



# Elida Immanuel Messenger NEWSLETTER

May/June '19

## Pastor Connection

Dear Friends,

I greet you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope you are still basking in the afterglow of what I thought was a glorious Easter. As I had said on that Sunday, it is my favorite Sunday of the year because Easter is the day that we celebrate our new life through the power of the resurrected Christ!

As I was writing this letter, I thought to myself that with the busy Easter season behind us, we might have a period of calm. However, now as the month of May is upon us and I look ahead at my calendar, I came to the stark realization that this period of busyness was going to become even more intense. The later I looked into May and June the more crowded the days became. For those of you who know me well, I am a planner. I also like to work ahead because I never know when the Lord might present a ministry opportunity, or a chance to spend time with someone who needs a friendly ear, or when there might be an emergency in someone's life where I can be of some assistance. Add to that, my transition into retirement and all that it entails.

It was in the midst of my obsession over "having everything in order" that the Lord spoke to my heart. I realized that I was expending so much of my energy and attention on accomplishing what I deemed to be important, that I was not thinking about where God fit into my schedule. Now, when I say that, I don't mean spending personal devotional time with God or placing God at the center of my sermon preparation, etc. What I was convicted of is leaving God out of the planning process. Do you see what I mean? "I" was doing all the planning. "I" was making sure that "I" had everything in place. "I" was in charge of "my" schedule. Friends, I was leaving God out of the entire process. I wasn't asking God what it was that He wanted me to do. I was too busy taking care of what I thought was best, and what I thought would be pleasing to Him.

Jesus had something to say about people who allow themselves to become so enthralled with the work itself, that they lose perspective on what is really important. Luke 10:38-42 is the account of Mary and Martha. Despite Martha's busyness, Mary had the right idea: to spend time at the Master's feet. Yes, it is ok to be busy and to plan, but not at the expense of what is really important. When I read this passage, I was convicted. I will continue to plot and plan, but not at the expense of what is really important.

So as you look at your busy schedule this spring, filled with ball games, family events, work, and the like, don't forget what is really important. Keep the Lord at the center of your schedule and include Him in your planning process. More importantly, before you do anything else, remember to first spend some time at the feet of the great Teacher.

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## Connecting Families to Christ

## Immanuel Connection



### Staff:

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Doug Vandemark..... [immanuel@bright.net](mailto:immanuel@bright.net)

## 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

## April Giving

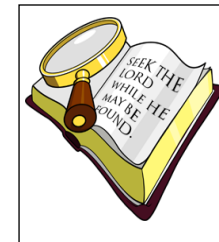
2019 Monthly Budget Amount ..... \$24,657.00  
Amount Received 3/31–4/28..... \$29,124.14  
10% deducted for Missions..... \$ 2912.41  
Total..... \$26,211.73

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

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# Kids Konnect



**MAY:**  
Logan DeLong 12th  
Marek Overholt 13th  
Norah Overholt 18th  
Emily Pietrzyk 25th

**JUNE:**  
Abilene Pietrzyk 3rd  
Kate Brinkman 16th  
Claire Brinkman 24th

 A BIG THANK YOU to all who made this year's Egg Hunt another great success in connecting with our Elida Community. Thanks to all those who helped fill our 7,000 eggs, hide eggs, donated candy, cookies and door prizes and a big THANKS to those that helped the day of the Egg Hunt. Thanks for your willingness to serve!

## Kidz Konnect Passover Meal

Thanks so much to Jim and Laurel Lawrence for preparing a Passover Meal for our Kidz Konnect kids. The kids had a great time learning about Passover and eating some things they have never had. What a great experience for the kids.

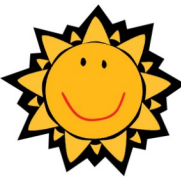
## Family Faith Idea

Paint pictures and words on the sidewalk using water and paint brushes. Notice how fast the water words and pictures fade away from the heat. Read Psalm 106:1 together and explain that God's love will never fade away like the water on the sidewalk.



## Bulldog Believers

5th & 6th grade students  
Wednesday, May 22  
3:00—4:30 P.M.  
Invite a friend or 2 to join us!  
Kayla Wita, Coordinator



## Youth Group (students 7th—12th grade)

**NEW TIME —**  
Sundays @ 6:00-7:30 P.M.  
Invite a friend or 2 to join us!  
Brandy Hollstein, Coordinator



## Elida Immanuel — VBS Sports Camp


This year's Sports Camp will be just around the corner and you won't want to miss out. It is July 8th—11th from 5:00—8:15 P.M. There are registration forms in the Education Wing and at the Connection Desk. Please be sure to pick one up for your kids and for your friends and neighbors.

