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Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there

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Invented in 1974, it took the inventor of Rubik's Cube (Professor Ernő Rubik) over a month to solve it.

It has been calculated that there are 43,252,003,274,489,856,000 possible permutations of the Rubik's Cube. That's 43 quintillion (43 followed by 18 zeros!) If you had 43 quintillion dollars, you can spend a trillion dollars a day for the next 118 thousand years.



If you manage to turn the Rubik's Cube once every second, it will take you 1.4 trillion years to go through all the permutations.

The world record for a human solving the Rubik's Cube is 3.47 seconds by Yusheng Du. A robot solved the Rubik's Cube in .38 seconds in 2018.

The largest Rubik's Cube ever made is a 17x17x17 cube. Kevin Hays solved it in 2 hours and 32 minutes.

The session wants your feedback on how we might solve one of Immanuel's proverbial Rubik's Cubes. It's trickier than it looks. Session has been discussing possible adjustments we might make to improve the flow of our Sunday morning schedule beginning in 2020. Nothing has been changed or voted upon yet. We want to hear from you before any changes are made to get feedback in Session's discernment process. Here are the motivations for any changes that the Session might make next year:

1. Have a Sunday morning schedule that does not schedule two major events at the same time (i.e. Christian Education and pre-service choir practice).
2. Increased amount of opportunities for those who worship at 8:30am and 11:00am to interact together between the services with Christian Education, Fellowship, and mission projects.
3. Through give and take, create the best Sunday morning schedule for our worship services, Christian Education, and Hospitality to thrive.
4. A schedule that allows hospitality volunteers and facility team members to begin to return home by 1:00 pm.

Session, staff members, and our ministry teams (particularly Worship, Christian Education, and Hospitality) have engaged in numerous discussions and made several revisions to create a possible January 2020 Sunday schedule.

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SEPTEMBER 2019



The Session would like your input in a yet to be scheduled congregational informational meeting in October. To reiterate, no changes have been made at this point in time. This is Session's way to officially make this discussion and discernment process public.



Proposed 2020 Sunday Worship Schedule Involving Worship, Christian Education and Hospitality

8:30am—9:45am Alternative Worship Service
(and equipment breakdown)

Refreshments—Grab & go snacks/coffee after worship and before CE classes

9:40am Christian Education Bell
Church bell on the patio rings, signaling the CE Hour

Children's Classes: 9:45am—10:45am

Adult classes: 9:45am—10:30am

10:30am—11:10am Fellowship and Seasonal Offerings
such as spiritual exercises (i.e. labyrinth, self-guided prayer reflections, prayer room);
mission projects (i.e. packing food bags or care packages) or cross-generational activities.

10:35am Regular Pre-Service Choir Practice
(40 min. before service) On special music Sundays practices start earlier
Bell choir practice 9:45am

11:15am—12:15pm Traditional Service

Refreshments following second service. Fellowship winds down at the ringing
of the church bell at 12:45pm.

Thanks so much for your thoughts, prayers, and input as we consider our options!

Warm Regards,
John and the Immanuel Session



NEW LIFE CHALLENGES

News in the Missions World

World Forsaken, But Not God Forsaken

Elmarie Parker and her husband Scott, who visited Immanuel a couple of years ago, are mission associates in the Near East.

Elmarie reported— "I was deeply moved and challenged by the charge given by Dr. George Sabra, President of the Near East School of Theology in Lebanon to the new graduates. He said 'we measure our success in theological education, most importantly, by whether those who study here remain to serve and persevere in what are not the best places to be and to lead and minister to their brother and sisters.'"



Dr. George Sabra

"Scott and I are looking forward to continuing in this journey of learning from our friends here in the Middle East as they persevere in ministering in the world forsaken, but not God-forsaken, region. And we look forward to continuing to sharing this journey with you, with the hope that the life of our sisters and brothers here may continue to encourage you in your life, work and ministry in the United States."

Blessings,
Bob Seel

CASA MARIA MINISTRY

Immanuel is one of many organizations in Tucson who regularly help to feed the hungry through donations of sack lunches to the Casa Maria Free Kitchen. Located in the Santa Rita neighborhood of South Tucson, Casa Maria feeds nearly 1,000 people every day—local residents and homeless alike. Immanuel's commitment is for 500 lunches every 4 weeks. Immanuel members prepare 350 lunches at home, and our Deacons prepare 150 at church.



