



The Caller

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

October/November 2016

The Pastor's Page

As of October 1, I have officially been your pastor for one year. It has been a mostly joyful year, with highlights including welcoming 5 new members to the congregation, possibly record setting high attendance at Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday services, and Leadership Retreats in which your Deacons and Elders set forth goals for the coming year and then evaluated their progress several months later. There has also been sadness, with two memorial services in the month of August. Both joy and sorrow are a normal part of life, including the life of a congregation. There is a lot going on at Immanuel these days. We are trying some new things, such as Taizé services this summer which were well-received and will re-appear 4 or 5 times

a year, and a Women's Meet Up group which has started on Mondays at 7pm, led by new member Elizabeth Amber and at the home of another new member Candace Arlian. We have welcomed numerous visitors to our worship services in recent months and several of them have become regular attendees, thanks in part I believe to the welcoming and tracking processes developed and put in place at the Leadership Retreat in February. At the end of December, we will be ending our building use agreement with the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, and the Session has already been approached by other potential groups who are interested in using our facility after that time. God is providing us with many opportunities for ministry in various ways.

Although all this activity is a sign of health and vitality, it can also be exhausting for those who are coordinating it all, namely myself and the Session and the Deacons. Please pray for continuing strength, wisdom, and energy for us as we seek to be faithful to our call as your leaders. We welcome your input and assistance, and later this fall you will have the opportunity to tell us how you'd like to contribute by filling out a pledge card with your commitment of time, talent, and treasure. In the meantime, if you see a need that is being unmet, rather than simply complain about it, I encourage you to find a way that you might help to meet it. In a small congregation, each and every person is essential!

In Christ,
Ellen

Mark your calendar: The Deacons will host Immanuel's Thanksgiving Potluck, in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 20th, after worship. More information as we get closer.



FALL Schedule

- **Children's Sunday School** (ages 3-6th grade): 10:00 am
- **Youth Sunday School** (7th-12th grade): 10:00 am
- **Adult Forum:** 10:00 am
- **Worship Service:** 11:00 am
- **Soup & Cookies** in the Fellowship Hall following Worship

IPC Session

- **Moderator:** Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price
- **Business Affairs:** David Weaver
- **Christian Education:** Heather MacAlpine & Laurence Zeh-Evengue
- **Clerk:** Sandy Haldane
- **Mission:** Herb Turner
- **Pledge Clerk:** Heather MacAlpine
- **Worship:** Sara Johnston
- **Treasurer:** Diane Marquiss

IPC Board of Deacons

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

Called Congregational Meeting 8/21/16

The IPC Session called a Congregational Meeting on August 21st for the purpose of an updated report from the Business Affairs Committee (BAC) and for the election of a 7th Elder to the Session. In those regards, the session recognized the overwhelming responsibility of the BAC and an almost unreasonable expectation that one person should be expected to not only manage the financial affairs of the church but that he/she should be asked to be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds. Session agreed that the **BAC be “split” in two: 1) Finance,**

and 2) Buildings and Grounds which would require a 7th session member be added. The Nominating Committee recommended the **election of Arthur “Mark” Anderson.** Mark has agreed to the call and will likely serve over the Buildings and Grounds. Mark is a Civil Engineer who holds a PE (Professional Engineer) certification and currently works for the National Park Service. While Mark is married to one of our current session members, Sandy Haldane, there is nothing in the bylaws or in the Book of Order that prohibits spouses from serving jointly on session. There were no nominations re-

ceived from the floor and the voting members of the congregation that were present, elected Mark Anderson as the 7th Session member.

Other business presented was that the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga will vacate Immanuel at the end of December. It was also presented that the exterior of Immanuel will be painted and the cost of doing so. Questions arose as to the past bequests of former Immanuelites. The Session refers anyone with questions about those funds to review the 2015 Annual Report.



Beautifying Our Building

Immanuel obtained three bids on exterior painting and has opted to go with the lowest bidder who is licensed, bonded and has a history of painting numerous churches

about town. Unfortunately the rainy weather has brought exterior painting to a standstill and so the bidder now has a backlog of work but Immanuel has been placed in

the que and the bidder will honor his bid next summer should he not be able to get to our church this season. Luckily, the current good-weather streak has allowed him to start the painting!