**DON'T DELAY:** Registration deadline is June 30th or when camp is full!



# Active Connection

## DINNER 4 DAWGS


 This past month, D4D served meals to the girls' softball team and the boys' tennis team. It is a joy and a blessing to experience the talking and laughing as our guests enjoy their meal.

The D4D 'season' is winding down as we only have one more meal planned for this school year. On May 9 we will have the honor of serving the track team.

And, isn't it amazing that we are at the end of another school year?!?! The end of a school year is an exciting time and a stressful time for everyone, and I ask that you 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, May 23rd @ Noon. The menu will be "Brunch for Lunch", breakfast casserole, fresh fruit, biscuits w/ honey and summer sundae bar and drink.

Following our brunch, Dawn Arheit from Honey Run Apiaries will be with us to share about "beekeeping".

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

Tom and Sally Murphy,  
Coordinators

**NOTE:** This will be our last Luncheon until we meet again on Thursday, October 24th @ Noon. Have a great summer.!

## The Immanuel Library

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



Cross Roads  
by Wm. Paul Young

Anthony Spencer is egotistical, proud of being a self-made business success at the peak of his game, even though the cost of winning was painfully high. A cerebral hemorrhage leaves Tony comatose in a hospital ICU. He "awakens" to find himself in a surreal world, a "living" landscape that mirrors dimensions of his earthly life, from the beautiful to the corrupt. It is here that he has vivid interactions with others he assumes are projections of his own subconscious, but whose directions he follows nonetheless with the possibility that they might lead to authenticity and, perhaps, redemption. The adventure draws Tony into deep relational entanglements where he is able to "see" through the literal eyes and experiences of others, but is "blind" to the consequences of hiding his personal agenda and loss that emerge to war against the processes of healing and trust. Will this unexpected coalescing of events cause Tony to examine his life and realize he built of house of cards on the poisoned grounds of a broken heart? Will he also have the courage to make a critical choice that can undo a major injustice he set in motion before falling into a coma?



## Communion Sunday



May 5

## HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

**2019 Giving: January–April 268.00**  
**Monthly Mission donation for May '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.



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Finally, friends, this is my last letter to you. June 9<sup>th</sup> will be my last Sunday at Elida Immanuel. These past six years have indeed been a blessing to Kim and me. You have allowed us into your lives and we've had fun being in ministry together. Kim and I would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers, especially over these past few months. All of you will have a special place in our hearts and in our memories. May God richly bless and keep each of you. We will be praying for you.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Bruce*



## Graduation Sunday May 19th @ 10:45 A.M.

We will honor all those college/ high school graduates from June 2018 through May 2019. Please notify the church office, **before May 5th**, if you have a graduate this year.

Becky Foust,  
Higher Education Coordinator



## “Ladies Out To Eat” An invitation to all ladies

For the month of May —we will be going out to eat on Tuesday evening May 21st @ 6:30 P.M. to the Casa Lu Al. Come join us, sit, relax and let the ‘chef’ do all the work. **Please RSVP by Sunday May 19th** on the Connection Card or see Gloria Miller out by the Connection Desk with her clip-board! She will be happy to take your reservation!



For the month of June — we will be having a picnic on Tuesday, June 18th @ 6:30 P.M. Where we will be meeting will be announced at a later date. Watch your bulletins!!!

Gloria Miller,  
Elida IUM Women’s President



## YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

With the transition from our current pastor to our new pastor, two meals are being planned. One a Good-Bye, the other a Welcome.

Sunday, June 9th will be Pastor Bruce’s last Sunday with us. A meal will be provided after the 10:45 A.M. service to celebrate Pastor Bruce’s retirement and to give you an opportunity to personally say good-bye to Pastor Bruce and Kim. Then, on Sunday, June 30th a meal will be provided following the 10:45 A.M. to welcome Pastor Randy and his wife Rachel. We will need to know how many to plan for, for both meals. Check your calendar, mark the dates, then watch the Connection Card for the opportunity to place your reservation.

