

# Steeple



Lakeside Park  
Grace-Covington • New Hope-Southgate

## Calendar

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

- 5/4 Stewardship Committee
- 5/5 WV Wesleyan College  
Chorale Concert
- 5/6 UMW Banquet
- 5/7 National Day of Prayer
- 5/7 Happy Loafers
- 5/9 Happy Hearts (New Hope)
- 5/9 Sewing His Love
- 5/11 Mary Martha Circle
- 5/12 Sarah Circle
- 5/13 Joanna Circle
- 5/15 School of Arts Recital
- 5/17 Senior High Banquet

## Upcoming Events

5-3-09

### 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 feature 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.

### Holy Land Tour Preview

**Sunday, May 17 - 10:30 AM or 12:00 PM - Room 12**

Anyone interested in finding out more about the upcoming tour of the Holy Land in February of 2010 should stop in for this informative half-hour preview and information session. See Quentin Davis if you have any questions.

### TUESDAY, MAY 5 - 7:00 PM - 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. (We still need a few host homes)

Assist with providing/serving 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.

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



**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 through May 10th. Graduating Seniors this year are:

- |                  |                |              |                 |                  |                  |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Christian Barrix | Alex Benken    | Jay Breeden  | Shelby Coons    | Christy Culbreth | Katie Dawson     |
| Matt Dickman     | Bob Edmunds    | Jessica Fee  | Emily Glockner  | Erik Hanson      | Amber Hellebusch |
| Chrissy Hill     | Brian Kerdolff | Jordan Lange | Micah McClendon | Eric Messer      | Matt Miller      |
| Greg Muzillo     | Desiree Seaton | David Thomas | Ian VanLierop   | Linea Webb       | Brian Wood       |

If you know of a graduating Senior not listed here, please call the church office (859-341-5330) so that we may include them in the next publication of the Steeples.

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

### SPRING SERMON SERIES

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)

## An Antidote to Anxiety *(about the economy)*



From Pastor Kelly

In our "Hope Again" series we've been talking about the general anxiety people are having about money and the economy these days. We may transfer some that fear to the swine flu now - but I expect money will be back soon as our greatest source of worry. I believe

the best antidote to this fear is to obey this command from Christ, *"Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength."* (Matthew 22:37) It echoes Exodus 20:3, *"You shall have no other gods before Me,"* declares the Lord. When you are anxious about money ask - *Is God first in your life?*

A preacher and his family were on vacation traveling down the highway when they saw a suitcase fly off the top of a car going the opposite direction. They stopped to pick it up but the driver of the other car never stopped. The only clue to the driver's identity was a twenty dollar gold piece inscribed: *"Given to Otis Sampson at his retirement by the Portland Cement Company."*

After extensive searching, Otis Sampson was located and contacted. He wrote a letter telling the preacher to discard the suitcase and all its contents and send only the gold piece. Mr. Sampson used the phrase, *"my most precious possession,"* several times to describe the gold piece.

The preacher returned the keepsake - and when he did he wrote a cover letter telling Otis Simpson about his most prized possession; Jesus Christ. About a year later, the pastor received a Christmas package. In it was the twenty dollar gold piece. Mr. Sampson wrote, *"You will be happy to know we have become active members of a church. We want you to have this gold piece. I am 74; my wife is 72. You were the first one to tell us about Jesus. Now He is now our most prized possession."*

Before I became a Christian I was only interested in making and spending money - after I met Christ I became interested in wise money management. It wasn't until I put God first and focused more on giving than getting that I began to lose my anxiety about money. I worry much less when I am more generous. When God is in His rightful place then the rest of your life comes into proper perspective.

As you go about your day-to-day routine, how much thought do you give to the Lord and His will for your daily affairs? Is He first and pre-eminent in your thinking and planning? Is He the hub about which all else revolves? It is like an antidote to the fear and anxiety we feel - put God first in all things.

