

Pastor's  
Article



Bulldog  
Believers  
&  
Dinner 4 Dawgs



M & M  
Luncheon



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## Pastor Connection

Dear Friends,

Don't you love to start new things? You know what I mean. Fresh starts, new beginnings, a series of firsts, changes, and new challenges. I believe this is why so many people look forward to the start of a new year. It gives us a chance to reflect on the past year and vow to make the New Year even better. Many people will use the start of a new year to make promises for real change in their lives. Maybe they will give something up such as smoking, drinking, some bad habit, or go on a diet. Perhaps they will choose to engage in something worthwhile like a new hobby or new skill, a different exercise program, or simply be nicer to those they love. Whatever new beginnings look like for you, it's my hope that you will cover it in prayer, and that you will embrace it with a fresh sense of enthusiasm.

Having said all of this, there are a couple of new beginnings or changes that I'd like to share with you. The first is concerning an opportunity for you to renew your commitment to serving Elida Immanuel Church. I'm sure you remember when you became a member of the church you promised, before God and the entire congregation, to "faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service." At the moment, I'd like to focus on the "service" part of this vow. This promise is a sacred commitment and should be taken seriously. Yet I know there are those who either aren't sure how to use their gifts to fulfill this vow of service or maybe aren't aware of the areas of need within the church. The Leadership Board and your pastor understand this dilemma. So, we have updated a sheet that we've used in the past to help people identify the different ministries within the church that need your help. There is a copy of this new sheet in this month's newsletter, which we've named "Opportunities to Serve." I am asking that you take some time to pray over this sheet and the opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ within the church. If there is a certain ministry that you seem drawn to, please complete it and turn it in to the church office. Or, at one of our Sunday morning worship services in January, you will be given the opportunity to complete one of these sheets and turn it in during the service. And by the way, you don't have to be a member to complete one of these sheets. You are a part of the Elida Immanuel family as well, and we encourage your participation. This is why I wanted to get this form into your hands ahead of time, so you can be praying about it. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or any of the Leadership Board members for clarification.

The second new beginning or change will take place in February. If you have been following our updated Elida Immanuel web site, you will have noticed that we are posting our newsletters on that web site each month. Go to [www.Elidaimmanuel.org](http://www.Elidaimmanuel.org), click on newsletter, click on the month, and the entire newsletter is there for you to read. Starting in February, Elida Immanuel's Newsletter will only be mailed to those who are homebound or in an assisted living facility.

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# Connecting Families to Christ

# Immanuel Connection



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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  
Win-A-Person Class ..... Fellowship Hall

## December Giving

2018 Monthly Budget Amount ..... \$22,935.00  
Amount Received (does not include 12/30) \$23,363.50  
10% deducted for Missions ..... \$ 2,336.35  
Total..... \$21,027.15

Designated Giving: \$ 690.00  
(Kidz Konnect, Heifer Project, Missions, Flowers,  
Memorials, Special Events, etc.)



# Kids Konnect



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ava Watson	17th
Tyler Newland	22nd
Mac Swickrath	25th
Ava Overholt	27th



## Christmas Caroling

Thanks to all who came out and Christmas Caroled with us. It was such a blessing to watch the kids spread some Christmas cheer and show God's love through their singing. I know all of those who caroled were truly blessed. The kids had a great time afterwards bowling, eating pizza and having fun.



## Bulldog Believers 5th & 6th grade students

We will meet on  
Wednesday, January 30th  
3:00—4:30 P.M.

Invite a friend or 2 to join us!  
Kayla Wita, Coordinator



## Family Faith Idea

Start out the new year with a challenging Family Faith Idea. Using a small mirror, help your children reflect light from the sun into dark areas outside like under a car, into a group of trees, etc. Pray and ask God to help your family reflect God's light and love to those who do not know him. Read John 8:12 together.

## \*\*Missions\*\*

The month of February will be the Kidz Konnect Mission Project month. Check your January bulletins for more information regarding our mission project.



