

# Steeple



Lakeside Park  
Grace-Covington • New Hope-Southgate

## Calendar

Full calendar @ [www.immanuelumc.org](http://www.immanuelumc.org)

- 3/16 Immanuel's Comforters
- 3/17 Finance Committee
- 3/18 Susanna Circle New Hope
- 3/18 Wesley Night
- 3/19 IHN Volunteer Training
- 3/21 Cinderella's Closet
- 3/22 Cam & Anne Gongwer
- 3/22-3/29 Interfaith Hospitality
- 3/23 Stewardship Meeting
- 3/25 Wesley Night
- 3/26 Pack 236 Blue/Gold Dinner

## Upcoming Events

3-15-09



### Missionaries Cam & Anne Gongwer to visit Immanuel Sunday, March 22

The Gongwers live in Ghana, West Africa. Their ministry integrates community healthcare and development with sharing the Gospel. Their vision is to combine medical care and community outreach that provides healing for the whole person—body, mind and spirit. Cameron, a physician, serves at the Ankaase Methodist Faith Healing Hospital. Anne, a teacher, interacts with local leaders in a literacy outreach program that includes the development of the Reading Town Library. Immanuel UMC has been instrumental in the building of this library by sending teams and financial support to Ankaase. Caylor enjoys homeschooling and playing with friends. Together, they are dedicated to reaching out to make life whole in the name of Jesus Christ. **Come and hear their testimony at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services and join us in the Wesley Hall for a fellowship reception immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service.** (A love offering will be taken).

## Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 9 - Maundy Thursday - Living Last Supper - 7:00 PM

Friday, April 10 - Good Friday - Tenebrae Service - 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday - 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM

### *Interfaith Hospitality Network of Northern Kentucky—A Unique Response to Homelessness*

- ♦ The only agency in Northern KY providing shelter to two-parent families and single parents with children under 18 while keeping the entire family together.
- ♦ Serving an average of 40 families per year, including 80 children-most of whom are under the age of 10.
- ♦ Supported by 9 host churches (including Immanuel) and 34 support churches providing shelter, 3 meals per day and transportation to homeless children and their families.
- ♦ A Day Care Center in Newport providing Adult education classes, laundry and shower facilities, telephone and internet access, a mailing address and children's playroom.
- ♦ Professional Case Management providing help with education, employment, and permanent housing.

**Immanuel will host families March 22-29 here at our church.** Volunteers are needed to visit with our guests, help provide meals, stay as overnight hosts, do laundry and pray for these families. If you would like to get involved in this worthy effort, please contact Pastor Kelly McClendon at the church (859-341-5330) or [drkellymac@immanuelumc.org](mailto:drkellymac@immanuelumc.org).

**Youth:** for more on our upcoming events check out our webpage at: [www.immanuelumc.org/YOUTH](http://www.immanuelumc.org/YOUTH)



**Mark your calendars!** Please plan to join in celebrating our graduating high school seniors at a banquet in their honor on Sunday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Wesley Hall. More details to follow soon.

Children: **KIDS KINGDOM**

**"Where God Rules!"**

All children ages 3 and up are welcome to join us on Palm Sunday to wave palms for the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services! Please sign-in and come to Children's Hall (room #10) at least 10 minutes before the start of either service. If you'd like to join us for both...the more the merrier! Contact Miss Kelly at 859-341-5330 #20 or [kjpotter@immanuelumc.org](mailto:kjpotter@immanuelumc.org).

## Our Mission

"To celebrate the transforming presence of Jesus Christ and send disciples to proclaim the good news!"