## May 4 to May 26

*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.*

04 Monday: 3 John 1-15

05 Tuesday: Colossians 1:1-14

06 Wednesday: Colossians 1:15-23

07 Thursday: Colossians 1:24-2:7

08 Friday: Colossians 2:8-23

09 Saturday: Colossians 3:1-11

10 Sunday: Colossians 3:12-17

11 Monday: Colossians 3:18-4:18

12 Tuesday: Daniel 1:1-21

13 Wednesday: Daniel 2:1-16

14 Thursday: Daniel 2:17-30

15 Friday: Daniel 2:31-49

16 Saturday: Daniel 3:1-18

17 Sunday: 2 Psalm 83

18 Monday: Daniel 3:19-30

19 Tuesday: Daniel 4:1-18

20 Wednesday: Daniel 4:19-27

21 Thursday: Daniel 5:1-12

22 Friday: Daniel 6:1-15

23 Saturday: Daniel 6:16-28

24 Sunday: Psalm 46

25 Monday: James 1:1-18

26 Tuesday: James 1:19-27

**NOTE:** These readings are also 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., May 30, 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

### SCHOOL OF THE ARTS SPRING RECITAL & RECEPTION FRIDAY, MAY 15 - 7:00 PM IMMANUEL LAKESIDE - SANCTUARY

Come celebrate our School of the Arts students' progress! Featured performers that evening will be students from our School of the Arts piano, violin and guitar studios. The recital is open to the public, and we look forward to sharing this celebration with you. A reception will take place in Wesley Hall following the recital, where you will have an opportunity to meet and greet our performers and families. We look forward to seeing you!

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 or [kjpotter@immanuelumc.org](mailto:kjpotter@immanuelumc.org).

**CINDERELLA'S CLOSET COOKBOOKS ON SALE NOW!**  
200 Recipes only \$12! What a great Mother's Day gift this delightful Cookbook would make! Available at both Welcome Centers on May 3 and May 10.  
Help *Turn Dresses in Dreams!*

### FORMER PASTOR CELEBRATES 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

Dr. William "Bill" Pope, Immanuel's Senior Pastor 1978-1985 celebrated his 90th birthday on 4/20/09. Cards and best wishes may be sent to him at 420 Merritt Rd., Maryville, TN 37804.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER—THURSDAY, MAY 7

A prayer guide can be found in this issue that you can use to pray at any time during the day on Thursday. See the guide for more information on the National Day of Prayer

### HAPPY LOAFERS - THURSDAY, MAY 7 - 11:30 AM

#### Immanuel-Lakeside-Wesley Hall

Cost:\$6.00 payable at the door

Frank Garcia will be our featured guest, he WALKED from Central America to this area several years ago and has a great testimony to share! Lunch will be catered by Jane Krogman. RSVP to Nila Clingner no later than Sunday evening, May 3, with names/numbers.

### SEWING HIS LOVE - SATURDAY, MAY 9 - 9:30 AM

Join us as we sew bonnets and seat belt covers for the St. Elizabeth and St. Luke West Cancer Centers. No experience is needed, just a willing spirit! Contact Doreen Tingley at 859-344-8733 or Pam Farber at 859-341-6552.

### HUNGER WALK 2009 - MONDAY, MAY 25

Make plans 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.

### Vaccination is Not the Only Way to Help Prevent the Flu!

You can protect yourself from the flu even if no vaccines are available. These simple actions can stop the spread of germs and help you from getting sick:

**Avoid close contact** with people who are sick.

**Stay home when you are sick**

**Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Don't have a tissue? - **cough into your sleeve.**

**Wash your hands after you cough or sneeze and frequently** when you have touched items touched by others – with soap and warm water, or alcohol based gels or wipes (keep a small bottle in your pocket).

**Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

**Alter the way of greeting** from hand shaking to a **noncontact greeting.** Remember this during church greeting time!! Other good habits such as **getting plenty of sleep, engaging in physical activity, managing stress, drinking water, and eating good food,** will help you stay healthy in the winter and all year.

For more information, call the [CDC Immunization Hotline:](http://www.cdc.gov/flu) English 800-232-2522, Website [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

**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**

**Condolences to:**

Marge Pentz on the loss of her nephew, Vicki Easley on the loss of her aunt, Glenna Valentour, The Flora Family on the loss of Betty Flora.

