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A Message from Interim Pastor - Rev Michelle McNamara

Daily, I read devotions to help begin the day. Parker Palmer is a favorite of mine. He often collects the works of other poets and reflects on them. In his devotions, he was ruminating that it takes no special talent to look around our world and point out things that are numbing, depressing, or death-dealing. But becoming keenly and consistently aware of what's good, true, and beautiful demands a discipline: we must open our eyes, minds, and hearts, and keep them open.

As we open up, we begin to see beauty everywhere, not only in nature but in human nature. There's a lot of bad news out there, but there's a lot of good news as well. Pass the word and help keep hope alive!

Mindful by Mary Oliver

Every day
I see or hear
something
that more or less
kills me
with delight,
that leaves me
like a needle
in the haystack
of light.

It was what I was born for -
to look, to listen,
to lose myself
inside this soft world -
to instruct myself
over and over
in joy,
and acclamation.
Nor am I talking
about the exceptional,

the fearful, the dreadful,
the very extravagant -
but of the ordinary,
the common, the very drab,
the daily presentations.
Oh, good scholar,
I say to myself,
how can you help
but grow wise
with such teachings
as these -
the untrimmable light
of the world,
the ocean's shine,
the prayers that are made
out of grass?



June Calendar

Thursday June 1st

12:00 Noon Women’s Guild meeting
Papa Joe’s
5900 W 111th St - Chicago Ridge
6:00 pm Worship Committee

Sunday June 4th

Pentecost -Graduation Sunday

10:00 am Communion Worship
Strengthen the Church offering dedi-
cation

Saturday June 10th

5:30 pm **Outdoor Concert**
Rivina in Evergreenia!
Bring your friends - food - chair
Music on the Lawn

Sunday June 11th

10:00 am Worship
Joyful Noise Collection for
Illinois Maya Ministry

Monday June 12th

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Thursday June 15th

6:00 pm Worship Committee
JULY / AUGUST
herald deadline

Sunday June 18th

Father’s Day
Summer Schedule Begins
9:30 am Outdoor Worship Service
(church lawn)

Sunday June 25th

9:30 am Worship

CHILD CARE is available on
the lower level during Sunday
worship 9:45—11:15 am
Ask the ushers if you need assis-
tance,

Joyful Noise



A NEW DIRECTION
BEVERLY HORDAN PARK

Illinois Maya Ministry UCC

June \$

May - \$ 115.85

AND provides a wide range of
services to adult and children
clients at no cost to the client

IMM has joined with the Maya
peoples of Guatemala and Chia-
pas, Mexico in a ministry of ac-
companiment, reconciliation, and
transformation to strive toward a
world vision of justice and dignity.

Women’s Guild

We will close our 2016-2017 calendar year on Thursday, June 1st with a family style lunch at Papa Joes Restaurant located at 5900 W 111th Street in Chicago Ridge at 12:00 Noon.

Enjoy your summer ! Mark your calendar now for our first fall meeting on Thursday, September 7th at 11:30 am.

Congratulations Confirmands

On Sunday, May 21, 2017 we welcomed into membership

Nolan Erich Rahm
Brennan Michel Taylor

We give thanks for their hard work and dedication.

Strengthen The Church Offering

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4th we will be receiving this special UCC offering. This offering will be used to help plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Envelopes can be found in the church pew rack



**Start making plans to attend our
2nd Saturday Night Concerts
June 10th, July 8th, August 12th**

We begin at **5:30 pm** with 5 minutes of centering worship and prayer.

Enjoy a picnic on the lawn, enjoy the music, enjoy the warmth of the company.

Invite your friends, family and neighbors.

Our version of Ravinia, we call it Evergreenia!

Free Concert Series continues



Batter up!

**Windy City ThunderBolts
Baseball Game**

Tickets \$5.00 per Seat

Date: Saturday August 12, 2017

Time: 6:05 PM

ThunderBolts -vs- Traverse City Beach Bums: Come on out to one of our most popular nights!

Memphis meets Vegas in a pre-game concert at 4:30 pm by [John Elvis Lyons](#). Elvis music will be on-tap all game long .

This is also one of our two [Church Nights!](#) All places of faith can get \$5 advance group tickets to this game.

Contact **Bob O'Neill** to reserve your seats now!

Also after the game enjoy the best fireworks show in the world!!

Contact Bob O'Neill (312) 401-8614

**KEEP IN OUR
PRAYERS**

Randy Ebling	Don Mattz
Joe Islinger	Judy Borowiak
Marilyn Buikema	Ruth Berg
Laverne Bresnahan	Marie Marsh

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE is seeking a Few Faithful Friends for the children of the church this summer.

