

IMMANUEL

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Second Sunday of Easter

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APRIL 14, 2024

10AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

PRELUDE

“All Are Welcome”

Marty Haugen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

One: Whoever we are or wherever we are on our Faith journey:

All: We are welcome here! And you are welcome here!

One: No matter what our ethnic background; gender identity or expression; sexual orientation; family structure; marital, economic, or immigration status; age; race; or abilities:

All: We are welcome here! And you are welcome here!

One: We are invited to weekly worship, first Sunday of the month communion, refreshments and hospitality after worship, and to any and all of our programs and activities:

All: We are welcome here! And you are welcome here!

One: So let us worship God, who welcomes us all!

***OPENING HYMN**

“Forward through the Ages”

New Century 377
ST.GERTRUDE

** Whether in body or spirit, please rise*

*** UNISON PRAYER**

Larry Paterno

God of love and amazing grace, you meet us right where we are, accepting us—all of us!—with our flaws and personality quirks, with our struggles and challenges, with our faithfulness and doubts. So here we are again, ready to connect with you and each other, and, mostly, ready to be changed, made stronger and nobler, more compassionate and more committed to acting with justice in a world that can often feel discouraging and even depressing. Hear our prayers offered in the spirit of Jesus who said,....

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Larry Paterno

Our ******(Father, Mother, Creator, Abba), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*** Please use a version you are comfortable with*

*** SIGN OF PEACE**

Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

In these moments, offer the sign of peace, a fist bump, a handshake, or if you want a hug or even a smile.

Let us greet each other in Christian love.

Children are invited forward for the Song of Praise.

*** SONG OF PRAISE**

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (repeat twice)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SCRIPTURE READING: *Colossians 2:1-8 NRSVUE*

Larry Paterno

For I want you to know how greatly I strive for you and for those in Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face. I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your orderly conduct and the firmness of your faith in Christ. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Minister Tracy Gormley

*Children are invited to Christian Kids! Church School
following this Time for All Ages.*

MORNING HYMN

“Seek Ye First”

Chalice 354
SEEK YE FIRST

MESSAGE

Fear as a Motivator

Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

MISSION MOMENT

Allison Petrie
Director, Loaves and Fishes

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*** DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

*** CLOSING HYMN**

“This Is My Song”

New Century 591
FINLANDIA

*** BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush

A MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

POSTLUDE

“Flourish”

Rosalie Bonighton

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for
fair trade coffee and brunch.*

We welcome all to our worship service today.

We hope you receive the spiritual nourishment you seek for coming out to worship. Please know that if you are a first-time visitor, we especially welcome you. If you are a returning member or visitor, know that we welcome you among us again. Please fill out the pew card before you, drop it in the offering plate, or hand it to any usher or member following our services today. Again, we say welcome!

FLOWER SPONSORS

The flowers at the organ this morning are given by Ted Donahue and Larry Paterno with gratitude for our friendship with Myra Miner and in honor of her 100th birthday on April 20th.

PASTORAL CARE AVAILABLE

Pastoral care is readily available from our Pastoral Care Ministry team, including Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush, Minister Tracy Gormley, Gene Flynn, Carlotta Parr and Kristen Boucher. If you would like a confidential one-on-one conversation or prayer, a member of our team is available to provide a listening ear. You are also encouraged to please contact the church office, immanuel06105@gmail.com, 860-527-8121, to set up a phone, Zoom or in-person visit.

IN OUR PRAYERS

If you have a prayer request, please notify the Church Office, immanuel06105@gmail.com, 860-527-8121, or contact Rev. Dr. Jay or Minister Tracy.

Joys: For the 100th birthday of Myra Miner on April 20th. For the fellowship opportunity offered by our Sunday Brunch following today's worship. For our April birthdays and anniversaries.

