immanuel's ordination standards will be. We all are aware that this is a controversial and divisive topic—so we are approaching the issue with humility, prayer, honesty, and in a deliberately cautious manner. We voted on and approved this motion: ***Immanuel will keep the previous ordination standards in effect until we come to a decision as a session regarding how we will craft our new ordination standards sometime in the future.*** The Session will take the needed time to study the many facets of this complex issue before arriving at a decision (i.e. Scripture, Presbyterian confessions, theology, science, reason, and experience). As of this time, we have not set a time-line for when a decision will be made. There will also be learning opportunities in the future for the entire congregation. Ultimately, the Session votes on this issue, but we want to get feedback from the congregation regarding your perspectives to help inform the Session in the discernment process.

So, back to the Zax. My prayer is that we learn *what not to do* from the Zax. That we acknowledge the inner-Zax in all of us. That we avoid the Zax's deadly sin of pride. That we change in those areas where we are stubborn, prejudiced, or uniformed. And that we simultaneously honor our conscience (which is under God's authority), ethics, moral principles, and summons from God to obedience. May we learn the art of compromise and collaboration where we can. May we have the wisdom to discern when to "agree to disagree" in a Christian way. Above all, may we not miss or be side-tracked from our participation in the kingdom of God and God's mission in the world that is going on all around—with or without us.

I leave us with Paul's words to the Roman church: *So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.* (Romans 12:1-2, Common English Bible)

In Christ's Love,

Pastor John



Advent and Christmas are fast approaching.  
If you are interested in helping with these events,  
plan to attend the planning meeting on  
**Wednesday evening, October 12, at 7:00 pm**  
In Witherspoon Hall.  
Come with your ideas to share with other folks.

# Adult CE Classes

Two adult Christian Education Classes are offered each week. Through October and early November, one series of classes is led by Peg Wetzel – a Bible Study of the Gospel of John. John is the only Gospel writer who does not include a chronological overview of Jesus’ life, birth through ministry and crucifixion, but rather, shares the significant pieces of Jesus’ ministry and how that continues to impact our lives today. It is an awesome study and Peg provides excellent leadership.

The second series offered for Adult CE is from the “That The World May Know” series and is facilitated by Jeff Fennema. Topics through October include “Wet Feet”, “When the Rabbi Says, ‘Come’”, and “First Fruits”. In November David Powell will lead a class related to “Remembering our Veterans” and Ron Parker and Carol Schurr will facilitate a two-week series entitled “Creating a Culture of Generosity”.

Christian Education study and involvement is nurturing to your spiritual journey. Immanuel Christian Education provides opportunities for all ages because it is essential in leading a faith-based life. It is where the Spirit of God encounters the people of God – of all ages.

Please encourage yourself (and others) to participate in the adult education available. CE hopes to provide vision for the future and purpose for the present. Join us!!

## October Happenings at the IPC Nursery

**The theme for October is:**

***Jesus Loves Children***

This month the nursery workers will help your child:

- Hear songs and words about Jesus’ love for children;
- Feel loved by caring teachers;
- Participate in play activities that teach him or her about Jesus’ love.



## Casa Maria

**Saturday, October 1 & 29**

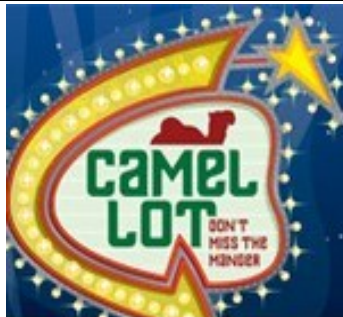
Bring your sack lunches to the church between 7:45 and 9:30 a.m.



The person making the delivery to Casa Maria leaves promptly at 9:30 a.m. Each lunch should contain two sandwiches of your choice (no mayo or mustard), a piece of fruit, and a dessert (a couple of cookies, a granola bar, etc.). You may make as many lunches as you desire.

Remember that many of the folks who receive these lunches have problems with their teeth. Please consider this when purchasing fruit or other hard-to-eat foods.

