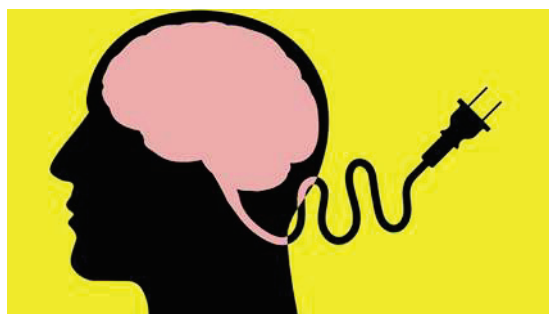




THE IMMANUEL DOVE

Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there

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We've packed a lot into 2019 so far! We've had baptisms, weddings, and memorial services. Lenten and Holy Week services of Ash Wednesday, Music and the Word, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and then Easter that were spiritually poignant and celebratory. Our youth led us in vibrant worship and we gave our graduates hand-made quilts as a reminder of God's enfolding love and our love for them as they move on to new chapters in life "post-high school."

We had a meaningful time of receiving our confirmation class into membership after their study and relationship building together. It was inspiring to see teachers, mentors, parents, and session grow young and grow wise together with our five confirmands. It's a beautiful thing to see the church working together to invest in our young people's lives. I don't think they will ever forget that—and neither will we. Our hearts were heavy as we said goodbye to Elizabeth and gave thanks for her and her dedicated and creative ministry as our Director of Christian Formation.

Whew. I don't know about you, but I am ready for ordinary time, the slower pace of summer. These months in the desert are a breather, a Sabbath, a rest. A time to rejoice, a time to remember God's faithfulness over the last few months, and a time to relax and play. The root word for Sabbath means to "catch one's breath." And the faster and fuller you exhale, the more you need to inhale. As pilgrims and followers of a Jesus who is alive and always on the move, we need to also follow his example of stopping, resting, eating, and praying. Let's commit together to creating spaces to recuperate so our souls can catch up—we don't want one soul left behind at Immanuel!

With Elizabeth Brown's recent resignation, we found ourselves in a difficult position. The entire CE team needed a breather and time away to process Elizabeth's departure. Our faithful VBS volunteers were either out of town or needing time to process Immanuel's staffing transition. Session and the CE Team unanimously voted to declare a sabbatical for VBS this year. This break from VBS in 2019 will give Immanuel sacred time to heal, process changes, rest, and eventually gear up for a great VBS in 2020.

Thank you for your understanding in a challenging time. In the meantime, may the winds of the Holy Spirit refresh us this summer and launch us into exciting new directions and journeys as we glorify God together.

Still in One Peace,
Pastor John



JUNE 2019





NEW LIFE CHALLENGES

News in the Missions World

YOUTH MISSION



The sense of mission at Immanuel includes the concern the church has for its youth.

Montlure is a place in the White Mountains in northern Arizona occupied by the two presbyteries in the state ever since 1927. Montlure is also a spiritual place in the memories of thousands of young people. But a forest fire in these hills seven years ago led the Forest Service to close it, and that challenge has helped the Camping Council discover new ways to provide a summer experience for our kids. There will be three camps scheduled in a rented space in Pinetop and

several day camps will take place in churches in the two presbyteries. "Camp staff members travel to churches to be the leaders for weekly programs... thus taking the strain off congregations that are lacking in vacation Bible school volunteers," as reported in *Presbyterians Today*. Kellie von Borstel, director of the Montlure camps reported "it's really interesting as we reflect back. We're seeing a lot of changes in the makeup of churches these days, and that's changing the camp world, too."

For the first time in 12 years, she reported, Montlure is seeing an increase in campers who are just happy to be part of camp, whether that means they are in Pinetop, Greer, or at their own church taking in a traveling day camp.



Blessings,
Bob Seel

CASA MARIA MINISTRY



Help make sandwiches to feed the hungry. We prepare 500 sack lunches for Casa Maria in South Tucson that are distributed to people in need of a meal. Each lunch should contain two meat and cheese sandwiches (please use only butter/margarine—no mayo, mustard, lettuce or tomato), a piece of fruit (such as a banana, peach, pear, or orange), and a dessert (2 cookies, 1 brownie, etc.). Please bring your sack lunches to the church between 8:00am and 9:00am. The Casa Maria team leaves promptly at 9:00am.

