



THE IMMANUEL DOVE

Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there

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These days I'm trying to fly with two wings—the wing of courage and the wing of caution, in both the church and my family decisions. I want to step out in faith *and* avoid pitfalls, to walk by faith *and* be informed by science. We need both wings as we try to safely “land the eagle” in our COVID-19 world.

For the wing of courage, I think of Sweden today and their response to the coronavirus. Scandinavians generally always practice social distancing, and they have increased these measures individually, but they also kept society going to expose the young while protecting the vulnerable. Compared to other Scandinavian countries or nations of similar population, it appears at this juncture to be effective in building a herd immunity, without devastating the economy or jobs. They have had more coronavirus deaths, but not an inordinate amount so far. I don't know if this can work in every country (i.e. Italy or Spain), but it is interesting to ponder.

For the wing of caution, I think of the 100 doctors in Italy who died treating COVID-19 patients and the other doctors and nurses here and around the world who died on the frontlines helping others. I take seriously the mortality rates of this virus compared to the common flu. New York knows how serious it is and anyone else near or far impacted by it. A recent obituary section of the Boston Globe was twenty-one pages long. As a community of faith with a significant portion of our population being in the at-risk group, the leadership and I need to protect the flock from careless exposure as much as possible. The feelings and encouragement I have for my octogenarian parents should be the same for those in this demographic at Immanuel. Our faith teaches us to care for the vulnerable.

I'm reminded of Tolkien who wrote in *The Lord of the Rings*, “Often times we don't choose to undertake an adventure. It chooses us.” This adventure we're on right now has chosen us. We have been thrust into a surprising journey from out of nowhere and the outcome is uncertain. Dangers, toils, and snares lurk at various spots along the way. Safety and ease aren't guaranteed. But then again, life isn't only about avoiding danger or maintaining security. Using common sense and prayerful reflection, we express undaunted courage in the face of fear as we negotiate the many twists and turns along the way.

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A wise and grounded faith takes risks, but *calculated* risks. G.K. Chesterton once said, "An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is an adventure wrongly considered." Our adventure of re-entry is carefully done together, with chivalry, courage, and creativity. As we seek to discern how best to navigate these COVID-19 realities, let us remember that our battle isn't with our brothers and sisters, but with an insidious virus.

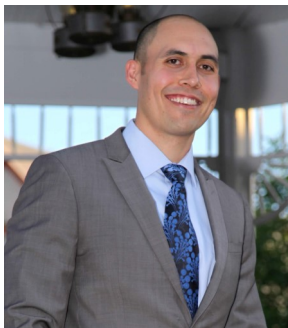
Immanuel, let us continue to embrace a theology of risk, adventure, and courage as we move forward cautiously to make our re-entry back into our new world with new eyes. When we venture out of the familiar, we're exposed to new experiences, stories, revelations, and ways at looking at the world. It's simultaneously nerve-wracking and exhilarating. We find ourselves having to depend upon God in ways that we've never had to before. T.S. Eliot wrote that when we return home for our journey, we see our place with new eyes and experience it as if it were the first time we were there. And through all this, may our MO be: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Col. 3:17) So let us walk in faith back into our world...while continuing to wash our hands, wear our masks, and keep our healthy distances. Courage and caution together—like a hand in a glove.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor John



Worship Service Online Continues for the Month of May.

To watch go to immanuelpc.org or to our YouTube channel [HERE](#). You can also watch previous Sunday services, access weekly bible studies and sermon transcripts.



CONGRATULATIONS JEREMY SAMOY!

Tanque Verde High School teacher Jeremy Samoy is the recipient of the 2020 John J. Ross Award from the Arizona Bar Association's Arizona Foundation for Legal Services Education. Jeremy was one of four John J. Ross 2020 Award winners in Arizona. The annual award recognizes Arizona educators who help their students understand the role law plays in our democratic society. Jeremy teaches US history and coaches mock trials. He was recognized for his efforts to grow the mock trial program in Pima County.

Pentecost Special Offering—May 31



As one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Pentecost Offering unites us in a church wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. The Presbyterian Mission Agency uses 60% of the offering to support children at risk, youth and young adults through their outreach ministries. The remaining 40% stays within our congregation and has been earmarked for **Youth on Their Own (YOTO)**. YOTO is a dropout prevention program that supports the high school graduation and continued success of homeless, unaccompanied youth in Pima County. With the help of supporters nationwide, they have empowered over 16,000 homeless youth to remain in school and pursue opportunities for self-sufficiency.



ALL ABOARD! ONLINE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS JUNE!



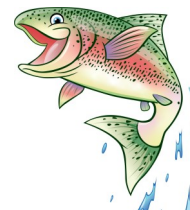
Week 1: Meet Ramsey - Jesus' power helps us do hard things.