**Health and Healing:**

Imogean Carnahan	Edna Blackburn	Linda Clemons	Helene Dreibelbis	Jayna McIntyre
Willie Enzweiler	Sue Ford	Joyce Hildreth	Miriam Hillgardner	Conan Miller
Barbara Martin	Sue Nimmo	June Hedger	Allison Kriege	Nancy Rossine
Holly Stanek	Bill Stephens	David Tomaszewski	Teresa Turpin	Charley Taylor
Mary Weigold	Gloria Winters	Megan Moore	George Andrews	Carolyn Bessler
Ted Boiman	Collopy Family	Brinkman family	Donna Lowe	Becky Melching
Rich & Nancy Sowa	Earl & Ruby Strimble	Matt Valentour	Alex Zdolchek	Paula Perrino
Elizabeth Moore	Gary Mason	Henry Atkinson	David & Rae White	Porter family
Jane Foertsch	Joann Anderson	Roy & Betty Parrish	Don Plake	Angela
Charlotte Coleman	Dacek family	Judy McClanahan	Erin Oliver	Aaron
John Cain	Mary Wiechmann	Keith Wing	Dan	Day family
Helen Cahill	Dave Chumley	Aiden DeSpain	Emily & family	Dinny McGarvey
Charles Straeffler	Letha Fisher	Tom Gravely	Wisecup family	Lola Reynolds

**Prayerful considerations:**

Anderschat family	Ella Bowman	Michael Brown	Courtney Kenter	Lynne Daley	Larry Dedden
Dungan family	Marina Lucas	Genco family	Amy Noble	Paula & Miguel Perales	Kim Mussman
Bonnie Morgan	Rossine family	Bernadette Music	Spicer family	Josh Weller	Timara Weller
Wesley Weller	Jean Loos	Hinners family	Harding family	Bonnie Morgan	Nauglebaugh family
Oldiges family	Dott & Ray Nash	Karen Pescosolido	Alma Angel	Charles Crouch	Renee C.
Anthony Dukes	John Mairose	Anita Reiskamp	Judy McClanahan	Sam Read	
Betty Jo Sommerville	Erin Redfern				

**Our Church Ministries & Missionaries**

Cam & Anne Gongwer	Igor Volovodov	Homebound members	Nursing home residents .
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**Other requests:**

Our church and leaders	Ida Spence	Leaf International
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**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	Nathaniel Hedger	Lyndon Hurt
Jonathan Johnson	Roy Kempf	Jarred Lang	Jonathan Marion	Mark Martin	Amy Noble
Norvel Perkins	Johnelle Rape	Zach Rawlings	Jamey Rees	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
4/26/09	590	237
4/26/09	Gifts Received	\$17,882
As of 4/26/09	Received YTD	\$350,819
As of 4/26/09	Needed YTD	\$358,020
As of 4/26/09	Variance from Budget	(\$7,201)

**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.



## HOLY LAND TOUR

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

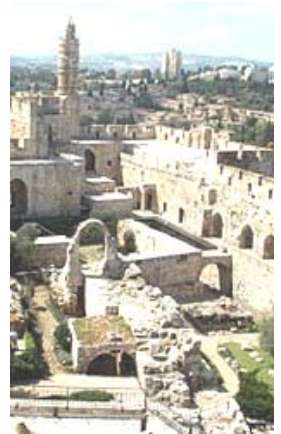
**Early February, 2010**

**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**



Children's Summer Calendar*Wild Wednesday's at Goebel Park*

June 10, 17, 24 July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 August 5

6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each night

Snacks, games, devotion and lots of fun!  
 Many nights there will be water games (wear your swim suit)  
 This is a great way to meet people as everyone is welcome.

Adults or youth, if you would like to help out,  
 please contact Lorna McVay or Pastor Steve.

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 p.m. 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.

5/3 The Vineyard Community Church  
 5/10 Florence United Methodist  
 5/17 Grace/Immanuel  
 5/24 The Bridge Community Church

**United Methodist Annual Conference Comes to Covington**

Wednesday, June 3rd  
 through  
 Saturday, June 6th

1500-2000 United  
 Methodists will be coming  
 to Covington

Events at Grace During Annual Conference

- June 4** Thursday evening  
 5:30 p.m. Kentucky Annual Conference  
*Ethnic Local Church*  
 Committee Dinner in the Gym
- 6:30 p.m. *"Cookout for Covington"*  
 mission opportunity outside  
 on Greenup Street
- June 5** Friday evening  
 5:30 p.m. Kentucky Annual Conference  
*Missions Committee Dinner*  
 in the Gym

Covington District  
United Methodist Men  
to Hold Dinner Meeting  
at Grace

May 21st, 6:30 p.m.  
 Dinner: \$7.00 per person

The Grace Lead Team will be  
 cooking and serving.

