



THE Lamplighter



“THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE
DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS
HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.”
JOHN 1:5



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LOOKING AHEAD (Tentative Dates)

July

4th Independence Day

September

1st Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
5th Labor Day
10th Craft Fair & Flea Market
11th Rally Day Church Picnic
21st AARP



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*The friendly church with a vision and a
future.*

Pastor's Letter

To Those Who Find Glory in What Nature Reveals,

Carl Gustaf Boberg famously wrote, *“O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder thy power throughout the universe displayed then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee how great thou art, how great thou art.”*

Have we lost a sense of awe and wonder in this world? For most of us, a normal day of life doesn't leave us in awesome wonder. We pass by trees and grass, see the sun and moon every day, but they are altogether ordinary, not awesome to us.

The Scriptures teach us that the natural world is not only God's creation, but God's revelation. Psa. 19:1 declares, ***“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.”*** In Rom. 1:19-20 Paul proclaims, ***“For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.”***

Have you ever wondered why God created everything in this world from the smallest ant to the awe inspiring Adirondack Mountains? The natural world is not merely the result of random, unguided processes, but is a masterpiece of God. The Bible tells us that every created thing reveals the glory of God. It is a sort of language by which God communicates with everyone that He exists and that He is forever glorious. We ought to be moved to worship as we behold God's goodness, grace, power and creativity in the things around us. Nothing is ordinary in God's world. The next time you take a walk whether in the forest or the beach and smell the dead leaves, sink your feet into the sun blazed sand or even sink your teeth into a juicy cheeseburger, or play with your dog or cat, or listen to the gentle chirping of crickets in a summer night – stand in awesome wonder and let your soul sing, “How great thou art!”.

May our God bless and protect you throughout the hot days of summer.

Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,

Pastor Charlie

Sunday Worship & Bible Studies



Sunday Church Service is will be via zoom at 10:00 AM. Check IUC's Facebook page for current topics. Like us on Facebook.

The Sunday School series is suspended for the time being.

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

How to connect to Bible Study or the Sunday Service:

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From the Church Council

The council has decided to cancel Oktoberfest this year. We will meet be meeting in August to try to plan another fundraiser.

Near & Far

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

This space is for all members, whether local, retired or relocated, to share updates on themselves, their families, important happenings in their lives. It's what keeps us all connected. This is your page. If you would like to give us an update email it to the church at iuc1@verizon.net.

Milestones



Birthdays

July

- 6th Katherine Buchanan
- 9th Jessica Brower
- 10th Amanda Iken
- 11th Gary Brower, Jr.
- 13th Barbara Reiman Conca
- 14th Tara Michie-Palermo
- 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

Focus On Our Family

A monthly highlight of an IUC member will appear in this section. If you are interested in sharing your family with us please send your info to the church at iuc1@verizon.net.

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2022 are available, please contact the Church Office if you are interested.
- 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.
- Electronic tithing is now available. Please visit the church's website at immanuelunion.org and click on the donate now button. You can send your donation through PayPal or use your debit/credit card. You can also donate using Venmo our user name is ImmanuelUnion-Church.
- Information for the September Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, August 19th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Mark Your Calendars

Church Fair

The Church Fair has been slated for Saturday, November 12th. While we will continue to adhere to and work with pandemic restrictions and guidelines, it is our intention that the Fair will continue in its entirety. The Fair Committee accepts donations all year, so anyone wishing to drop-off household and/or handmade items ahead of time are welcome to do so! We are looking forward to once again holding this well-known event in the community and a key part of Immanuel's heritage. 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. Come join us in November!



Important Dates

- September 10th Craft and Vendor Show
- November 12th Church Fair
- December 3rd Craft and Vendor Show
- Anyone who would like a table(s) for either Craft or Vendor show, please contact Bunny Matthius (973) 214-6048 via call or text.

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

Boiler Fund

\$50,000 Goal

\$25,005 raised!!

We hope that this note finds Immanuel Union's church family, friends and loved ones healthy, safe and well.