Planning for this year's kids' Christmas musical is underway! Adult volunteers are needed for drama, costuming, publicity, sets and props, rehearsal snacks, reception hosting duties, and technical production. The musical is entitled "Camel Lot." Please contact Maggie Rappaport at [maggeriffic@yahoo.com](mailto:maggeriffic@yahoo.com) or by calling 991-5622



if you are available to help.

## Session Corner

Personnel Team is STILL working diligently to find just the right fit for our two open staff positions. Let's continue to pray for them as we wait upon the Lord.

Immanuel continues to struggle with vandalism. Thank you Buildings and Grounds Team for your dedicated work on our campus.

Are you and/or your children enjoying our new year of Sunday school classes? Thank you to the Christian Ed Team for their planning and efforts!

The America Red Cross Blood Drive was held on Saturday, September 17. Thank you to the generous volunteer donors for ensuring blood is available when needed.



At the September blood drive:

32 appointments were made, and 27 pints of blood donated. One pint can save as many as three lives.

The 2012 Blood drive dates at Immanuel are:

- Saturday, January 28
- Saturday, May 19
- Saturday, September 15

Save the dates to help save a life. Contact Kay Schmidt at 546-8011 for more information.

- **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** meets on Monday mornings at 8:00 am in Witherspoon Hall. Join the men for pancakes and sausage, fellowship and Bible Study each Monday morning. A \$2 donation is suggested.
- **Women's Circles** The cost per study guide is \$9.00/\$13.00 large print.
  - Agape Circle** will meet on Wednesday, October 12, at 9:00 am hosted by Laurie Snodgrass.
  - Lydia Circle** will meet on Monday, October 17, at 6:30 pm in the Agave Room.
- **Desert Sages** continues to meet on Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon in Witherspoon Hall. The Sages enjoy games, fellowship, and a brown bag lunch, with dessert provided. Sages is open to anyone who enjoys playing games and just having fun. Bridge, poker, Mexican Train Dominoes, and Hand & Foot tables are always open for more players.



# Church Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 29  
7:30—11 a.m.

Join the  
Buildings & Grounds  
Team and  
Boy Scouts to help  
spruce up our  
campus.

All ages welcome!

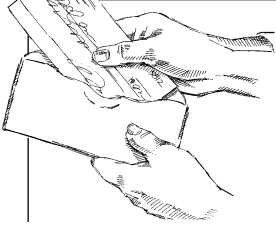
Did you know that vandals took all of the copper fittings from our AC units? AIR has replaced the wiring with PVC pipe.

Did you know that on September 27th, a lighting bolt hit the tree behind Towner Hall causing some loss to that tree? At the same time, the lighting bolt hit our wireless connection in the CE Office, then traveled to John's office where his laptop and printer were destroyed.

We are thankful that no one was hurt. The Buildings and Grounds Team trimmed the tree, located the computer damage, and made certain all the electrical concerns are checking out after the storm damage.

We are so very thankful to our Buildings and Grounds Committee for their countless hours to ensure that all the buildings and grounds at Immanuel are safe. If you are interested in helping with this important committee contact Craig Zimmerman or Ed Vander Woude. They can always use more help!

## Endowment Fund



During July and August, the Endowment fund received over \$1,200 in gifts. The importance of these smaller contributions cannot be overstated. The income from these gifts, when joined with hundreds of others, offers an opportunity for us to participate in meaningful enhancement of Immanuel's mission/outreach and youth support on into the future. Please consider the Endowment Fund as a target for marking birthdays, memorials, special events in your lives and those of your family and friends.

October marks a time of year when tax planning begins to be emphasized. One part is always a review of charitable donations. Many worthy charities seek support. Why not put Immanuel's Endowment Fund high on your list? Remember, Presbyterian causes are only supported by Presbyterians!

Checks for gifts should be made out to Immanuel Presbyterian Church with an annotation on the check that it is for the Endowment Fund. If you desire more information on the program just ask one of the Pastors or any member of the Endowment Committee.

