



THE IMMANUEL DOVE

Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there

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I recently heard about an experience shared by blogger Reese Andrews. Her child has both epilepsy and cerebral palsy and has to use a wheel chair. As the husband and wife were helping get their son into the school bus with the flashing lights and stop sign, they noticed a driver slowly pass the bus. The husband happened to catch the eye of the driver as she drove away. About an hour later, the couple heard a knock at the door. It was the woman who illegally passed the bus in her car. She was shaking.

"I'm sorry for what I did. I was disrespectful to your son and your family. I was running late—I knew I should have stopped, but instead I went slow. I was only thinking about myself and where I needed to be. I'm so sorry. They thanked her for coming back and said it was okay. The driver still shook, but she looked relieved. They all felt a little better.

Lent is a season of repentance—taking stock, asking God for forgiveness, and seeking to be in good relationship with those around us. Gary Chapman and Jennifer Thomas in their book *When Sorry Isn't Enough* provide some great coaching for how to make things right with those you love. It's helping me and I hope it can help you over these 40 days of Lent and beyond.

The first language of apology is *expressing regret*. Robert Fulghum put it this way in his classic *All I Ever Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, "Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody." Let the offended person know you feel bad about the pain or disappointment that happened. The second language of apology is to accept responsibility and admit that you were wrong. The third language of apology is to make restitution by seeking to make things right in a way that is fitting and speaks the person's love language. This could be: words of affirmation, an act of service, quality time, a gift, or as appropriate, physical touch like a hug. You can't change the past or buy favor back, but an effort should be made to show contrition. The third language of apology is repentance—showing that you genuinely want to change and not keep doing the same thing. This takes our apology beyond words to actions. It takes time to build trust, but the effort and plan to do things differently goes a long way. Chapman and Thomas suggest saying something like, "*I know what I'm doing isn't helpful—what would you like to see me change that would make things better for you?*" The fifth language of apology is to request forgiveness, "*Can you find it in your heart to forgive me?*"

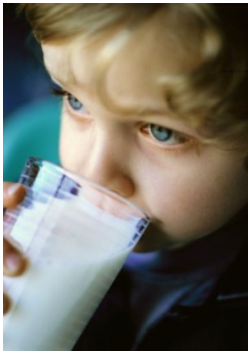
Asking forgiveness when we've messed up is hard to do and so important. Forgiving others is also one of the hardest things and most important things we can do in our lives. There are no magic formulas—even if we follow the five languages of apology. We can't change others, but God has given us the power to choose how we respond to the things that happen in life—whether good or bad. And God through his grace and mercy can heal our wounds and draw us closer to him and to others through receiving and extending forgiveness. We may not be able to go back to the way things were, but we can move forward into the future. May you and your relationships with God, others, and yourself be refreshed and blessed this season of Lent.

In Christ, John



MARCH 2020





Lenten Food Drive For the Haven Totes Food Pantry

You've probably heard we're sending food totes home with more than 60 school children each weekend. Did you know Haven Totes also has a food pantry to better serve those families?

So many families in Tucson don't have enough to eat. They pray for someone to help, someone to hear, someone to care. Parents are desperate to feed their children. We can make the next couple of months a little easier for them.

The Food Pantry has asked for only four things—

- ♦ Peanut Butter
- ♦ Jelly
- ♦ Canned Fruit
- ♦ Pasta (spaghetti and other "noodles")



Bring a can. Bring a case. Shop at the grocery store or buy in bulk from Costco. It is so needed and so appreciated.

**Please bring your donations to worship on Sundays from
March 1 to March 29**

Monetary donations are also welcome, so that Haven Totes can purchase fresh foods. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Presbyterian Church and note "food pantry donation" on the bottom of your check.

Hope. Let's fill the Haven Totes Food Pantry with it.

Pending Asylum

By Bob Seel

Mark Adams of Frontera de Cristo reported recently:

"Earlier this year, large numbers of people fleeing extreme violence and poverty began arriving in the border city of Agua Prieta. They are coming in hope of seeking asylum in the United States through the legal process at the ports of entry. However, they have arrived at a time when our government has closed the door tighter and families are having to wait months in border communities where they are targets of extortion, kidnapping and sexual and physical violence.

