

# Steeple



Lakeside Park  
Grace-Covington • New Hope-Southgate

## Calendar

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

- 4/20 Max & Erma's Fundraiser for Cinderella's Closet
- 4/23 Town Hall for Hope
- 4/25 Sanity Singers Concert
- 4/26 Book Sale
- 4/27 Max & Erma's fundraiser for Children's Ministries
- 4/29 Potluck & Variety Show

## Upcoming Events

4-19-09

### TOWN HALL FOR HOPE - DAVE RAMSEY LIVE FREE EVENT THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 8:00 PM - IMMANUEL WESLEY HALL TELL YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

Town Hall for Hope is your opportunity to sit down with people in your community for a nationwide town hall meeting led by Dave Ramsey. Thousands of venues across the country will host Dave's live presentation. In the opening half hour, Dave will offer straight talk about the economy, recession, foreclosures and more. He'll carefully explain where we've come from, where we are now, and what we should be doing with our money during this time. Then, Dave will spend an hour answering your questions!

### Wesley Night Pot Luck & Variety Show - Wednesday, April 29 - 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

This evening has proven to be a great time of fellowship and this one should be the best yet as we close the Wesley Night season with a Pot Luck meal and Variety show that is sure to please! Immanuel will be providing fried chicken, bread and drinks, each family should bring a side dish that will feed three times the size of their family.

★ Can you sing or dance? ★ Do you play an instrument?

★ Want to show off your talents? ★ Have something entertaining to offer?

We've got a show for you! Get together with your ministry teams and perform a skit! If you would like to participate in the show, please contact Kelly Potter at 859-341-5330, ext. 20 or [kjpotter@immanuelumc.org](mailto:kjpotter@immanuelumc.org).

### United Methodist Women Annual Mother, Daughter, Sisters in Christ Banquet

Wednesday, May 6 - 6:00 PM Immanuel Wesley Hall

Cost: Adults \$10, Children 12 & Under \$5

The program will include a drama presentation by the Skitters Youth Drama Group. Catering by Martha's Catering. Reservations can be made outside of Wesley Hall on Sundays, April 19th, 26th and May 3rd or call Joni White at 859-578-8136 or 859-802-3880.

This is a great time for fellowship with other ladies inside and outside of the church family.



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

### Northern Kentucky Youth Participate in Global Youth Service Day

Children, Inc. will mobilize more than 2,000 young people to participate in the 21st Annual Global Youth Service Day (GSYD) on **Saturday, April 25**. During GSYD, youth around the world organize community service projects to address local needs. So far we have come up with many projects; a book collections of "A Child's Own Book", site clean-ups and landscaping for H.O.N.K. and many clean-up/beautification projects across N. Kentucky. For more information about local events or to get involved, please contact Children, Inc. at 859-431-2075 or call Caitlyn Sturgil at 859-496-7967. Much help is needed.



**Mark your calendars! 2009 Senior Banquet!** Please join in celebrating our graduating high school seniors at a banquet in their honor on Sunday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wesley Hall. Adults \$10, Ten and under \$8. Tickets will be available outside of Wesley Hall April 19th through May 10th.

**Children: KIDS KINGDOM**

**"Where God Rules!"**

### Here comes a super fun summer at Immanuel!

Music Camp is June 22-26!

Vacation Bible School is July 13-17!

Family Outflow Camp is August 3-7!

If you would like specific information about any of the super fun summer events, contact Kelly Potter at 859-341-5330, ext. 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

### NEW SERMON SERIES - Beginning April 19th

All services and locations of the Immanuel family

- **Do you have recession depression?**
- **Are you worried about the future?**
- **Are you tempted to feel hopeless?**

*The Word of God and the Gospel of Christ can help!*

### **HOPE AGAIN...**

- when you are downcast about the forecast
- when you are fretting about money
- when life seems unfair
- when you are guilt-ridden
- when you are fearful or worried
- when you face delays, detours & disappointment
- when you have relationship issues

## 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.

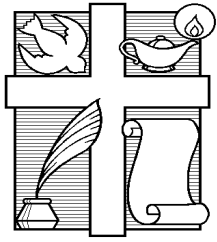


### Get the Whole Family Involved:

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)



## HOPE AGAIN...

This week we are beginning a new sermon series in response to the economic challenges that have been discouraging to so many in our

nation. We are encouraging you to *"Hope Again."* We are still in the season of Easter - so we have so much hope to enjoy - the hope of forgiveness, the hope of new beginnings, the hope of overcoming and living in victory, the hope of the living presence of Christ to empower us, the hope of eternity.

