



LOOKING AHEAD

April

(Tentative Dates)

- 1st Maundy Thursday
- 2nd Good Friday
- 3rd Holy Saturday
- 4th Easter Sunday
- 22nd Earth Day
- 24th Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market

May

(Tentative Dates)

- 2nd In person Church Service begins
- 6th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 9th Mother's Day
- 13th Ascension Thursday
- 15th Outdoor Book Sale
- 23rd Pentecost
- 31st Memorial Day



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April Birthdays



- 13th Helen Latella
- 17th Sam Colucci
- 20th Bonnie Rogers
- 25th Cynthia Wambold
- 26th Samantha Myers
- 27th Christopher Maule

Coffee Hour



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Coffee Hour is held virtually after the Zoom service.

Please stay online and join us for friendly fellowship.

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the Name of the Risen Savior Jesus!

Doing church while in the Covid pandemic, epitomizes the saying, *"we've never done it this way before"*!

First, I want to thank you for your prayers. I also want to ask that you keep the church council in prayer as we navigate our church through new and uncharted waters of change concerning the direction of Immanuel Union Church.

We are in this together, but more than that, God is walking through the fire with all of us, and I believe we will come out the other side victoriously!

We are grateful to God and the way He has sustained IUC for more than a hundred years of service to Westerleigh and beyond. God is so faithful, and the aspect of giving is one of the most puzzling to the world around us, in that when we give, we open ourselves up to the blessings of God in a significant way.

If you are unemployed at this time, we will pray God will either restore the job you had before these challenging days or assist you in finding a better one! God is still a God of miracles and provision!

As you know, if you have attended here for any amount of time, you know that a good portion of our operating budget is sustained through the financial contributions of you, the church body. Not only is this how the church becomes stronger, but we believe it's also how each one of us learns to trust God through our finances!

The plan, at this time, is to begin meeting in person in our sanctuary on Sunday May 2nd. Since May, 2nd is the first Sunday of the month Communion will be celebrated. IUC will provide everyone who would like to celebrate Communion with a Prefilled Communion Cup that includes the Bread & Juice; we will continue to abide by the requirements for a safe gathering. This will include masks (please bring your own); social distancing of 6 ft. apart; we will not use any Bulletins or Hymnals. We will no longer be receiving a public offering during worship but there will be a drop box at the Deacons Station where you can contribute your offering upon entering the sanctuary or as you exit.

As I said these are uncharted waters for us, but I would encourage you to remain faithful in public worship if at all possible. Please consider how God would want you to remain faithful in your giving. This epidemic has financially been a challenge to everyone which ultimately has affected our church budget. Please remain faithful in your giving. We have a variety of ways for people to give, whether it is through drop off at the Church, the U.S. Mail, online, or using an app!

From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

You can mail your tithe to 693 Jewett Ave. SI, NY 10314

Or you can visit our website: immanuelunionchurch.org and find links to Paypal and Venmo.

Please know that regardless of what your giving ability is at this time, you are loved and appreciated! As you pray for us, we pray for you, and we WILL get through this!

We continue our online zoom services each Sunday at 10 a.m.

You can join us by phoning in, just dial 929-436-2866 and punch in for the meeting ID: 8280501006.

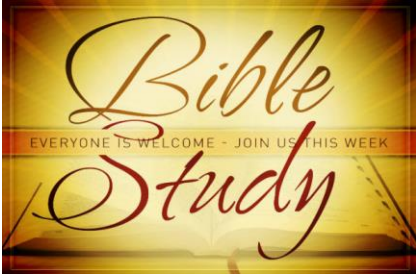
Or type into your computer or ipad: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8280501006>

We look forward to the day (which will God-willing be May 2nd) where we can gather in person together for worship as well as to continue to zoom so people can have both options. I look forward to seeing you all again in person!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Charlie

Bible Studies



The Sunday School series is suspended for the time being.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study will be held via zoom at 6:30.

See below to see how to connect to Bible Study or the Sunday Service.

From the Church Council

We plan to begin in person church services beginning May 2nd. We will also continue to meet on Zoom. We will continue to monitor the situation to make sure everyone is kept safe.

We are considering beginning rentals of our facilities for parties and gatherings, using CDC guidelines as they are updated. Please contact the church office if you have any questions or would like more information.

We are seeking a member of the Congregation at Large to join the House Committee. Sam Colucci and Dan Kish are members, a third member from the CAL is needed. The House Committee is involved in decision making regarding the Church's property and supervision of maintenance of the Church, this includes the building and grounds.

Mark Your Calendars

Church Fair

The Church Fair has been postponed until May. If anyone has cleaned out items that are good to sell at the Church Fair, we will be announcing dates to gratefully accept donations. Item collection will be contactless. Please call the church office for dates or to set up a drop off time.