Upcoming Schedule:

Jun 01 Lydia Circle Jun 29 Agape Circle July 27 TOPS Aug 24 Downard Family
Sep 21 Men's Breakfast Oct 19 Choir Nov 16 Boy Scouts Dec 14 Deacons

Hotel San Marcos: St. Mark's Presbyterian Hosts Asylum Seekers

By Stephanie Mitchell, Mission & Evangelism Co-Elder



My son Dexter and I were recently privileged to volunteer at "Hotel San Marcos", the affectionate nickname given to St. Mark's Presbyterian's monthly hosting of families seeking asylum. One week each month, St. Mark's opens its doors to provide shelter for immigrant families who have been granted an asylum hearing and need temporary shelter while awaiting transportation to their sponsors.

Guests receive three meals each day, a safe place to sleep, fellowship with volunteers and assistance arranging long distance transportation to their sponsor (who may be located in any of the lower 48 states). St. Mark's hosts up to 30 people at a time, providing relief to the ongoing shelters operated by Casa Alitas (Catholic Community Services) and the Inn Project (United Methodist). By committing to one week a month, their congregation is able to extend Christ's hospitality to those in need without overtaxing their human and financial resources. Immanuel has provided \$500 in financial assistance to St. Mark's this year in support of this critical ministry.

Dexter and I helped prepare and serve dinner on two separate occasions during the March Hotel San Marcos. Most of the cooking is done by their dedicated chef but volunteers like us help chop vegetables, prepare beverages, serve the meal and clean up. Other volunteer jobs include breakfast/lunch help, driving families to the airport or bus station and general hosting duties. (Spanish is NOT required though it does help!) We ate a delicious meal with the families on both nights and Dexter even got to play some futbol and other games with the children.



The evenings at Hotel San Marcos feel a lot like a casual dinner with extended family; what a gift to spend this time of fellowship with people who have been dehumanized by politics and the media. Nothing brings you closer to another child of God than to sit down and share a meal together.

If you would like to read more about Hotel San Marcos, check out this fantastic article from [Presbyterian Outlook](#). If you feel called to volunteer at Hotel San Marcos, please contact me at thundermitchell@gmail.com for more details!



Time Together is a special time for our young people ages 3-2nd grade to enjoy the messages about Christ being shared from the pulpit in a way that is fun and digestible for their ages. This is such a vital ministry that helps lay the foundation of a child's faith for years to come. This role involves showing up and teaching a quick lesson that has already been prepared with instructions and loving these sweet young children. If you feel a calling to serve in this ministry, please contact Sarah Tittle at (520) 243-3634 or Kate Kelly in the office. Thank you!



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our **First Annual Junque Sale!** Whether you worked behind the scenes or in the sun ... whether you cleaned out "stuff" and contributed ... or if you came, discovered and purchased treasures ... if you brought a friend ... you are so appreciated! Because of you Casa Maria will receive over **\$1,700.00** (Junque Sale proceeds) from Immanuel Presbyterian Church! It's not too early to designate a spot or box and mark it "2020 Junque Sale!" God bless you ALL.



Need a quiet place to reflect, pray and be still for a moment?

Our beautiful memorial garden is open for everyone. It is a tranquil and peaceful place where we can honor and remember our loved ones and also have quiet time with God.



Memorial Garden Records Update: *It is time to update our records. If you have a niche in the garden – please stop by the church office to update your contact information. A secondary contact is required. You can also update via email at kate@immanuelpc.org.*

Immanuel will not be offering VBS in June of 2019. Sometimes people need to take sabbatical, and sometimes programs need sabbaticals. Session unanimously voted to take a break from VBS this summer because of the staff and CE team transitions we are presently experiencing. Although we are sad this crucial ministry of Immanuel will not be happening this year, we look forward to having a revamped VBS in the summer of 2020. Thank you for your understanding!

Pastor John and the Session



ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR
October 5th
9:00am—3:00pm

Outdoor spots are still available—you will need to provide your own tables and tents.