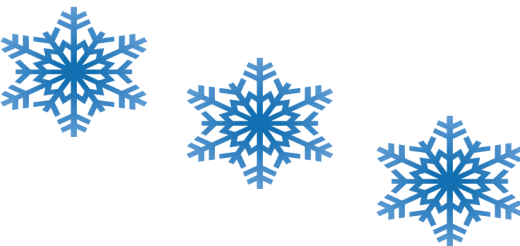
## Youth Group

(students 7th—12th grade)

We meet Sunday evenings from 6:00—7:30 P.M.

You are invited to join us as we begin the  
New Year!

Brandy Hollstein, Coordinator





# Compassion Connection

## Cards of Encouragement

Mrs. Mary Lyman  
5077 Marciel St., Elida, OH 45807

Mr. Tom Miller  
8960 Zion Church Rd., Elida, OH 45807

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Line  
200 Johns Ave., Elida, OH 45807

Mr. Aubrey Martin  
3175 Cremean Rd., Elida, OH 45807

Mrs. Lois Overholt  
4467 Stemen St., Elida, OH 45807

Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Ryan  
6485 Tassel Ct., Westerville, OH 43081  
Their little guy, Westley, has been in the hospital for the past 6 months with many health difficulties. Please send a card of encouragement to Shaun and Erica. Erica is the daughter of Bob and Karen Meyer.

### New Addresses

Mrs. Helen Beeler (effective 12/29)  
220 Primrose Lane  
Lima, OH 45807

Mr. Ray Sroufe  
5541 Bay Blvd.  
Port Richey, FL 34668



## 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. Nolan Sherrick 7770 Elida Rd. Delphos, OH 45833
Mrs. & Mrs. Gail Burget 1023 Gilliland Ave. Delphos, OH 45833	Mrs. Mary Myers 328 Baxter St. Elida, OH 45807
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Smith 3878 Sky Hawk St. Lima, OH 45801	Mrs. Lois Smith 1070 Gloria Dr. #139 Lima, OH 45805
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hooks 801 Cornell Dr. Lima, OH 45805	Mrs. Jean Ann Palmer 1425 E. Fifth St. Delphos, OH 45833
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Riffle 3501 Diller Rd. Elida, OH 45807	Mrs. Donna McPherson 604 Sunnysdale Ave. 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	



## 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.*

# Active Connection



Our next **M & M Luncheon** will be Thursday, January 24th @ Noon. The menu will be beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, apple crisp and drink.

Following our luncheon, Pastor Bruce Tumblin, from Elida Immanuel will share with us.

You won't want to miss this! Plan to join us and invite a friend!

Tom and Sally Murphy, Coordinators



### DINNER 4 DAWGS

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, we prepared a meal for the girls' basketball team. What a wonderful opportunity we have to open our fellowship hall to the young people and enjoy their excitement! Looking into January, we will serve, the swim team on the 7<sup>th</sup>. We have more teams to serve so stay tuned by watching the bulletin and Connection Card for ways you, too, can join in the fun!!

As always, thank you for your continued prayers for the D4D ministry and please include all the students, faculty and staff in your talks with God.

Becky Bollinger, Coordinator



### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ever wonder about heaven, what we will be like, what we will do, or may be you have other questions. Beginning on Tuesday, February 5, at 7:00 P.M., we will begin a 7 week study called Heaven by Randy Alcorn. Join us as he reveals heaven to us through scripture. If interested, please mark the Connection Card so a Discussion Guide can be ordered for you. If you have any questions, please contact, Linda Hoover



### CONNECTION CLASS

Join the “Young Adult” Connection class this January and February to study “Goliath Must Fall: Winning the Battle Against Your Giants” by Louie Giglio.

According to the excerpts, this six session study “uncovers a new found twist on the story of David & Goliath. He shows how living free from our giants (rejection, fear, anger, comfort, or addiction) is not better slingshot accuracy, but keeping our eyes on the only giant-slayer: Jesus. Put your hope in Him and watch Goliath fall.” Learn that it's not the height of the Giant, but the size of our God! Join us during connection hour @ 9:30 A.M.