## Staff

Senior Pastor	Dr. Kelly McClendon
Associate Pastor <i>(Grace campus, Multiplication)</i>	Steve Pescosolido
Associate Pastor <i>(Youth / Contemporary Worship)</i>	Susan Eaton
Associate Pastor <i>(Spiritual Formation, Discipleship)</i>	Ken Easley
Lay Minister <i>(New Hope campus, Missions)</i>	Jim Fant
Minister of Music <i>(Worship, School of the Arts, Organist)</i>	Joanne Brumm
Minister of Music <i>(and Sonshine School Coordinator)</i>	Sue Nimmo
Minister for Children & Families	Kelly Potter
Pastor Emeritus	Dr. Don Guth

## Worship Locations & Times

### Immanuel - 2551 Dixie Highway, Lakeside Park, KY

<u>Service</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Preacher/Leader</u>
8:00 am	Chapel	Kelly McClendon
9:30 am	Sanctuary	Kelly McClendon
11:00 am	Contemporary-Wesley Hall	Susan Eaton
11:00 am	Sanctuary	Kelly McClendon

### Grace - 5th and Greenup St., Covington, KY

11:00 am	Sanctuary	Steve Pescosolido
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### New Hope - 22 William F. Blatt St., Southgate, KY

11:00 am	Sanctuary	Jim Fant
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## Sermon Series



### LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

for all worship services at Immanuel (*Grace and New Hope*)

**"Falling in Love with the Bible"**  
*(So you'll fall more in love with God)*

This special emphasis will motivate you to begin exploring the Bible for the first time or help you dig even deeper into God's Word. The Bible is the best way to find intimacy with God, and to realize His tangible presence in our lives. Whatever situation we face, God has something to say about it - and it's in the Bible. You will find hope, wisdom, encouragement, and the very purpose for your life within its pages.

## Welcome! Get CONNECTED with God and Immanuel UMC



### Find God: Worship Services

Immanuel offers different environments in which to find God through worship.

- + The Immanuel Church at Lakeside Park offers both Traditional and Contemporary worship services.
- + The ministries at Grace in Covington and New Hope in Southgate offer "blended" services that have traditional and contemporary elements.



### Find God: Connections Class

#### **Connecting with Christ & Immanuel**

Led by Sr. Pastor Kelly McClendon

This class shares a brief overview of foundational Christian beliefs and also explores the meaning of church membership at Immanuel. This class is also for existing members who want to take advantage of this opportunity toward a new or deeper commitment. To register for this class please contact Doris at 859-341-5330, ext. 10. or by e-mailing her at [ddaugherty@immanuelumc.org](mailto:ddaugherty@immanuelumc.org) (Childcare is available by request, call 859-341-5330, ext. 13, at least 48 hrs. in advance).



### Find God:

#### Sunday School and Small Groups

Sunday school classes and Small Groups are a great way to meet new friends and a wonderful way to deepen your faith. They can be found across all the Immanuel congregations. Your *Worship Guide* has a complete list of classes and times on the back cover.



### Find Fulfillment: Volunteer to Serve

Check out the all the Volunteer and Outreach opportunities at Immanuel on the Back Cover of Steeple! Serving is a great way to meet new people and get involved in helping our community.



### Get the Whole Family Involved:

A wide variety of Children and Youth Programs are available at Immanuel, including our Youth Groups, Sonshine Preschool and Immanuel School for the Arts.

## Contact Immanuel

**Main Address:** 2551 Dixie Highway  
Lakeside Park, KY 41017  
**Church Phone:** (859) 341-5330 (all sites)  
**Fax Number:** (859) 578-3563  
**Sonshine School:** (859) 578-3562  
**Online:** [www.immanuelumc.org](http://www.immanuelumc.org)

## *Our Thinking* - Versus - God's Promises

*"It's impossible"*

What is impossible for people is possible with God (Luke 18:27)

*"I'm too tired"*

I will give you rest (Matt 11:28-30)

*"Nobody really loves me"*

I love you (John 3:16, John 13:34)

*"I can't go on"*

My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)

*"I can't figure out what to do"*

I will direct your steps (Prov. 3:5-6)

*"I can't do what God wants"*

You can do all things through Christ who gives you strength (Philippians 4:13)

*"I'm not able"*

I AM able (2 Corinthians 9:8)

*"It's not worth it"*

It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)

*"I can't be forgiven"*

I forgive you (1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1)