But we must understand the unique nature of the *"Hope"* that we need. In his article, *"What is so important about Christian hope?"* John Piper writes,

The word *"hope"* in ordinary English vocabulary is generally distinguished from certainty. We would say, *"I don't know what's going to happen, but I hope it happens."*

When you read the word *"hope"* in the Bible (like in 1 Peter 1:13, *"set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ"*), hope is not wishful thinking. It's not *"I don't know if it's going to happen, but I hope it happens."* That's absolutely not what is meant by Christian hope.

Christian hope is when God has promised that something is going to happen and you put your trust in that promise. Christian hope is a confidence that something will come to pass because God has promised it will come to pass. Hope is a portion or part of faith. Faith and hope, in my mind, are overlapping realities: hope is faith in the future tense - so most of faith is hope.

So let's look away from the [challenging] circumstances that confront us, look to Christ, look to the promises of God, and hold fast to them. Hope comes from the promises of God rooted in the work of Christ.

We trust that this series will help us stand more firmly on the strong foundation of faith - and hope for the good future - God promises to His children.

I hope to see you in worship and, as always, I invite you to invite your friends, relatives, associates and neighbors to come to church with you.

God bless you.

## April 19 to May 10

*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.*

19 Sunday: John 21

20 Monday: John 17:1-11

21 Tuesday: John 17:12-19

22 Wednesday: John 17:20-26

23 Thursday: 1 John 1:1-10

24 Friday: 1 John 2:1-11

25 Saturday: 1 John 2:12-17

26 Sunday: 1 John 2:18-29

27 Monday: 1 John 3:1-10

28 Tuesday: 1 John 3:11-18

29 Wednesday: 1 John 3:19-4:6

30 Thursday: 1 John 4:7-21

### MAY 2009

1 Friday: 1 John 5:1-12

2 Saturday: 1 John 5:13-21

3 Sunday: 2 John 1-13

4 Monday: 3 John 1-15

5 Tuesday: Colossians 1:1-14

6 Wednesday: Colossians 1:15-23

7 Thursday: Colossians 1:24-2:7

8 Friday: Colossians 2:8-23

9 Saturday: Colossians 3:1-11

10 Sunday: (MOTHER'S DAY) Colossians 3:12-17

**NOTE:** The readings for the months of April and May are available at [www.immanuelumc.org](http://www.immanuelumc.org)

## 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!

### Food Pantry — Sat., April 25, 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.

### Music Camp—June 8-12 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Set these dates aside now and plan to be a part of this wonderful musical experience for kids in 1st-6th grade!

## 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).

### Max & Erma's Presents -

### A Children's Outreach Ministry Fundraiser

Monday, April 27, 2009

Open for lunch, dinner and carryout! Anyone who would like to see our children's outreach ministries flourish can help by eating at Max & Erma's in Crestview Hills on Monday, April 27. **DON'T FORGET YOUR COUPON...** you will find them all around the Immanuel building. 20% from the proceeds come back to the ministry! SEE YOU THERE!

**CINDERELLA'S CLOSET FUNDRAISER—MAX & ERMA'S MONDAY, APRIL 20TH - LUNCH & DINNER**  
Dine at the Crestview Hills restaurant and present the pink coupon (found throughout the church) and Cinderella's Closet will receive 20% of your sale!

### *SANITY SINGERS IN CONCERT*

*SATURDAY, APRIL 25*

*IMMANUEL SANCTUARY - 7:30 PM*

Be sure to invite your friends and family to this wonderful evening of music! The interlude will feature the newest Barbershop Quartet - Ken, Kelly, Ian and Doug, you won't want to miss it!

### **BOOK SALE—Sunday, April 26**

Joanna Circle hosts this annual book sale. All donations go to the "Jeffrey Chase Herold Memorial Library". Please stop by the Welcome Center outside of Wesley Hall.