Week 2: Meet Ava - Jesus' power gives us hope.



Week 3: Meet Sierra - Jesus' power helps us be bold.

Week 4: Meet Finn - Jesus' power lets us live forever.



Week 5: Meet Lawrence Elk - Jesus' power helps us be good friends.

Each week of June there will be a link on our website to lead you through the lesson. If you want to do the activities at home, there may be a few simple supplies to gather up. Email Kris at Kris@immanuelpc.org for a complete list. You don't need supplies to participate.

Immanuel Awarded \$1,000 Grant

Congratulations, Immanuel, for being one of 32 Hunger Action Congregations across the United States to be awarded a \$1,000 grant from PCUSA's Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) to help alleviate hunger during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In early April, our Missions Team received an invitation to apply for the grant. We had 1 week to submit an application describing exactly how we would use the money. During our discussions, an amazing thing happened: we received a promise of a matching gift of \$1,000 and three smaller donations totaling \$800. In addition, the Missions Team recommended adding \$1,000 from Endowment Fund interest that comes to us each year for missions work. Pastor John added \$500 from his discretionary fund. In just one week, God more than quadrupled the initial amount of the grant!

We were thrilled when PHP announced last week that we had won the grant. Here's how we are disbursing the funds.



Papago UPC

First, we have sent a check for \$2,100 to **Papago United Presbyterian Church** in Sells, where the poverty level (on the Tohono O'odham Nation) is 4 times the national average. Their pastor will buy a grocery store gift card for each family in the church. Papago United Presbyterian Church serves about 30 Native American families, or about 175-200 men, women, and children. There is one grocery store to serve the entire region (4300 square miles, an area roughly the size of the state of Connecticut).



Casa

We will send \$1,200 to **Casa Maria** Soup Kitchen in South Tucson. Casa Maria serves between 500 and 1,000 people daily, with individual and family lunches and groceries.

We will also send \$1,000 to the **Community Food Bank** of Southern Arizona. According to the Food Bank, for every \$2 donated, they can provide 7 meals to children, seniors, and families in need. Our contribution will provide more than 3,500 meals for Community Food Bank clients.



If you would like to join this effort to support our brothers and sisters in life and faith, we welcome your donation to Immanuel Presbyterian Church for "Mission - undesignated." We will be happy to increase our giving to these three worthy causes. We are grateful to the Presbyterian Hunger Program for this special opportunity. It is another seed of hope that in these dark times we can continue to be God's eyes, and hands, and feet. And heart.

from the IPC Missions Team

Adult Class Continues in May

FEARLESS CONVERSATION

9:00am via Zoom

Continuing this series into May, Jonathan Cain will lead us as we discuss:

May 3 — How Can I Know Jesus is Really Alive Today? Luke 24:36-53

May 10 - Why Did God Come as a Baby? Luke 2:1-20

May 17— Can We Really Beat Temptation? Matthew 4:1-11

May 24—What Does It Really Mean to Follow Jesus? Matthew 4:18-25



Weekly zoom link and lesson guide will be in the Friday email!



May Youth Group in Zoom-dom!

6th grade-12th grade meet on Sunday nights over Zoom
from 5-6pm for devotion and games

May 3rd: Be the Pig: A chicken offers up an egg for a meal, the pig gives his life for it

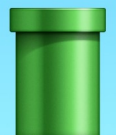


May 10th: No Youth Group - Mother's Day

May 17th: Game Night!



May 24: The Real Thing: Jesus is a real life changer



Contact Kris Goorsky at kris@immanuelpc.org



Carl Shifflette

Desert Sky Middle School

Bridget Callaghan

Canyon Rose Academy

Plans to attend Howard Community
College, Texas

Mathew Downard

Empire High School

Plans to become firefighter

Dorian Escalante

Cienega High School

Plans to join the Army Reserves

Cody Murphy

Canyon Del Oro High School

Plans to join the Air Force

Tyler Nelson

Sahuaro High School

Austin Puckett

Sahuaro High School

Kya Wolfe

Sahuaro High School

Plans to attend Pima Community
College, Veterinary Technician

Eli Woods

Andrada High School

Plans to attend Northern Arizona
University, Biomedical Sciences

Shane Bradley Burton

University of Arizona

Eller College of Management
B.S. in Management

Grace Dian Kelly

University of Arizona

B.S. in Care, Health & Society
Minor in Spanish

Susan Hillman

Fordham University

M.A. in Pastoral Care



Blood Drive
Saturday, May 16th
7:30am—12:30pm
Held at ARC offices 2916 E. Broadway

The May blood drive will not be held here at Immanuel due to COVID19 safety precautions—but we will still be able to give life saving donations at the ARC location where they have the equipment, personnel and safety measures in place.