*"I can't manage"*

I will supply all your needs (Phil. 4:13)

*"I'm afraid"*

I have not given you a spirit of fear (2 Tim. 1:7)

*"I'm always worried and frustrated"*

Cast your cares upon me (1 Peter 5:7)

*"I am anxious about the future"*

Have no anxiety about anything, pray about everything - God will give you peace (Phil. 4:6)

*"I am not smart enough"*

I will give you wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30)

*"I feel all alone"*

I will never leave you or forsake you (Heb. 13:5)



March 15 to April 5

*Daily Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, thank you for the un-failing love you pour out on all your children. Let your Holy Word speak to me through the Holy Spirit and teach me your ways. AMEN.*

NOTE: The readings for March are available at [www.immanuelumc.org](http://www.immanuelumc.org)

**MONDAY March 16:** John 6:1-15

**TUESDAY March 17:** John 6:16-27

**WEDNESDAY March 18:** John 6:27-40

**THURSDAY March 19:** John 6:41-51

**FRIDAY March 20:** John 6:52-59

**SATURDAY March 21:** John 6:60-71

**SUNDAY March 22:** John 7:1-13

**MONDAY March 23:** John 7:14-36

**TUESDAY March 24:** John 7:37-52

**WEDNESDAY March 25:** John 8:1-11

**THURSDAY March 26:** John 8:12-20

**FRIDAY March 27:** John 8:21-32

**SATURDAY March 28:** John 8:33-47

**SUNDAY March 29:** John 8:46-59 and Psalm 145

**MONDAY March 30:** John 9:1-17

**TUESDAY March 31:** John 9:18-41

**WEDNESDAY April 1:** John 10:1-18

**THURSDAY April 2:** John 10:19-42

**FRIDAY April 3:** John 11:1-44

**SATURDAY April 4:** John 11:45-57

**SUNDAY April 5:** John 12:1-19

## New Hope Congregation

22 William F. Blatt St.  
Southgate, KY

SUNDAY SERVICE  
11:00AM

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30AM

### Prayer Meeting — Mondays 10:00 a.m.

Join us as we lift up the needs of the Immanuel family, all are welcome!

### Susanna Circle—March 18—11:15 a.m.

### Food Pantry — Sat., March 28, 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers are always welcome to come and help distribute food to the many needy families who come to the New Hope Food Pantry each month. Volunteers should contact Nancy Bay or Joni Burtner for more information on how to get involved.

## Our Schools & Kids Stuff!



IMMANUEL  
SCHOOL of the ARTS



Sonshine School  
Developmental  
Preschool

For more information on School of the Arts, contact Joanne Brumm, Director at 859-341-5330, ext 18.

For more information on Sonshine School, contact Sue Nimmo, Director at 578-3562 [snimmo@immanuelumc.org](mailto:snimmo@immanuelumc.org), or our Minister to Children and Families, Kelly Potter at 859-341-5330, ext. 20 [kjpotter@immanuelumc.org](mailto:kjpotter@immanuelumc.org).

### CINDERELLA'S CLOSET 2009



Joanna Circle is selling LaRosa's Pizza peeler cards for \$10 each. Buy a large pizza, get a large pizza free. Proceeds go to Cinderella's Closet. For more information, contact Barb Benzinger at 859-760-6993.

**Fairy Godmothers are still needed! To register as a Fairy Godmother go to [www.cinderellasclosetnky.org](http://www.cinderellasclosetnky.org)**

**Volunteers are also needed for inventory transport, set-up and clean-up, men, women and youth may serve.**

The dress drive continues and we still need lots of strappy shoes (gold, silver and black please!)

Tax deductible donations can be mailed to:  
Cinderella's Closet -Immanuel United Methodist Church  
2551 Dixie Highway  
Lakeside Park, KY 41017  
Checks payable to: Cinderella's Closet-IUMC

### WESLEY NIGHT DINNER- WEDNESDAYS 6:00 PM IMMANUEL - WESLEY HALL

Join your church family and friends for a great home-cooked meal at a bargain price! \$5/adult, \$3.50/children ages 4-11 and 3 and under are free; \$20 max/family. Reservations may be made on the Connect Card on Sunday or call the Church Office by Monday at Noon.