Some time ago, I got a call from our associate, CAME, that two young men working for organized crime had intercepted their service truck, with driver Jose and his six year old son Emmanuel inside, before they could leave the bus station. They were told that the father and son had to go back into the bus station and either pay a \$500 fee or return to where they came from.

After much discussion, we decided to use emergency funds of Frontera de Cristo, with money from US churches, to buy them tickets back to Nogales, Sonora. The next day, Jose and his son were reunited with their wife and mother. The three found welcome, safety and love as they awaited their turn to apply for asylum at the US Port of Entry."



A JUNQUE SALE of Biblical Proportions

ALL Proceeds to benefit CASA MARIA



Tools and toys...books and baskets...DVDs and CDs (no tapes)...craft supplies...pet supplies...sports equipment...games...puzzles...dishes...pots and pans...kitchen utensils...small furniture...holiday and seasonal items...knick-knacks...pictures and artwork...small (working) electronics and appliances...gardening tools...collectibles...jewelry...good (clean) bedding...(no bed pillows please)...

the "what WAS I thinking?" ...AND the "Ooooo- what's that!"

Volunteers are needed to sort and price fabulous "Junque" on Friday, March 13th anytime after 8:30am and also at 6:00am on day of the sale to help.

Are you willing to be a set-upper, tidy-upper or (end of sale) cleaner—upper?

Call or text Darlys Tippie at (408) 835-1447 for more information.

Saturday, March 14th 7:00am - 1:00pm
Amazing Deals! Great Stuff at Great Prices!

Held on church parking lot

Palm Sunday — April 5th
Music and the Word at both services

Good Friday — April 10th
Sanctuary at 7:00pm

Uprising! Saturday Vigil — April 11th
Out in the Desert Sanctuary at 7:00pm

Easter — April 12th
6:30am Easter Sunrise Service, with a brunch following in Witherspoon Hall
8:30am and 11:00am Easter Celebration Services
9:45am Easter Egg Hunt

This year we will take a sabbatical for our Maundy Thursday service, but we look forward to celebrating Good Friday and Uprising! together in anticipation of our Easter celebrations!

HOLY WEEK



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Adult Christian Education for March will be dedicated to honoring, discussing and learning about elder and special needs care. Whether we're caring for a spouse, parent or child with special needs, there's support, planning and decisions that agencies in Tucson can help us make.

MARCH 1st and 8th:

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) leads ***"Honoring a Life: Advance Care Planning Conversations"***. This is a workshop that explains the importance of each individual's planning for possible healthcare needs at the end of life; provides helpful information regarding how to share medical decisions with others and complete advance directives detailing one's wants; and helps people enhance their lives by being aware of the universality of death.

MARCH 15th:

Mara Levin from (ICS) leads ***"Self-Care for the Caregiver"***. Do you take care of a loved one with a chronic illness or health problem? Your health and well-being is important too. We'll explore how to balance self-care with caring for others; learn about resources in the community that can help; and discuss ways to increase your resilience.

MARCH 22nd:

Beth Fuller from Aging Life Care Organization leads ***"Navigating Services for Older Adults"***. There are many decisions to make when a loved one needs extra help. Join us for discussion about all of the services that are offered in Pima County, what they mean and how to decide what's best for you and your family.

MARCH 29th:

Amanda Jolette from A Senior Journey leads ***"Options for Senior Living"***. We will discuss when someone needs some help, be it, help with cooking, cleaning, shopping, laundry, housekeeping, or help with physical needs such as bathing, dressing, or transfer assistance, what are the options. Who pays, what is provided, how it works and when is the time to make the change.

Questions about Adult Ed? Want to get involved? Contact Kris Goorsky at kris@immanuelpc.org

MARCH YOUTH GROUP EVENTS!



Hike and Bird Watching!

Saturday, March 7th at 8am

Dorian Escalante will take us to Madera Canyon. Dorian is an accomplished bird watcher and will lead the hike! Bring your water bottle, sunscreen and wear sturdy sneakers/boots.

Bring a snack to share!



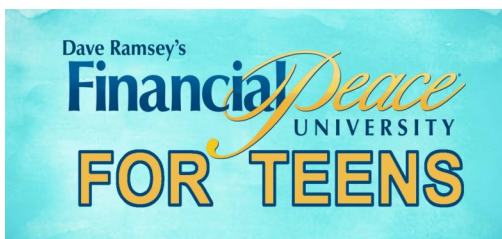
Deacons Junque Sale Lending a Helping Hand!

