

# Elida Immanuel Messenger NEWSLETTER

July/Aug. '19

## Pastor Connection



"Hello, we are Randy and Rachel Coleman. What a wonderful opportunity for us to join with the Elida Immanuel UMC family! We are thankful that the Bishop has appointed us to your church, and sense God's calling to join with you in being partners in ministry together. It will be a privilege to get to know each of you, to learn from you, to worship God with you, to grow in God's Word together, and to minister together. We are also excited to hear what God is doing in your lives."

"Let us share a little about ourselves so that you get to know us. I, Randy, grew up in a Christian family with two younger brothers. My father was a United Methodist Pastor and my mother taught school in rural Nebraska towns. In a family devotional time, at the age of five, I prayed to ask Jesus to forgive me and change my life."

"Rachel grew up in the Amish country of northeastern Ohio near Wooster. Her father worked for the county and her mother was a teller for Bank One. Rachel and her younger sister, Ruthi, enjoyed playing softball together. Much of Rachel's spiritual development occurred through her United Methodist Church in Shreve, Ohio."

"Our paths crossed at Asbury University in the early 1980s. At Asbury we grew spiritually and developed many friendships. We started dating in the fall of 1981 when we attended a formal music event at the college. It didn't take long to fall in love."

"We were married at Shreve UMC on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1984. and have recently celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary! After college days, I studied at Asbury Seminary, receiving an MDiv in 1988. Our children, Robert and Rebecca, were born in the late 1980s. Today, Robert is married to Brittany and Rebecca to Brandon. Both couples live in Lexington, Kentucky. Rebecca and Brandon have two adorable foster children, both at age 2 ½. They are a delight to all of us."

"Our first pastorate was in Huntington, Indiana, where I was an associate pastor working with youth for three years. We then felt God's call to go overseas to minister in Ecuador from 1992 through 2005. There, we trained seminary students, helped married couples, and planted a new church. During a two-year furlough from 1999-2001, Rachel studied to earn a Master's degree in Biblical Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary."

"We came back to the States in 2005 and worked with college students at our alma mater for six years. During that time, I finished my Doctorate in Missiology at Asbury Seminary in 2007. Then God called us back into the local church ministry and opened up a pastorate in Dayton at Belmont UMC. We have been ministering there since 2011. During that time, Rachel obtained her Doctorate in Biblical Studies from Regent University in Virginia. She currently teaches on-line courses for Indiana Wesleyan, United Theological Seminary, and Asbury Theological Seminary. Teaching is a great joy of her life and she does that very well."

"Now you know more about us. We look forward to learning more about you as we become partners with you in ministry, discovering what the Lord has for all of us. Glad to be part of the family."

*Pastor Randy*

## Connecting Families to Christ

Immanuel Connection



Staff:

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Sunday Schedule

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. Connection Time  
10:45 A.M. Contemporary Service

Sunday  
—Connection Zone—

Children & Youth Classes

Birth–35 Months..... Kidz Konnect Nursery  
3 Years–Kindergarten.....Kidz Konnect Pre-School  
1st – 6th Grade.....Kidz Konnect Room  
7th–12th Grade..... Youth Connect Room

Adult Classes

Young Adult Class .....Adult Connect Room  
Pathfinders Class .....Adult Connect Room  
Friendship Class.....Fellowship Hall

May Giving

2019 Monthly Budget Amount .....\$24,657.00  
Amount Received.....\$20,326.76  
10% deducted for Missions.....\$ 2,032.67  
Total.....\$18,294.09  
Designated Giving: \$ 382.15  
(Kidz Konnect, Missions, Flowers, Memorials, Special Events, etc.)

June Giving

2019 Monthly Budget Amount .....\$24,657.00  
Amount Received.....\$17,943.50  
10% deducted for Missions.....\$ 1,794.35  
Total.....\$16,149.15  
Designated Giving: \$ 880.00  
(Kidz Konnect, Missions, Flowers, Memorials, Special Events, etc.)

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10–7:30 P.M.
4 Communion Sunday	5	6 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M.	7 Lima Sister Cities 7:00 P.M.	8	9 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	10
11 Fellowship Hall Reserved Noon–5:00 P.M.	12	13 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M.	14	15	16 Allen County Fair Begins 	17 Redbird Mission Drop-Off 9:00–Noon
18	19	20 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M.	21 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	22	23	24
25	26 Leadership Board 7:00 P.M.	27 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M. 	28	29	30	31



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Office will be closed. Have a safe & fun 4th!

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## Active Connection



### M & M LUNCHEON

We are taking a  
“Summer Break”

Our next luncheon will be  
Thursday, October 24th @ Noon.