Immanuel has a vacancy for a CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR for 20-25 hours per week. The purpose of the position is to empower all ages to grow in Christian discipleship through education. Individual would responsible for the planning, development, and supervision of the Christian Education of the church, working with teachers, youth group leaders, the Christian Education Team, the church Staff, and the Session.

Immanuel is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer.

Please contact Personnel Team Elder, Maggie Clifton (296-3008) regarding the application process or the church office: 296-2253 or [lois@immanuelpc.org](mailto:lois@immanuelpc.org).

## A Young Nation Struggles

Following the visit of David Livingstone in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Presbyterian work began in 1875 in the land we today call Malawi. It was begun by two Scottish missionary groups and another from the Dutch Reformed Church. They opened work in the north, the middle, around the capital, and in the south, just north of South Africa. Today there are three Presbyterian synods in Malawi, with a total of 1.3 million members, all part of the Central Africa Presbyterian Church.



Malawi has struggled to build a representative government, having suffered numerous years of autocratic leadership. None of this aided the health of the people, who have struggled to overcome a national plague of malaria and HIV. Presbyterian co-worker Barbara Nagy, M.D., writes in the Yearbook of Prayer, "We were thrilled when the International Health Ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA) granted our 220-bed Nkhoma Hospital \$70,000 to train workers and to spray households in areas dependent upon our care." Thanks to the use of mosquito nets and malaria prophylaxis it has been possible for children to return to school without suffering from effects of repeated bouts of malaria.

# ????? Ever Wondered about IPC's Finances ??????

Take this short quiz to see how much you know about Immanuel's finances. You may be surprised at the answers.



- If Immanuel charged admission for Sunday worship to cover the total annual budget, what would each person have to pay each time they attended worship?
  - \$9.43
  - \$18.77
  - \$27.08
  - \$34.18
- From 2010 to 2011, 62 households increased their pledge. What was the average per pledge increase?
  - \$49.00
  - \$306.00
  - \$441.00
  - \$503.00
- How many households are in each pledge bracket? (Hint: 2 of the numbers in the right hand column are used twice!)

Pledge Brackets

- |                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| A. \$25–100      | _____ |
| B. \$101–500     | _____ |
| C. \$501–1000    | _____ |
| D. \$1001–2000   | _____ |
| E. \$2001–3000   | _____ |
| F. \$3001–5000   | _____ |
| G. \$5001 and up | _____ |

# of Households (insert these numbers into the blanks)

- |    |
|----|
| 8  |
| 15 |
| 17 |
| 18 |
| 35 |

3. A-8, B-17, C-35, D-35, E-17, F-18, G-15

Answers: 1. C 2. D

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Statement of Activities

General Operating Funds

July 31, 2011

	Current Month Actual July	Year To Date Actual	Year To Date Budget	Year to Date Budget Variance	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>					
Pledges, Stock	\$1,340	\$3,856	\$0	\$3,856	\$0
Pledges, Cash	\$26,167	\$187,832	\$192,500	(\$4,668)	\$330,000
Loose Offerings	3,405	28,695	32,667	(3,972)	56,000
Per Capita & Initial Offerings	43	2,878	3,500	(622)	6,000
Misc Income	147	1,283	2,502	(1,219)	4,290
Income Totals	31,102	224,544	231,169	(6,625)	396,290
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries and Benefits	\$19,614	\$141,297	\$152,044	\$10,747	\$264,841
Budget and Finance	3,176	24,119	23,220	(899)	40,450
Building and Grounds	2,185	21,234	18,083	(3,151)	31,000
Administrative	432	3,824	4,550	726	7,800
Worship & Music, Traditional	0	3,142	3,092	(50)	5,300
Worship & Music, Alternative	100	1,481	3,543	2,062	5,649
Communications & Tech.	2,106	15,702	13,592	(2,110)	23,300
Christian Education	87	863	2,304	1,441	3,950
Hospitality	123	1,060	583	(477)	1,000
Mission and Evangelism	0	0	1,750	1,750	3,000
Deacons	147	237	583	346	1,000
Expense Totals	27,970	212,959	223,344	10,385	387,290
Net	\$3,132	\$11,585	\$7,825	\$3,760	\$9,000