Be a part of a lifesaving journey.  
**Donate blood.**

Here @ Elida Immanuel Church  
Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 17th  
1:00—6:00 P.M.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcross-blood.org, sponsor code “immumc” to schedule your blood donation appointment.

## Communion Sunday



January  
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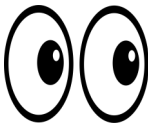
## HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

**2018 Giving: January – December \$560.00**  
**Monthly Mission donation for January '19: Canned Meats**

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



Elida Immanuel Youth!

Pastor Bruce will hold a series of confirmation classes beginning in February 2019. Confirmation is when a person reaffirms their baptismal vows which were made on their behalf when they were baptized as a baby, or if you have not been baptized, then this is the perfect time to take that step of faith. It is a time when you publicly declare your faith in God and His grace, His Son Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and acknowledge the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. It is also an opportunity for the congregation to confirm its commitment to you for your own spiritual development. I am extending this invitation to all of Elida Immanuel's young people who are ages twelve to eighteen and who have not gone through confirmation. This is a decision that I hope you will pray about and discuss with your family. There will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 10:45 A.M. service. A light lunch will be served. I encourage all who wish to be a part of the confirmation class and their parent(s)/guardian, to attend. *Please let the church office know by January 7<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending.*

The Immanuel Library

The adult library is the room east of the "front double doors" of the church! Judy Long, Coordinator

In the Company of Secrets  
by Judith Miller  
Book 1



Olivia Mott didn't intend to lie. Somehow, it just happened. And wasn't it all Lady Charlotte's fault anyway? Now Olivia's position as assistant chef at Pullman's elegant Hotel Florence is dependent upon her keeping her secrets. And sometimes lies have a way of leading to other lies. Should Olivia admit her real past and accept the consequences or keep quiet in order to preserve her comfortable new circumstances? Deception seems to be a part of everyday life in the company town of Pullman, Illinois, where the grand Pullman Palace Car is manufactured. Samuel Howard, Olivia's friend and the town manager, seems to think everything is fine, but Olivia observes something quite different. Could it be that Olivia is not the only one harboring secrets.



OUR DAILY BREAD  
"Sock Drive"  
OUR GOAL was 1,400+

Old man winter has arrived! We collected together 1200+ **men, women and children socks** for Our Daily Bread! THANK YOU for being a part of this great ministry. We are continuing to accept socks through the month of January!

Francis Early, Jr., Coordinator

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We will print a limited number of newsletters for those who don't have access to the internet, and they will be available at the Connection Center. We're asking those of you who have access to the internet, to either begin a new habit of reading the newsletter online or simply print off a hard copy if you prefer. We recognize that in the 21st century church, people are more mobile and are taking advantage of new technology at an even faster pace. In addition, there is significant cost savings to the church for paper, ink, postage, etc. As faithful stewards of the gifts you have entrusted to us, it would be wise for us to take advantage of the technology that is currently available to us. If you should have any questions, please feel free to talk with me or any member of the Leadership Board; Linda Hoover, Lynne Lawson, Tim Haniford, Mike Mouser, Mike Watkins, Paul Koch, Kayla Mull, Diane Koch, Kayla Wita, Trish Line, Mary Early and Craig Bollinger.

I am truly excited about these two announcements. My friends, as with any new beginning, it starts with the willingness to embrace real change. I believe that with change comes new hope and new opportunities to focus our attention on why we are here: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Yours in Christ,



January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year	2 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday Youth Group 6:00—7:30 P.M.	7 Dinner 4 Dawgs 3:30—6:00 P.M. Missions 7:00 P.M.	8 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M.	9	10	11 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	12
13 Youth Group 6:00—7:30 P.M.	14 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M.	15 S.P.O.O.N.S 8:00—Noon	16 Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00—6:00 P.M.	17	18	19
20 Youth Group 6:00—7:30 P.M.	21 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M.	22	23 M & M Luncheon Noon	24	25	26
27 Youth Group 6:00—7:30 P.M.	28 Leadership Board 7:00 P.M.	29 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M.	30	31		