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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Throughout this past month **we have been celebrating God’s Future with Immanuel** as we’ve heard about **Sharing the Good News, Our Church Home, Our Children, Endowing the Future, as well as Music Ministry and Worship.** What great things God is doing with us! As members of Immanuel we have the privilege of serving a risen Lord Jesus Christ who offers healing, new creation and transformation to all. Jesus stands by us, opening a hope-filled future**.**

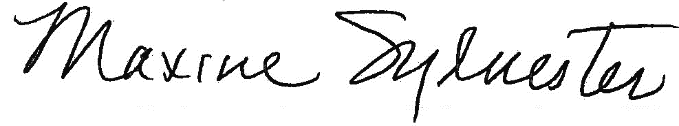
As your pastor, I eagerly anticipate 2020 during which Immanuel will further tap into Jesus’ freeing and transforming truth. In John 8:31-32, Jesus says, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” More than head knowledge, Jesus speaks of heart knowledge, the deep and abiding truth of Christ that frees us to truly love, forgive, serve, share and live in the peace and joy that only our Lord can bring. Jesus wants to touch every area of our lives with his healing transformation. I’ll be sharing Transformation Prayer Ministry as a tool that all of us can use in this venture.

Our congregation’s ministry is important and deserves our prayers and our financial support. We can increase our participation, our giving, and together do the vital ministry of Jesus Christ. **Will you now take a further step into stewarding God’s Future with Immanuel by prayerfully considering the enclosed “Questions and Answers About Our Stewardship Work Together” and completing the “Estimate of Giving” and “Offering of Time & Talent” forms?**

**On November 3-4 we will place our Estimates of Giving and Offering of Time & Talents for the New Year upon the altar as a sign of our personal consecration. This will be a joy-filled witness of our faith. And please come to the celebration brunch after the November 3 worship service. Everyone is welcome!**

We offer ourselves to the One who has given Himself for us. We live in the promise that Jesus is our “Immanuel,” God with us!

In Christ,

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Rev. Steven Solberg Maxine Sylvester

Pastor Congregation Council Member