Statement of Financial Position

General Operating Funds

July 31, 2011

General Operating Checking Account Balance:	\$70,097
Less Funds held for Dedicated Accounts	(64,616)
Funds Available for General Operations	\$5,481

Mortgage Balance

\$290,337

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**Statement of Activities**

*General Operating Funds*

August 31, 2011

	Current Month Actual August	Year To Date Actual	Year To Date Budget	Year to Date Budget Variance	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>					
Pledges, Stock	(\$3,856)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pledges, Cash	\$27,668	\$215,500	\$220,000	(\$4,500)	\$330,000
Loose Offerings	2,590	31,285	37,333	(6,048)	56,000
Per Capita & Initial Offerings	2	2,880	4,000	(1,120)	6,000
Misc Income	0	1,283	2,860	(1,577)	4,290
<b>Income Totals</b>	<b>26,404</b>	<b>250,948</b>	<b>264,193</b>	<b>(13,245)</b>	<b>396,290</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries and Benefits	\$27,819	\$169,116	\$180,760	\$11,644	\$264,841
Budget and Finance	2,390	26,509	28,590	2,081	40,450
Building and Grounds	3,518	24,752	20,667	(4,085)	31,000
Administrative	203	4,027	5,200	1,173	7,800
Worship & Music,	500	3,642	3,533	(109)	5,300
Worship & Music, Communications & Tech.	200	1,681	3,964	2,283	5,649
Christian Education	1,143	16,845	15,533	(1,312)	23,300
Hospitality	951	1,813	2,633	820	3,950
Mission and Evangelism	(20)	1,041	667	(374)	1,000
Deacons	0	0	2,000	2,000	3,000
Deacons	120	357	667	310	1,000
<b>Expense Totals</b>	<b>36,824</b>	<b>249,783</b>	<b>264,214</b>	<b>14,431</b>	<b>387,290</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$10,420)</b>	<b>\$1,165</b>	<b>(\$21)</b>	<b>\$1,186</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>

**Statement of Financial Position**

*General Operating Funds*

August 31, 2011

General Operating Checking Account Balance:	\$59,721
Less Funds held for Dedicated Accounts	(63,900)
Funds Available for General Operations	<u>(\$4,179)</u>
Mortgage Balance	<u>\$288,990</u>

### October Birthdays

- 3 Roberta Beal  
Michael Robetor
- 4 Santo Chirco
- 5 Nancy Lehrkamp  
Phyllis MacDonald (90)  
Dennis Olson  
Jessi Samoy
- 7 John Hartley  
Sarah Tittle  
Nadine Winkler
- 8 Bella Calavano  
Alec Sanchez
- 9 Bill Pearce
- 10 Grace Ryerson
- 11 Marge Biehl  
Ann Hunter (90)  
Jim Lochner  
Diane Ross
- 12 Tami Keating  
Liam Ladd
- 13 Ginna Bennett  
Matt Kelly  
Lee Speranza
- 14 Irma Cooke-Kern  
Kevin Thompson
- 15 Glenn Bancroft
- 17 Curt Christy  
Greg Fehringer  
Mason Lee  
John Swett  
Michael Tuohy
- 19 Mary Chartos  
Cathy Lurvey
- 20 Jessica Brittain  
Lucile Irskens  
Mary Beth Lochner
- 21 Dick Wainwright
- 22 Michael Lorenzini  
Helen Wook
- 24 Carol Merkle  
Sue Paisola
- 26 Wyatt Griffith  
Aiden Hamilton  
Brandon Lewis  
Bob Rieger
- 28 Dave Holtmeier
- 29 Sarah Keating
- 31 Gavin Hamilton  
Don Rynders



### October Anniversaries

- 5 Bob & Anne Hunter
- 6 Carl & Susan Hampton
- 9 Dennis & Lynne Olson  
Kirk & Liz Wallendorf
- 13 Bill Marshall & Gabriella Duncan
- 15 Dave & Jill Holtmeier
- 16 Jim & Janis Parks
- 23 John & Virginia McClain  
Rich & Paris Rebl  
Jim & Cassie Williams
- 25 Steve & Karen Hanson  
Jim & Shiela McArthur
- 27 John & Donna Albertsen
- 29 Howard & Faye Ross
- 30 Ray & Jan Clark



To Afghanistan

Brian Linley - son-in-law of Gale Griffin

Please let the office know when these folks come home.



