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



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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," [John 3:16](#)

This upcoming Valentine's Day, whether you're in an earthly relationship or not, know that Jesus loves you and wants a personal relationship with you. There's no

greater love than His

February 8th – Sou per Bowl Sunday (see details under Friendly Kitchen article)

Weekly:

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

Friday Mornings - Prayer Hour Friday mornings at 8 am (Sanctuary)

Bible Study Friday mornings at 9:30 am

Tuesday Evenings Men's group at 5:45.

Men's 260 Accountability group Wednesday's 5:00 pm

The Chosen Series Friday at 6:30 pm

Monthly:

1st Sunday of each month we serve communion and we have our Friendship Sunday potlucks. Join us and bring a friend. **We will not have a potluck February 1st as we had one January 25 with our annual meeting and then the souper bowl Sunday February 8th.—**

2nd Saturday - Men's breakfast February 14 @ 9:30 am come and share what God is doing in your life (Steve Fulk has agreed to take leadership as our men's group leader.)

2nd Sunday – Mission Moment – information about one of our mission projects is shared during the service.

2nd Tuesday –February 10th @11:30 AM ICC Women's Group -Valentine theme pizza party. Bring a Friend!

Reminders:

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

Continued prayers for our shut-ins, those who are ill, had recent surgery, grieving, dealing with difficult challenges. For our church, our country, our world. Take note of our weekly "Prayer Requests" and keep those requests in mind.

Diaconate visits ,update regarding our shut ins. We had a nice visit with Marlene Fritz. She talked about having a bottle of wine, not a small bottle but a big one. Alfred Lovely was surprised by our visit and had a good time. Also, made calls to other members.

Let's read the Bible in one year together. <https://bible.alpha.org/en/> or with Our Daily Bread devotional booklets which are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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 Remembrance Sunday, May 24, 2026

Meal train Purpose: to provide evening meals to someone recovering from hospital stay, injury, or other need for a limited time based on need. What's needed: Volunteers that are willing to prepare a meal as need arises. and deliver said meal to person if able. Also needed: volunteer drivers to deliver , if person preparing meal cannot do delivery.

The following has been suggested but we really don't have room to keep meals in freezer: someone to prepare a freezer meal to leave in church freezer for sudden need. Contact: **Belle Ash**

PS: It would be nice to have a list of people to call on when the need arises.

Concord Female Charitables Society:

John Spaulding to perform at the Concord Female Charitable Society in April for their annual turkey dinner/meeting.

Missions — The Missions Committee is seeking one or two individuals to help us spread Christ's love in a tangible way. As you have heard during our Mission Moments on the second Sunday of each month, there are many ways in which Immanuel does this .

Please contact Gail for more information.

Samaritans Purse reports that the total number of gift boxes donated for Operation Christmas Child 2025 is 12, 205, 900! The 68 boxes ICC made up are a tiny fraction of that number, but they have had a huge impact on those of us who provide the gifts and sort and pack them, knowing that the Holy Spirit is using our efforts to make God's love known to 68 kids in far-off places. This winter we should look at how best to organize and coordinate our efforts for 2026. Please step up if you would like to be a leader or contributor to Operation Christian Child 2026. See Gail, Karen or Fran.

We had almost \$13,000 in expenditures for Missions in 2025. That's a whopping 17% of the total expenditures of ICC for 2026! Folks sometimes ask if we are doing enough for our own state and community, so we looked at the numbers and found that we spend about the same amount for Concord missions as for those outside the Concord area. In 2025, about \$1,700 of our funds went for needs within the church family. Beyond that, \$5,300 was sent to local organizations and \$5,400 to organizations outside New Hampshire. The Missions Report in the Annual Report gives the details.

The Mission Team will be making up a budget for 2026 soon. We want to use ICC funds wisely and you may have suggestions. Feel free to talk to Gail Ford, Beth-Ann Barrett, Nancy Lorenz or Fran Miller.

Friendly Kitchen needs oatmeal (not instant) this month

"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 8th 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!

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 different food items every month to donate to their pantry. See list below. Thank you for your help! Questions? Call Beth-Ann 603-798-5790

Friendly Kitchen

January- Powered Hot Chocolate mix

February- Oatmeal (NOT instant)

March- Sugar

April- Condiments (ketchup, mustard or hot sauce)

May-Salad Dressing (bottled ranch or Italian)

June- Sugar

July- Powered drink mix (fruit punch or lemon aide)

August- Salad dressing (bottled ranch or Italian)
September- Sugar
October- Napkins
November- Powdered drink mix (fruit punch or lemon aide)
December- Sugar

Kairos of NH is planning the Kairos Inside Men's team to go into the Concord Men's Prison in May and the Kairos Inside Women are also gathering a team to go into the Concord Women's Prison to bring people closer to Christ and give them hope and encouragement. If you are interested in being a part of Kairos of NH, please contact Wayne and Susan Andrews.

ICC Women's Group The February meeting is on the 10th. It will be a Valentine theme pizza party. The Women's Group is not just for ICC members. Any woman is welcome, so come and bring a friend!.

Officers for 2026. Susan Andrews (Co-Chair), Kimberly Palmer (Co-Chair) and Sharon Dotson (will continue as Secretary)

Testimonial

Your choices have brought you to where you are today and my choices have brought me here also. We are all different, but we are all the same in many ways. We are vulnerable and not sure of ourselves sometimes, but we need to stop, take a breath and understand that we are all good and that God has a plan for us. I don't have a clue what His plan for me is some days, but I just choose to get up and go to work, or my meeting or take on whatever I encounter that day.

Think about the fact that God made us to be here, now, and to be a part of this world. We don't need to be in control all the time, we don't need to help everyone and serve everyone all the time. We need to think about the choices we have made and the choices that we face. God wants us to make choices that will not harm others and at the same time make us happy while serving in His name. What choices do you think God wants you to make?

We have allotted 5-minute testimonials after the offering for anyone who wants to share. If you are interested please see Terri Morgan or Pastor Bill so that we can assign you a date.

We would like to include your story here in our newsletter. When and how did Jesus come into your life? How is he working In your life now? (If you need help contact Ruby or Terri).

February Birthdays

Russell Spaulding Feb. 12

Patricia Cote Feb 18

If you would like us to add your birthday to our list - please note the month and day on a communication card.

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Thank you: Sharon Dotson would like to thank everyone for helping in her time of need. The amazing love and support is truly a blessing.

NOTICES: We are aware there is a problem with our online giving and we are working on it – more to come soon

From the Council:

Working on purchasing a worship program Song Select, to use with the new laptop purchased for Church use only.

The basement big room has been fully painted and we are still in the process of getting an occupancy permit. There are wiring and lighted exit signs that still need to be done and will update with further information as it becomes available.

Any council or church business can be found on the bulletin board in fellowship hall above the buffet tables. You can find a copy of the council minutes, current financial sheet, directory, prayer requests etc.

As a friendly reminder please clean up after yourself and push your chairs in when finished in fellowship hall.

Notes from annual meeting - - Mission Team members should include Nancy Lorenz.

Discussed items in the warrant and no objections were raised to the proposed budget or list of officers. Vacant Assistant Treasurer position – to be decided by Council. Full slate of officers will be voted on in 2027.

Discussed the substantial insurance increase – Guy, Karen Lawrance and Wayne Wheeler agreed to look into lower rates. Full minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board.

Check 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 will find our weekly bulletin and newsletter available there.

*If you have Items for the March issue of our newsletter please get them to Ruby Bartlett (rcbart5242@gmail.com) by. **Wednesday, February 25th***