



## Upcoming Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, March 24**

8:30am Alternative Worship Service  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Worship Service  
5:00pm Youth Group

### **Monday, March 25**

10:00am Men's Bible Study  
6:00pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

### **Tuesday, March 26**

10:00am Desert Sages  
5:30pm TOPS

### **Wednesday, March 27**

10:00am - 2:30pm AARP Tax Aide  
7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal  
7:30pm AA

### **Thursday, March 28**

9:30am Crafters  
6:30pm AA  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, March 29**

7:00pm Good Friday Service

### **Sunday, March 31 - Easter**

6:30am Sunrise Outdoor Service  
8:30am Alternative Worship Service  
9:45am Easter Egg Hunt  
11:00am Traditional Worship Service  
No Youth Group

### **Monday, April 1**

Offices Closed

**Pastor Transition Update March 22:** This week we finished the process of posting our interim opening with the national Presbytery personnel system, the posting was approved mid-week and is now out and about. We have interviewed and begun talking with a bridge Pastor candidate (serving us for a month or two). We are working on the details to present to Session for a vote. We will look for the Bridge Pastor to begin by mid-April. We have pulpit coverage arranged through April 15th. We'll keep you updated, please keep this process in your prayers.

Questions on this process can be directed to the members of this team: Cheralynn Baylor, Joey Samoy, Sean Shifflette, Jeff Hotchkiss, or Liz Wallendorf.

**Ishkashitaa Fruit Harvesting – Join us on Saturday, March 23 from 9:30am to noon.** We will meet here at church first and then head out. Please bring work gloves and wear sunscreen! The fruit will benefit the Ishkashitaa Refugee Network that provides fresh produce to their community members in need.

**Lenten Food Drive to Benefit Haven Totes Food Pantry** – This year Haven Totes is asking for **Jelly, Canned Fruit, Boxed Meals (macaroni and cheese/Hormel) and Rice.** We have gained a reputation as the "Jelly Church" over the years. Plus, grape jelly is purple - a color for Lent! Our donations will be collected in the sanctuary or drop them off at the church office. Haven Totes Food Pantry serves the children and families in our local schools. Now through Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed** - Our kids are getting excited for Easter and our Easter Egg Hunt and we could use your help! We are looking for donations of individually wrapped candy or small prizes that fit inside the plastic eggs. Please drop off your donations to the church office or sanctuary – thank you!

**Communion Note** - Due to communion being served on Easter Sunday (all three services), normally scheduled communion (which is served on the first Sunday of the month), will not take place in April. Communion will return to its regular schedule in May.

**Easter Sanctuary Flowers** – Help us decorate the sanctuary in blooms for Easter. You can purchase flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones or for the benefit of our Benevolence Fund. Cost is \$20.00 per plant (please make checks out to IPC and note "Flower Fund"). See the insert in Sunday's bulletin or an usher for the form.

**Many Thanks to All** who volunteered to assist with worship and the reception on Pastor John's last Sunday at Immanuel. This special and memorable farewell could not have happened without your help! Your time and talents are appreciated! – Cheralynn Baylor, Kevin Murphy & Sean Shifflette.

**AARP Foundation Tax-Aide on Wednesdays from 10:00am - 2:30pm** AARP provides free in-person assistance by trained IRS certified tax preparers. You can pick up an info packet on Wednesdays and then schedule your appointment to sit down with the tax preparers for final e-filing. The church is not able to make appointments or give tax guidance. Last Wednesday is April 10th.



**What is Lent?** In 2024, the liturgical season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday (February 14th) and ends on the Saturday before Easter (March 24th). The length of the Lenten season was established in the 4th century as a period of 40 days (not including Sundays). The purpose of Lent is self-reflection, discipline and penitence aimed to prepare Christians for Easter and the Resurrection celebration. Lent is intended to remind us of the sacrifice and hardship that Jesus endured during his 40 days in the desert prior to the beginning of his public ministry. Historically, churches have encouraged members to grow in faith and spiritual consciousness by sacrificing something during this period. We know how this works: giving up a guilty pleasure like chocolate, TV, gaming, Facebook, etc. However, each of us worshipping in the Immanuel congregation is encouraged to add a spiritual dimension to our lives by giving something, doing something, creating something, or becoming something. This is another way we can celebrate the Lenten season as a faith community. What will your "something" be?