Talent, Time, Treasure

“STEWARDSHIP IS HOW we use our God-given gifts; it is how we use our talents, our time, and our treasure. These are very familiar words, yet they carry a ring of truth. Stewardship is the way we use all our resources to carry on **Christ’s work of reconciliation in** the world.

In our lives as stewards, the gifts

we offer — time, talent, and financial resources — are holy gifts. They are symbols of love and signs of grace that are offered out of joy and devotion. These gifts are not dues to be paid or entrance fees to be offered, they are gifts of love. These gifts that we offer to God are symbols of our covenant of love with Jesus Christ, made in response to

our understanding of Christ’s great love, which was offered first for us.

When we speak of giving as an expression of gratitude for what we have received, we find ourselves on solid biblical footing. In addition, we discover a new freedom from asking the perennial questions, **“How large should the budget be?” or “How much should I give?”** The

Time, Treasure, Talent (cont'd)

question becomes, “Are we living up to our potential as faithful stewards?” Such an assessment requires great honesty. It also requires us to set aside those traditions that may have limited vision and restricted enthusiasm.”

Stewardship Manual: A Guide for Year Round Financial Stewardship Planning (Presbyterian Mission Agency, 2015)

The Stewardship Committee (Rev.

Ellen, Sandy Haldane, Gale Smoke) will be developing the stewardship plan for 2017. Be thinking and prayerfully consider how you will commit your time, talent and treasure to the work of Christ in in our church, community, country, and world. And if you have children attending, have that conversation with them. Their contribution of their time, talent, and treasure is just as important to their spiritual growth too.



Kitchen Guidelines

As many of you know we recently had an exterminator spray parts of our facility but our pest problem continued. As such a small group of committed Immanuelites recently did a **yeoman’s job of cleaning the kitchen** area and Fellowship Hall in an effort to mitigate pest infestation. Every cabinet, every drawer, and every dish has been cleaned. Paper goods have been placed in protective plastic bins, and all open food items have been discarded. MANY pest control materials have been placed around the building. In an effort to keep any and all pests at bay, we are implementing and reinforcing some new and old rules and common sense when using the kitchen as well as the Fellowship Hall.

Please read these Kitchen Rules carefully so as to familiarize

yourself with them. They are also posted by the sinks in the classroom and Fellowship Hall.

- * Any items used are to be completely washed, dried & put away. NO items are to be left to air dry in or around the sink.
- * All countertops are clear & have been wiped clean with disinfecting wipes.
- * The sink area is clean & dry.
- * All table cloths and/or all table tops have been wiped clean with disinfecting wipes.
- * Leftover food is to be taken home, given away, or thrown out. NO leftovers are to be left in the refrigerator without prior approval of IPC.
- * ALL Trash has been tied up and taken to the outside garbage cans. New trash bags

have been put in the cans.

- * Cans, glass, plastic bottles, paper and cardboard have been placed in the recycling bins.
- * Crumbs and spills are swept, vacuumed, or mopped up as appropriate.

Pests, especially those of the insect variety congregate in the vicinity of 3 things: food, water, and paper; hence the reasons for diligence in keeping the kitchen and sink areas immaculate. We appreciate your willingness and attentiveness to these guidelines. By doing so, you are helping us keep our building clean, welcoming, and safe for all who use it. Lastly, please give a thanks to the following folks for the numerous hours they devoted to the recent cleaning: Mark Anderson, Sandy Haldane, Dan Ketchum, Roberta Long, Heather MacAlpine, Natalya Coulson, Gale Smoke, and Sarah Weaver.

Immanuel's Work in the World—Mission

Have you noticed the new “Food Basket” bin on the table outside of the Fellowship Hall? If not – please take note. It sits in front of the “Mission” Bulletin Board and serves the purpose of collecting non-perishable food items for donation to the Food Bank of AK. Please give generously so that others in our community and state can be nourished.

And on another note, did you notice the “Box Tops for Education” box next to it? This is where you can place your Box Tops when you bring them in. We will continue to give them to Nunaka Valley. If you're wondering about Campbells' Soup Labels – please discontinue bringing them in as the company has discontinued this program.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be taken up on October 2nd, also World Communion Sunday.

