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To Know God and to make Him known through fellowship, prayer, and service.

Welcome February 2025

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a: Love is patient, kind, and selfless, and it does not envy, boast, or rejoice in wrongdoing.

Weekly:

Bible study Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM (Library)

Prayer and Devotions 8:00 – 9:00 AM (Sanctuary) Friday Mornings -

Bible study 9:30 – 11:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Monthly:

1st Sunday of each month we share Communion and have a potluck meal after the service 2nd Saturday Men's Breakfast

2nd Sunday – Mission Moment – information about one of our mission projects is shared during service. 2nd Tuesday - 11:30 AM ICC Women's Group (Fellowship Hall) bring your lunch - dessert will be provided.

Church Council -

Special Events:

The Chosen Series Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. at the Church

Feb 5th The Rock on which it is built

Feb 12th The Wedding Gift

Feb 19th Indescribable Compassion

Feb 26th Invitations

"Soup er" Bowl Sunday Every year on Super Bowl Sunday we at Immanuel Community Church have a fundraiser to raise money for The Friendly Kitchen, Concord's only soup kitchen. How does it work and how can you help?

On February 9 after church, we will have a light lunch with four different homemade soups available.

Your job is to come, sit, have a cup of soup and chat with your church family. Donations will be accepted with all funds raised going to support The Friendly Kitchen. It's that easy!

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When The Friendly Kitchen first opened back in the 80's Immanuel Community church was one of the first churches to help with feeding those less fortunate. Our commitment has remained strong over the

years- along with our Soup-er Bowl Sunday fundraiser we still prepare and serve dinner meal every month and collect a different food items every month to donate to their pantry.

Thank you for your help!

Questions? Call Beth-Ann 603-798-5790

Reminders:

6:03 Pray for ONE (2Peter 3:9)

NOTE: if you are not in church to share your prayer requests on a communication card there is an option to request prayer on our website.

Let's continue to read the Bible together in one year . https://bible.alpha.org/en/

Our Daily Bread devotional booklets are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you prefer an audio version it is available online. You can download their app and it is very easy to follow their daily plan. (If you have questions check with Ruby - she uses it every day)

Missions: This is a good time to organize our closets and drawers—and make a big difference to folks living at a subsistence level in Zimbabwe. Whatever we collect will be added to the donations of other groups and individuals in New Hampshire—enough to fill a giant shipping container which will go by cargo ship to South Africa and then by truck north to Zimbabwe. ICC will take donations until April, but it will be helpful if you bring in your finds now.

Everything we collect should be in very good condition. Think about basic items a family needs: Clothing for all ages: shoes, flip-flops, boots. Shirts and pants for men and skirts and dresses for women (no pants.) Raincoats, fleeces, jackets. Socks. New underwear. School supplies: Books for children and young adults. Paper, pencils, art supplies, chalk, solar calculators, puzzles for preschoolers. Household items: Bedding, towels. Sewing and knitting supplies. Pots and pans. Kitchen tools. Hygiene items: Toothbrushes and toothpaste. Soap, razors. Pain relievers, antibiotic cream. Band aids. Glasses. Tools: rakes hoes, shovels. Metric measures, hammers, screwdrivers, clamps, vices, etc. (No electric items) Toys not requiring batteries.

Friendly Kitchen needs – oatmeal (not instant) in February

<u>Kairos</u>. Don't forget to make out a volunteer form for the-next Kairos outside weekend in October, 2025!

Kairos is inspiring for the participants and the volunteers. As one volunteer said 'I got more out of it than the participants and came closer to Christ by doing His work!' Kairos Inside Men's Concord

The ICC Women's Group The ICC Women's Group would like to invite all women to the group. You don't need to belong to the church. We support each other spiritually and have fun.

I have put together an agenda for 2025. Some of the things we will be doing this year will be: Sharing our Stories, Game Day, Random Act of kindness, learn a craft, Make a recipe book, A Tea Party and of course our annual Yankee swap (always a good laugh by all) in December, along with other fun activities. We also collectively celebrate each woman's birthday of that month we get together.

Please come and join us. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Invite someone to come to our February 11th meeting @ 11:30 AM in fellowship hall. Bring your lunch, dessert will be provided. Terri Morgan, Chair

This is a wonderful group of ladies and we are always ready to welcome new women to the group. Belle Ash

Terri Morgan Testimonial

Accepting Jesus Christ as my savior has been the most important thing I have ever done in my life. The stronger I grow in my faith the less my past matters. My soul desires and burns for the bright future God has promised us all.

Why you ask? I now know what true love is. The positive changes that have occurred in me. Imagine, those who in my past have wronged me, I now love instead of having hate or fear for them in my heart. That is amazing and God working in me. Most of my life I didn't feel loved, protected, wanted and or where I belonged. I felt hopeless and no purpose in my life. I remember reading with Him all things are possible, ask and you will receive. Was it that simple? Yes! All I had to do was seek, ask and have faith.

By God's love, grace, mercy and His forever faithfulness my past is behind me, my present is filled with love, joy, happiness, purpose and hope for a future with the greatest love and joy I will not be able to fathom. Until that day, I pray and long for everyone to know that God loves you more than you know. With him all things are possible, with Him you will have love, joy, peace and belong to no one greater than He.

(We would like to have at least one testimony to share in each of our monthly newsletters. Let Ruby know if you would like to be next.)

February Birthdays

Russell Spaulding Feb 12 Patricia Cote Feb 18 Nancy Frost Feb 21

<u>From Council</u> - Our annual meeting was held on January 26th and all the warrant articles were approved. Thank you to the dedicated out going officers and committee members. The following are our officers for 2025-26

Moderator - TBD by Council -

Clerk – Terri Morgan

Treasurer - Guy Schiavone-

Assistant Treasurer Ann Bedard

Pastor: Rev. William Donahue

Missions: Gail Ford, Fran Miller. Nancy Lorenz, Beth-Ann Barrett, Pastor Bill Donahue

<u>Diaconate</u>: Patricia Cote, Dee Dixon

Property & Maintenance: Wayne Andrews

Church Administrator – Terri Morgan

Historian – Ruby Bartlett

Representatives:

Concord Female Charitable Society - Joni Cacavas

Friendly Kitchen – Beth-Ann Barrett

Operation Christmas Child – Fran Miller

GriefShare - Karen Lawrance

Women's Group -Men's Group

Check out our website: https://www.immanuelcommchurch.org/

Our services are being live streamed on YouTube at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings and the recordings are there for you to view at your convenience. You can make prayer requests and donate online.

Items for our March newsletter need to be submitted to: <u>iccconcordnh@gmail.com</u> attention: Ruby by **Wednesday, February 26**th.