**BOOK SALE**—Joana Circle will have their annual book sale in April. All donations go to the "Jeffrey Chase Herold Memorial Library". Please bring any books, CD's, movies and software to the welcome center and deposit them in the marked box.

### "A HOP, SKIP AND JUMP THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT"

Wednesdays - 7:00 PM - Wesley Hall

Join Jim Fant and Ken Easley on a 7-week tour of the Old Testament. Be ready to move quickly! This study will be held immediately following the Wesley Night dinner.

### HUNGER WALK 2009 - MONDAY, MAY 25

Mark your calendars now and plan to be involved in this year's fundraiser for our New Hope Food Pantry! Forms are available throughout the campuses. Please sign up to walk or at least donate. Contact Joni Burtner at [joniburtner@insightbb.com](mailto:joniburtner@insightbb.com) or call 859-468-6940 for more information.

### HOLY LAND TOUR 2010

The Church Council has approved a tour of the Holy Land to be led by Dr. Kelly McClendon for the first week of February, 2010. Watch for more details coming soon!



### "A CHILD'S OWN BOOK" Book Ownership for Underprivileged Children

This new ministry at Immanuel is to provide personal book ownership to children ages 0-6. We are seeking out the gently used storybooks stored in attics and basements as well as new books. We are asking people to deliver these books to Immanuel for distribution to underprivileged children.

**Board Books-Picture Books-Story Books-Early Readers**  
Donate New or Gently Used Books. Cash Donations are also accepted. For more information, contact Kitty Salter at 859-512-7676 or [kittysalter@fuse.net](mailto:kittysalter@fuse.net)

### CALLED BY CHRIST, SENT BY THE SPIRIT

### KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 3-6

Our district will be hosting this event and we will need lots of volunteers! Jere McIntyre and Betty Minor are the Volunteer Coordinators for the event. If you, or someone you know has gifts of organization and hospitality, please send their names to Jere or Betty. In addition to the host team, there will be numerous jobs to fill. Pray for our efforts and watch for more details to come. Names may be sent to [bettyminor@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyminor@yahoo.com) or call 859-802-5178.

**Weekly Prayer Requests:** Prayer requests may be written on the Connect Cards found in all worship services. Prayer requests may be directed to Doris Daugherty, 859-341-5330, ext. 10; or [ddaugherty@immanuelumc.org](mailto:ddaugherty@immanuelumc.org). (Confidential prayer requests will not be shared with any of our prayer groups or congregation). **Please note:** If you would like a card sent from our card ministry to the person you have placed on the prayer list please put their name and address on the Connect Card or call the church office with specific information. Thank you for your prayers.

**“Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**Hospital**

Charley Taylor

**Health and Healing:**

Imogean Carnahan	Linda Clemons	Willie Enzweiler	Joyce Hildreth	Barbara Martin
Angie Nelson	Deb Pabst	Nancy Rossine	Bill Stephens	Mary Weigold
Gloria Winters	Marissa Rossine	Gene Anderschat	George Andrews, Sr	Carolyn Bessler
Kelly Bisson	Ted Boiman	Collopy Family	Bill Brinkman	Rita Deaton
Donna Lowe	Becky Melching	Dan Obravac	Rich & Nancy Sowa	Charles McQueary
Erin Oliver	Kris Obravac	Sammons family	Earl & Ruby Strimple	Alex Zdolchek
LaVon Herrmann	Matt Valentour	Pat Sipple	Nancy Romer	Sara Shaw
Myrtle Huff	Julia Hunt	Jeff Shinkle	Steven Johnson	Shay Pearsaul
Kaelyn Wellman	Rick Waller			