UNICEF collection boxes have been ordered – please encourage your Trick-or-Treaters to collect when they make their rounds. The UNICEF Offering will most likely be collected on October 30th

In the past several years Immanuel has delivered food baskets for Thanksgiving to needy families identified by the Nunaka Valley Elementary School. Generally, in the middle of October we contact them about families in need and once provided with this information we will make an appeal to the congregation (November). Items for the Thanksgiving baskets will be due at Immanuel on Sunday November 20th – or can be delivered directly to the school on November 21st or 22nd.

The Mission Committee will meet on Sunday, October 16th - please join us!

Give Us Your Time & Talent!

Your leadership has discussed establishing a Prayer Chain—Think you could help organize one? What a lovely way to put your talent and time to work on this important endeavor. Let Rev. Ellen know if you can assist.

We need ushers. What better way to get to know your fellow worshipers.

And, we need new faces and new ideas on all committees: Deacons, Mission, CE, Business Affairs, Worship. Sign up sheets will be distributed soon. Remember, stewardship season is upon us.

Supplies Needed

Are you making a Costco or Sam's run any time soon? If so, please consider picking up any of the following items so that we can re-stock our stores.

- Paper Towels for the dispensers on the walls
- Lysol or Clorox (or similar) Cleaning Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels (regular kind)

Bulletin Boards Updated

Have you noticed the newly laid out bulletin boards? Hopefully you and our visitors will find them eye-catching and take time to peruse their vast amount of informational contents.

- ◆ The board/table in the office (in front of Nancy's desk) contains materials pertaining to Presbyterianism and community events.
- ◆ The boards immediately outside of the Fellowship Hall are 1) all things Mission related; 2) More Light and Covenant Network news; and 3) Peace and Justice events, announcements, information.
- ◆ The board inside the Fellowship Hall contains information about news going on inside Immanuel, including session minutes, and copies of past Callers.
- ◆ Rumor has it that the Endowment Committee will be posting a board and,
- ◆ The youth bulletin board outside of the Sunday School room is awaiting décor.

Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, 9/2, Immanuel welcomed five new voting members into its congregation. Four by reaffirmation of faith and one by baptism and profession of faith. It was a joyful moment for all and a wonderful opportunity **for all of us to be reminded of the commitment and responsibility we have as members of our church.** Let's all give a hearty welcome to our newest Immanuelites: Elizabeth & Jamie Amber, Candace Arlian, Sharon Arlian, and Linn Schmitt. Each will be highlighted in upcoming Callers.

Jamie & Elizabeth Amber: Jamie and Elizabeth are both originally from Dutch Harbor. They met when they were 4 years old in Sunday school. Elizabeth moved off the island with her family to Oregon when she was 9, but their families remained friends. He started calling her in Jr. High and when his friends were busy buying baseball cards with allowance money, he was buying phone cards to call Elizabeth. Needless to say their friendship was one that lasted, and when they were 23 they decided to "just get married." They lived in Chicago the first 3 years while Jamie attended college. Then they moved to Austin Texas to be near his family and start their life. They joined a young progressive church and found a really good community devoted to asking big questions and leaving lots of space for creatives and the arts.

Last year, as they celebrated their 10 year anniversary, they realized that they didn't want to live away from Alaska any longer. They missed the ocean, mountains and frankly, the cold! They sent the intention out into the universe and by October they had sold what little they had, packed up their 3 cats, and moved to Alaska. Thankfully Jamie's parents live in Anchorage so they had a place to land and family to be with. They both love books, being outside in all weather and good conversation about life, philosophy and spirituality (and of course, beer, movies and food)!



Welcome

Please note, emphasizing the following dates/events:

Every Monday at 7pm: Women's Meet Up at home of Candace Arlian

October 23: Youth-led Worship

November 4, 7pm: Wohlforth memorial lecture at St Mary's Episcopal Church (Immanuel is a co-sponsor)

November 5, 10am-2pm: Wohlforth memorial workshop at St Mary's (Immanuel is a co-sponsor)

November 10, 7pm: Veritas Forum at UAA (Immanuel is a co-sponsor)

November 13: Hunger and Homelessness Sunday; Canned Food Drive

Nov 20, after worship: Thanksgiving potluck

Meet Your Leaders

Rozann Kimpton, Deacon: Dick and I, came to Alaska in 1958. When we started at Immanuel, it was not yet a church and we were meeting in a 2nd grade school room in Nunaka Valley, ES. It was in 1960 **and I believe we were called a “preaching point.” I was on an organizing committee that later became the first session.** Over the years I have served as Elder and Deacon and have worked in the CE and in various other positions for the church.