### **HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE POPULAR BOOK, THE SHACK, BY WILLIAM YOUNG?**

**Beginning, Sunday, April 26th**, the WOW Sunday School class will start a 6 week study using the book Finding God in the Shack, by Roger Olson. Even if you haven't read The Shack, you'll enjoy a great discussion and Olson provides a synopsis in the first chapter of the study book. A limited number of copies of Finding God in the Shack will be available in class (\$12 each) or are available at Family Christian and on-line at Amazon.com. Questions, contact Mick or Laura Raney at 859-250-9944 or [mick.raney@insightbb.com](mailto:mick.raney@insightbb.com). Everyone is welcome! We meet downstairs in **Room 13 at 9:30am.**

### **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.

### **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank the Immanuel body of Christ for their support and prayers during my time of need. I continue to need your prayers and encouragement as I recover. God bless you all!  
Barbara Martin

## **SAVE THE DATE! 7:00 PM, TUESDAY, MAY 5 - IMMANUEL SANCTUARY**

### **West Virginia Wesleyan College Concert Chorale**

A 60 voice mixed ensemble with a long tradition of excellence will perform here under the direction of Dr. Larry Parsons, named Outstanding Performing Artist by the Governor's Awards for Culture, History and Arts of West Virginia in 2000.

### **Here is how you can help with this extraordinary event:**

Provide overnight accommodations, breakfast and transportation for 1-2 students.

Assist with providing the evening meal for our choir guests on May 5.

Offer a monetary donation to help defray the costs of this event.

To volunteer contact Richard Ingraham at 859-525-6379 or [ringraham@fuse.net](mailto:ringraham@fuse.net) or Joanne Brumm at 859-341-5330, ext. 18.

**Weekly Prayer Requests:** Prayer requests may be written on the Connect Cards found in all worship services. Prayer requests may also be directed to Doris Daugherty, 859-341-5330, ext. 10; or, via e-mail to [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

**Congratulations to:**

TC and Kristan Getsy on the birth of their son Luke Alton Getsy on April 14.

JJ & Stephanie Pethtel on the birth of their daughter Taylor Raye. Proud grandparents are Charley & Pam Taylor.

**Health and Healing:**

Imogean Carnahan	Linda Clemons	Helene Dreibelbis	Marilyn Dungan	Willie Enzweiler
Joyce Hildreth	Miriam Hillgardner	Allison Kriege	Barbara Martin	Sue Nimmo
June Hedger	Deb Pabst	Nancy Rossine	Bill Stephens	Cornell Thompson
Mary Weigold	Gloria Winters	Megan Moore	Dott & Ray Nash	Ruby Boles
George Andrews	Carolyn Bessler	Ted Boiman	Collopy Family	Bill Brinkman
Donna Lowe	Becky Melching	Rich & Nancy Sowa	Earl & Ruby Strimple	Matt Valentour
Alex Zdolchek	Hardy family	Paula Perrino	Elizabeth Moore	Gary Mason
Henry Atkinson	David & Rae White	Mike McKeown	Porter family	John Cain
Fiorelli family	Pam Collins	Bonnie Rost	Wendi Bowling	Jane Foertsch
Gloria Goering	Joan Hill	George Hill	Joann Anderson	Barb Atkinson
Stacy Kishbaugh	Mollie Clark	Grace	Frank & Sal	Jeff
Bill & Wendy Curry	Denny Boehm	LaVon Herrmann	Edmond Ritter	Ron Johnson
Rosemary	Jackson family	Roy & Betty Parrish	Sheila Jennings	Cooper family
Alana Maret	Berneice Kleindienst	Charlie Ball	Ann Rigdon	Dianne Lee

**Prayerful considerations:**

Anderschat family	Ella Bowman	Michael Brown	Courtney Kenter	Lynne Daley	Larry Dedden
Mary Dungan	Marina Lucas	Genco family	Amy Noble	Paula & Miguel Perales	Kim Mussman
Jan McCully	Bonnie Morgan	Lavonne McKeown	Hastings family	Rossine family	Spicer family
Nita Hergott	Meek family	Josh Weller	Timara Weller	Wesley Weller	Jean Loos
Dungan family	Hinners family	Harding family	Bonnie Morgan	Nauglebaugh family	Nathan Hedger
Waters family	Dott & Ray Nash	Mary Jo Mullins	Russell M.		

**Our Church Ministries & Missionaries**

Cam & Anne Gongwer Igor Volovodov Homebound members Nursing home residents.