Want to help make sandwiches? 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:

Sep 21 Men's Breakfast Oct 19 Choir Nov 16 Boy Scouts Dec 14 Deacons

Adult Education Fall 2019



DIFFICULT TOPICS
AUTHENTIC CONVERSATIONS
How to turn conflict into community

Starting Sunday, September 8th at 9:45am
Witherspoon Hall - Rooms 12/13

Facilitators: Will Price, John Tittle and Cheryl Wood

"Dialogues on" encourages honest talk about difficult topics. In a time when so many conversations end in conflict, our class will equip participants to share their ideas, listen well, learn from other viewpoints, and seek to bring hope and healing from the church to the world. Cost of lesson book is \$10.00.

HOW CONFLICT ARISES — 5 Layers of Conflict:

- **MISUNDERSTANDINGS**
Misunderstandings occur when people have genuine misconceptions about what is said or implied.
- **DIFFERENCES IN VALUES AND BELIEFS**
Values and beliefs can cause disagreement over how the world should be run.
- **DIFFERENCES IN INTEREST**
Differences in interest lead to competition over scarce goods and resources.
- **INTERPERSONAL DIFFERENCES**
Personality, temperament and style can cause a personality clash.
- **FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS**
Strong aroused emotion often leads to another situation.



CREATING RESOLUTION THE HEALTHY WAY - 7 Ways to Face Conflict in a Healthy Way

- ⇒ **Think It Over**
- ⇒ **Consult Others**
- ⇒ **Practice What to Say**
- ⇒ **Document Your Concerns**
- ⇒ **Use Grace**
- ⇒ **Follow Up**
- ⇒ **Don't Put It Off**



EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF LEARNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT 9:45AM STARTING SEPTEMBER 8TH!!



Frolic Nursery helps our little ones take little steps to big faith—starting at birth through age 2. Teacher Grace Kelly, Nursery Director.



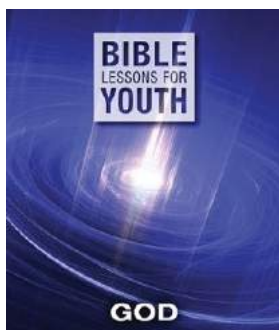
Frolic Preschool features age-appropriate play spaces, prayers, storytelling, music, and rituals for children ages 3—Pre-K. Teachers Amanda Leachet and Ed Vander Woude.



Spark Rotation engages Bible stories with interactive workshops that feature activities, games, and creative crafts for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Teachers Linda Peterson and Kevin Murphy.



Connect helps middle schoolers connect with God's big story through quirky videos, Bible exploration, and hands-on projects. Team Teachers.



Bible Lessons for Youth is a curriculum that helps high school students apply the Bible to their real-life with thought-provoking activities. Teacher Sarah Tittle and Team Teachers.



2019 SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP

SEPT 8TH

ROLLER SKATING 4:30-7:30 PM
DINNER AT CHURCH FIRST-4:30 PM
BRING \$5
BE A SKATER, NOT A HATER

SEPT 15TH

FAMILY FEUD!!! HOW TO GET ALONG WITH THE FAM
5-7 PM CHURCH: DINNER/GAMES/DISCUSSION
MY FAMILY IS TEMPERAMENTAL:
½ TEMPER AND ½ MENTAL

SEPT 22ND

PEACE IN/PEACE OUT: DEALING WITH ANXIETY
5-7 PM CHURCH: DINNER/GAMES/DISCUSSION
FREUD: IF IT'S NOT ONE THING, IT'S YOUR MOTHER

SEPT 29TH

SERVICE PROJECT-DETAILS EMERGING
THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS



Join Our Next Mission Delegation to Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico

1-Day Immersion Trip to FRONTERA DE CRISTO

WHEN: All day **Saturday, September 21**. Leave Immanuel promptly at 6:30am, and return that night around 10:00pm. We'll carpool to Douglas and be met by Frontera de Cristo folks in their van.

