



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

The Caller

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Important Dates in February/March....

2/7: Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday & Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday
2/10: Ash Wednesday; Ladies' Night Out, 6 pm, Kriner's Burgers and Pies
2/13: 9:30-3:30 Officer Training and Visioning Session
2/14: 1st Sunday in Lent
2/15 Presidents' Day (ASD no school); Men's Night Out, 6:30 pm Casa Asian Fusion Mexican Restaurant
2/19: ASD no school
2/21: 2nd Sunday in Lent and Universal Day of Prayer for Students
2/28: 3rd Sunday in Lent and Justice Advocacy Sunday
3/4: World Day of Prayer
3/6: 4th Sunday in Lent and Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday
3/8: International Women's Day
3/11 – 3/20: ASD Spring Break
3/13: 5th Sunday in Lent, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS, Self-Development of People Sunday
3/20: Palm Sunday
3/24: Maundy Thursday
3/25: Good Friday
3/27: Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Birthdays in February & March

2/3: Jason Johnson-Price
2/9: Mark Anderson
2/13: Art Potts
2/14: Gary Respass
2/24: Oakley Johnston
2/26: Ian Macinnes-Green
3/14: Elle Reiter

Accidentally omitted Linda Green's birthday notice of last month, 1/20

Anniversaries

No Anniversaries to celebrate in February or March

Prayers

It's been a difficult time for many in our Immanuel family. Please keep these persons and their families in your hearts with prayer.
Detta Stark for ongoing health and wellness
Joanne Potts healing after cardiac surgery
Jane Schlittler recovering from surgery
Kathy Haldane who underwent a spinal fusion on 2/4
Sharon Arlian who got a new kidney (hallelujah!)
Linda Green, whose step-father passed away unexpectedly
Laurence Evengue-Zeh who lost her younger brother, especially having also recently having lost her sister, both in Cameroon, and not being able to be there to be a comfort to and grieve with her family.

In & About IPC....

Fall/Winter/Spring Worship and
Sunday School Schedule

- Adult Christian Education
Forum: Sundays 10:00 – 10:45
AM
- Children's Sunday School:
10:00 – 10:45 AM: Ages 3 – 11
& 12 – 17
- Worship Service: 11:00 am
- Soup, cookies, and fellowship
following Worship at noon

IPC Session

- Moderator: Rev. Ellen John-
son-Price
- Business Affairs: David Weav-
er
- Christian Education: Sandy
Haldane
- Mission: Herb Turner
- Pledge Clerk: Heather
MacAlpine
- Worship: Sara Johnston
- Treasurer: Diane Marquiss
- Laurence Zeh

IPC Board of Deacons

- Patti Collins
- Rozanne Kimpton
- Gale Smoke
- Sarah Weaver

The All Important Usher

Being an Usher is an invaluable part of our Worship Service. Ushers are the face of the church, our worshipping community. As an Usher, you may be the first person a visitor or long-time member sees when they come into the church. Shaking hands, greeting, passing out bulletins, assisting congregants to chairs (as needed), are only a few of an usher's responsibilities. Others can include: checking the doors and lift doors to see they are unlocked before service; making sure offering baskets are on table

and collecting the offering; checking that altar candle wicks are adequate; choosing and assisting the acolyte, and counting attendance. Ushers also play an important role in keeping our attendees, children, and our facility, safe. To do so, the usher should "wander" downstairs 1-2 times during the service to ensure there is no mischief occurring. On another note, children should not go downstairs unaccompanied. After the service, ushers should make sure all windows are closed and choir loft door is locked; lights

are out, and extraneous papers and books are picked up.



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 24, 2016 was Immanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting. It was a well-attended time of inspiration, fellowship, and great food.

We met over an incredible banquet of food, got to visit with our friends, and most importantly everyone got to hear of the hard work, challenges, and accom-

plishments of the committees over the past year. We also got a peek at the proposed cost of running our church this coming year, and other business. If you would like a copy of the 2015 Annual Report, there are copies on the table downstairs outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Stay Informed—Get your
copy of Immanuel's 2015
Annual Report

Earthquake Preparedness

It was the talk of the town on Sunday 1/24 as most of us were abruptly awakened by the sound, the shaking, and the rolling of the 7.1 Inskin Quake. If it's been a while since you gave any thought to how to be prepared for "the big one" and this one spurred you to give some thought to it, consider reading the ADN of Tuesday, 1/26. It has TWO really great articles in it: "What you should do when an earthquake hits" (pages

A-1 & A-6) with easy instructions about what to do; and "Quake Surprises researchers with extreme differences across Anchorage" (pages B-1 & B-6) showing where the shocks were most severe.