**General:**

Our church and leaders Our nation and leaders Economy People facing challenges LEAF International Persons grieving a loss

**Military Updates:**

Leandra Arnold	Matt Bay	Jason Brashear	Jon Breeden	Kevin Burke	Ryan Carron	Dustin Clark
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
4/12/09	1180	251
4/12/09	Gifts Received	\$27,185
As of 4/12/09	Received YTD	\$317,536
As of 4/12/09	Needed YTD	\$315,900
As of 4/12/09	Variance from Budget	\$1,636

**The experience of visiting the Holy Land** was one I highly recommend. I traveled with the group that visited in 2008. It brought to life so much of what the bible teaches. To walk the land where Jesus walked, to sail on the sea of Galilee, to visit the Mount of Olives, to walk the streets of Jerusalem and to see the excavation taking place in Jerusalem to the levels that existed in Jesus’ time, to visit the Garden Tomb was so moving and inspiring. There were so many things to see and areas to explore – the Roman ruins of cities that we have studied and to see ruins of towns that existed 2000 yrs ago was so awesome. The service Pastor Kelly had for us at the river Jordan was deeply moving. I felt perfectly safe as we traveled throughout Israel and even when we visited Bethlehem which is in Palestine. The country thrives on tourism so special care is taken to ensure safety. There is no better way to learn the history of this fascinating country and Christianity. The impact of all I saw and learned continues to grow as I relive the trip and I feel a deeper spirituality than I did before I had this opportunity. I would go again and again. Ann Bryant



## HOLY LAND TOUR

***"JOURNEY THROUGH THE LAND OF ISRAEL"***  
***Dan to Beer Shevah Itinerary***

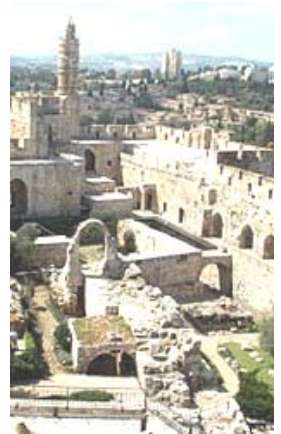
**Early February, 2010**

**Estimated Price:**

**\$2,459.00 pp. from Cincinnati, OH**  
**Not Including: tips, taxes and insurance**

**HOSTED BY:**

**Pastor Kelly McClendon**  
**Immanuel United Methodist Church**  
**Lakeside Park, Kentucky**



*Would you like to have a life changing and never-to-be forgotten experience?  
It is our joy to invite you on a trip to the Bible Lands where you will find a  
new dimension in understanding Christian history and life of Jesus our Messiah.  
We will visit places where Jesus walked, lived, taught, performed miracles, where  
He was crucified and raised from the dead. We will take a boat ride on the Sea  
of Galilee; take communion at the Garden Tomb, and a Baptismal service in the Jordan River.  
Pastor McClendon will hold on-site teachings at various sites during the tour.*

*\* Optional six days tour of Egypt will be offered later (St. Catherine, Cairo and Luxor).*

**For more information contact:**

**Quentin Davis**

**Or go to the website: <http://www.immanuelumc.org/Holy-Land-Tour.htm>**

**Email: [qdavis@immanuelumc.org](mailto:qdavis@immanuelumc.org)**

**TEL: 859-341-5330**

**Or call Jerusalem Tours: 888-373-8687**



## Walk to Emmaus<sup>®</sup>

THE UPPER ROOM

### Two Women to 'Travel' the Emmaus Walk

The Emmaus Walk is a 72-hour retreat experience aimed at enabling a person to genuinely experience God's love. This

movement also builds up leaders for Christ's Church.

Two of our sisters in Christ, Kriss Fee and Tammy Hutson, will be participating in the upcoming Women's Walk. This walk will take place April 23-26 at Moye Spiritual Life Center at St. Anne Convent in Campbell County.

Two more of our sisters will be serving on the team that presents this retreat. They are Lisa Hoppe and Teresa Turpin. Please lift up all four women and the whole Women's Walk for God's blessing and personal experiences with Jesus Christ.

**Phone number for Grace:  
859-431-9888**  
**Our address:  
131 E. 5th St.  
Covington, KY 41011**

### 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.

4/19 Grace/Immanuel  
4/26 The Bridge Community Church  
5/3 The Vineyard Community Church  
5/10 Florence United Methodist  
5/17 Asbury United Methodist

## United Methodist Annual Conference Comes to Covington

This year's Annual Conference sessions will be held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center from June 3-6. This large gathering of over 1500 clergy and lay members of the Annual Conference will be a big event in Covington! And we are the closest United Methodist congregation to the downtown conference.

Volunteers are needed to offer kind hospitality to our United Methodist brothers and sisters. If you would like to help with greeting, ushering, parking or the like, please see Pastor Steve or Jeff Poland. There will be a training and commissioning time next Sunday, April 26 at 2:30 p.m. at Immanuel for all the volunteers from the Covington District.