WHY: To learn more about our Presbyterian border ministry and its impact in the borderlands. Visit the border wall, the CAME migrant center, and the Café Justo coffee roaster (and sample the coffee!). Learn about FdC's street ministry and drug and alcohol rehabilitation at CRREDA; visit the women's co-op at DouglPrieta Trabaja; and enjoy two meals and conversation over the border. This is a fairly in-depth introductory tour designed for those interested in learning more about Frontera de Cristo's work from a social justice perspective.

COST: **\$75** includes transportation in the Frontera de Cristo van across the border, lunch and dinner in Mexico, translation, and programming.

REQUIRED: **Current passport book or card.** Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Spanish language skill is NOT required. We'll have Spanish speakers with us, and Frontera will also provide interpreters.

HOW TO SIGN UP: Pick up an application form on the table by the sanctuary door and turn in to the church office along with your check. Contact Carol Schurr (schurrbc@cox.net or 229-1327) or Gale Griffin (pianoparlour@hotmail.com or 290-6325) for more information.

DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP: Sunday, September 15



Booth-Fickett Teachers' Lounge 2019 Mission Project

By Mary Kay Bush, Immanuel Missions

The Booth-Fickett Magnet School Teachers' Lounge local mission project of Immanuel finished with a brunch for teachers and staff on Monday, July 29th. We presented the school with a plaque of appreciation which is now permanently displayed on the wall of the lounge. Approximately 70 people joined us in the newly refurbished teachers' lounge for a delicious feast furnished by Immanuel bakers. They were thrilled with all the changes. They now have eight new computer stations, a microwave station, new cabinet in the women's restroom, beautiful new sink countertop, backsplash and painted cabinets, a casual couch & chairs area with a large mural to sooth the soul, and gorgeous new carpet and tile. The teachers were overwhelmed! The whole project would not have been possible without the hands-on help of many members of Immanuel and the very generous monetary donations of the congregation. I'd like to give a very special "thank you" to the following people for their physical help with the project!

Project Team Members

Krista Buelna	Marie Roberts
Mary Kay Bush	Shirley Scott
Tom Campbell	Norm Snodgrass
Bruce Ellwein	Lynda Turrentine
Gale Griffin	Gary Wolfe
Anita Hansen	Cheryl Wood
Kathy King	Craig Zimmermann
Alfonso Lopez Sr. & Jr.	Kyle Zimmermann



TEACHERS' LOUNGE

Refurbished in appreciation for your commitment and dedication to our students

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Project Expenses:

\$2,226.12 Donations from the congregation

\$3,000.00 From Endowment Fund

\$5,238.79 Total cost

If you would still like to make a donation to this local mission project just write "Mission" in the bottom left corner of your check.

In addition to the Lounge project Immanuel gave generously to help with school supplies for the teachers.

2,164 pencils
2,070 band aids
169 composition books
47 bottles of sanitizer



Stacks and stacks of supplies for every teacher!

Thank You Immanuel!

Mission Accomplished!



July 29th Welcome Back Brunch



To Immanuel
From Booth-Fickett Teachers

Immanuel Talent Show

Thank you to everyone for a great night of wonderful entertainment, fellowship and ice cream!



The Old Man

By Jim McArthur, read at the talent show

They said, "Now here's a man that's been around,
The secret of life he must have found.
So let's ask him all about it, get him to talk a mite,
And maybe we'll learn the path of right."

"Hey, old man! I'd guess you've seen it all,
Times you've been in trouble, your back against
the wall.
By the lines in your face you've known the
seasons.
But you've lived it through, and we'd like to know
the reasons."

"Well, Sonny, I guess I'd have to think a while.
Tellin' people how to live ain't really my style.
You want to know how I've reached old age?
It's all in the Good Book, I forgot which page.

It's where it tells us three things to live by,
And I couldn't say it any better, so I won't even
try.
The first of these is kinda hard to keep,
But you've gotta have faith if the rewards you are
to reap.

When the going's rough and the times are hard
And the cupboard's empty, no bread and no lard,
You gotta have Faith that the Good lord above,
Hasn't forgotten you and you still have his love.

And faith in yourself, in your skills and your
worth,
Then nothing can stop you, nothing on this earth.
If this kind of faith you are able to show,
You'll not be a'flounderin', in need of a tow.