Please note: strictly NO walk-ins accepted. Time slots have been staggered and donors will be checked for temperature/vitals before entering donation area. ALL donors must wear face masks.

There is a critical shortage of blood right now—estimates of 600,000 pints of blood NOT donated during this COVID19 crisis. To schedule your appointment:

Visit redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: Immanuel

Blessings to all as we remain safe, healthy and faithful,
Kay Schmidt

A Family in Need

A family of four (Dad, Mom, daughter-14 and son-2), asylum seekers from civil war in Kyrgyzstan and anti-Muslim terror in Moscow, departed Rincon UCC Shelter last July 17th. Their initial status hearing has been delayed until September 2020, and their employment documents will not be activated until January 2021.

The family will lose their current housing on May 31. They have been residents in a private home with a Rincon Shelter volunteer who needs her space back. They have a caseworker from IRC, and get food from local food banks. Mom and daughter, an 8th grade honor roll student, speak English well and Dad is enrolled in classes.

Ginger Taylor, former Rincon UCC Shelter Volunteer Coordinator, is helping this family bridge into the Tucson community. She is working hard to find them a similar housing situation if possible. The best housing would be near public transportation, shopping, and a good high school for their daughter. Please contact Ginger with any ideas to address the family's housing need. The father and daughter both have bikes for transportation.

Thank you for considering this request. You can reach Ginger Taylor at (337) 281-0187.
or Gingerhalespassage@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP AND GIVING

There will be an economic impact on many of us during this season—including the church. Your giving is so appreciated and important. We are going to be very wise and frugal in our spending in this unusual season we find ourselves in—we will keep tabs on this and continue to make appropriate adjustments in our spending.

Please continue your giving — either through mail or online:



**9252 E. 22nd Street
Tucson, Arizona 85710**



www.immanuelpc.org/giving

Dear Friends at Immanuel—thank you so much for your kind wishes, cards and prayers during my recovery. I so appreciate it!

Nancy Dukart

There will be no Dove newsletter in June—we will have a summer issue for July! Check your emails for the Friday Community Life for updates, news and events!



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Rev. John Tittle, Moderator

Laura Fennema, Clerk of Session

Wayne Barnes, Finance

David Diebold, Mission & Evangelism

Bruce Ellwein, Finance

Gale Griffin, Mission & Evangelism

Gary Grochowski, Buildings & Grounds

Joy Hager, Worship

Emily Honeycutt, Christian Education

Tama Jarvis, Hospitality

Debby Johnson, Worship

Amanda Leachet, Christian Education

Joey Samoy, Communications

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Kelly Wood, Hospitality

Debby Zimmerman, Personnel

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Marie Roberts

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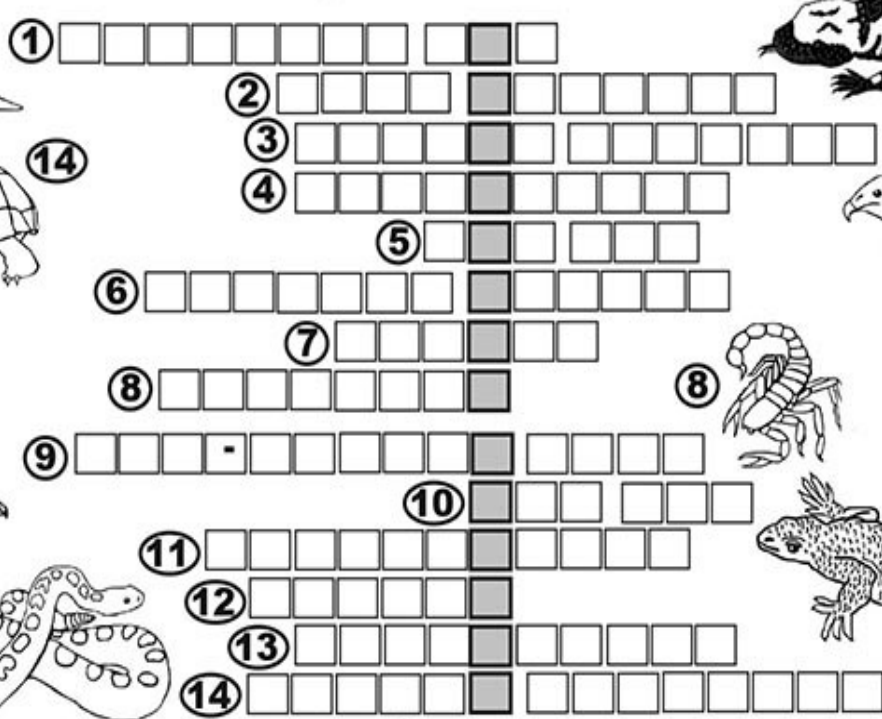
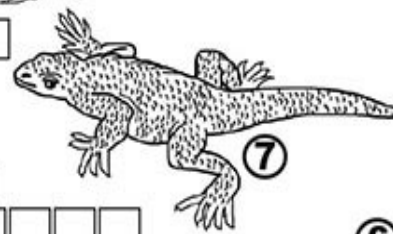
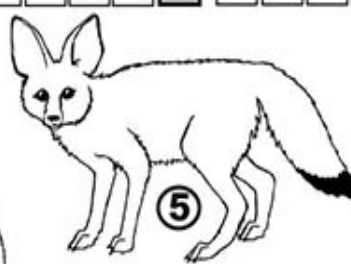
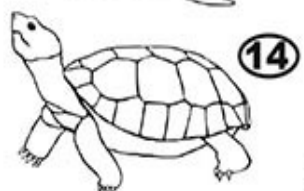
Cheryl Wood



