

**THE LAMPLIGHTER**  
**Immanuel**  
**United Church of Christ**  
111 Fremont St., P.O. Box 209  
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**Worship services 9 a. m.**

***“Immanuel’s vision is to Love, Forgive, and  
Worship in service to all generations.”***

**June 2010**

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## ***Journeying With Jeannie***

Dear Friends and Members,

There is a parable found in the book of Luke. Most of us refer to this parable/story as the story of the prodigal son. Basically, Jesus tells the story of a property owner who has two sons. The younger son demands his share of his inheritance while his father is still living. Then the son goes off to a distant country where he "squandered his wealth in wild living" and eventually has to take work as a pig herder. (Clearly a low point, since swine are unclean in Judaism).

There he comes to his senses and decides to return home and throw himself on his father's mercy, thinking that even if his father does disown him, being one of his servants is still far better than feeding pigs. But when he returns home, his father greets him with open arms and hardly gives him a chance to express his repentance.

We know the rest of the story, the father kills a fatted calf to celebrate his return. And the brother resents the favored treatment. And when we hear the story from the pulpit, we usually focus on one of the sons or the father, trying to find where we fit into the story.

The other day I realized there is a modern-day prodigal son story right under our noses. Apparently, Warren Buffett's son, Peter Buffett has written a book called "Life is What You Make it: Finding Your Own Path to Fulfillment". Now I haven't read the book and have no idea what is in it,

but I did read an article about what Peter Buffett has learned in his life. He says the book is about how he wound up a "normal, happy" person instead of a spoiled child to one of the world's richest people.

Peter Buffett took \$90,000 (in stock) of his family's money and went off to school and then eventually moved to San Francisco. There he lived in a small studio apartment and began his musical career by working for free writing music for a local television station. He said he was lost but was trying to find himself.

Peter Buffett says many people assumed his father wanted him to go into finance, however, he says his father accepted his choice to become a musician. He says the lessons he learned has helped him to be a better man. He is quoted as saying "I am my own person and I know what I have accomplished in my life. This isn't about wealth or fame or money or any to that stuff, it is actually about values and what you enjoy and finding something you love doing."

In our society, today, everyone is looking out for number one (ourselves). We have forgotten about morals and values. We have forgotten how to love just the person and not what they can do for us. We have forgotten that all we have, that all we are, that all we become, is not of our own doing, but is through the Grace of God. We are here in our own situation, not because we choose where to be born, or who to be born to, but because through the Grace of God, we have been given this wonderful freedom that filters through our everyday life without us giving much attention to it.

Instead of giving thanks for all we have, many have become people who have a sense of entitlement. Many believe they are entitled to anything and everything that comes along. I get frustrated, so many times, when I am out and about, with all the pushing and shoving. I get frustrated with those who think the laws of the road don't apply to them (or any laws for that matter). I get frustrated when I see people not being polite, not respecting their elders, and not respecting one another. And I get frustrated at myself, when I fall into one of these categories.

Peter Buffett, who left home and the security of his family, to find himself, says, "Entitlement

is the worst thing ever and I see entitlement coming in many guises. Anybody who acts like they deserve something 'just because', is a disaster."

I think Peter Buffett is on to something. There is nothing (good) that we deserve. But again, through the Grace of God, we are who we are. And the one thing we receive, through no fault of our own, is God's Grace. God has called us as God's children, and through grace we have been saved: saved from ourselves, saved to live eternally with our Maker.

I don't know if Peter Buffett ever went running back to his father, like the man in the story of the prodigal son. But if he did, (or does) his father will probably welcome him with open arms, saying to him, (like the prodigal son's father said to the son) and God says to us, "My son [daughter], you are always with me, and everything I have is yours." We are not always entitled, however we are always given the Grace of God.

That's my two cents worth on the subject of entitlement. I hope my thoughts might have gotten you thinking also.

Blessings to all,

Pastor Jeannie

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Newsletter articles are due in the office by the **17<sup>th</sup>** of each month. If you wish to have something printed in the Lamplighter you may either call the office with information or e-mail it to the church

**Visit our website at:**  
***[www.walworthucc.org](http://www.walworthucc.org)***

**Important Dates to Remember**

**May 31—Office closed—Memorial Day**

**June 1—Deacons—6pm**

**June 6—Communion—Graduate recognition**

**June 15—Trustees—7pm**

**June 28—Ad Board—6:30pm**

**July 4—Communion**

**July 5—Office closed—Holiday**

**Aug. 1—Communion**

**Aug. 3—Deacons—6pm**

**Aug. 2—6—VBS—Fontana Community Church**

**Aug. 5—Office closed**

**Aug. 7—Cream Puff/Bake Sale**

## **Church Camp Brochures**

Church Camp Brochures are now available either in the back of the church or by the office. We hope you will take this opportunity to check out the many activities you can do at either Pilgrim Center (in Green Lake) or Moon Beach (in St. Germain). Scholarships are also available. Application forms are on the web at: [www.ucci.org](http://www.ucci.org) or by contacting the managing director at each campsite you plan on attending. There are lots of adult events as well as Work Camps available. Happy camping!