To help keep our kids connected to church and to others in the church Membership is asking for volunteers who would be willing to connect by sending a card or making a call at least twice a month to a youth in the church.

The task is to simply let the child know they are loved, being thought of, and important within The Body of Christ.

If you feel you can be one of these Faithful Friends, please let Sandy Busse, Jane Feurer, Lois Murphy, or Bob O'Neill know.

**IMMANUEL PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Thank you to those who took the time to complete and return the All Church Survey.

Search Committee members are Linda Barrios, Christine Dewey, Susanna Ivory, Gary O'Toole, Sue Ptak, Glen Ritter, and Erin Taylor.

Congregational updates/progress reports will be given on a monthly basis both during worship service announcements and through written Herald articles.

June Worship Leaders

Position Date	Ushers	Liturgist	Flowers	Bulletins	Fellowship Host
June 4th	Team #2 Captain Nancy Rahm	Needed	The Rahms	The Rahms	Wanted
June 11th	Team #3 Captain Art Busse	Needed	Rosalind Peterson	Available	Wanted
June 18th	Team #4 Captain Connie Dobbin	Needed	Available	Available	Wanted
June 25th	Team #1 Captain Erin Taylor	Needed	John & Sue Ptak	John & Sue Ptak	Al Eriksen

Altar Flowers - Worship Bulletins

(April 30, 2017 thru May 21, 2017)

April 30th

Altar flowers given by Shirley Mikolaitis in memory of her husband Richard for his birthday

Worship bulletins given in thanks for all the dedication of the many volunteer hours given by the members and friends of Immanuel UCC

May 7th

Altar flowers and worship bulletins given by Verna and Gerry Snip in loving memory of Al and Shirley Bender; Geo, Tillie and Barbara Snip

May 14th

Altar flowers given in honor of Dolores Eriksen on her birthday and for Mother's Day by her daughter Diane Eriksen and Linda Barrios.

Worship bulletins given in celebration of the birth of Griffin Wabash Brown, by John and Sue Ptak

May 21st

Altar flowers given by Liam McNamara in remembrance of my dad's birthday - May 14, 1951

Worship bulletins given in honor of Benjamin Baez on his 10th Birthday by his mom and grandparents.

Dates Still Available: There are still dates available to sponsor altar flowers (\$30) and / or worship bulletins (\$15). Select a date, complete the yellow dedication form and drop it in the offering plate or return to the office with your donation. Bulletins are printed 2 weeks in advance so please don't delay returning your dedication form.

Building and Grounds Update:

As reported in the May issue of the Immanuel Herald,

Investigation continues into the wind and rain damage. The Council has approved expenditures up to \$50,000 for the repairs which includes removal of loose limestone veneer and engagement of necessary engineering, architectural and other constitution experts.

Traffic Advisory:

Please keep in mind that during this time 98th Street east bound from Campbell Ave remains closed until the north wall repairs have been completed. Please use the main front doors for entry to the church building. Additionally, Left turns are permitted on to 98th Street west.

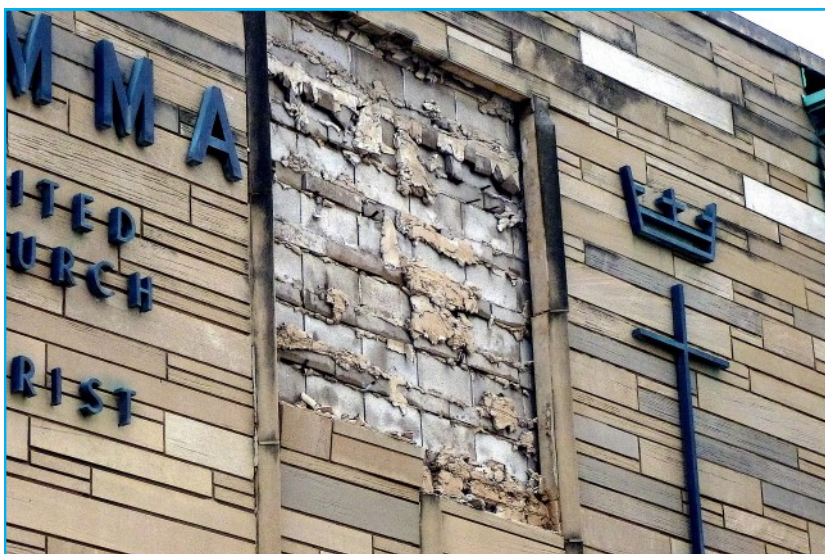


Left: Over view of the wall, while investigation in process

Right: Close-up of the letters that fell.

Lower: Close-Up of the section on the north wall

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