



Immanuel
Presbyterian Church

September 2016

The Caller

(September's Addendum)

The Pastor's Page

I have thoroughly enjoyed the glorious return of summer this past week, with sunny days and temperatures climbing well into the 70's, but the changing colors of the leaves and the cool nights remind us that it will be a brief return. Summer is turning into fall, with all that season implies, both good and bad. In addition to colorful foliage and pumpkin-flavored everything, fall is also a reminder of the cycle of life, and that all things come to an end.

Death has been weighing heavily on me in recent weeks. I am still mourning the loss of a friend and former co-worker who died at the beginning of the summer, and find myself periodically wanting to talk to her, forgetting that she is gone. And as I watch the health of my

beloved dog decline more and more, I know that more death lies not far ahead. It seems that tears are never far from my eyes these days.

And I know that I'm not alone. I know several others in our congregation, and friends in our Presbytery, who have also said good-bye to beloved friends and family members this summer. It has been a hard few months for many. Immanuel hosted two memorial services in August, an unusual occurrence for a congregation that often only has one death per year. Kim and Detta were both strong, memorable women and I'm glad that we were able to help celebrate their lives and support their families in their times of grief. And I hope that we will continue to find ways to honor their memories and the way they touched our community of faith.

As we head into fall, with all its reminders of death, it is a

good time to acknowledge that many of us are grieving, and to remember to be kind and patient with each other and with ourselves. Jesus tells us, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Even as we gear up for the excitement and busyness of choir practices and Sunday school and other fall activities, may we also take time to comfort those among us (and those who come in contact with us) who grieve, that we might be part of that blessing.

With tears and hope,
Ellen



Make a joyful noise to the Lord....



Another fabulous year of IPC choir begins Wednesday, September 7th at 7:15 and I am VERY excited about making beautiful and new music to share during worship.

ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO SING!

Our rehearsals are fairly fast-paced. We try to work far ahead which requires us to cover a lot of tunes in a relatively short amount of time. **We've** found that in the long run this

helps us to learn music better, but it does take a while for new folks to catch up. If you feel a little overwhelmed at a Wednesday rehearsal, then that is a good sign that you are normal! It just takes a bit of time to feel like you are up to speed with the music. **But don't be discouraged as you won't be alone!** We will all be there with you!

The important thing is that you are there! We have a lot of

fun singing, working and laughing so please join us! On the **Sunday's we sing, we meet** in the choir room at 10:30 for warm up.

See you Wednesday, September 7!

Linda Green

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Always working to beautify God's House

- Business Affairs meets every second Wednesday at 5pm at IPC - all are welcome to take part.

- Our selected paint contractor has been able to catch-up with the many sunny days we've had and expects to be able to start painting IPC the week of September 12th - if all goes as planned. He is power washing the church this week. UAA Housing

Painted six large wood-frame buildings this time last year and the cooler weather did not degrade the quality of the work.

- I will bring about 6 paint & trim combination pictures from the Sherman Williams collection (the company our contractor uses) for us to vote on over the next two Sundays, and at Session next week. I have a process



in mind to narrow the selections to maybe three finalists - then paint swatches on the back of the church to make our final choice.

Peace,

David Weaver

Session adding 7th member

In a called congregational meeting on 8/21, the congregation elected Mark Anderson to be a 7th member of the session. The session recently voted to split the Business Affairs Committee in two. This committee entailed caring for our building and grounds

as well as all the finances of our church; a huge responsibility for one person. Therefore, in order to not overwhelm one person with all that responsibility, two persons will split the duties; one person responsible for building and grounds and the other for finance.

Mark Your Calendar

- * Sun., Sept. 4: Season of Peace begins (leading to Peace and Global Witness offering on Sun., Oct. 2)
- * Tue., Sept. 6, 6:30pm: Session meeting
- * Wed., Sept. 7, 7:15pm: Choir rehearsal
- * Sun., Sept. 11: Return to fall schedule, Sunday School and Adult Forum begin
- * Wed., Sept. 14,
 - * 5pm: Business Affairs committee meeting
- * 6pm: Ladies' Night Out at Turkish Delight (2210 E. Northern Lights Blvd)
- * Sun., Sept. 18: Welcoming of New Members during worship
- * Mon., Sept. 19, 6:30pm: Men's Night Out at Vip Restaurant
- * Sat., Sept. 24, 9-11:30am: Fall Leadership retreat (Session and Board of Deacons) at home of Herb Turner
- * Sun., Sept. 25:
 - * Worship based on 222nd General Assembly (GA) of the Presbyterian Church USA, led by GA commissioner Sara Johnston
- * 1:30pm: CROP Walk starts at 1st Congregational Church (2610 E. Northern Lights Blvd)
- * Wed., Sept. 28, 7:15pm: Choir rehearsal

Welcome to our newest Immanualite!