**Prayerful considerations:**

Anderschat family	Ella Bowman	Robert Coble	Lynne Daley	Larry Dedden
Mary Dulaney	Marina Lucas	Genco Family	Paula & Miguel Perales	Kim Mussman
Rossine family	Delores Corneil	Josh Weller	Timara Weller	Wesley Weller
David Hicks	Jean Loos	Lexi Rawlings	Dungan family	Hoskins family
Ed Rider	Harding family	Mary Hartman	Mike Hastings	Paul & Ella Helton-
Julie Roth	Greg Millar family	Matt Ware		

**Our Church Ministries & Missionaries**

Cam & Anne Gongwer	Igor Volovodov	Homebound members	Nursing home residents
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**Military Updates:**

Leandra Arnold	Matt Bay	Jason Brashear	Jon Breeden	Kevin Burke
Ryan Carron	Dustin Clark	Dunc Dawkins	Austin Dunhoft	Troy Faulkner-
James Fuller	Derek Murray	Christopher Fyffe	Colin Gamel	Ian Gamel
Jimmy Gould	Jason Hastings	Lyndon Hurt	Jonathan Johnson	Roy Kempf
Jarred Lang	Jonathan Marion	Mark Martin	Norvel Perkins	Johnelle Rape
Jamey Rees	Brett V.	J.R. Ross	Stephen Schopmeyer	Adam Sexton
Duran Sheets	Brian Speed	Wm. Stephens, II	Shannon Tomaszewski	Samuel Voreis
Adam Ward	Joe H. Reed	Tim Spreder	Joshua Withrow-Winstead	

## Giving Time, Talent & Treasure

Record of Our Faithfulness		
Attendance	Worship (all locations)	Sunday School
3/8/09	605	189
3/8/09	Gifts Received	\$18,958
As of 3/8/09	Received YTD	\$196,263
As of 3/8/09	Needed YTD	\$210,600
As of 3/8/09	Variance from Budget	(\$14,337)

**IMMANUEL PRAYER**

Holy and almighty God, lead me to celebrate your love and presence.

Form within me the heart and mind of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, use me today to multiply your love in the world.

Amen.

## UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE - *Ten Guidelines* (Adapted from The Wesley Study Bible)

We will become better students of the Bible if we know and use generally accepted principles of Bible interpretation. The guidelines below are such principles - arranged in order of importance.

1. *Take the plain sense of the words.* The Bible was written to be understood by ordinary readers. Most of the time the important meanings of Scripture are clear.

2. *Interpret the meaning consistently with the context.* In any writing, some sentences will be misunderstood if read by themselves. But when read as part of the whole paragraph or longer section, the intended meaning of the writer becomes clear.

3. *Explain Scriptures by Scripture.* In Matthew 13:3-8 Jesus told the parable of the sower. In 13:18-23 He carefully explained the meaning of His story. In other places the meaning of a passage will be supported by other passages that deal with the same subject. In cases like these we feel confident that we have the correct understanding of a difficult passage when the Bible itself affirms our explanation.

4. *Interpret occasional problem passages in light of clear and accepted teachings of the whole Bible.* We believe that God's revelation of truth is consistent with itself. If some passage seems to contradict a major teaching of Scripture, we assume that we are not understanding the meaning of the passage. We need to look further for an explanation that is consistent with the character of God and with His will for people as revealed in the whole Bible.

5. *Not every passage or book presents a full treatment of a subject.* Sometimes a single book may emphasize one side of an issue while another book presents the opposing side. Examples would be Job and Proverbs dealing with the issue of material blessings that can be expected when we serve God, or Galatians and James discussing the place of good deeds in the Christian life. Such pairs do not demand "either-or" choices, but help us to better understand the "both-and" truths of Scripture.

6. *Examine Old Testament ideas in the light of New Testament teaching.* Biblical revelation is progressive. God began to reveal Himself in the Old Testament, but He gave us His fullest revelation in Jesus Christ and in the New Testament. This is not to say that New Testament teaching supplants Old Testament truth, or that the New Testament is complete without the Old Testament. It is to say that Old Testament ideas must always be understood in the light of the New.

