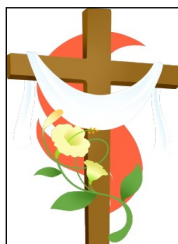


**Pastor's
Article**



**Bulldog
Believers
&
Dinner 4 Dawgs**



**Holy Week
Schedule**



**Church
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Pastor Connection

Dear Friends,

I hope you have been spending this time of Lent to reflect upon your life and your future. It is my hope that you have indeed experienced a deeper sense for the need of repentance and seeking out God's grace for forgiveness. Lent is such a special time of year which can so easily be squandered if we aren't intentional in pursuing real change in our walk with Jesus.

As you know, Holy Week and Easter are fast approaching. Here are the events/services which you can enjoy during our Easter season celebration. Saturday, April 13th, will be our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please keep your eyes peeled for the details. It's a great opportunity for the Elida Immanuel family to interact with those who don't have a church home. I would encourage you to not just hang with your "church friends," but rather seek out those who are visiting, make them feel welcome, and invite them to our Palm Sunday service on the following day. Holy Thursday is April 18th and Elida Immanuel will have a Taizé worship service at 7:00 P.M. I don't believe Elida Immanuel has experienced a Taizé service before. It is a time of meditation and inner reflection. We will celebrate Holy Communion at this service as well. I highly recommend that you come and check it out. Of course, the following day is Good Friday. Elida Immanuel will hold a worship service at 12:00 P.M., as we remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. Easter Sunday is on April 21st. In light of the fact that this will also be our Confirmation Sunday, we are having only one service on Easter which will begin at 10:00 A.M. Easter is a time of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What better way to give Him praise than to include a time when our youth will be baptized and received into the church. Our confirmation class members have been busy learning more about what our Christian faith is all about, what their own walk with Jesus looks like, and what it means to become a member of the church. I am really looking forward to this special Easter Sunday, and I hope you will also.

During the month of April, I will be preaching a series on Sunday morning titled: "Who Do You Say I Am?" This is a Skit-Guys series which I have found to be intriguing. We will examine this question of "who do you say I am" from the perspective of five different individuals (The number is five because we will also hear from one of them on Good Friday). It is challenging me to look at the Easter story through different eyes. I think you will find it challenging as well. Friends, I sincerely trust that you will be a part of each of these special events and worship services during the Easter season.

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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

March Giving

2019 Monthly Budget Amount\$24,657.00
Amount Received.....\$20,455.50
10% deducted for Missions.....\$ 2,045.55
Total.....\$18,409.95

Designated Giving: \$ 395.00
(Kidz Konnect, Missions, Flowers, Memorials, Special Events, etc.)



Kids Konnect



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Connor Wita	7th
Kate DeLong	11th
Hadley Leibrecht	11th
Ellen Troyer	13th
Camden Stewart	20th
Chloe Nartker	22nd



Elida Immanuel Egg Hunt Saturday, April 13 @ 4:00 P.M.

Once again it's time for Elida Immanuel's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Our entertainment this year will be WBCL's own Jim Barron, Christian Illusionist. Everyone is sure to enjoy Jim's Illusions and have lots of laughs and fun with him. After the show we will head outside for the over 5,000 eggs we have put out to be hunted. Then we will gather in the fellowship hall for snacks and a time for fellowship. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this fun event. What a great way for families to spend some fun quality time together. Hope you will join us!

Bulldog Believers
5th & 6th grade students
Wednesday, April 24th
3:00–4:30 P.M.
Invite a friend or 2 to join us!
Kayla Wita,
Coordinator



Youth Group
(students 7th–12th grade)
Sunday's @
3:00–5:00 P.M.
Invite a friend or 2 to join us!
Brandy Hollstein,
Coordinator

Family Fun Idea



Help your children cut out what looks like small articles of clothing out of paper and label them "compassion," "kindness," "humility," "gentleness" and "patience". Hang the paper clothes on string in their closet to remind them to put on virtue each morning as they dress. Read together Colossians 3:12.



VBS Sports Camp
July 8-11
Mark your calendar!

Compassion Connection

We send our love and prayers to the family of Norman “Paul” Swickrath during this time of loss. Paul passed on March 11th.

Congratulations to Tom and Bethany Cummans on the birth of their daughter Emmersyn JoAnn, born March 21st weighing 7# 1 oz. and standing 19” tall. Proud grandparents are Don and Becky Cressman.



Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday
Taize Service
April 18 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**Good Friday Service
April 19 @ Noon**

**Easter Service
One Service
April 21 @ 10:00 A.M.**

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

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Delphos, OH 45833

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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



DINNER 4 DAWGS

On March 14th, D4D served a meal at the high school for the cast and crew of the spring play, Newsies, – 78 hungry students! It was such a blessing and honor to serve such positive, energized students!! There is more involved when we transport a meal to the school - thank you to the Elida Immanuel servants who helped pull this meal together!

On April 11th, we will host the softball team in the fellowship hall. On April 15th, the boys’ tennis team will gather to eat prior to their tennis match that evening. Other spring sports teams are yet to be scheduled, but it looks like a busy spring!

Thank you so much to those who stepped up to help with Dinner 4 Dawgs by indicating their interest on the Opportunity to Serve sheets! If you haven’t submitted your Opportunity to Serve sheet and are interested in helping or learning more about D4D, please let me know.

As we are moving into the end of another school year, please continue to pray for the students, faculty and staff of the Elida Schools!

Becky Bollinger, D4D Coordinator



M & M LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, April 25th @ Noon. The menu will be Haystacks, birthday cake, ice cream and drink.

Following our lunch, Dylan Conner, will be with us to share about supplements that are available from the Elida Health Food Store.

