

# Steeple



Lakeside Park  
Grace-Covington • New Hope-Southgate

## Calendar

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

- 12/7 Lunch at the Manger
- 12/7 Grace Christmas Dinner
- 12/14 Festival of Carols
- 12/14 C & F Bake Sale
- 12/18 Christmas Basket  
Distribuiton Day
- 12/20 New Hope Christmas  
Basket Distribution Day
- 12/21 Birthday Party for Jesus
- 12/21 Grace SNL Christmas

## Upcoming Events

12-7-08



**Festival of Carols — Sunday, December 14  
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Immanuel Sanctuary**

Our music ministry 's gift to our community this season is "Festival of Carols" by Joseph Martin. Choirs, handbells, orchestra, and congregational singing will celebrate the Christmas season!

**Christmas Eve Services at Immanuel  
Wednesday, December 24**

**5:00 p.m. Children's Musical "A Lamb's Tale" Wesley Hall**  
With Kids Club children, Christmas musical, carols and candlelight.  
*Childcare for two years and younger*

**7:00 p.m. Communion and Candlelight Sanctuary**  
A service of carols, Christmas message, communion and candlelight.  
The Chancel Choir will offer special music.  
*Childcare for kindergarten and younger*

**11:00 p.m. Communion and Candlelight Sanctuary**  
A service of carols, Christmas message, communion and candlelight.  
Soloist will offer special music.  
*No childcare available*

*Merry  
Christmas*

**Christmas at Grace (5th & Greenup-Covington)  
Sunday Night Live Dinner & Worship Sunday, December 21**  
**4:00 p.m. Christmas Worship 5:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner**  
**7:00 pm. Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Service**  
A service of carols, Christmas message, communion and candlelight.

**Christmas at New Hope (22 William F. Blatt-Southgate)  
Christmas Music Sunday—December 21 11:00 a.m.**

Special worship event hosted by Rev. Ken Easley. Women's Ensemble, Kids Choir, soloists and instrumentalists.  
A New Hope Christmas tradition for family and friends!



Children: **KIDS KINGDOM**

**"Where God Rules!"**



**"Lunch at the Manger"**  
**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
**Immanuel—Wesley Hall**

*Join us for lunch and a real Bethlehem experience!*

- ❖ Soups, breads and drinks will be provided by some of our friends in the church family.
- ❖ You will experience a creative retelling of the birth of Christ.
- ❖ Bethlehem booths with opportunities to make candles, beaded crafts, bread and prayer boxes.

*Donations will be accepted to offset the cost of the event*

**Birthday Party for Jesus Sunday, December 21 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**  
**Immanuel Children's Hall**

For children 3 years old—5th grade, this celebration will be held during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship times. Care and Share will be available for Infants, toddlers and Two's



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

## Worship Locations & Times

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

Service	Area	Preacher/Leader
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

### Advent Sermon Series

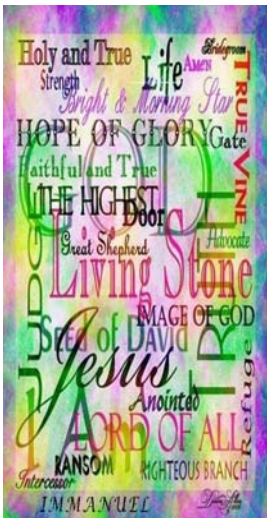
#### Why Did Christ Become Immanuel?

November 30  
To Proclaim the Good News  
Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:15-21

December 7  
To Set the Captives Free  
Isaiah 61:1-2, Romans 8:1-4

December 14  
To Turn on the Light  
1 Thess. 5:1-11, Jn. 3:16-21, Isa. 61:1-2

December 21  
To Transform Our Lives with Love  
Isaiah 61:1-2, Luke 2:16-20



## 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 all the Volunteer and Outreach opportunities at Immanuel on the Back Cover of Steeples! 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)

## Letter from the Senior Pastor

A little more than a month after the birth of Jesus, His parent's took Him to Jerusalem to obey the Jewish laws of purification. When Mary and Joseph were in Jerusalem they met an old man named Simeon whom the Bible calls righteous. His name means "Hear and obey" and that is exactly what he did all his life. Simeon listened to God- he heard God - he obeyed God. Simeon's role in the Christmas story can teach you and me the value of listening to God and the importance of developing our own spiritual perceptiveness.

Luke records that God promised Simeon, through the Holy Spirit, that his life would not end before he had seen God's Anointed King. One day after years, perhaps decades, of looking and waiting, Simeon walked into the Temple and saw a poor couple... a humble carpenter from Nazareth and his wife. They had a small child. Immediately the Holy Spirit set a little alarm off in Simeon's head... THIS IS THE ONE! THAT'S HIM!