**A Lenten Devotional Gift for You.** This year our devotional is "Local Pilgrim - A Wandering Wandering Daily Devotional" from Presbyterian Outlook. Take home a copy on Sunday or download [HERE](#).

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## Ways to Connect, Grow and Have Fun

### **Sunday School Classes for All Ages – Sundays at 9:45am.**

- Lenten Series begins March 3 - *The Final Words of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton
- No Sunday School March 31
- New Series begins April 7 - *Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple* by Adam Hamilton

**Youth Group on Sunday Nights** - Join us from 5:00 – 7:00pm for dinner, games and bible fellowship for youth ages 6-12th grade. Questions? Contact [kris@immanuelpc.org](mailto:kris@immanuelpc.org)

**Men's Bible Study on Mondays at 10:00am** - Come hang out with the guys, have coffee and dig deeper into scripture and connect with friends. Meets in Witherspoon Hall.

**Desert Sages on Tuesdays from 10:00am – 12:30pm.** Join us for games, fellowship and food in Witherspoon Hall every Tuesday from 10:00am – 12:30pm. Enjoy new friends and old while playing Mexican train, bridge, hand and foot, Rummikub and anything else you want while snacking on popcorn. A \$1.00 donation a week supports our luncheons every six weeks. We all need to re-connect! Contact Mary Kay Bush, Sages Coordinator at 520-661-6737 or [ausmbush3@gmail.com](mailto:ausmbush3@gmail.com). Meets in Witherspoon Hall.

**Crafters Group on Thursdays from 9:30am – 12:00pm.** All are welcome to come and work on your crafts together and enjoy fellowship and laughs. We make quilts, blankets and projects for local missions. We also work on our own projects for fun – grab your gear and join us!

**Sanctuary Choir - New members always welcome!** We encourage everyone to give choir a try - we meet on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Questions? Contact [clay@immanuelpc.org](mailto:clay@immanuelpc.org).

**Agape Circle Women's Bible Study April 10th.** Come join us on the second Wednesday of every month from 9:00am -12:00pm in the home of Mary Kay Bush at 9222 E. Charlotte Place. We start the morning with a light brunch provided by members, followed by Joys and Concerns, and then are led in our Horizon bible study by Cheryl Wood and Jane Eddy. New members are always welcome! Please contact Jean Nelson at 520-886-6586 or Mary Kay Bush at 520-661-6737 for more information.

**Lydia Circle Women's Bible Study April 15th** - meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm in Witherspoon Hall. We start with refreshments then dive into our bible study. All are welcome – email Kay Schmidt for details at [hkschmidt10@aol.com](mailto:hkschmidt10@aol.com).

**Volunteer - We Need You!** We have so many opportunities to participate in church life – but we also want to respect your time and schedule. Most are just once a month or every other month. We need ushers, lay readers, fellowship hosts, children's ministry teachers and more. Interested? Contact Kate Kelly at [kate@immanuelpc.org](mailto:kate@immanuelpc.org).

**2024 Immanuel Elders**

Liz Wallendorf, Clerk of Session  
Bill Haldeman, Jeff Hotchkiss – Building and Grounds  
Marcia Aurand, Michael Nana – Christian Education  
Karl Aurand, Curt Christy, Laurie Emery – Finance & Stewardship  
Kevin Murphy, Sean Shifflette, Cheralynn Baylor – Hospitality  
Jeff Fennema, Leslie Cullins-Shechter – Mission & Evangelism  
Liz Wallendorf – Personnel  
Debby Johnson, Ed Vander Woude – Worship

**2024 Immanuel Deacons**

Ann Jarvis (Moderator), Marlene Stevens, Erminia Gomez, Bobbie Butler  
Carol Kienbaum, Belinda Badger, Kay Schmidt, Shawn Wooll  
Wayne Barnes, Susan Barnes, Diana Place, Jean Samuelson

**Endowment Executive Committee Members**

Bobbie Butler, Cheryl Wood and Aaron Puckett

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