Tom and Sally Murphy  
Coordinators

Dear Friends,

Kim and I want to express our sincere appreciation for all of your cards, notes of encouragement, gifts, and especially your prayers, over these past few weeks. Your demonstration of love has been overwhelming and the farewell meal was perfect (and you know I loved the menu). We will always remember you and Elida Immanuel with great fondness. We know that the Lord has some awesome plans for you in the future. We look forward to seeing your future unfold, as God's grace empowers your ministry.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Bruce and Kim*



There will be a VBS staff meeting for all volunteers following the 10:45 service on Sunday, July 7th. You will meet the UW Ministry Team and receive your VBS materials for the week. Pizza and drinks will be provided. If you are unable to attend -- please be sure to let Marisha Simmons know!

**\*\*COMMUNITY EVENT\*\***  
**Elida National Night Out**  
**Tuesday, August 6th**  
**Time—TBA**



### The Immanuel Library

The adult library is the room east of the “front double doors” of the church!

Judy Long,  
Coordinator



Same Kind of Different as Me  
by: Ron Hall and Denver Moore

A dangerous, homeless drifter who grew up picking cotton in virtual slavery. An upscale art dealer accustomed to the world of Armani and Chanel. A gutsy woman with a stubborn dream. A story so incredible no novelist would dare dream it.

It begins outside a burning plantation hut in Louisiana. . . and an East Texas honky-tonk. . . and, without a doubt, in the heart of God. It unfolds in a Hollywood hacienda. . . and upscale New York gallery. . . a downtown dumpster. . . a Texas ranch.

Gritty with pain and betrayal and brutality, it also shines with an unexpected, life-changing love.



## Communion Sunday



July 7  
&  
August 4

## HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

**2019 Giving: January–June \$146.00**

**Monthly Mission donation for July '19: Paper Products**

**Monthly Mission donation for August '19: Breakfast Cereal**

Thank you for being faithful to this Mission Ministry through your “quarter” giving on Communion Sunday! Quarter poles are located at each Sanctuary door.

Please remember to bring at least 1 item per family to worship EACH month in support of the Allentown food Pantry. Your donations make a difference for families and individuals who visit the Allentown food Pantry.

# Active Connection

## Ladies Bible Study

What do you do when your life looks different than what you hoped for or expected? We all can at anytime feel disappointed and disillusioned and begin to wonder about the reality of God's goodness. This fall we will do a 6 week study called, It's Not Suppose to Be This Way by Lysa Terkeust.

Through her disappointments in life, she has learned how they can be the divine appointments our souls need to encounter God. She will help us see our lives in the context of God's bigger story and learn how to wrestle well between our faith and our feelings. Please watch the bulletin for more information and for the opportunity to order your study guide.

Linda Hoover,  
Coordinator

## Graduation Sunday was held May 19th



## High School:

Jency Jenkins: Jency is the daughter of Toby and Linda Jenkins and the granddaughter of Betty Hall. Jency graduatef from Elida High School with honors, as Class Salutatorian. Jency will be attending The Ohio State University this fall majoring in Pharmaceutical Science.

Keegen Ruggles: Keegen is the son of Cory and Vickie Mouser and the grandson of Mike and Cathy Mouser. Keegen graduatef from Cass High School in Cartersville, GA with honors, ranking 4th in his class. Keegen will be attending the Kennesaw State University this fall majoring in Engineering.

Brianna Schimpf: Brianna is the daughter of Chris and Brittany Schimpf and the granddaughter of Bob and Sue Holmes. Brianna graduated from Elida High School with honors, ranking 5<sup>th</sup> in her class. Brianna will be attending Bowling Green State University this fall majoring in Graphic Design.

Titus Smith: Titus is the son of Tim and Tammy Smith and the grandson of Roberta Smith. Titus graduated from Elida High School/Apollo with honors. Titus has enlisted in the Marines and leaves this July for Paris Island, SC.

## College:

Elise Jenkins: Elise is the daughter of Toby and Linda Jenkins and the granddaughter of Betty Hall. Elise graduated June 2019 from the American College of Education with a Master's Degree in Integrated Curriculum.

Nathan Jenkins: Nathan is the son of Toby and Linda Jenkins and the grandson of Betty Hall. Nathan graduated December 2018 from The Ohio State University with an Engineering Degree. He is currently the Project Engineer @ Whiting/Turner in Columbus.

Bethany Koch: Bethany is the daughter of Paul and Diane Koch. Bethany graduated May 2019 from The Ohio State University with a Master's Degree in Social Work.

Jacob Simmons: Jacob is the son of Joe and Marisha Simmons and the grandson of Ben and Linda Hoover. Jacob graduated May 2019 from Rhodes State College with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Science. He is currently enrolled at Rhodes State College in the Policy Academy.

Becky Foust,  
Higher Education Coordinator

## Greetings from Lakeside, Ohio!

The 2019 West Ohio Annual Conference went smoothly. As usual, worship was inspiring and uplifting. Bishop Palmer continued the theme Be Not Afraid, with the emphasis on Hope.