7. *Meanings are often made clearer by knowing the geography, history, literary forms, or customs of Bible times.* To know that a "Denarius" was the customary wage for a day's labor - can help us understand Jesus' emphasis on unconditional generosity in the parable of the laborers (Matthew 20:1-16).

8. *Christian consensus is usually a sound guide.* When the vast majority of devout and informed Bible students / scholars agree on the meaning of a passage, their interpretation should usually be accepted as correct. Protestant teaching, however, is committed to the principle that all people who can read the Scriptures for themselves can understand the message of the Bible. When the experts disagree, readers may choose which interpretation to accept, based on the best information known to them.

9. *Distinguish between the significant and the less important.* If no significant Bible truth is at stake, we may agree to disagree harmoniously on our interpretations. If some significant doctrine is affected, we rely on our best understanding of the whole teaching of Scripture and on the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

10. *We may not need to know today.* We will never know or understand everything about Scripture -- or any other area of important truth - but we don't need to know everything right now. Enough is clear in the Bible to bring us to Christ and to reveal God's will for us. Therefore, in interpreting an unclear verse we sometimes need to adopt an attitude of suspended judgement. We may admit that we do not know the meaning, or that we are not yet ready to decide among possible interpretations of the passage.

In taking this attitude, there is no weakening of the fabric of Christian truth because no essential teaching stands or falls on our interpretation of any one passage or even of several related passages. If the teaching is related to salvation, or essential for daily living, it will be supported by further study of the Word. For every passage of uncertain meaning we shall find half a dozen that teach every essential truth clearly.

**The Season of Lent**

How's it going? We aren't alone in observing the season of Lent. There are many Roman Catholic Fish Fry events happening. (They don't eat meat on Fridays in Lent). A sister U.M. pastor is giving up meat for all of Lent. We are sixteen days into Lent with twenty-four more to go.

Are the sacrifices helping you relate to Jesus' suffering? Are the spiritual disciplines beginning to form new or improved habits in your life. Is meeting with God more intentionally building a better and closer relationship?

In the recent showing of 'Fireproof', a movie about marriage, it took about the whole forty days and then some for the husband to get over his own selfishness. The husband wasn't doing well at all until he opened himself to Christ.

Hang in there! Let these good works have their effect on us. The Holy Spirit will certainly inhabit these!

**Carnival,  
that fun  
American  
word, comes  
from two  
Latin words  
and literally  
means:**

**Farewell to  
the flesh.**

**Steven Mosley**

Steve offered a captivating presentation of themes and characters from the Bible. He symbolized the Old Testament with three garments: covenant (chosen ones), kingly, and prophetic.

He then combined all these into one and announced our best friend, Jesus Christ. Jesus was all these relationships and more.

Steve took the white garment of Christ and put it on a long pole (composed of staff and scepter, shepherd and king) and waved the banner of Christ!

His freedom  
His grace  
His deliverance  
His victory

We, too, are chosen by God. And we, too, wave the banner of Jesus Christ!

**Children Liked to Take a Risk**

Last Sunday, I learned something about our children. They are risk-takers. For the Children's Moment, I had brought two Hershey bars, two Reese's Cups and four money envelopes. In the envelopes were .50, \$1.00, \$2.00, and \$3.00. Since it was Laricus' birthday, he got to pick two things for gifts. Well, he picked two money envelopes. It just so happened that he picked the two highest money envelopes. Perhaps, this inspired the other children to select money when they won the Bible verse search competition.

Whatever it did, the children picked all the money before they chose the candy. Joel ended up with the fifty cent envelope.

If one of us gets blessed, it inspires the rest of us to seek the blessing too. Or I should say to seek the Blesser. God is the real giver as He gives us grace in His Son, Jesus. Let's be like the children and follow the blessing. There's something for everyone! :) Pastor Steve

**Sunday Nite Live  
Community Church  
& Dinner**

**Sundays from 4- 6 p.m.**

Please join us for SNL (Sunday Night Live). This loving outreach offers a spiritual message, live music, a hot meal, clothing, food pantry and medical screenings. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please come at 3:15 to the back kitchen door.