Simeon did not question this by looking on the outward appearance. He did not say, "But, God, I expected somebody much more important than this!" No, he humbly accepted the revelation as God gave it to him. Maybe that is what it means to be "righteous or devout" - to have so much faith in God... to be so familiar with His voice... that you can see and understand things from His perspective more and more as time goes by.

Imagine how Simeon felt! Finally, this is the one! So he walked over and, I suppose, hardly able to contain his excitement, he introduced himself to Mary and Joseph, and asked, "May I hold the child?" They hesitantly agreed and then he held the hope of the world in his old gnarled hands, Simeon broke forth into a poetic song of praise. Tradition has entitled it "Nunc Dimittis" which is Latin for "Now dismiss thy servant." In other words - I have seen the best thing I could ever hope to see - I am ready to go anytime you say.

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation [or Savior], which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." (Luke 2:29-32, NIV)

Simeon's words celebrate the wonderful truth: God's salvation has come! A savior is born! This is why we celebrate Christmas! Are you waiting and watching? Can you see what God has done? Do you recognize Christ as your savior?

## Keeping the Lord Close Devotional

December 8 – Dec. 31

*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.*

**MONDAY, December 8:** Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**TUESDAY, December 9:** Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10:** Read 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

**THURSDAY, Dec. 11:** Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

**FRIDAY, December 12:** Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

**SATURDAY, December 13:** 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

**SUNDAY, December 14:** Read Psalm 98

**MONDAY, December 15:** Read 2 Peter 1:1-11

**TUESDAY, December 16:** Read 2 Peter 1:12-21

**WEDNESDAY, December 17:** Read 2 Peter 2:1-10a

**THURSDAY, December 18:** Read 2 Peter 2:10b-16

**FRIDAY, December 19:** Read 2 Peter 2:17-22

**SATURDAY, December 20:** Read Jude 1:17-25

**SUNDAY December 21:** Read Psalm 84

**MONDAY December 22:** Isaiah 11

**TUESDAY December 23:** Luke 1:5-25

**WEDNESDAY December 24:** Luke 1:26-56

**THURSDAY December 25:** Luke 2:1-20

**FRIDAY December 26:** Luke 2:21-40

**SATURDAY December 27:** Isaiah 44:1-11

**SUNDAY December 28:** Isaiah 54:1-13

**MONDAY December 29:** Isaiah 12:1-6

**TUESDAY December 30:** Isaiah 25:1-9

**WEDNESDAY December 31:** Isaiah 65:15b-25

## Grace Groups—Get Plugged into the Grace Congregation!



### Sunday School

There is a class for the children in the KOW Room, one for the youth (Parish House 2nd floor) and one for the adults (Pastor Steve's office). Classes start at 9:45 a.m. and child care is provided.

### Tuesday Night Poland Small Group

This discipleship group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the home of Jeff and Cathea Poland (356-0075).

### Thursday Night Women's Bible Study

- Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. - Lisa Hoppe hosts a study of Beth Moore's "Living Beyond Yourself". The study meets on alternating Thursdays. You are invited to contact Lisa at [lkhoppe@fuse.net](mailto:lkhoppe@fuse.net) or 647-9231.

**New phone number for  
Grace:  
859-431-9888**

**Need help being free  
from addiction?**

### Recovery By Grace

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

## Advent and Christmas at Grace

### Christmas Basket Ministry Doubles!

The whole Immanuel family will be gathering food basket items for the next couple of weeks. Last year we gathered for around 65 families. This year we are preparing 150 baskets!

At the last Sunday Night Live we started downtown sign-ups for food baskets. Already 60 families needing this help have given us their names. The New Hope congregation has 65 signed up. And 16 families have called the Immanuel office. So there is a lot of need.

How to help?

- Donate a basket - approx. \$10
- Come to Grace 12/17 at 7:00 p.m. to help pack the baskets
- Come to Grace 12/18 at 11:00 a.m. to help distribute the baskets

### Grace Family Christmas Dinner

Today, December 7th, we will share dinner together after the morning service. All are invited to stay and eat.



### 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, a meal, clothing, food pantry and medical screenings.

**SNL Christmas Service  
Sunday, Dec. 21st at 4 p.m.**

**SNL Christmas Dinner  
Sunday, Dec. 21st at 5 p.m.**

Please see Cheryl Sheets if you would like to serve at the large Christmas dinner. We expect 250-300 guests!