The second of these traits that we all should share
Is to never lose hope, to not drown in despair.
The dark times will pass, the clouds will move on,
The sun will come out, and the gloom will be
gone."

The old man grew silent, his eyes kinda dim,
His thoughts seemed to wander, to something
within.

"This is all good advice," the listeners cried,
"We need faith and hope, these two abide."

"But don't stop now. You said there were three.
Tell us quickly what the other might be."
The old man smiled and his eyes seemed to
soften,
"The third is something you must practice often."

"The good Lord put us here for a reason,
And we need this trait for every season.
We can have great faith and hope galore.
But it is not enough - there is something more."

"There is something within us, if we allow it to
grow,
that gives it all meaning - a great joy we can
know.
We must love all the people that we meet every
day
And treat them with kindness - there's no other
way."

"Every person you know is just like you,
He has hopes and dreams and sorrows too.
And there's times when he's in trouble, a needin'
a hand,
That's when you will step up, by his side you will
stand."

The old man reached in his pocket deep
Pulled out some tobacco and stuffed it in his
cheek
"I reckon that's it. That's the best I can do,
Faith, hope and love - they'll see you through."

*"And now these
three remain:
FAITH, HOPE & LOVE
But the greatest
of these is
Love."*
1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Arts & Craft Bazaar



Get a head start on your Christmas shopping!
Join us for a day of supporting our congregation and friends.

Over 40
Vendors

Saturday, October 5

9am - 3pm

Immanuel Presbyterian Church
9252 E. 22nd Street, Tucson

Homemade Crafts • Jewelry • Quilts • Candles
Glass Works • Purses • Wood Crafts • Baby Items
Home & Garden Decor • Ornaments • Scentsy
Pampered Chef • Stampin Up • Sweetpeet Lettering
• Mata Ortiz Pottery • Kettlecorn!

*Raffle to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.
Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20



Mark your calendars
and start making those
costumes!

Sunday, October 27th
5:00pm to 7:00pm
Church Parking Lot

Candy and fun trinkets
are needed to hand out
to our guests. Please
drop off to the church
office.

Sanctuary Choir

FIRST REHEARSAL:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, AT 6:45 PM

*Starting with an informal pre-rehearsal social
(food, food, food!) in Witherspoon Hall at 5:45 pm*

(Yes, you can save your seat in the sanctuary first!)



- Welcome to new members, welcome back to old members!
- Drinks will be provided.
- Those of you who are able: please bring hot or cold finger foods.
- Know someone who loves to sing? Bring them along to test-drive us!



*If you have to work late, just come when you can and don't worry about bringing food—
there will be plenty! Questions about the social? Call Mary Kay Bush at 885-0003 or
Cheryl Wood at 722-9396. Questions about choir? Call Billy Schurr at 229-1327.*

Hello
September

WHAT'S YOUR BLOOD TYPE?	PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION WITH IT
O+	37.4%
A+	35.7%
B+	8.5%
O-	6.6%
A-	6.3%
AB+	3.4%
B-	1.5%
AB-	0.6%

Immanuel's Blood Drive

Saturday, September 14

7:30am—12:30pm

The American Red Cross is always in urgent need for blood donations and/or platelets. You can help save a life!

Signing up to give is easy:

1. Visit redcrossblood.org
2. Sponsor Code - Immanuel
3. Select your time slot

Chuck Wilkie is the coordinator for this blood drive. Please call with questions or to schedule an appointment at (520) 742-7517.

Thank you for giving the gift of life to others!

Online Giving is Live

Our new platform for online giving is active and ready to use. Online giving is a safe, easy way to support the ministries of Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Through our new SimpleChurch secure giving system, you will be able to give to Immanuel with or without an account. You have the option to establish recurring contributions or make a one-time gift. Your account information is guaranteed to be secure and private. Visit immanuelpc.org/giving.



Yes! It is finally happening! The new parking lot will be paved on September 12th and 13th.



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to this! →



Thank you so much to everyone who generously gave to this project and allowed us to make this much needed improvement happen! Thanks for helping Immanuel pave the way!