Donations are needed for the raffle that will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Contact Sue Samoy at (520) 419-0592 or email at smsamoy@aol.com.

Dear Session
and Immanuel
Congregation,
From Devin Wood

Thank you for letting me
sell Girl Scout cookies at church.
I appreciate it a lot. I sold over
350 cookies with your support!
I hope you enjoyed your cookies!
Love, Devin



Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp is a ministry for all to find and grow their faith in Jesus Christ. Montlure's primary objective is to provide a safe and memorable Christian camping experience for children and youth in grades 4-12. This year camp will be held at Wilderness Ranch in Lakeside, Arizona. Each camp is led by a strong Christian staff drawn from Presbyterian Churches across Arizona. The camp dates are:

- Senior High 06/02/19 - 06/07/19
- Junior High 06/23/19 - 06/28/19
- Juniors 07/07/19 - 07/11/19

Register at Montlure.CampBrainRegistration.com



NEW PARKING LOT—THIS JULY

Thank you! We are almost at our goal—we raised \$65,000 of the \$73,000 needed! Each “parking lot” space can be sponsored for \$300.00. If you would like to make a gift for this project, any amount would be greatly appreciated.



Thank you for helping pave the way at Immanuel!!

Hospitality News - Fellowship Snacks and Goodies Needed

Each month will be assigned a letter or letters, and if your last name begins with the letter for the month, you are asked to bring a snack to share on ONE Sunday that month for the service you attend! Spread the love: choose the third, fourth, first, or second Sunday, pick your favorite! Check out the list below and find which month corresponds to the first letter of your last name. Drop off your goodies in Witherspoon Hall prior to one of the services on a Sunday during your month and let the Hospitality Team do the rest! Some items will be used the same day, others will be saved for other Sundays! (It depends on what kind of goodies arrive!).

Here are a few ideas for Coffee Hour snacks: cookies, fruit, veggies and dip, cheese, crackers, finger sandwiches, baked breads, sugar free snacks, gluten free snacks, Chex mix, popcorn.

Freshly baked and packaged items are welcome too! Feel free to contact your Hospitality Elders, Amanda Leachet or Kelly Wood, or any members of the Hospitality Committee if you have any questions!

If your last name begins with...	Bring a snack to share during the month of...
N, O, P	June
M	July
K, L	August



Immanuel Elders on Session

Clerk of Session - Ann Thornes

Christian Education – Amanda Leachet (2021) & Linda Peterson (2021)

Buildings & Grounds – Gary Grochowski (2019) & Bruce Ellwein (2020)

Communication & Connections - Joey Samoy (2019)

Finance & Stewardship - Dave Piper (2019) & Wayne Barnes (2019)

Hospitality – Tama Jarvis (2021), Chuck Wilkie (2021) & Kelly Wood (2020)

Mission & Evangelism – Stephanie Mitchell (2020) & Gale Griffin (2020)

Personnel - Debbi Zimmermann (2020)

Worship Team - Joy Hager (2019) & Debby Johnson (2021)