Pastor Steve will be speaking  
 about Grace.

All men of the church  
 are invited!

Graduate Sunday

We will honor our  
 high school graduating seniors  
 during the morning service  
 on **Sunday, May 17, 2009**  
 There will be a fun slide show  
 and words of testimony

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.



Kriss Fee and Tammy  
Hutson had a spiritually  
 rewarding time on their Walk to  
 Emmaus this past weekend.  
 They were part of the Northern  
 Kentucky Emmaus Women's  
 Walk #29. In the next Steeples/  
 Grace Notes, we hope to feature  
 all four of our Grace women  
 who were involved in the Walk.  
 (Teresa Turpin and Lisa Hoppe  
 served on the team.)

# Making an Impact... A Unique Response to Homelessness - IHN

## Interfaith Hospitality Network of Northern Kentucky

Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is the only agency in Northern Kentucky 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, IHN is supported by 10 Host Churches and 43 Support Churches providing shelter, 3 meals per day, and transportation to homeless children and their families. IHN is tasked with raising the Faith Based Community's awareness of the nation's growing problem of homelessness. They employ professional Case Management providing help with education, employment and permanent housing. A Day Center in Newport provides adult education classes, laundry and shower facilities, telephone and internet access, a mailing address and children's playroom.

Every ten weeks, Immanuel hosts families through the Interfaith Hospitality Network. The third floor of our church is transformed into living quarters for them and we provide showers and meals. Volunteers are needed to provide meals, drive the transportation van, assist with hosting duties, do laundry, and stay overnight with our guests. To get involved (in any way), call the church office at 859-341-5330. The next rotation is May 26-May 31.

### Facts about Homelessness Today

- There are 750,000 homeless people in the U.S.
- Homelessness is not confined to the inner city
- Families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population
- 40% of homeless people are children, most of whom are under the age of 10
- Leading cause of homelessness:
  - lack of affordable housing
  - 1 year waiting list for government subsidized housing
  - 1 out of 5 homeless people have a job working 40 hours a week
  - A minimum wage employee works 80 hours a week in order to afford a 2 bedroom apartment - Spending 30% to 50% of income on rent or mortgages

Depending on location, the cost to taxpayers for "doing nothing" about homelessness is anywhere from \$40,000 - \$100,000 / homeless person per year.

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



**CALLED BY CHRIST, SENT BY THE SPIRIT - KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 2-6**  
Many volunteers are needed for the Annual Conference which will be held in Covington this year. Greeters, Ushers, Parking helpers, Nurses, Pages, Information Table Helpers...there is something for everyone to do! **A variety of shifts are available.** Call or email to learn how you can help with these areas! Ushers - Charlie Ress 859-341-2127 [carees@insightbb.com](mailto:carees@insightbb.com)  
Greeters - Sherrie Gammie 859-525-6060 [sgammie@hotmail.com](mailto:sgammie@hotmail.com)  
Nurses for Medical/ Emergency- Lyn McIntyre [lynmcintyre@zoomtown.com](mailto:lynmcintyre@zoomtown.com)  
Parking and Transportation - Jeff Poland [jeffpoland@zoomtown.com](mailto:jeffpoland@zoomtown.com)

Pages - Tiffany Hollums [tiffanyhollums@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanyhollums@gmail.com) Information Table Helpers - Lisa Nowland [lknowland@fuse.net](mailto:lknowland@fuse.net)  
General Info - [bettyminor@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyminor@yahoo.com) or [jeremcintyre@zoomtown.com](mailto:jeremcintyre@zoomtown.com)

### CARE NET BABY BOTTLES - SAVE YOUR SPARE CHANGE - SAVE A LIFE!

On Mother's Day, baby bottles will be distributed for you to put your spare change (or dollars or checks) in to be donated to CareNet, a crisis pregnancy center in Northern Kentucky. The bottles will be collected on Father's Day. Start saving now!

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