Whether you worship with us in-person or via Zoom, or simply enjoy Immanuel's daily bell chimes and events, you are no doubt aware of the toll that the COVID pandemic has taken on many businesses, organizations and institutions. Sadly, Immanuel Union has also been negatively impacted.

While we have all experienced many shops, restaurants, and businesses closing, Immanuel is committed to staying the course as we find our way back from the pandemic into a more promising future.

Due to the loss of income from our annual Church Fair, craft and vendor shows, and donations from the many groups, organizations, and gatherings, our coffers are in dire need of support to replace the boiler in our aged heating system, and to make much-needed repairs to our historic stained glass, and roof easements.

Whether you are an active member, live at a distance and are now part of our extended church family, or are a neighborhood friend of the Church, we're sure that you have fond memories of time spent at Immanuel. As an update, we are pleased to announce that late last year, Immanuel Union Church was recognized as an historic sacred site in the United States, and is now listed on the National Historic Registry. It is our goal to continue to provide the meaningful spiritual guidance and activities to our church members, extended members, and the broader Westerleigh community into perpetuity.

We have initiated an appeal to raise \$50,000 to replace our heating system, and any extra raised for stained glass repair and roof easements. We hope you will consider contributing to this worthy undertaking.

Your contribution is gratefully appreciated and is tax deductible.

We can't thank everyone who donated enough for their generosity.

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	4 Independence Day	5 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	6	7	8	9
10 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	11	12 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	13	14	15	16
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24 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	25	26 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	27	28	29	30
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August 2022

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God is Everywhere and so is IUC

Zoom & Social Media Instructions

Please check out our Website as well as our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. 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!

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Prayer List



Praise

✠ John's friend Phil is off the transplant list, the meds have stabilized him.

New-

✠ Adrienne had hip surgery after her fall. At Eger, in good spirits would love visitors.

✠ Sonja and Bill Coyne both have Covid. Feeling a little under the weather.

Continued-

✠ John's friend Brian- having heart issues.

✠ Ann's Aunt Marty having anxiety issues.

✠ Rosemary- Genes sister, saw the doctor with an all good. Will begin to take short driving trips

✠ Jennifer Walsh- prayer for her & coworkers- favorite man in group home died

✠ Dons eyesight worsening

✠ Shooting in Texas, families of the victims, 8 year old Reuben (1 of 2 students who survived)

✠ Lee Kramer- fell is okay but moving to LI with her daughter.

✠ Christine Myers (Nancy's SIL) has cancer.

✠ Nancy's niece Heather has just been diagnosed with breast cancer- has twins 5 year old and a 3.5 year old.

✠ Marlene- cleared to drive around her neighborhood after breaking bones in her foot!

✠ Caroline - friend of DonnaMaries- pregnant and carrying a baby for her brother and sister in law who have tried every fertility method to get pregnant. Pray for the baby to continue to do well and for all hearts involved rejoice.

✠ 2 babies in utero - Matthew & Silas- protection for both babies and no complications with birth.

✠ Walter- Liz Iken's brother in law is home and in PT. Pray for strength.

✠ Dorothy's SIL Phil- not doing well physically and Mary is very worried, Protection for Ray. Peace for Dorothy

✠ Anne Holland's friend Dr Kim who has myasthenia Gravis. His energy levels have been mostly good, pray they continue.

✠ DonnaMaries mom Mary and Jan Wiggins are at Sunrise. Pray for safety and their health.

✠ Ted Beck - Genes former coworker in Florida still recovering from cancer treatments

✠ Stephen- Naomi's son- doing better, is stable

✠ Anne Haakonsen's mom- battling kidney cancer

✠ Those battling Covid-

✠ Long haulers with Covid symptoms

✠ Vaccine injured

✠ For our country (President, Vice President, Senators, Congressmen/women, judges).

✠ For our police, firefighters and military

✠ Leaders of our State- Gov Hochul, Mayor Adams-