



LOOKING AHEAD

July

4th Independence Day

August

2nd Church Fair Donation Drop-off

September (Tentative Dates)

6th Labor Day

9th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings

12th Rally Day

25th Flea Market & Craft Fair



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July/August Birthdays



July

- 6th Katherine Buchanan
- 9th Jessica Brower
- 10th Amanda Iken
- 11th Gary Brower, Jr.
- 13th Barbara Reiman Conca
- 14th Tara Michie-Palermo
- 15th Bernhard Iken
- 20th Timothy Jon McAuliffe
- 22nd Edward Jerlin
- 25th Craig Roby
- 26th Jeffrey Rogers
- 30th Elizabeth Iken
- 31st Betty Reiman

August

- 3rd Judith Morris
- 4th Scott Reiman
- 6th Patricia Brower
- 8th Gregory Neis
- 12th Bernard Brannigan
- 19th Michael Coyne
- 21st Michael Coffey
- Peter Matthius
- 27th William Bowe
- 28th Barbara Matthius

Coffee Hour



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Coffee Hour is held after the service and virtually.

Please stay online and join us for friendly fellowship.

From the Pastor's Desk

To All Who Long for Freedom!

This Sunday marks the 245th anniversary of American Independence. On that first day of American Independence the American colonists unanimously signed a declaration making known their intention of severing all ties with English tyranny.

The first words of this declaration read as follows: *“When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”.

Freedom has been defined as the right of enjoying all of the privileges of membership or citizenship, the right or the power to engage in certain actions without control or interference.

The Bible says we as Christians have freedom in Christ, and that it is for freedom that Christ has set us free (Galatians 5:1). We have the freedom to believe in Jesus and to love His Word. But what, exactly, is this freedom that we have in Jesus? Even apart from Jesus we all have the natural freedom to make decisions and choices and to think and say most anything we want. Our freedom in Jesus is meant to be a different kind or expression of freedom which is meant to represent the One who loved us and gave Himself up for us.

From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

Jesus said in John 8:31-32, ***"If you remain in My word, then you are truly My disciples. You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."***

So, what exactly does Jesus set us free from?

First, He sets His people free from the "law of sin and death."

Second, He sets His people free from bondage to sin.

Third, He sets His people free from the burden of the Law.

Forth, He sets His people free from a self-glorifying past.

Fifth, He sets His people free from the veil which separated a Holy God from sinful man.

Finally, He sets His people free from self-serving motives.

I believe that these six are among the most important freedoms that those who have been Spiritually born again have been indeed set free from. Jesus declared, ***"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed"*** (John 8:36).

While many people may be on the road during this special weekend, I hope you will find time to be with us in Worship whether in person or by Zoom as we give thanks to the One who secures our freedom as Americans, as well as the freedom we enjoy by being set apart out of all the peoples on the earth to be a people for His own special possession.

Since it is the first Sunday of the month we are also looking forward to partaking of the Lords Supper together.

I hope to see you all this Independence Day.

Your Servant for Jesus Sake,

Pastor Charlie

Coming Attractions

The Lamplighter is getting a make-over!

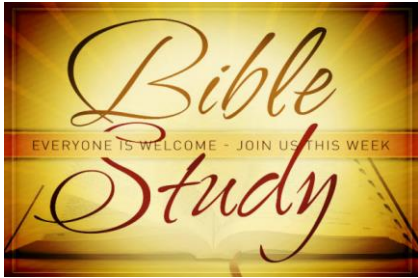
By way of definition, a lamplighter is someone who *lights and maintains* candles and/or street lamps. While candle and gas lit lamps are indicative of a by-gone era, the concept of lighting, or in our case, *enlightening*, and *maintaining* are very much part of our present-day society.

To this end, Immanuel will be introducing a few changes to the Lamplighter's present format to both enlighten and create greater connectivity among our members, both current and those who may have moved away. We thought that in the hub bub of everyday life, members past and present would enjoy hearing about each other and keeping in touch.

A new column, entitled "**Connections**" will be created. This column is for all members, both past and present. Please send all updates, announcements, relevant photos to iuc1@verizon.net. Include "Lamplighter" in the subject line. New job, new home, new grandchild, new pet, vacation, important milestone?—let us know, and let us help you celebrate. Let's keep in touch and ***stay connected!***

"You never really leave the place you love. You take part of it with you and leave part of you there."—unknown

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

In person church services have begun! We will continue to meet on Zoom. We will continue to monitor the situation to make sure everyone is kept safe.

We are 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.

Save the Dates!!

- September 12th Rally Day BBQ
- September 25th Craft and Vendor Show
- November 13th Church Fair
- December 4th Craft and Vendor Show

We will continue to monitor and adhere to all pandemic regulations, guidelines, and safety measures, and make any adjustments necessary or required.

- ❖ Anyone who would like a table(s) for either Craft or Vendor show, please contact Bunny Matthius (973) 214-6048 via call or text.

- ❖ It's not too soon to start thinking about our annual church fair in November. While the decision to offer home baked and cooked items, and a lunchroom, are still undecided pending CDC guidelines and regulations, attic treasure cleanouts and donations are being accepted, as are books. As well, if you have a particular talent for hand-crafted items, please consider donating an item to the Fair. Hand-sewn, knitted, and crochet items, woodworking, painting, photography, soap making are just a few ideas. Or, consider putting together a raffle basket—these are always big sellers! And, of course, if you can volunteer some time to help with the set-up and/or be a table host at the Fair, please come out and participate in the camaraderie that has become a hallmark of Immanuel's events! Please see Nancy Myers or Bunny Matthius if you would like additional information.

From the Planning Committee

The Planning Committee, formed in March, was created to support the ongoing work of the Church Council. The Committee is chaired by Bunny Matthius, with Pastor Baldini serving as moderator. Members include: Bernie Blomquist, Leslie Baldini, Nancy Myers, Gene Sorensen, and Donna Tecarr.

The Planning Committee focuses on key issues and items to support the Church in its existence today, and to foster future growth.

Some of the items that the Committee has identified and acted upon to support the work of the Church Council are: expense review, fund-raising events, processes to streamline and create greater efficiencies, and increase communication among members.

To date the Committee has sponsored three events:

- March Craft and Vendor Fair
- Book Sale
- Garage Sale

The Committee meets monthly. Anyone wishing to join the Committee, please reach out to Pastor Baldini.

Merci, Gracias, Vielen Dank, Thank you!

- ❖ A very special shout out to all who contributed to the overwhelming success of the **June Garage Sale**—it couldn't have been done without you!

To our intrepid Council and Planning Committee Members and special volunteers....a huge round of applause and thanks! Special mention to Annie Holland for her devotion to supporting all three spring events, and to Donnamarie for her on-going support as well, and her beautiful raffle baskets.

- ❖ Many thanks and much gratitude to Bonnie and Ned Rogers for transforming the flower box by our main sign on Jewett Avenue, and for cleaning up the landscaping in front of the church. We can't wait to see what's next!

Fair Donation Collections

Cleaning out? Decluttering? We will be having a donation drop-off August 2nd from 4-6 PM for items for our church fair in November. No electronics or clothes (other than scarves, handbags, or hand knit sweaters) will be accepted.

The Fair Committee



**Now Accepting
Donations**

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.



July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 Independence Day	5	6 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	7	8	9	10
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August 2021

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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 September Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, August 13th. 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-hour, 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!

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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
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.



Then followed that beautiful
season...Summer...Filled was the
air with a dreamy and magical light;
and the landscape lay as if new
created in all the freshness of
childhood.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow