



December 8, 2024

New Ministries Fund Deadline—Jan. 1st

The **New Ministries Fund** (established from the change of Conference Centers and the closure of our outdoor ministry center) awards up to \$15,000 in support of new ministry initiatives — particularly those which connect congregations and local communities. Current funding initiatives include support of new preschool programs, a baby diaper bank, mission projects in partnership with local helping agencies, a ministry of Healing, Wholeness, and Restoration and worship experiences specifically designed for use outside the church.

More details and an application on the PSEC website; go to psec.org and search “New Ministries Fund”. Deadlines happen twice annually Jan. 1 and July 1 of each year. Each new ministry applicant is asked to complete a full report within a year of receiving the grant.



From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Some Tips for the Holidays for Those in Recovery

1. Make a plan to deal with cravings
2. Spend time with friends in recovery
3. Let people know you are in recovery
4. Bring a sober/clean buddy to parties
5. Have realistic expectations of the holidays
6. Tell your Sponsor your plans & keep in contact with them

PSEC Anniversary Churches...

Immanuel UCC — 150 Years

Imagine a church in which so much of God's work in the world takes place Monday through Saturday. Imagine the members and friends of that church **exercising their faith in that world in ways they never imagined by virtue of who they are and how they serve.**

Then imagine those members and friends coming together on Sunday to celebrate the God who created them and to learn from Jesus who continues to teach and lead them.

Having been drawn together by God's deep love and inspired by Jesus' message of radical servanthood, Immanuel is a community in which we believe in practicing God's extravagant welcome, a place where all are **encouraged to question, to probe, to seek, to learn and grow.** Our purpose is to follow Jesus so that our relationships might become more authentic, our **love more inclusive, and our giving and serving deepened and strengthened.**