Leadership Board

## Continued: Henderson Settlement

Our team consists:

Area’ya Allen	Heather Lawson
Lynne Lawson	Kathy Simon
Mark Beamer	Garrett Beamer
Craig Bollinger	Becky Bollinger
Jaycea Foust	Jenna Foust
John Foust	Lindsey Foust
Ben Hoover	Jim Shrader
Barbara Kaveski,	Andrew Line
Jessica Line	Trish Line
Jim Lawrence	Laurel Lawrence
Cherie Moser	Reagan Nickles
Jim Twining	Sharron Twining

Please lift us in prayer over the next month and a half. Ask that God will give us the strength and ability to do our work well. But more than that, ask that God will provide us with opportunities to interact with the people who we serve. And most of all, ask that God will cause us to reflect His image so that He would be glorified through us.

### Elida Immanuel’s Mission Committee

Ruth Ann Bowman, Mary Early, Sharron Twining, Jim Lawrence, Bruce Billings, Cherie Moser, Bob Holmes, Kim & Pastor Bruce

# Compassion Connection

## Elida Immanuel congregation:

I would like to thank Pastor Bruce and the congregation for everything that you did for dad during his illness as well as opening up your church and fellowship hall for his visitation and funeral. The meal prepared for family and friends was really appreciated as well as the throw sent to us from the Flowerloft. We appreciate everything that was done for Dad and us!

Elaine & Galen Troyer & Family  
Rick Miller

**Directory Update:** Jan Swickrath no longer has her landline. Cell phone number is 419-230-9170

## \*Mission Connection\* Henderson Settlement

The team is set, the date is determined, and away we go to eastern Kentucky the week of June 16th! Twenty-four people from Elida Immanuel, including a few relatives of members, will be heading to Henderson Settlement to work on people’s home and the buildings on campus there. Henderson Settlement, like Redbird Mission, is a ministry of the United Methodist Church to the people living in poverty in the hills of Appalachia. Every year, many work mission teams from churches around the country converge there to be the hands of Jesus.

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## 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	Mrs. Mary Myers 328 Baxter St. Elida, OH 45807
Mr. & Mrs. Gail Burget 1023 Gilliland Ave. Delphos, OH 45833	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. Roberta Smith 800 Ambrose Dr. #408 Delphos, OH 45833 New Phone # 419-684-8609
Mrs. Helen Szuch % Liberty Retirement Community of Lima 2440 Baton Rouge Lima, OH 45805	
Mr. & Mrs. Nolan Sherrick 7770 Elida Rd. Delphos, OH 45833	

## 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.*

# June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 <b>Communion Sunday</b> Fellowship hall Reserved Noon—6 P.M.	3	4 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M.	5 Lima Sister Cities Carry-In 6:00 P.M.	6 Retired Teachers 11:30 A.M.	7	8
9 <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Pastor Bruce's Last Sunday & Dinner	10	11 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M.	12	13	14 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	15 Redbird Mission Drop Off 9:00—Noon
16 	17	18 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M. Elida IUM Women—Picnic 6:30 P.M. 	19 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	20	21 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00—8:30 P.M.	22 Wedding 2:30 P.M.
23	24 Leadership Board 7:00 P.M.	25 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M.	26 Lima Sister Cities 6:30 P.M.	27	28	29
30 Pastor Randy's 1st Sunday & Dinner						

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 S.P.O.O.N.S. 8:00—Noon Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M. Lima Sister Cities 7:00 P.M.	2 	3	4
5 <b>Communion Sunday</b>  Youth Group 6:00—7:30 P.M.	6	7 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M. NO Teens for Christ <b>Election Day</b>	8	9 Dinner 4 Dawgs 2:00—6:00 P.M. 	10 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	11
12 	13	14 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M.	15	16	17	18 Redbird Mission Drop-Off 9:00—Noon
19 <b>Graduation Sunday</b>   F.Hall Reserved Noon—5:00 P.M.  Youth Group 6:00— 7:30 P.M.	20 Leadership Board 7:00 P.M.	21 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M.  Elida IUM Women "Out to Eat" 6:30 P.M.	22 Bulldog Believers 3:00—4:30 P.M. 	23 M & M Luncheon Noon	24 Kindergarten Screening 7:30—4:00 P.M.	25
26 NO Youth Group	27 <b>Office Closed</b> 	28 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M.  Kindergarten Screening 7:30—4:00 P.M.	29	30	31 