Let's give a joyous welcome to our newest Immanualite, Twyla Jane Johnston! Born 9/2 at 12:50 am to proud parents Sara and Aaron AND big sister Kinlee, big brother Oakley and grandma Pat-ti! Twyla's vital statistics were 7# 14 oz. and 21.5 inches. Everyone is excited and the world is so blessed with another angel among us! Congrats!



A New Year's Comin'... For Sunday School & Adult Forum



Beginning Sunday 9/11 at 10 AM Adult Forum will meet in the back room of the Fellowship Hall, led by Rev. Ellen, AND

Sunday School for children up to 5th grade will meet in the children's classroom (kitchen room), AND

Youth forum, 6th—12th graders, will meet in the middle room of the Fellowship Hall.

It's going to be an EXCITING year to build your skill for living a Godly life in today's world and gaining insight on how we can better glorify God.

JOIN US!

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD: Anchorage CROP Walk

On September 25, Anchorage will once again show its solidarity with our brothers and sisters worldwide who every day must walk to obtain food and water. 75% of money raised will go to Church World Service to alleviate hunger, supply needed medical supplies, disaster relief, and self-development assistance. 25% of money raised will stay local; going to hunger-relieving agencies. This year's agencies will be FISH and Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry. In addition, on this day, the walk will collect non-perishable food items for the Food Bank of Alaska—so bring food goods to the walk.

Registration for the walk will begin at 1st Congregational Church, 2610 E. Northern Lights Blvd. At 12:45 and the walk begins at 1:30.

For more information: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/anchorageak/>



Anchorage Presbyterian Youth Group Begins 9/18 @ 1:30 pm @ Trinity with a youth/parent/guardian gathering. Open to youth grades 7—12. Youth from Anchor, Immanuel, Trinity, and First Presbyterian Churches have gathered throughout the year for fellowship, Bible study, service and trips. Spread the word!



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In & About IPC...

FALL Schedule (Begins 9/11/16)
Adult Forum, Children's Sunday School, & Youth Forum: 10 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am
Soup & Cookies following Worship in the Fellowship Hall

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
Rozanne Kimpton
Gale Smoke
Sarah Weaver



Starting a New Tradition

Hello Ladies of Immanuel: I'm Elizabeth Amber, and I'm going to facilitate a weekly meet-up for women; giving women a regular venue to get to know one another and be able to stay current with each other's lives. Whatever we discuss or study will be doable, accessible, and not burdensome, so that if you can't come each week you can still fully participate when you are there. We will start meeting regularly the week of September 18th in the evenings (Monday's or Wednesday's).

To start, I will email a podcast each week for your listening enjoyment. It is in no way required material, rather, it is there to provide a good stepping off point for conversation. Many of the podcasts will probably be *from On Being, Rob Bell, or This American Life*.

Interested? If so, let Pastor Ellen or me know, and make sure to say if you prefer Monday's or Wednesday's. We can also have a discussion about meeting days/times at the upcoming Ladies' Night Out on September 14th. So, stay tuned for more info on location and time, and get your date book ready for some inspiring fellowship! In Faith, *Elizabeth*

In Loving Memory

Our beautiful sister in Christ, Detta Stark passed away on August 18, 2016. Born on April 26, 1933, Detta was raised on a farm in Iowa where she learned the value of education, the necessity of hard work and the importance of God's creations. She consistently applied these values to her life and impressed them on those around her.

Detta moved to the Alaska in 1958 where she fell in love with Alaska and considered the Great Land her home. Detta always had

time to lend an ear or a hand, and the ability to make a stranger feel welcome. Detta's daughter Karlyn Wilkie and two granddaughters **Kate and Molly were her heart's desire** and she continually lavished unconditional love and support to them.

A Celebration of Life was held on Wednesday, August 24th at Immanuel. We will greatly miss Detta and the love and positive inspiration she brought to worship, Adult Forum, and to Ladies Night Out, and the beautiful and remarkable handi-

work she brought to our bazaar! Our heartfelt prayers go out to Karlyn, Kate, Molly and all of **Detta's family.**



Detta Stark, 1933-2016