### Professions of faith in November

Felicia Radcliff	11/9/08
Bernadette Music	11/10/08
Jim Lehmkuhl	11/12/08
Nick Romero	11/23/08

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

You're invited  
to a special  
Christmas Eve Service  
at 7:00 p.m.  
in the  
Grace Sanctuary

**New Hope Congregation**

22 William F. Blatt St.  
Southgate, KY

SUNDAY SERVICE  
11:00AM

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30AM



**Adopt-A-Family for Christmas  
Ida Spence**

**United Methodist Mission**

Immanuel has taken on the daunting task of adopting 60+ families for the Ida Spence Mission which supports the

City Heights area. We need your help to meet the needs of these families! The gifts you purchase will likely be the only gifts these children receive this year. To host a family, please call Bill Young at 859-331-9800 or 859-342-8957 or Christina Breeden at 859-363-7812. You will be blessed!



**Sunday Night Live Meets  
Needs in Covington  
Hats, Gloves, Scarves,  
Mittens and Coats Needed!**

• More than 200 men, women and children attend the Sunday Night Live dinner held each week at our

Grace Community location in Covington each week. Many of these folks are in real need of warm garments for the winter. If you can donate any item to help keep them warm, please bring them to the church office at Immanuel, the Sanctuary area at Grace or the Welcome area at New Hope. Thank you and God bless you!

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

Make your reservation on a Connect Card or call the Church Office **by Noon on Monday**. Cost is \$5/adult, \$3.50 for children 4-12 and those 3 and under are free, **maximum cost is \$20/family**.

**WINTER WEATHER NOTICE:** Wesley Night will be cancelled when Kenton County Schools are closed or let out early due to inclement weather, Wesley Night will be held if schools are only on delayed starts. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 859-341-5330.

**CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY BAKE SALE  
DECEMBER 14**

The Children and Families Ministries will offer wonderful baked items for sale before and between services at the Children's Welcome Centers and Wesley Hall Welcome Center. Proceeds go to Children and Family Ministires.

**LOOKING TO CONNECT ON SUNDAY MORNING?**

The WOW class is starting a 3 week Christmas study on December 7. Using Rick Warren's book *The Purpose of Christmas*, sessions will consist of a short DVD followed by group discussion. We meet in Room 13 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Mick or Laura Raney at 859-250-9944.

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX UPDATE**

A heartfelt thanks to those of you who jumped into the Christmas spirit and filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. We proudly announce 213 boxes are on the way to third world countries! Our district chairman shared that she was blessed to be able to go to Peru last year and take part in the delivery of some of the boxes and said that the children even cherish the paper they are wrapped in!

A special thank you goes out to Kelly Potter, the Sarah Circle, Pastor Kelly and Joe Jackman for helping above and beyond with this year's project. Hopefully next year this can become even bigger!

Mary Jean Giltner and Sue Jackman

**CHURCH MEMBER TURNS 100!**

Eve Edmunds will turn 100 on December 10. If you would like to send her a card please mail it to: 764 Stephens Rd. Lake City, TN 37769

**NEW C.H.E.E.R.S. BIBLE STUDY**

**BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH - 7:00 P.M.  
DAVID, A HEART LIKE HIS,**

This 11-week Beth Moore Bible study is the new material being used for this women's group. C.H.E.E.R.S. is open to all women, if you are longing to have a *heart like his*, consider joining this study! The first study will be held at the home of Karisa Moore, 660 Oakridge Dr, Union (859-384-1619) at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the workbook is \$14.95 (make checks payable to Immanuel UMC) Call Karisa for questions and to order your materials. Be sure to tell your friends about this wonderful study and invite them to join you!

**Our Schools & Kids Stuff!**



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

# In Our Prayers...

Requests received December 7, 2008

**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 with the congregation). Thank you for your prayers! ... *but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6*

**Praise**

For the opening of the Covington cold shelter

**Hospital**

John Eberle Gloria Winters

**Condolences to:**

Jim Ruh on the loss of his mother, Sylvia Ruh. Krumpelman Family on the loss of John Krumpelman.

**Health and Healing:**

George Andrews, Sr.	Henry Atkinson	Carolyn Bessler	Ted Boiman	Bill Brinkman
Ezra Chapman	Collopy Family	Linda Clemons	Jackie Davis	Marilyn Dungan
Peggy Hyde	Courtney Kenter	Tim LaMarre	Bernie Marshall	Kelly Bisson's dad
Joan Hill	Fred Kawahara	Meier Family	Gary Mason	Oscar Hansford
Becky Melching	Mary Jo Mullins	Greg Stouder	Andrea & Bill	Pete & Patty Richards
Nancy Romer	Margaret Pope	Nancy Rossine	Mary Steinhilber	Gene Perry
Mary Weigold	David & Rae White	Stephen Wood	Johnny White	Joan
Alex Zdolchek	Lauren	Mary Steffen	Brenda Lipscomb	