Ongoing Concerns: for Carolyn Tasillo, Jim Kew, Cathy and Ed B., Mike Boutin, Janelle Martinez, Dick Brown, Krista Lawrence, Cori Mackey, Rev. Ruth Maedel, Jen, Otis and Cali, Brooks and Carol Lee Joslin, John Mark Pettyjohn, Karen C., and Bob and Jean Hafner. For the war against Ukraine and the war in the Middle East to end so that these people can live in peace and rebuild their lives.

Grieving: Carolyn Lester for the death of her sister Barbara, for the Gillette family, for the families and friends of Lynn Johnson, Margeux Hayes, Don Hughlett, Mark Zito, Marlene Hoerle and Steve Holtz.

For those who serve, for our neighbors, for creation, for the United Church of Christ and for our partner communities.

A CELEBRATION FOR MYRA MINER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Our friend and fellow congregant, Myra Miner, is celebrating her 100th birthday on April 20th. We see her every Sunday morning seated in her favorite spot in the front row in the west transept. Myra first came to Immanuel after graduating from college and living in Hartford. While attending a single's group here, she met her beloved husband Howard, and they exchanged their wedding vows at Immanuel shortly thereafter. Our church always held a special place in Howard and Myra's heart, and together they returned almost 20 years ago. Myra, a former teacher, immediately put her skills to good use, serving on the Christian Education Committee for many years. Myra and Kay Zito enhanced the Christian Ed curriculum with their monthly Creative Classroom lessons. They supported the Sunday School teachers by working with individual classrooms and the entire Sunday School group. Myra has been a faithful participant in the life of our church since she first joined, and we are honored to celebrate this very special birthday with her. Happy 100th Birthday, Myra. Please join us at an All-Church Brunch directly after this morning's service to help celebrate Myra's birthday and share in some birthday cake!

The Deacons Invite You To An
All-Church Brunch

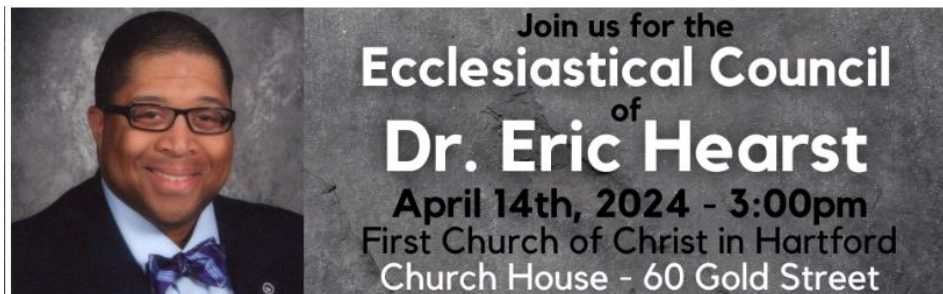
April 14, 2024

Following the 10:00 a.m. Service
Immanuel Congregational Church



**It's time to gather and enjoy each other's company in Fellowship Hall.
Food will be provided by the Deacons!**

ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL ON APRIL 14TH IN HARTFORD



Dr. Eric Hearst will have his Ecclesiastical Council on April 14th at 3:00pm in the Church House of First Church of Christ in Hartford, located at 60 Gold Street.

DINNERS FOR NINE ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

The ever-popular Dinners for Nine are back after a several year hiatus. What are Dinners for Nine, some of you may be asking? They are an opportunity for up to nine people to get together outside of the church campus to socialize, have a meal in someone's home, and build stronger connections with one another. There will be nine opportunities to join the fun between May 3rd through May 19th. Please look for the sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall and add your name to attend one of the events. The host will then contact you to let you know what you may bring to this communal meal.

UPCOMING SECOND HOUR: SLIDESHOW TOUR OF OUR CHURCH ON APRIL 28TH

The Immanuel Church building is turning 125 this year. What better time than now to see the results of a recent building inspection. In late February, Tiger Home and Building Inspections performed an inspection of our church. Our own Keith Powell was one of four inspectors. On Sunday, April 28th, he will present a slide show of some 300 pictures that were taken of every part of the church. Come see the many beautiful parts of our church, some dusty and not so beautiful parts, and lots of things most people never see (think basements, crawl spaces, attics above the dome, and from the sky!), all presented with a perspective from the eyes of inspectors, and with a little humor.