**The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Christmas Tea** is going to be held Friday, December 9, 2011 at 6:30 PM. Please join us as we try to slow down the advent season and focus in on Christ.

The Rincon/University High School Choraliars will perform. Please join us for an evening full of fun and fellowship.

Sign up sheets are at the gazebo.



**The sympathy of the congregation** is extended to:

**Lorna Downard and family** on the September 6 death of her mother, Wilimina Ver Steeg. Wilimina celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 21, 2011. Memorial cards may be sent online at oolman.com. Memorials may be given to the Presbyterian Pension Fund in her name. A memorial service was held in Orange City, Iowa.

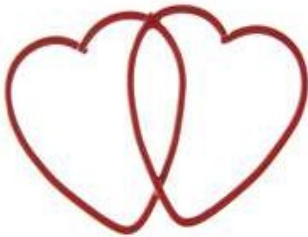
**The Beck Family** as they mourn the death of Sharon's grandmother on August 31. The family gathered in Charlotte, North Carolina, for a service.

The **Shifflette Family** as they mourn the death of Joy's grandmother who passed away on September 9.

The **family of Don Kelly**, who passed away on September 26. A memorial service was held at Rincon Country Mobile Home park on Friday, September 30.

**A memorial service** for Mort Hickman has been scheduled for October 22 in the morning.

Congratulations to Mike and Ann Pastirik on the September 13 birth of their granddaughter, Emily. She is the daughter of Melissa and Andy.



*Lyda Berman and Dr. Charles Langeberg are pleased to announce their plans to be married on October 29, 2011 at 11:00 am at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. The wedding will be performed by Pastor John Tittle, accompanied with music by Dr. Walter Schurr. A reception will follow in Witherspoon Hall. It is our pleasure to invite you for this happy moment of a lifetime commitment, and your presence at this joyous occasion will be greatly appreciated.*

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College students: please let the church office know your address and email address so we can stay in touch with you this year.

We would like to thank our Immanuel family for the conversations, cards, prayers and calls of condolences concerning the passing of Lorna's 100 year old Mom on September 6, 2011.

Peace through God,  
Lorna and Dean Downard

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>2</b> 8:30a Alternative Worship/ Communion 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship/Communion 11:00a Pageant Rehearsal 6:30p Youth Groups	<b>3</b> 8:00a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Seeker Study	<b>4</b> 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Desert Sages 7:00p Deacons	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00p Sanctuary Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:30a Alternative Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship 11:00a Pageant Rehearsal 6:30p Youth Groups	<b>10</b> 8:00a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Seeker Study	<b>11</b> 9:00a Staff Retreat 10:00a Desert Sages 7:00p Session	<b>12</b> 9:00a Agape Circle 12:00 noon— Prayer Time 7:00p Advent Planning 7:30a Los Companeros Handbells	<b>13</b> 7:00p Sanctuary Choir Newsletter Deadline	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Boy Scout Merit Badge Day
<b>16</b> 8:30a Alternative Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship 11:00a Pageant Rehearsal 6:30p Youth Groups	<b>17</b> 8:00a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Seeker Study 6:30p Lydia Circle	<b>18</b> 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Desert Sages 7:00p Worship Team	<b>19</b> 12:00 noon— Prayer Time 6:15p Jong Sory Handbells 7:30a Los Companeros Handbells	<b>20</b> 7:00p Sanctuary Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00a Memorial Ser vice for Mort Hickman
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