**Prayerful considerations:**

Anderschat Family	Alma Angel	Ella Bowman	Ruby Boles	Michael Brown
Kennedy Family	Daley Family	Dee Britton	Chris Cummins	Michael
John & Sherry Hildreth	Larry Dedden	Genco Family	Marina Lucas	Jean Loos
Michael Noe	Kim Mussman	Nieman Family	Kevin & Chris	Andy Romero
Erin Redfern	Candy Hinners	Marissa Rossine	David & Allison Dungan	
Tony Rossine	Rich & Nancy Sowa	Pauline Perrino	Sebastian family	Spicer family
Haun Family	Cathy Warren	Josh Weller	Timara Weller	Wesley Weller

**Additional Requests:**

Our college students    Our Nation's leaders    Our Church Leaders    At Home Residents    Those facing job loss

**Our Church Ministries & Missionaries**

Cam & Anne Gongwer as they travel back to the states.    Russia: Igor Volovodov

**Military Updates:**

Leandra Arnold	Matt Bay	Jason Brashear	Jon Breeden	Kevin Burke
Ryan Carron	Justin Clark	Austin Dunhoft	Troy Faulkner	James Fuller
Christopher Fyffe	Colin Gamel	Ian Gamel	Jimmy Gould	Jason Hastings
Jason Hennigan	Lyndon Hurt	Jonathan Johnson	Roy Kempf	Jarred Lang
Jonathan Marion	Mark Martin	Norvel Perkins	Johnelle Rape	Jamey Rees
Brett V.	Toby Raymond	J.R. Ross	Stephen Schopmeyer	Daniel Sexton
Brian Speed	Wm. Stephens, II	Samuel Voreis	Adam Ward	Joshua Withrow-Winstead

## Giving Time, Talent & Treasure

**Record of Our Faithfulness**

Attendance	Worship (all locations)	Sunday School
12/7/08	600	221
12/7/08	Gifts Received	\$24,535
As of 12/7/08	Received YTD	\$1,041,593
As of 12/7/08	Needed YTD	\$1,016,652
As of 12/7/08	Variance from Budget	\$24,941

**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.

## Making an Impact...Missions Dinner 2008 – Celebrating Our Call to Serve

Missions Dinner 2008 was a lovely evening for a great cause. The Dinner and Silent Auction event raised just over \$10,000, exceeding the Missions Team's goal and providing the funding necessary to meet our commitments in Ghana and Russia for 2009. Thank you to all of you who attended or donated in any way.



Rounds of appetizers and the Silent Auction kicked the evening off. Items were donated by people from all across the church. Some of the big hits were the vacation condos, a collection of very useful handmade stools and the many different gift baskets. There was even a Hello Kitty electric guitar! During this time, there was a collection of Missions Exhibition booths outside Wesley Hall where dinner guests experienced some of our different outreaches and services first hand by talking to leaders and volunteers and looking at pictures and videos.

A terrific dinner of roast pork and turkey was catered through the kindness and generosity of Rick and Kelly Potter and their staff at the Stringtown Bar and Grill. The Missions Dinner volunteer servers and kitchen staff ensured everyone had plenty of food and felt well cared for. A trio of yummy pies rounded out the dessert course. All through dinner a quartet of musicians from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra played beautifully in the background.

Finally, Pastor Kelly and Jim Fant, New Hope's lay minister, talked to the diners about Missions across Immanuel and presented a short video of the impact different missions have had on some of our members and the pictures from those mission events. It was a moving and humbling experience to see how we have helped others and how those we have helped have blessed our church. "What a fun night!", I heard someone exclaim as she walked out that evening.



The Missions Team and all the leaders of our Missions at the church want to say to all of you who had anything to do with the 2008 Missions Dinner, whether volunteering or attending or contributing, THANK YOU! You made a serious impact in many ways on Missions Ministries at Immanuel, Grace and New Hope.

For all kinds of information on Missions service opportunities, please pick up a copy of the Missions Directory from the church or contact Dave Wilson, Missions Leader or Jim Fant, Missions Staff Support, via the church office.

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

### FEED A FAMILY AT CHRISTMAS

Part of our mission is to distribute boxes of food to more than 80 families around December 21. We need your help! The following items are needed:

Green beans, Corn, Yams, Dressing mix, Instant mashed potatoes, Cranberry sauce, Apple juice or other drink, Box of candy canes or other Christmas candy. Cash contributions are also being accepted to cover the cost of hams. Drop off containers are located outside the Wesley Hall or at Grace outside the Sanctuary and the Parish House.

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