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

Tom and Sally Murphy, Coordinators

The Immanuel Library

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



Heaven
by Randy Alcorn

We all have questions about what Heaven will be like, and after twenty-five years of extensive research, Dr. Randy Alcorn as the answers.

In the most comprehensive and definitive book on Heaven to date, Randy invites you to picture Heaven the way Scripture describes it -- a bright, vibrant, and physical New Earth, free from sin, suffering, and death, and brimming with Christ's presence, wondrous natural beauty, and the richness of human culture as God intended it.

God has put eternity in our hearts. Now, Randy Alcorn brings eternity to light in a way that will surprise you, spark your imagination, and change how you live today.

If you've always thought of Heaven as a realm of disembodied spirits, clouds, and eternal harp strumming, you're in for a wonderful surprise.

This is a book about real people with real bodies enjoying close relationships with God and each other, eating, drinking, working, playing, traveling, worshiping, and discovering on a New Earth. Earth as God created it. Earth as he intended it to be.

And the next time you hear someone say, "We can't begin to imagine what Heaven will be like," you'll be able to tell them, "I can."

Communion Sunday



April
7

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

2019 Giving: January–March \$155.00
Monthly Mission donation for April '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

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Much time, effort, and prayer has been spent on each one. I will assure you that you will not be disappointed. In fact, I am confident that it will have an impact on you and your entire family. Please know that I continue to hold you up in daily prayer for you to experience an enriching season of meeting our resurrected Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in a more personal way.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bruce

“Spring Fling Banquet “
Wednesday, April 24th
@ 600 P.M.



Pastor Bruce will be sharing with us what the Bible says about “Angels”.

Please make your reservations on the back of the Connection Card beginning April 7th or stop by the Connection Center

on Sunday, April 14th or April 21st to place your reservation with Gloria Miller.

Ticket price this year is \$7.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children 5 and up; free for children 4 and under.

Please join us for good food, good fellowship and prizes.

Gloria Miller,
Elida Immanuel Women’s President



Elida Immanuel
“Spring” Workday
Saturday, April 6th
@ 9:00 A.M.

Please join us as we together, work and spruce up our church from a long winter slumber.

Please bring with you — outside tools to use.

Mike Mouser & Mike Watkins
Co-Trustees Chairs

“AN UPDATE”

On Sunday, March 17th, we announced who will be following Pastor Bruce as our new pastor to Elida Immanuel. Just in case you we not able to be with us on that Sunday, here is a brief introduction.

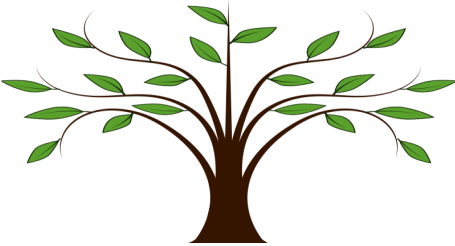
On June 30th, we will be welcoming Rev. Dr. Randy Coleman and his wife Rachel. He is a native of Nebraska and a son of a United Methodist pastor. Rachel grew up in Ohio. They have 2 married children who live in Lexington, Kentucky.

Pastor Randy earned a B.A. in Christian Ministries and Church Music in 1983, was ordained as an Elder in 1990, and in 2007 earned his doctorate in Missiology. All degrees were earned at Asbury University Theological Seminary. After earning his B.A., he was a short-term missionary in Japan with One Mission Society. He and Rachel were missionaries for 13 years in Ecuador with the One Mission Society, and for 5 years led students on short-term mission trips by serving at the One Mission Society student center at Asbury University. Pastor Randy is also a member of the West Ohio Council of the Wesleyan Covenant Association.

Rachel, his wife, earned her PhD in Theological Studies (NT) in May 2018. She taught Spanish while they were at the Ohio Mission Society center at Asbury University. She currently is an Adjunct professor in Biblical Studies, teaching on-line, and is a course writer. She continues to serve with One Mission Society as a regional theological consultant for Latin America.

Please plan to be with us Sunday, June 30th to welcome them to Elida Immanuel. Following the 10:45 service, we will be catering a meal as a welcome and this will also give you an opportunity to personally welcome them to the ministry of Elida Immanuel.

Linda Hoover
Leadership Board Chairperson



APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor Bruce’s 65th Birthday 	2 Men’s Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 P.M.	3 Lima Sister Cities 7:00 P.M.	4 Retired Teachers 11:30 A.M.	5 Converge Connection Zone reserved	6 Converge Connection Zone reserved “Spring” Workday 9:00 A.M.
7 Communion Sunday Fifth Sunday in Lent Youth Group 3:00—5:00 P.M.	8	9 Men’s Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M. Watercolors 7:00 P.M.	10	11 Dinner 4 Dawgs 2:00—7:00 P.M.	12 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	13 Easter Egg Hunt 4:00 P.M.
14 Palm Sunday Youth Group 3:00—5:00 P.M.	15 Dinner 4 Dawgs Noon—6:00 P.M.	16 Men’s Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M.	17 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	18 Holy Thursday Taize Service 7:00 P.M.	19 Good Friday Service Noon	20 Redbird Mission Drop-Off 9:00 –Noon
21 Easter One service @ 10:00 A.M.	22 Leadership Board 7:00 P.M.	23 Men’s Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M.	24 Bulldog Believers 3:00—4:30 P.M. Spring Fling Banquet 6:00 P.M.	25 M & M Luncheon Noon	26	27
28 Fellowship Hall Reserved Noon—4:00 P.M. Youth Group 3:00—5:00 P.M.	29 Missions 7:00 P.M.	30 Men’s Prayer 6:00 A.M. Teens for Christ 6:00—9:00 P.M.				