Set up on Friday, March 13th at 8:00am

Clean up Saturday, March 14 at 12:30pm

No Youth Group

Sunday, March 15th



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY FOR YOUTH

Sundays, March 8, 22 and 29

From 5-7pm

Join us for dinner, games and lessons on staying out of debt, credit cards, student loans (Oh My!) and giving generously.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Kris Goorsky at
Kris@immanuelpc.org**



JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK: Another New Song

A Service of Music & the Word
with choir, string orchestra, piano,
organ, timpani & percussion

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
8:30 am & 11:00 am



Desert Sanctuary Restoration Workdays

Saturdays, March 7, 21, 28
9:00-11:00 am

Our goal is Easter!
If you can spare an
hour or two on one
of these last three
workdays, we would
love to have your
company!

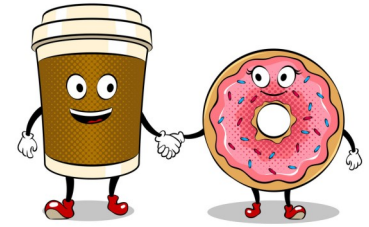
Contact:
ayhansen@cox.net



Helpful tools: shovel, garden rake, pruning shears, loppers, hat, gloves,
sturdy boxes for removing cactus, and you! No tools? We have extras!

HOSPITALITY HIGHLIGHTS - Fresh Fellowship Ideas!

- Starting this spring, in response to comments we heard from the congregation, we will be hosting Hospitality on the patio once a month!
- We have implemented the use of paper products during Fellowship Hour for a number of reasons, but if you still prefer a regular plate or cup, those are available too.
- Be on the look out for the "Suggestion Boxes" during Fellowship Hour, we would love suggestions for food items or Fellowship celebrations! Be sure to share your thoughts!
- If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies - we would love to hear from you on items that would be yummy additions to our "Allergy Friendly" table! Please reach out to Elders Tama Jarvis, Chuck Wilkie, Kelly Wood or any of the Hospitality Committee members.
- If it is your "month" to bring something delicious to share during Fellowship, we ask that you bring it "ready to serve" if possible. If not, we are happy to plate it - it just makes it easier on those setting up if items are ready to serve! Thank you for your help! Check the chart to find the **first letter of your last name** for your month to bring a snack.
- As a reminder - we LOVE to celebrate special occasions! Please let us know if you have a birthday, anniversary, baptism, or other celebration you would like to honor! You can bring in any items you wish and we are happy to help with serving them!



JAN	X, Y, Z	JUL	M
FEB	V, W	AUG	K, L
MAR	T, U	SEP	H, I, J
APR	S	OCT	E, F, G
MAY	Q, R	NOV	C, D
JUN	N, O, P	DEC	A, B

Upcoming Hospitality events to mark on your calendar:

Music and Word on April 5th — please bring in a snack to share for this big event!
Easter Sunrise Continental Breakfast on April 12th — Sign up sheets will be on the patio soon to bring an egg dish, muffins, fruit and juice.



JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP MEAL TRAIN!

Kicking off youth group with dinner is a long-standing tradition that has brought together IPC youth and adults for decades through the custom of "breaking bread."

Pizza! Tacos! Spaghetti! Salad!

This is a time to get to know the awesome youth we have at Immanuel while blessing the ministry in a tangible way. We invite you to continue this tradition and we thank you for investing in the lives of our young people! Open slots available to fill! We need your help.

To Sign Up Visit: <https://mealtrain.com/2q7zrm>



Celebration of 35 Years of Service at Immanuel!

On **Sunday, March 8th**, at both services we're going to celebrate our own legendary Dot Weaver who is honorably retiring from her faithful service of opening and closing up the church since 1985!



We'll be honoring Dot with a special presentation in both services and have a celebratory cake out in the patio afterwards. We invite the congregation to bring cards of appreciation for Dot this Sunday. Although Dot's retiring from these duties, we're blessed that she'll remain a vital member and friend at Immanuel. Well done, good and faithful servant!