HANDS ON HARTFORD FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items to church to restock the Hands on Hartford Food Pantry. These are the items currently most needed by the Pantry: **canned fruit, pancake mix and syrup, boxed cereal, oatmeal, and soup** (other than chicken noodle), **but all non-perishables are appreciated**. The deacons are asking you to bring non-perishable food items to our Sunday services (the grocery collection cart will be out each week). Don't forget our gluten-free friends.



REMEMBERING LYNN JOHNSON WITH HAIKU AND PHOTOS – AN EXHIBIT IN IMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP HALL

Knowing that she might not be able to see it herself, Lynn created a presentation of her haiku reflecting upon nature photos by John Karrer. Keeping with her wishes, enlargements of the pages of this booklet will be displayed on the walls of Fellowship Hall during Immanuel's Earth Day celebrations. You are invited to come and reflect on her writings and remember our dear friend, Lynn.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BELOVED IMMANUEL FRIEND LYNN JOHNSON

A memorial service for Lynn Johnson has been scheduled for May 18, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Quaker Meeting House, located at 144 South Quaker Lane in West Hartford. Immanuel members are welcome to attend and may contribute finger foods for the reception. **FOOD MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS!**

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP WILL BEGIN READING A NEW BOOK, THE BOOK OF RUTH, FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

The Bible Study will be led by Dan Kueper, who has a Master's degree in Theological Studies. It will take place at 8:30am every Sunday, starting on March 24th. Bible Study group discussion is always spirited, with no question off-limits! *Contact the Church Office, immanuel06105@gmail.com, or Dan at dkueper.ia@gmail.com to find out more!*

WALK AGAINST HUNGER—DONATE AND WALK!

Join our team - Immanuel Walkers in the Walk Against Hunger, Saturday, May 4th starting at 9:30 AM at Dunkin' Stadium. Foodshare will allocate every penny of our team's donations to Loaves and Fishes.

We hope you will WALK!

This year we are hoping many of us will walk in addition to donating. It's a fun way to talk to our Immanuel friends. Pre-pandemic, as many as 60 people from Immanuel walked, creating a real Immanuel presence. Join our team at the stadium, and Walk with us – the whole route is 1.5 miles.

We hope you will DONATE!

1. You can drop off your donation (Cash or Check) at the table in Fellowship Hall.
2. You can put check in the collection plate putting Walk in the memo line.
3. You can donate on the Immanuel Web site by clicking on "Give Online" and writing Walk in the comment box.
4. Or you can go to www.donate.ctfoodshare.org . Click donate now. Select amount. Type in Immanuel Walkers in the Search box.

Hunger continues to be a serious problem in Connecticut. Let's walk together to help our neighbors.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

SUNDAY – APRIL 14TH

8:30am Bible Study
9:00am Y'all Come Drop In Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Worship, including Christian Kids! Church School
11:15am Deacon Sponsored Sunday Brunch in Fellowship Hall

MONDAY – APRIL 15TH

4:00pm Hartford's Proud Drum Corp Rehearsal
7:00pm Council Meeting

TUESDAY – APRIL 16TH

11:30am ICC Staff Meeting
1:00pm Rev. Dr. Terbush hosting GHIAA Clergy Luncheon
4:00pm Hartford's Proud Drum Corp Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 17TH

4:00pm Hartford's Proud Drum Corp Rehearsal
6:30pm PFLAG Meeting
7:00pm Zoom Environmental Action Committee Meeting

THURSDAY – APRIL 18TH

4:00pm Hartford's Proud Drum Corp Rehearsal
6:00pm Zoom 1:1 Conversation Core Committee Meeting
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY – APRIL 21ST

8:30am Bible Study
9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Earth Day Worship, including Christian Kids! Church School
11:15am Second Hour Presentation: Rev. Noah Brewer-Wallin
5:30pm Youth Group

ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH ARE MINISTERS!

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