The biggest issue this year was the voting to get delegates to the General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conference set in 2020. Laity voted for seven lay delegates, and clergy voted for seven clergy delegates. Four of the laity chosen for general conference were of the traditional mindset. Five of the laity chosen for jurisdictional conference were of the traditional viewpoint. The clergy selection had only a couple delegates elected for each conference that were of the traditional mindset.

For more information of the conference, go to the United Methodist West Ohio website.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you at Annual Conference.

Diane Koch

# Kids Konnect



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

### JULY:

Blaine Mericle	22nd
Kaelynne Smith	29th

### AUGUST:

Gage Wita	6th
Alex Dunahay	12th
Lane Wita	28th
Easton Liebrecht	28th

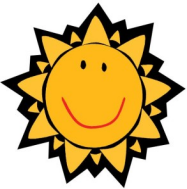
## Family Faith Idea

Give each member of your family a squirt gun, water balloons and buckets of water for a family water war. Talk about how good the water feels on a hot day. Tell your kids that although we can quench our physical thirst only Jesus can give us water that quenches our spiritual thirst. Read together John 4:14.



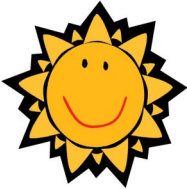
## Bulldog Believers

**5th & 6th grade students**  
We will resume in September with the new school year! Have a great and safe summer!  
Kayla Wita, Coordinator



## Youth Group

**(students 7th—12th grade)**  
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Brandy Hollstein, Coordinator



## VBS Sports Camp

**July 8-11**  
**5:00—8:15 P.M.**

Please pray for our campers, those helping this week and the College Students that have come that are leading the camp! It will be an exciting week!



## Allen County Fair

The 2019 Allen Co Fair is just around the corner. As in the past we have a number of kids from Immanuel involved in 4H and FFA at the fair. Be sure to support these kids by stopping and checking out their projects while you are out at the fair this year. There will be a list of the kids involved in the fair in the bulletin the week before the fair. Let them know you saw their project and how great it was. The kids love to hear that people they know saw their projects out at the fair.

# Compassion Connection

Pastor Bruce and Kim’s new address:  
8492 Stonewoods Lane  
Powell, OH 43065

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Steven & Kelsey Richards on the birth of their daughter Koralynn Renee, born May 10th weighing 8 lbs 3 oz. and standing 21” tall. Koralynn is the granddaughter of JR and Judy Long and the great-granddaughter of Joyce Brooks.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Carly Smith and Trent Long, as they were united in marriage on Saturday, June 22nd.

## CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Ryan  
6485 Tassel Ct. Westerville, OH 43081

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Meyer  
4425 W. State Rd., Elida, OH 45807

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Holmes  
295 Brookview Ct., Lima, OH 45801

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Murphy  
301 Sunnydale Ave., Elida, OH 45807



## Thinking of You!

Please send a card to these folks as often as you can.  
They truly enjoy reading them over & over!

Mrs. Doris Leimbach  
9649 Taylor Ct.  
Pickerington, OH 43147

Mr. & Mrs. Gail Burget  
1023 Gilliland Ave.  
Delphos, OH 45833

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hooks  
801 Cornell Dr.  
Lima, OH 45805

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Riffle  
3501 Diller Rd.  
Elida, OH 45807

Ms. Chris Gibbs  
3090 N. Kemp Rd.  
Elida, OH 45807

Mrs. Helen Szuch  
% Liberty Retirement  
Community of Lima  
2440 Baton Rouge  
Lima, OH 45805

Mr. & Mrs. Nolan Sherrick  
7770 Elida Rd.  
Delphos, OH 45833

Mrs. Mary Myers  
328 Baxter St.  
Elida, OH 45807

Mrs. Lois Smith  
1070 Gloria Dr. #139  
Lima, OH 45805

Mrs. Jean Ann Palmer  
1425 E. Fifth St.  
Delphos, OH 45833

Mrs. Donna McPheron  
604 Sunnydale Ave.  
Elida, OH 45807


Mrs. Roberta Smith  
800 Ambrose Dr. #408  
Delphos, OH 45833  
New Phone #  
419-684-8609

## Hospitalizations

When you are in the hospital or having surgery, please have someone (yourself, a friend or family member) call the church office @ 419-331-2366. If no one is available, leave a message. Messages are checked regularly Monday-Thursday during business hours. Over the weekend, in case of an emergency (life threatening illness or death) please call the parsonage @ 567-712-6765. (NOTE: this is a land line—will not accept text messages)

When you check in at the hospital and they ask you for “your religion”, please inform them you go to Elida Immanuel Church. (And even then, we sometimes do not get contacted by the hospital) *If you simply say that you are protestant or United Methodist, they do not contact the church. It is our job as a church to support you in times of sickness, and your communication is an important part of the equation. Thank you for your help.*

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