We lived in the Turpin area for over 20 years so we were real close to the church but later moved out to Chugiak **and since the Presbyterian Church in Eagle River hadn't been built, we just kept driving in. After another 20** or so years, we moved on out to the valley next to the Potts. The churches in the valley seem to have very little diversity and are conservative, so I have just kept driving into Immanuel.

I have 2 sons, one in Anchorage and the other in the valley; a granddaughter and grandson in Wasilla and 4 Great grandchildren living with their parents. Amanda and Luke are my great grandchildren whom I adopted 8 years ago. We have 4 little dogs and a cat. I am active with the VOA Grandfamilies. I have a creek by my house and have built a park by it which is where I spend a lot of my summer time.

David Weaver, Elder: I came to IPC with my wife Sarah, and daughter Kaya back in 2012 after looking for a progressive, mainstream Christian church with an inclusive attitude toward gay and lesbian people. We have since had our second daughter Lily. We wanted to raise our children in a church that would accept them regardless of their future gender identities.

I currently work as an administrator at UAA and I teach part-time as well. I served in the Peace Corps with Sarah in Albania from 2004 - 2006. This was a life-changing experience for us. Beyond learning a new language and being immersed in a fascinating culture, it was a chance to clarify my own values. I developed a strong interest in working for social justice and the rights of women and children.

I'm currently the Elder at IPC tasked with building and grounds care and finances; and I volunteer with the State of Alaska's CASA program. CASA is a volunteer program where interested adults can become Court Appointed Special Advocates for children who've been abused or neglected, and help them as they navigate the stressful process of becoming adopted.

Make a Joyful Noise!

Join the Choir! Voices and other musical talent welcome!

Rehearsals (all at 7:15 pm at Immanuel)

Rehearsals:
Wed. 9/7 & 9/28
Wed. 10/5 & 19
Wed. 11/2, 16, & 30
Wed. 12/7 & 21

Worship Services:
Sun. 9/11
Sun. 10/9, 16, & 30
Sun. 11/6 & 20
Sun. 12/4, 11
Sat. 12/24 Christmas Eve

Thanksgiving Time by Langston Hughes

When the night winds whistle through the trees and blow the crisp brown leaves a-crackling down,
When the autumn moon is big and yellow-orange and round,
When old Jack Frost is sparkling on the ground,
It's Thanksgiving Time!

When the pantry jars are full of mince-meat and the shelves are laden with sweet spices for a cake,
When the butcher man sends up a turkey nice and fat to bake,
When the stores are crammed with everything ingenious cooks can make,
It's Thanksgiving Time!

When the gales of coming winter outside your window howl,
When the air is sharp and cheery so it drives away your scowl,
When one's appetite craves turkey and will have no other fowl,
It's Thanksgiving Time!

Immanuel Women's Group

Come join Immanuel's Monday night women's group!

My name is Elizabeth Amber and I'm leading the new women's meet-up. In my short time at Immanuel I have been inspired by the strength, diversity, experience, and joy in the women I've met here and I wanted to be part of creating a place for us to get to know one another better. Whether you are new, visiting, or consider Immanuel your home I would love to have you join us! Each week will be a new conversation **and so whether you're able to come regularly, once, or once in a while, you'll still be able to fully participate.** I send out weekly emails ahead of time with a podcast or article for us to talk about that week. Topics will usually be variations of fostering creativity, spirituality and personal growth in our lives. We meet at Candace's home and there will always be hot tea and refreshments. You don't need to bring anything but yourself. (At the moment childcare is not provided but if that's something that would be helpful please let me know.) If you would like more info, or to make sure you are on the weekly email list please email me at e.anne.amber@gmail.com or you can always talk to me at church. Blessings, e.