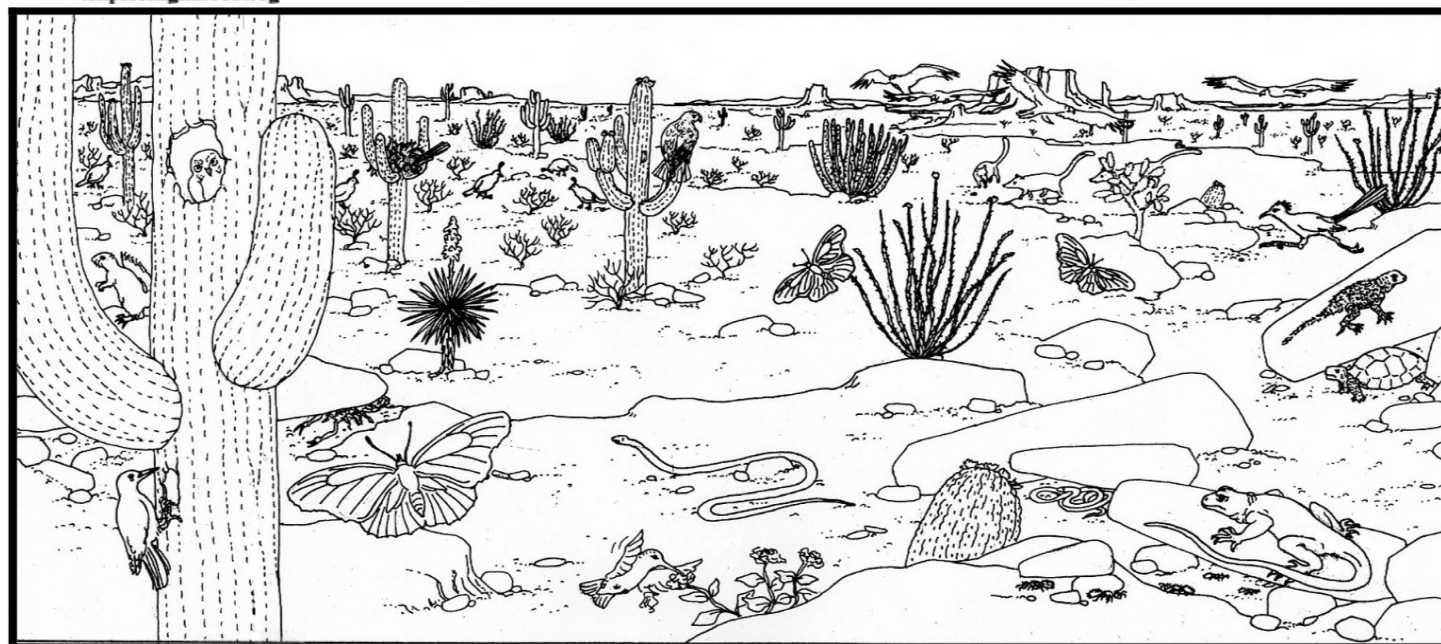
Which they live.



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1 Antelope Squirrel	1 Giant Hairy Scorpion	5 Velvet Ants	1 Elf Owl	1 Gila Woodpecker	1 Cactus Wren
1 Arizona Coral Snake	1 Desert Spiny Lizard	3 Coati	1 Costa's Hummingbird	1 Desert Tortoise	1 Collared Lizard
3 Painted Lady Butterflies	4 Turkey Vultures	1 Greater Roadrunner			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00am CE on Zoom 10:00am Online Worship 5:00pm Youth on Zoom	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:00am CE on Zoom 10:00am Online Worship	11	12	13	14	15	BLOOD DRIVE at ARC on Broadway 7:30am
17 9:00am CE on Zoom 10:00am Online Worship 5:00pm Youth on Zoom	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:00am CE on Zoom 10:00am Online Worship 5:00pm Youth on Zoom	25 MEMORIAL DAY!	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:00am Online Worship						



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