Immanuel Deacons

Class of 2019

Ev Campbell

Erminia Gomez

Lynda Grochowski

Patti Piper

Cheryl Wood

Abby Tittle

Class of 2020

Fred Boomer

Erin Boomer

Lucy Greenleaf

Nancy Dukart

Darlys Tippie

Robin Staples

Class of 2021

Susan Barnes

Trudy Kingsolver

Judy Malis

Kevin Murphy

Marie Roberts

Rhonda Wilkie

June Happenings



- **Outings to the Movies**— Join us for our monthly movie dates provided there is a good movie to see, usually in the early afternoon at the discount theater, Century Gateway 12 on Kolb south of Speedway. Look for notices in the weekly Community Life announcements. Call Ann Thornes at (520) 298-8401 for any suggested movies you would like to see.
- **Lydia Circle Movie Night—Monday, June 10th.** Contact Kay Schmidt for times and details at (520) 546-8011.
- **Agape and Lydia Combined Circle Salad Luncheon - Saturday, June 15th at 11:30am** at Mary Kay's home located at 9222 E. Charlotte Street. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Everything else will be provided. It's a good opportunity to get to know gals from the other circles. Contact Mary Kay at (520) 885-0003 or ausmbush3@gmail.com so we know how many to prepare for.
- **Men's Breakfast** meets Mondays at 8:00am at Biscuits Café on Broadway for the summer. Men, fellowship and great food —pancakes, sausage and lots of strong hot coffee. The Bible study is led by Pastor John Tittle.
- **Desert Sages - We will be on break for the month of June.** Our next get together will be Tuesday, July 2nd at 10:00am. Contact Mary Kay Bush ausmbush3@gmail.com or (520) 885-0003 for more information.
- **Crafters Group** meets Thursdays from 10:15am—1:00pm in Witherspoon Hall. Love doing crafts? Always wanted to learn how to quilt? Join us for fellowship and creating fun crafts, no experience required!
- **June Hospitality — For the month of June - if your last name begins with N, O or P.** Help us provide goodies to share for our coffee fellowship following each worship service. Just choose a Sunday during this month and drop off your snacks in the Witherspoon kitchen prior to either service. Some popular snacks are cookies, fruit, veggies and dip, cheese, crackers, baked breads, sugar-free snacks, gluten-free snacks, Chex mix/popcorn.



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CAN YOU FIND...



**1 NIGHT OWL 2 STRIPED SNAKES 3 MARCHING ANTS
4 BERRY BUSHES 5 SHINING STARS**



Abby Anderson June 2nd
 Clifford Fujii June 2nd
 Jo Gruver June 2nd
 Christopher Mortara June 2nd
 Joanne Patterson June 3rd
 Janis Parks June 4th
 Shirley Scott June 6th
 Jude Tittle June 6th
 Kit Wolfe June 6th
 Riley Smith June 8th
 Nancy Workman June 9th
 Phil Wainwright June 10th
 Donna Lohn June 11th
 Jamie Rappaport June 14th
 Jim Keating June 15th
 Lorna Downard June 16th
 Fred Schmidt June 16th
 Craig Samoy June 17th
 Pauline McClure June 19th
 Ron Parker June 19th
 Carol Van Gelder June 19th
 Erminia Gomez June 24th
 Bob Richards June 24th
 Lillian Sherwood June 24th
 Kate Kelly June 26th
 Vikki Carpenter June 27th
 Polly Gayer June 27th
 Nancy Puckett June 27th
 Sean Shifflette June 27th
 Andrew Downard June 30th

Jeff & Laura Fennema June 5th
 Mark & Lisa Heltemes June 5th
 Richard & Earlene Wahlquist June 7th
 Ken & Janice Nebesny June 9th
 Bob & Carol Van Gelder June 14th
 Dean & Lorna Downard June 15th
 Frank & Brenda Ayon June 16th
 Ron & Kathy Parker June 17th
 Elias & Jane Toubassi June 18th
 Phil & Louise Poehlman June 21st
 Phillip & Denise Downard June 28th
 Joy & Richard Hager June 29th
 Joey & Susan Samoy June 30th

Dear Immanuel Friends,

Thank you so much for your kind cards, visits, flowers and prayers while I was in the hospital.



Carol Smith

July 2019 Dove Deadline— Friday, June 21



The Dove Newsletter

If you would prefer to get the Dove mailed to you, please contact the church office at (520) 296-2253.



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June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00am Casa Marie
2 8:30am Worship 10:00am Summer Choir 11:00am Worship	3 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:30pm Boy Scouts	4 6:00pm TOPS 6:30pm Deacons	5 7:30pm AA	6 10:15am Crafters 6:30pm AA	7	8
	Office Hours 9:00am — 12:00pm					
9 8:30am Worship 10:00am Summer Choir 11:00am Worship	10 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:30pm Boy Scouts Lydia Circle Movie Night	11 9:00am Staff Mtg 6:00pm TOPS 7:00pm Session	12 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm AA	13 10:15am Crafters 6:30pm AA	14	15 Agape and Lydia Circle Luncheon
16 8:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 	17 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:30pm Boy Scouts	18 9:00am Staff Mtg 6:00pm TOPS 7:00pm Worship Team	19 7:30pm AA	20 10:15am Crafters 6:30pm AA	21	22
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To Do List

Done!

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Notes