If you would like to listen (or read) the previous 2 **podcasts we've pondered – here they are....**

From the week of 9/25: an interview with the artist, Ann Hamilton. She prefers the term Maker to Artist, actually. She also talks about her spirituality, her grandmother, making, and the spaces we inhabit. Here is the link to [LISTEN](#). And here is the link to the [TRANSCRIPT](#).

From the week of 9/12: an interview with Elizabeth Gilbert, Author of [Eat, Pray, Love](#) and [Big Magic](#). She is has a lot of amazing things to say about creativity, fear, and curiosity. [Here is the link to listen to the podcast.](#) If you prefer reading [HERE](#) is the transcript.

NOTE: Elizabeth is out of town on Monday, 10/3 so there will not be a meet-up however, HOPE we see you on Monday 10/7, 7 pm!



Ministering to Our Youth

Dear Youth and Parents:

School has begun and we are gearing up for our Presbyterian Youth Group ministry for the 2016-17 year! It has been a real gift for us as leaders and as families of youth to join together for our ministry during the past year. Youth from Anchor, Immanuel, Trinity, and First Presbyterian Churches have gathered throughout the year for fellowship, Bible study, service and trips. A highlight for many of us was having youth from all four churches participate in the Youth Triennium with 8 other youth from the villages. A delegation of 19 went to the Triennium from the Yukon Presbytery.

Dora Soria, Rob Russell and Danna Larson currently are serving as the Youth Leaders for this joint ministry. We look forward to including each of you as you can participate in the upcoming year.

Our youth group activities are designed for youth in the 7th -12th grade and we try to meet regularly on Sunday's for the majority of our activities. A typical youth group meeting includes recreation, Bible study, and fellowship time. We supplement this throughout the year with an annual lock-in, mission/service opportunities, and recreational events as schedules allow. We try as best as we can to honor each church's commitments and not compete with what the local congregation is doing. We believe that youth ministry is the responsibility of the entire congregation and know the importance of each youth's participation in his/her own congregation and using one's God-given gifts in ministry in the local congregation. We also know that each youth needs 4-6 other adult role models/mentors besides ones' parents in his/her life to "succeed" in today's world and many times these adult mentors are formed through adult relationships in the faith community.

Thank you again for your commitment in our joint Presbyterian youth ministry. We look forward to joining with you as youth and parents in the upcoming year.

Blessings, *Danna Larson, Dora Soria, Rob Russell*

(See Page 8 for Fall Schedule)

Fall 2016 Presbyterian Youth Group Meeting Schedule

Sun., 10/2, 1:30-3:30 pm: Youth Group Meeting at Trinity PC

Sun., 10/9, 1:30-3:30 pm: Youth Group Meeting at First PC (Assemble College Care Packages)

Sun., 10/16, 1:30-3:30 pm: Youth Group Meeting at Trinity PC

Sun., 10/23, 1:30-3:30 pm: Youth Group Meeting at First PC (Reverse Trick or Treating Service Project; Pioneer Home)

Thurs./Fri., 10/27-28: Youth Group Lock-In (There is no school on Friday) Details to be worked out if this works with schedules.

Sun., 11/6, 1:30-3:30 pm: Youth Group Meeting at Trinity PC

Sun., 11/13, 1:30-3:30 pm: Youth Group at First PC

Sun., 11/20, 4:00-7:00 pm: Thanksgiving Celebration at First PC (Thanksgiving potluck; youth help with serving and cleaning up of meal)

Wed., 11/23, 6:00-8:00 pm: Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Fellowship at Trinity PC (worship and fellowship; bring a pie to share)

Sun., 11/27, 1:30-3:30 pm: Youth Group Outing (Sledding at Service Hill or other outdoors activity)

Sun., 12/4, 1:30-3:30 pm: Youth Group Meeting at Trinity PC

Sun., 12/11, 1:30-3:30 pm: Youth Group Meeting at First PC

Sun., 12/18, 1:30-3:30 pm: Youth Group Christmas Party



October's Party —by George Cooper

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came —
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Misses Maple
In scarlet looked their best;
All balanced to their partners,
And gaily fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow,
At hide-and-seek they played,
The party closed at sundown,
And everybody stayed.
Professor Wind played louder;
They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended
In jolly 'hands around.'

