



Immanuel
Community Church

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Concord Heights NH

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

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Merry Christmas



*The true meaning of Christmas is an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the love, hope and joy found in Jesus - our Saviour and friend. As we exchange gifts with loved ones, it is out of remembrance of the gift God gave us in Jesus. The gift that we are loved, are never alone and can have hope for the future. **Weekly:***

Bible study Sunday mornings at 8:30 am

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

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

Monthly:

1st Saturday of each month – 9:30 am Men's Breakfast December 7 will be at the Parsonage

1st Sunday of each month we share Communion and have a potluck meal after the service

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)

Church Council meets December 12th at 5 pm at the parsonage

Announcement: We will be welcoming New Members Dec 8th

Christmas celebrations:

Advent begins – December 1st Luke, 2:25-39 lighting the first candle HOPE To be followed by PEACE, JOY and LOVE.

Secret Santa: Take an envelope off the tree and give a gift to Bless someone this holiday season.

Night of Gratitude on Dec 22nd at 5 p.m. till whenever per John Spaulding who is hosting this event. Music and refreshments

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 5 p.m. till 6 p.m. on December 24th. Enjoy singing and music. No refreshments will follow the service.

The ICC Women's Group this year has enjoyed fellowship with each other and had several different events. Some of the highlights were Gathering at other members' homes, playing Bingo, having a Craft Fair, Hosting a Tea Party and Serving the congregation a Thanksgiving Meal. The Women's Group end of year meeting will include voting for Officers, having a potluck and our annual Yankee Swap for Christmas on Dec 10th at 11:30 a.m.

ICC Women's Group would like every woman to know, you do not have to be a member of our church to attend. We Welcome all Women who would like to connect with a group who is caring, loving and rejoicing in fellowship. Everyone in the Women's Group would like to wish All A Happy Holiday Season.

GRIEFSHARE Our GriefShare gathering was a special time! It truly is a BLESSING to be trusted when someone is hurting throughout the holidays. Two attended; it was a very intimate time of getting to know each other, and both left with suggested ideas from counselors and others journeying through their own grief experience. Yes, bottled-up tears flowed as we shared happier days; and the GriefShare group is just the place where men and women can feel free to share things close to our hearts and grieve. I am grateful God has given us tears to help with healing so many complex emotions. Our heavenly Father knows exactly what we need. Let us give thanks to God for everything.. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Missions update:

Thanks to all of you for participating in Operation Christmas Child. We have delivered 60 gift boxes to Samaritan's Purse--all of them filled with beautiful practical and fun items. We also had sufficient funds to pay for 47 The Greatest Journey books which explain to kids how God's love is known through his gift of Jesus. In early 2025 we will be able to find out where in the world our boxes have traveled.

December 29 is a Fifth Sunday. Our special offering will go to Convoy of Hope for disaster relief in North Carolina.

Kairos OUTSIDE REUNION **DECEMBER 7TH FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

AT IMMANUEL COMMUNITY CHURCH - 5 GROVER ST, CONCORD NH

There will be music, potluck, Christmas fun and more!!! Bring your spouse or anyone interested in kairos, an instrument, a potluck dish, and your smiling face to the reunion of kairos friends and family!

Don't forget to make out a volunteer form for the-next kairos outside weekend May 2-4, 2025!!

Friendly Kitchen. Immanuel Community church is now serving dinner the third Tuesday of every month. We have a great crew that goes down to prepare and serve the evening meal. The time commitment is 3:30- 6:15 if you are interested in checking it out see me (Beth-Ann) and I can answer any questions you have. This is a worthwhile ministry that our church has been involved with since the early 80's it's a great chance to enjoy fellowships with others and put a smile on someone's face :)

Winter breakfast begins December 1 in conjunction with the opening of the cold weather shelter on North Main Street. Pray for breakfast volunteers and the guests as the winter brings a whole new set of challenges.

Join us after services the first Sunday of each month for a potluck meal. Bring a dish to share, if you are able



All men are welcome to our Men's Breakfast the first Saturday of each Month.



Thank you

Women's Group for the delicious Thanksgiving Dinner.

December Birthdays

Dee Dixon Dec 8 - Richard J. Dondero Dec 14 - Maxine Halsey Dec 28

Jesus December 25th

Reminders:

DID YOU KNOW: Gifts given in memory of someone or in honor of someone still living will be added to our Memorial Fund. The names of those honored by these gifts will be read aloud at our service on **Book of Remembrance Sunday, May 25, 2025.** The proceeds in the Memorial fund can be used for care and maintenance of the building or other projects as decided by membership. (The case at the back of our sanctuary holds the "Remembrance" Books.)

Did you know the ornaments on our Christmas tree were handmade years ago by our church ladies? They are Chrismons. Chrismons, meaning "Christ monograms," traditionally are white and gold designs made from Christian symbols that signify Christ. Often displayed on an evergreen tree during the Christmas season, symbols such as stars, crosses, fish, crowns, and the alpha and omega remind us of Christ's identity, his story, and of the Holy Trinity.

Chrismons were first developed in 1957 by Frances Spencer and the women of the [Ascension Lutheran Church](#) in Danville, VA.

Check out our website: <https://www.immanuelcommchurch.org/> Our calendar is available there as well as an easy way to donate.

Please register for our YouTube channel if you haven't done so already. Thank you.

*Items for our January newsletter need to be submitted to: iccconcordnh@gmail.com by **Sunday, December 29th***