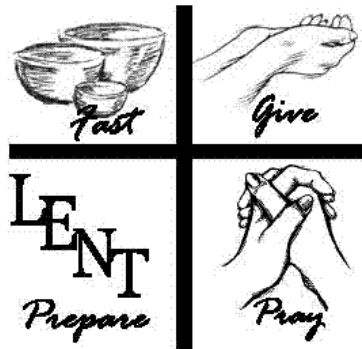
At Sunday Nite Live there is very much need, a safe and accepting atmosphere, and a place to find help in Christ.

Cheryl Sheets is our SNL Team Leader. Please see her if you have questions, need information, or want to make a donation.

- 3/15 Grace/Immanuel
- 3/22 The Bridge Community
- 3/29 Hebron Lutheran

**Children's Team on the Rise**

Lorna McVay has recently sensed God's leading to start a Children's Team at Grace. The team will have it's first meeting today after the morning service!



**Church Lunch**

**Sunday, March 29th**

after morning service  
Please sign up so we can have plenty of food!  
(See Matt Jehn)

**Grace Basketball**

Games have started! Children can still sign up and play. Please see John Vince or come by Friday nights from 5:00-7:00 p.m. or Saturdays 10:00-12:00. The cost for registration is \$5.00.

## Making an Impact...2009 Upward Basketball-Every Child a Winner!

The primary focus of Upward is to develop the Winner in EVERY child. By keeping this goal in mind, we were able to build a league that promotes salvation, character, and self-esteem in all who participated!

This is the third year we have offered Upward basketball at Immanuel and every Saturday during our 2009 season, we filled the Wesley Hall (gym) with 142 players, 42 coaches & referees and numerous spectators. The energy in the building was amazing!



The Immanuel Upward Basketball League attracts families from all over our community who know the quality of our programs and appreciate that we keep sportsmanship and competitiveness in the proper perspective. In keeping with the Upward model, we strived to maximize ministry opportunities by equipping coaches to share Scripture-based devotions during each practice. Coaches are trained and equipped to lead their team through a set substitution system where all players are allowed equal playing time and equal opportunity for improvement. Players were encouraged after each game as they received a game-day star they could add to their Upward uniform.



Our season culminated with an Awards Celebration on Friday March 6. The celebration included a simple meal, a guest speaker and awards presentation. After our guest speaker shared his message, he extended an invitation to the entire room to accept Christ for the first time. The children were gathered at his feet and recited his prayer word for word. We had over 340 people attend this very special evening...Wesley Hall was packed!

I received the following email from one of our coaches the day after our celebration: *"The awards celebration was fantastic!! I left feeling even better having participated in such a top-notch program."*

Thank you to all our coaches, referees, concession workers, time clock operators, parents and players...  
what a GREAT season!

Your Sister In Christ,  
Kelly J Potter  
Upward Coordinator



## Reach Out...Serve God...In Ministry!

### Ida Spence Mission Needs Gently Used Spring Fashions

The Ida Spence Mission will be hosting a Spring Fashion Show in April. Clothing is needed for children and youth (infants to teens) to make this a success. Clothing needs to be delivered by April 1. Contact Christina Breeden if you can help at 859-322-9641 or [gbreeden85@aol.com](mailto:gbreeden85@aol.com).

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thanks and blessings to Jere McIntyre, Steve Crow, Howard Requardt, Tom Keuper, Dave Wilson and Melvin Delong for building a "handicap access ramp" connecting the education building and fellowship hall at the Ida Spence Mission. The ramp provides our seniors, handicapped and moms-with-strollers "step free" access to our fellowship hall. The ramp is indeed a blessing.

For additional information on how you may get involved with the ministry at the Ida Spence Mission please contact Bill Young at 859-342-8957 or email him at [fbypay@fuse.net](mailto:fbypay@fuse.net).

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