September 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.
- **Agape Circle** will meet at the home of Jean Nelson on **Wednesday, September 11th** at 9:00 am. The address is 10027 E. Creek Street. We will begin the new Horizon Study, Lesson 1 of "The Ten Commandments". Please let Jean know if you will be there at nlsnhmstd@msn.com or 886-6586. We are a very friendly group and newcomers are always welcome.
- **Lydia Circle — Fall Kickoff Social!** Join us on **Monday, September 16th** for a fun social as we gear up to start a new lesson series— "The Ten Commandments". All women of faith are invited to come. Meet at Saguaro Corners located at 3750 S. Old Spanish Trail Road at 6:00pm. Contact Dot Weaver at (520) 548-5440. Car pooling from the church is available.
- **Men's Breakfast** meets **Mondays at 8:00am** in Witherspoon Hall for fellowship and great food — pancakes, sausage and lots of strong hot coffee. The Bible study is led by Pastor John Tittle.
- **Desert Sages** - Join us on **Tuesdays 10:00am-12:30pm** in Witherspoon Hall to play games (bridge, hand & foot, poker, Mexican train & Rummikub) and have refreshments at noon. Contact Mary Kay Bush ausmbush3@gmail.com or (520) 885-0003 for more information.
- **Crafters Group** is back beginning September 12th. We meet **Thursdays at 10:00am** in Witherspoon Rooms 12/13. Everyone is welcome! Enjoy fellowship and crafting—what could be better?
- **TOPS** — Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets **Tuesdays at 6:00pm** in Towner Hall Room 4.
- **AA** group meets **Wednesdays at 7:00pm and Thursdays at 6:30pm** in Towner Hall Room 4.
- **September Hospitality — For the month of September, if your last name begins with H, I or J.** 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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This is
the day
that the
Lord has
made.



-PSalm 118:24





Mary Kay Bush—Sept 1
 Dean Downard—Sept 2
 Tama Jarvis—Sept 2
 Barbara Ayer—Sept 4
 Candace Kaemerer—Sept 4
 Hugh Bennett—Sept 5
 Jamin Collins—Sept 5
 Lynda Grochowski—Sept 5
 Tyler Shifflette—Sept 5
 Emily Downard—Sept 6
 Jacob Scott Evens—Sept 9
 Bob Huber—Sept 10
 Betta Beach—Sept 11
 Jane Eddy—Sept 12
 Joy Hager—Sept 15
 Lucy Greenleaf—Sept 18
 Sierra Speranza—Sept 18
 Kirk Wallendorf—Sept 18
 Michelle Lorenzini—Sept 19
 Florence Dungan—Sept 20
 Bridget Callaghan—Sept 21
 Ian Joscelyn—Sept 21
 Lisa Cole—Sept 22
 Seth Smith—Sept 23
 Rhonda Wilkie—Sept 23
 Laurie Snodgrass—Sept 24
 Lindsey Weaver—Sept 24
 Hali Wetzel—Sept 25
 Bill Marshall—Sept 26
 Dorothy Weaver—Sept 26
 Darlys Tippie—Sept 27
 Barbara Praust—Sept 28
 Annie Fennema—Sept 30



Curtis and Cinda Christy—Sept 3
 Ron and Lynne Briggs—Sept 6
 Matthew and Dori Wise—Sept 7
 Fred and Erin Boomer—Sept 8
 Gary and Lynda Grochowski—Sept 8
 Dan and Cara Sherwood—Sept 18
 Brad and Maggie Clifton—Sept 19
 Joe and Jennifer Chirco—Sept 23
 Skip and Carole Smith—Sept 27
 Marvin and Katherine North—Sept 28
 Cameron and Stephanie Mitchell—Sept 30

*If you don't see your birthday or anniversary
 listed, we most likely do not have it on file.
 Please contact the church office so we can share
 in your celebration!*

October 2019 Dove Deadline— Friday, September 20th



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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September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Worship 11:00am Worship	2 Labor Day	3 10:00am Sages 6:00pm TOPS 6:30pm Deacons	4 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm AA	5 6:30pm AA 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8 8:30am Worship 9:45am CE 11:00am Worship 4:30pm Youth Group	9 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:30pm Boy Scouts	10 10:00am Sages 6:00pm TOPS 7:00pm Session	11 9:00am Agape Circle 7:30pm AA	12 10:00am Crafters 6:30pm AA 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14 BLOOD DRIVE! 7:30am— 12:30pm
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