Some of what it says 1. If in bed, stay in bed (with some caveats) and keep sturdy shoes and gloves under your bed; 2. Don't run outside; 3. If outside, be aware; 4. Duck and cover; 5. If in your car –

stay there; 6. Evaluate your house and smell for gas after the quake. There are LOTS of other great hints – so read it and read it with your family so that you all can stay safe!

<http://www.adn.com/article/20160125/what-you-should-do-when-earthquake-hits>

God's Love Exemplified

If you missed this past month's Youth-Led Worship service you missed hearing testimony about God's Love and how we've experienced it in our lives. The service was based on 1 Corinthians 1-13; a passage we often times take for granted and don't give enough thought to. One of the readings during the service was...

Prayer of Commitment by Holly Gerth

Lord, Because love is patient...

Help me to be slow to judge, but quick to listen, hesitant to criticize, but eager to encourage, remembering your endless patience with me.

Because love is kind...

Help my words to be gentle and my actions to be thoughtful. Remind me to smile and to say "Please" and "Thank You" because those little things still mean so much.

Because love does not envy or boast, and it is not proud...

Help me have a heart that is humble and sees the good in others. May I celebrate and appreciate all that I have and all that I am, as well as doing the same for those around me.

Because love is not rude or self-seeking...

Help me to speak words that are easy on the ear and on the heart. When I'm tempted to get wrapped up in my own little world, remind me there's a great big world out there full of needs and hurts.

Because love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs...

Help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me. When I want to hold onto a grudge, gently help me release it so I can reach out with a hand of love instead.

Because love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth...

Help me stand up for what is right and good. May I defend the defenseless, and help the helpless. Show me how I can make a differ-

ence.

Because love always protects and always trusts...

Help me to be a refuge for those around me. When the world outside is harsh and cold, may my heart be a place of acceptance and warmth.

Finally, because love always perseveres...

Help my heart continually beat with love for You and others. Thank you for showing us what the word love really means. Amen.

Love is Patient

Love is Kind

Love is Not Envious

Love is Not Boastful

Love is Not Arrogant

Love is Not Rude

Love is Not Selfish

Love is Not Irritable

Love is Not Resentful

Love Does Not Rejoice in Wrongdoing

Love Rejoices in Truth

Love Bears All Things

Love Believes All Things

The Months

by Linda Pastan

February

After endless hibernation on the windowsill, the orchid blooms—

embroidered purple stitches up and down a slender stem. Outside, snow melts midair to rain.

Abbreviated month. Every kind of weather.

"House" Improvement

Have you noticed the new folding chairs in the Fellowship Hall? Thanks to those who committed some of their 2015 PFDs, we were able to get several new folding tables and MANY new and lovely, padded folding chairs for the Fellowship Hall – THANK YOU!

And...did you notice the face lift to the restrooms? If not, go in to take a look at the new sinks and vanities. What a difference they make!



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Local Presbyterian Youth

Sun. 2/7: Super Bowl Party at Diana Rotkis' home. Bring snacks to share and come and enjoy your friends while watching (or not watching) the football game!

Sun. 2/14; 2/28; 3/20; 4/10; 4/24; 5/8; 5/22: Youth Group Mtg. at First Presbyterian 4-6 pm

Sun. 2/21; 3/6; 4/3; 4/17; 5/15: Youth Group Mtg. at Trinity 4-6 pm

Sun. 3/13 & 3/27 & 5/1: No Youth Group

Fri-Sat, 4/29-30: 30 Hours of Famine at First Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

It's time to register for the 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium!

What: The Youth Triennium is a five day event focused on equipping young people to be transformational Christian leaders; calling young people into deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ. It is a high energy, biblically infused and focused, youth friendly conference.

Who: 8th - 12 graders (currently in these grades)

When: July 19-23 (with Yukon Presbytery Pre-Event in Anc. July 17-18)

Where: Purdue University

Yukon Presbytery will be sending a delegation—Your PFD dedications at work!

Spring Presbytery Meeting

The Presbytery of the Yukon's Spring meeting will be at First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage February 26 & 27. Immanuel will be represented by Ruling Elder Sara Johnston and Teaching Elder Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price.

Sara Johnston will also be representing the Presbytery of the Yukon as an Elder Commissioner to the 222nd General Assembly, June 18-25th in Portland, OR.

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

Don't forget Sunday, February 7th, the same Sunday as the 50th Super Bowl; is also the same day of the 26th Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Bring your non-perishable food and/or monetary donations to put in our soup pots, which will all go to the Food Bank of Alaska.