Dear Members of Immanuel UCC,

On behalf of the Strehlow family and my family, as well as those who were a part of the benefit committee, I want to thank you for being a generous and kind church. Your willingness to loan us your china, silverware, pitchers, bus tubs, high chairs, booster seats, and the “carryout” supplies allowed us to save a fair amount of money. This savings directly benefited Ray Jr. and his young family.

May God richly bless Immanuel Church for your willingness to truly share that which you own to benefit others.

Sincerely,  
Linda (Kolnik) Austin

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Dear Immanuel UCC,

Thank you so much for your donation to the Big Foot Food Pantry. It is truly appreciated. Your continued support helps us to continue our mission to feed the hungry in our community. God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Madeline Zindrick—Site Coordinator

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for your generous contribution—especially appreciated in this challenging economy. Thanks to caring donors like you, Church World Service can provide food, water and other necessities to families displaced by war or natural disasters, as we are doing in Haiti now. And with your help, we can also assist impoverished communities as they work to improve their farming techniques, develop reliable water sources, and build a more sustainable future. May God bless you for your compassionate support.

Faithfully yours,  
Rev. John L. McCullough  
Executive Director & CEO  
Church World Service



### June Anniversaries

- 5—Richard & Nancy Rasmussen
- 9—Pastor Ron & Elaine Segedy
- 12—Add & Barb Toynton
- 14—Mike & Diana Bromeland
- 22—Gary & Gloria Ruskell
- 24—Ken & Marge Kurth



## June Birthdays

- 1—Pastor Elizabeth Hazel
- 3—Bob Rauland
- 5—Richard Rasmussen
- 6—Tom Beci
- 9—Charlie Rohner
- 13—Jim Recob
- 14—Dakota Ekman
- 15—Hailey Davis
- 18—Shari Mohr
- 21—Christopher Boldger
- 22—Art Anderson
- 25—Kathy Karcher
- 28—Marilyn Hafferkamp  
June Kolnik

## Upcoming Fundraisers

- Cream Puff/Bake Sale:** Gary & Gloria Ruskell—Chairpersons
- Turkey Dinner:** Chairpersons?
- Cookie Walk:** Chairpersons?

If you wish to volunteer to be head of or on one of these committees, please let the office know.



**Congratulations to all of our graduates!**

### College

Ashley McConnell—UW-Madison  
Shaina Murphy—Illinois State (Mac & Dixie's granddaughters)  
Shannon Seybold—U of Marquette  
(daughter of Mike & Kathy Karcher)

### High School

Alec Kelley  
Anne Rasmussen  
Michael Rasmussen  
Matt Freitag  
Betsy Utesch  
Julie Kolnik  
Trista DeVries  
Kirsten Halma  
Christa Bernstorff  
Emily Riley  
Brad McConnell

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Natalie Boldger  
Dakota Ekman  
Alex Halma  
Garrett Jeters  
Adam Kolnik  
Daniel Pearce



Judy Gildemeister recently gave a very appropriate book to our Immanuel Library. It is entitled, "The Quilter's Daughter," and is number two in the series of three books call Daughters of Lancaster County. The other books are the Shopkeeper's Daughter and The Bishop's Daughter. Author, Wanda E. Brunstetter, has penned a multitude of Christian books about the Amish way of life. She became interested in the Mennonites after marrying a man that grew up in the Mennonite community. Their simple way of life is in contrast to the fast paced life of our big cities. Her novels can touch your heart and simplify your life by accurately portraying the Amish way of doing things.

In the Quilter's Daughter, Abbey Mill leaves her successful quilt shop and boyfriend in Ohio to move to Pennsylvania to help her mother. While she is gone, there is a tragic accident in Ohio that changes her life. In order to deal with her personal sadness, she works too hard trying to take care of everybody else's needs. In Abbey's own words, "I know my faith has been tried and withstood the flames." You will have read the book to find out how her faith in God helps her deal with her own personal tragedy.

A big "thank you" to Judy, our wonderful and faithful quilter for this book.

**Gospel Workshop  
Our Savior's UCC  
Ripon, WI  
Friday evening and Saturday  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

A Gospel Workshop, sponsored by the Wisconsin Conference UCC, is being held in Ripon, WI.

Two choirs—The Westend Gospel Singers of Eberwalde, Germany and The Gospellers of the Wisconsin Conference UCDC—invite you to join them in the joy of singing gospel music and experiencing choir fellowship. After touring Wisconsin 2006, the German choir hosted the Gospellers in 2008. Now together they want to share with you what they have learned.

Extra information about the choir is printed separately.

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