### Children's Team Meets Today

The new Children's Team will continue their after church meetings today in the Parish House. Basketball has gone wonderfully this year with the season wrapping up yesterday. Thank you to the adults and youth who made this league possible!

A movie night is planned for Saturday night, May 2nd. Also, the team is planning a series of Wild Wednesdays at Goebel Park through the summer. If you would be willing to help or even coordinate one of these nights, please see Lorna McVay. Youth are encouraged to sign up to help too. You can keep up with the children better than the adults!

### Graduate Sunday

We will honor our  
high school graduating seniors  
on **Sunday, May 17, 2009**

### Scholarship Applications

can still be submitted up to this  
**Friday by 5:00 p.m.** at Immanuel.

### Recovery By Grace

Recovery By Grace meets Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library. This is a safe and confidential place to receive support and healing from your hurts, hang-up's and habits. Contact Joani Weller: 341-5330, ext 11.

Would you like to become a member of the Grace congregation and the Immanuel United Methodist Church?

### Membership Class **TODAY at Grace**

Led by  
Senior Pastor Kelly McClendon  
and  
Grace Pastor Steve Pescosolido

3:30-5:30 p.m.  
Child care available

## Making an Impact... 2009 Journey Through Holy Week

*The Living Last Supper*, offered on Maundy Thursday was a truly moving experience for performers and worshippers alike. Based on DaVinci's painting, the presentation allowed us to participate in the Last Supper and the Passover Feast with Jesus and His disciples. One worshipper expressed it this way: "It was wonderful...it all felt like we were witnessing it for the first time. Very moving." Nearly 70 people served in this ministry as cast, crew, choir, musicians and worship support, and over 260 people experienced the presentation and Holy Communion service.



Our Immanuel family participated in the annual *Good Friday Community Service*, hosted by Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Several area churches came together at noon to worship this solemn time in our journey. Pastor Kelly's message "Sign By the Highway" reminded us of the cross and our need to turn our eyes upon Jesus and His sacrifice for our sins.

On Good Friday evening, our *Tenebrae Service* (Service of Darkness) offered worshippers time to meditate on the passion of Christ, with readings, extinguishing of candle light, and music by soloists. Pastor Kelly's message, "Sometimes It Causes Me to Tremble", led us to the cross of Christ, and His sacrifice FOR EACH ONE OF US. The evening culminated with the singing of "Were You There", as we recalled that, indeed, we WERE there when Christ was crucified.

The Saturday night before Easter was a time of remembering the sacrifice Christ made for us. About 30-40 youth and adults gathered at the *Garden of Hope* in Covington for a worship service/re-enactment of the death and burial of Jesus. Through special music, dramatic readings, a re-enactment of the burial of Jesus and Holy Communion, participants were led into a time of worship and remembrance. Special thanks to Greg Hughes for his vision and follow through. We were all blessed!

We rejoice in the excellent response to our second annual *Easter Prayer Vigil*. Over 80 individuals made a written commitment and many more promised to pray for an hour between 8:30 p.m. Good Friday and 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday morning. What a great way to prepare our hearts for Resurrection morning!

*Easter Sunday* brought nearly 1200 worshippers to all of our Immanuel locations and worship services, as we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, and God's victory over the grave! What a joyous time of word, music and fellowship in the name of Christ!



The Worship and Music Team thanks all who generously offered gifts of time and talent to serve in this year's Holy Week Worship opportunities.

May God bless you as you continue your journey with Him.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Joanne Brumm  
Minister of Music

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

**CALLED BY CHRIST, SENT BY THE SPIRIT - KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 3-6**

**COVINGTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE - SUNDAY, APRIL 26 AT IMMANUEL - 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

A time of worship and Holy Communion - Annual Conference training for Lay Delegates - Volunteer Training  
Volunteer Consecration and Dedication with Rev. Kevin Burney, Covington District Superintendent

**Many volunteers are needed for the Annual Conference** which will be held in Covington this year. Greeters, Ushers, Parking helpers, Nurses, Pages...there is something for everyone to do! Attend the training/commissioning event and find out you can get plugged in! This event is open and recommended to all lay delegates from our district churches going to annual conference, those volunteering to work and serve, and other interested folks who care about and appreciate the work of the United Methodists in Northern Kentucky.

Call or email to learn how you can help with these areas!

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