Thank you! To everyone for your prayers, cards, emails and calls. I feel so blessed by my Immanuel family! My recovery is slow but I am doing well. Thank you so much—Ann Jarvis



**FREE Income Tax
Preparation by AARP**

Wednesdays from 10:00am—3:00pm

Towner Hall Rooms 4/5 - Through April 15th

All tax preparers are trained and certified and all returns are double checked prior to e-filing.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Picture ID for taxpayer and spouse
- Proof of income including W2s and 1099 forms
- Social Security cards or documents for all
- Deductible expenses documentation
- Prior year's tax returns
- Bank account and routing numbers (for e-refunds)

Just a Reminder: Church staff cannot answer tax questions or schedule appointments. You may contact AARP at (888) 687-2277 or email at **giving@aarp.org**. Information is also available at



Help Us Stuff the Eggs!

**We need donations of
individually wrapped
candies and prizes for the
Easter Egg Hunt!**

**Please drop off to the
office—thank you!**



Online giving is a safe and easy way to support the ministries of Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Through our SimpleChurch secure giving system, you will be able to give to Immanuel with or without an account. Your account information is guaranteed to be secure and private. Visit immanuelpc.org/giving.

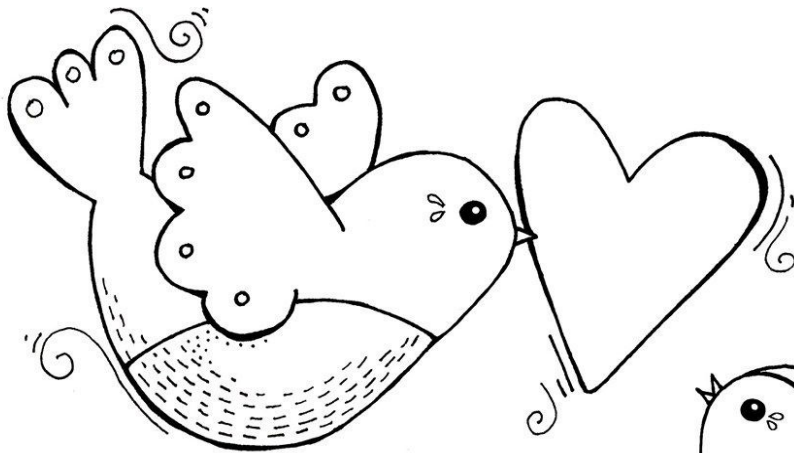
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MARCH CONNECTIONS

- **CASA MARIA MINISTRY—March 7th at 8:00am.** 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 South Tucson. 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.
- **DESERT SAGES - St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on Tuesday, March 17th.** Join us for a **LUCKY** luncheon after our regular day of games. New players are always welcome! We are a group of great folks who meet every Tuesday morning at 10:00am in Witherspoon Hall to play games. (Hand & Foot, Rummikub, bridge, Mexican Train, & poker) At noon we have refreshments that we take turns furnishing. Everyone pitches in \$1 a week and once every 6 weeks or so we use that money to furnish a luncheon for everyone. Interested? Contact Mary Kay Bush at ausmbush3@gmail.com or (520) 885-0003 for more information.
- **AGAPE CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, March 11th at 9:00am** at the home of Shirley Scott at 81 Gold Mine Loop. Let Shirley know if you will attend at (520) 260-5088 or scottsb@cox.net. We will study Lesson 7. New members are always welcome.
- **LYDIA CIRCLE will meet Monday, March 16th at 6:30pm** in Witherspoon Hall. Vikki Carpenter will be the Lesson 5 Leader. All ladies encouraged to attend.
- **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.
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST meets Mondays at 8:00am.** Join the guys 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.
- **CRAFTERS GROUP meets Thursdays at 10:15am** in Witherspoon Rooms 12/13. Everyone is welcome! All types of crafting are welcome and encouraged! Whether you quilt, crochet, knit or are a master of popsicle stick creations, we would love to have you join our crew!
- **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.
- **MARCH HOSPITALITY — For the month of February if your last name begins with T, U** - 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.



A friend
Loves
at all times

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Proverbs 17:17



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Worship 9:45am CE 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Youth Grp 5:15pm Financial Peace	2 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Boy Scouts	3 10:00am Sages 6:00pm TOPS 6:30pm Deacons	4 10:00am AARP Tax 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:15pm JS Bell Choir 7:30pm LC Bell Choir 7:30pm AA	5 10:00am Crafters 6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm AA 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7 8:00am Casa Maria 9:00am Desert Sanctuary Restoration
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