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**For Everyone's
Safety**



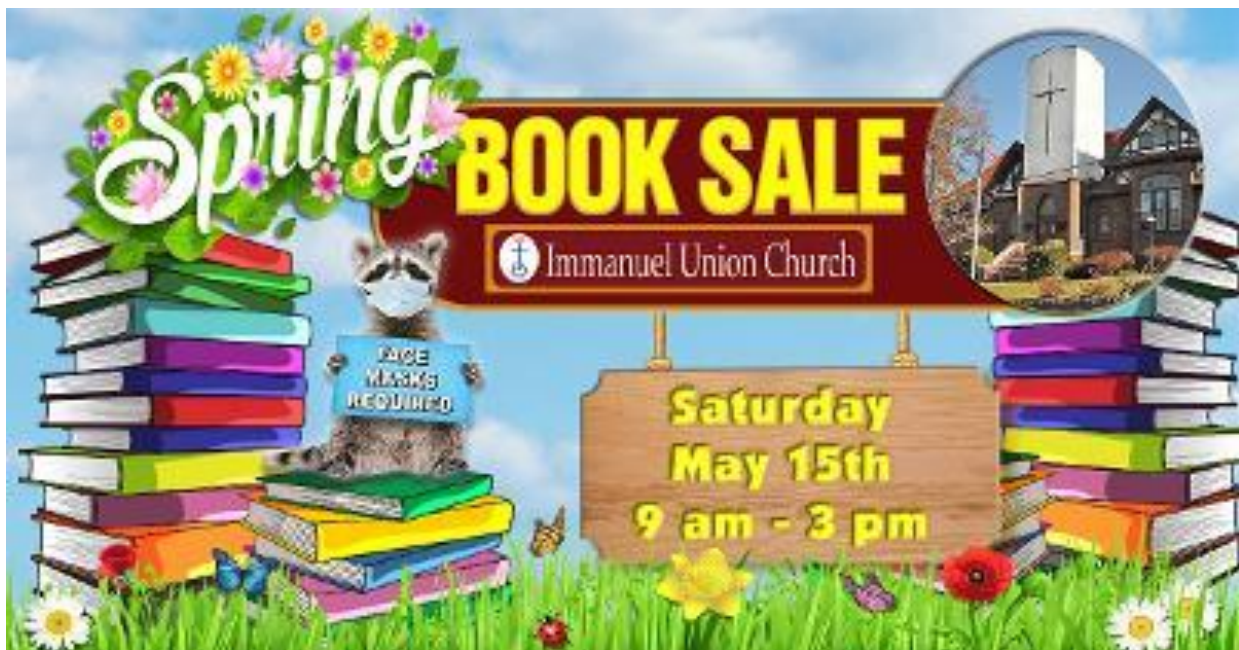
Let's look forward to
Spring 2021



Follow us on Facebook for details on all IUC events!

Flea Market

We will be hosting an Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market held Saturday, April 24, 2021 (rain date May 1st) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will be following all pandemic precautions and social distancing, there will be no food or drink for sale. MASKS ARE REQUIRED! Please come out to shop! See Bunny Matthus if you would like to rent a table.



We will be hosting an Outdoor Book Sale on Saturday, May 15th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please come out to shop! Masks must be worn! No food will be available at this event. Donations will be accepted, please call the Church Office to coordinate a time to drop off books.

Upper Room

Bonnie Rogers will be mailing the Upper Room daily devotional booklets to those who are interested. If you would like to receive a copy, please call the church office.

Thank you to Bonnie for serving our church community in this way.

Offering Envelopes

If you would like to receive a box of envelopes for your donations and do not do so already, please call the church office at 718 448-1584 and we will put one aside for you. All donations are confidential, but by using envelopes your donation is logged and you will receive an annual statement for your records.



April 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | Maundy Thursday | Good Friday | Holy Saturday |
| 4 Church Service via zoom 10:00 Easter Sunday | 5 | 6 Bible Study via zoom 6:30 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Church Service via zoom 10:00 | 12 | 13 Bible Study via zoom 6:30 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Church Service via zoom 10:00 | 19 | 20 Bible Study via zoom 6:30 | 21 | 22 | 23 | Flea Market |
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Church News



Please call the Church Office for information about purchasing Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones. We are currently using virtual flowers.

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If you are not currently receiving offering envelopes and wish to be included, please contact the church office at 718-448-1584.

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Information for the May Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, April 14th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net. Thank you.

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Need to talk? Want spiritual counsel? Have an emergency? If so, you can reach Pastor Charlie through the Church office from Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) at 718-448-1584. If you have an urgent matter off-hours, call Charlie's cell phone: 718-290-3726. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will reply. He is usually off on Friday; however, if you have a need, he is always available- any time, day or night. Please don't hesitate to call him!

## ~~~~~ **How you can help the Hungry and Homeless:**

**Help Re-stock Food Pantries:** non-perishable boxed or canned food items are needed: canned meat, tuna, vegetables, and fruits, rice and instant potatoes, tomato sauce and pasta, macaroni and cheese, canned and instant soups, peanut butter and jellies, baby foods and disposable diapers. No glass jars, please. When you come to Church on Sundays, you can place donations in our Food Basket. Thank you all for sharing.

FYI – Richmond Senior Services has relocated to 729 Delafield Avenue, between Clove Road and Taylor Street.

# Social Media

Please check out our Website as well as our Facebook Page. We ask that you share the information, especially to your Facebook friends, by Liking and Reposting on Facebook. This is a great way to publicize our worship services, Bible Study and any special events coming up. We can all make a difference!

# Zoom Connection Instructions

(This link if you use for the computer)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8280501006>

Meeting ID: 828 050 1006

(One tap mobile from your smartphone)

+19294362866,,8280501006# US (New York)

Dial by your location from landline

+1 929 436 2866 US (New York) Then enter the Meeting ID: 828 050 1006

## Prayer List

Please keep the following:

### Health Issues:

Baldini Family  
Laney Dahl  
Carina DeGiulio  
Karen McCarthy  
Jason Proceszyn  
Jan Wiggin  
Alan Yurich

### Serving our Country:

Matthew Ciccone, USMC  
Grand-nephew of Ann Holland

### Shut-Ins:

Ethel Thomas

in your prayers!!!

If you would like to be on the Prayer List or would like to add someone, please call Gina in the Church Office at 718 448-1584.