November —by Thomas Hood

No sun - no moon!
No morn - no noon -
No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day.
No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member -
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! -
November!



Dates to Remember

Birthdays

Miles Green 10/2
Rev. John Carey 10/13
Rozann Kimpton 10/23
Jim Potts 10/23
Laurence Evengue Zeh 10/24
Carole Newton 10/26
Grace Marquiss 10/27
Tina Silva 10/30

Anniversaries

Norm & Jane Schlittler 10/12

October is....

Adopt A Dog Month
AIDS Awareness Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Bullying Prevention Month
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Down Syndrome Awareness Month
Fair Trade Month
LGBT History Month

9/26-10/10 Rev. Ellen on vacation

1: International Music Day
2: Islamic New Year & Rosh Hashanah & Peace & Global Witness Offering & World Communion Day (Service led by Rev. Ian MacInness-Green & Laurence Zeh)
5: Walk To School Day
9: Clergy/Pastor/Ministry Appreciation Day
6-8: Presbytery of Yukon Fall Mtg. @ UPC in Fairbanks
10: Columbus Day
11: International Day of The Girl & Yom Kippur
12: Ladies' Night Out 6 pm, West Berlin in Mountain View & Business Affairs Committee, 5 pm, IPC
16: Mission Committee after worship
18: Session Meeting 6:30 pm,, IPC
19: Men's Night Out 6:30 pm TBD
23: Led Worship
30: Reformation Sunday & UNICEF Offering



Dates to Remember

Birthdays

Diane Marquiss 11/21
Amanda Kimpton 11/27
Braelyn Collins 11/28
Kinlee Johnston 11/30
Luke Kimpton 11/30
Karen Lipinczyk 11/30

Anniversaries

Mark & Sandy Anderson 11/18
Jim & Carole Newton 11/22
Mark & Linda Green 11/30

November is....

Adopt A Senior Pet Month
American & National Diabetes Month
American Indian Heritage Month
National Adoption Month
National Alzheimer's Disease Month
National COPD Month

1: All Saints' Day & National Family Caregiver Day
4: Wohlforth Memorial Lecture: at St Mary's Episcopal Church: 7 pm
5: Wohlforth memorial workshop at St Mary's: 10 am-2 pm
6: All Saints' Sunday & Daylight Savings Time Ends (Turn Back 1 Hour @2:00 AM) &
9: Ladies' Night Out 6 pm, TBD & Business Affairs Committee: 5 pm, IPC
10: Veritas Forum at UAA 7 pm
11: Veterans Day
13: Hunger and Homelessness Sunday; Canned Food Drive
17: Great American Smokeout
20: Immanuel's Thanksgiving Potluck after worship
21: Men's Night Out, 6:30 pm TBD
24: Thanksgiving Day: 24
25: International Day For the Elimination of Violence Against Women Day
26: World Day of Giving & Christmas Decorating Party at Immanuel
27: 1st Sunday in Advent

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***We believe that all people are children of God
and affirm the worth and dignity of all races, ethnicities,
ages, abilities, genders and sexual orientations.
Recognizing that we are an increasingly diverse culture
and that there are differences among us,
we make a commitment to lovingly accept our diversity, as did
Christ, with respect, compassion, understanding, and love.
We welcome all people into the full life
and ministry of this church.***



November—by Virna Sheard

How like a hooded friar, bent
and grey,
Whose pensive lips speak only
when they pray
Doth sad November pass upon
his way.

Through forest aisles while the
wind chanteth low--
In God's cathedral where the
great trees grow,
Now all day long he paceth to
and fro.

When shadows gather and the
night-mists rise,
Up to the hills he lifts his sombre
eyes
To where the last red rose of sun-
set lies.

A little smile he weareth, wise and
cold,
The smile of one to whom all things
are old,
And life is weary, as a tale twice
told.

'Come see,' he seems to say--'where
joy has fled--
The leaves that burned but yester-
day so red
Have turned to ashes--and the
flowers are dead.

'The summer's green and gold hath
taken flight,
October days have gone. Now
bleached and white
Winter doth come with many a
lonely night.

'And though the people will not
heed or stay,
But pass with careless laughter on
their way,
Even I, with rain of tears, will wait
and pray.'

