



LOOKING AHEAD

June (Tentative Dates)

- 3rd Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 12th Garage Sale
- 20th Father's Day

July

- 4th Independence Day

September (Tentative Dates)

- 6th Labor Day
- 9th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 12th Rally Day
- 25th Flea Market & Craft Fair



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June Birthdays



- 5 Adrienne Liana
- 9 Valerie Jacobson
- 10 Abigail Blissenbach
- 11 Mary Brower
John David Conca
- 15 Casey Lynne Reiman
- 26 Thomas Coffey
- 27 Christine Matthius
Roseann Sorensen

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 May Still be Feeling the Heat,

I wanted to take a moment to send you this note of encouragement as you are going through this challenging time in our lives.

You may be familiar with the account of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego the fiery furnace from the book of Daniel in chapter 3: ***Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."***

As the powerful King Nebuchadnezzar looked into the fire, I believe he had to do a double-take and then another double-take! These three Hebrew nobodies were no longer bound, instead they were walking around in the fiery furnace, fellowshiping with one another in the presence of their God!

They weren't sitting in a corner huddled in fear, nor were they complaining about how hot heat of the flames were. Instead, they were enjoying refreshing fellowship with THE ONE, with the appearance of the "son of the gods." We know better that He wasn't just the "son of the gods" but God the Son, Jesus our Christ! What's most important here, is even this pagan King was able to recognize the King of Kings amid the fiery trial of His people! It's important to remember that the same God that was there for them at that time is here for you and me now!

We may not enjoy hearing this, but I believe that one of the ways the Lord uses to bring us closer to Him and to know Him more, is through trials. We may not know what to do during the trial, but it causes us to focus on His power and not our limitations!

Peter in 1 Peter 1:7 tells us that our trials come from God more often to strengthen us rather than punish us: ***"so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. We can't stop the trials from coming, but with God's help, we can adjust our attitude when those trials arrive."***

From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

I don't share these words as someone who has not experienced my share of trials. I have, but I wanted you to know that the same God who brought me through them, will do the same for you. Keep your eyes focused on Jesus, who is your "fourth man" in your fiery trials as well. With that hope in mind, I would like to keep you informed of several things happening at IUC:

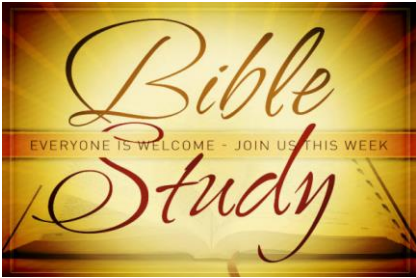
First, we are having a Church Garage Sale Saturday June 14. I hope to see you all there in person. Second, by God's grace after almost 14 months of online worship we are finally meeting together in person. We are still on Zoom each week as well for those of us who may not be ready to meet in person yet. I am hopeful after a Covid free summer you may be ready to join us for worship in person. We are planning a special time for Rally Day Sunday, which this year is September 12. Finally, we are working on a new look for our Church Lamplighter which we hope to unveil in the September edition. Be on the look-out!! We want to get to know each other better and stay connected with those near and far- it's been a rough year and a half and we NEED connection in our lives!

I pray that you all have a refreshing and safe summer and look forward to worshipping with you all LIVE in September.

Your Servant for Jesus Sake,

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

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.

Mark Your Calendars

Garage sale--rain or shine!

The Church is conducting a “mega” garage sale on Saturday June 12th from 9-3pm to make some much-needed space for our Fair items. Come out and browse, volunteer, or just share in the fellowship of the day!



---The Planning Committee

Church Fair

The Church Fair will resume this year and has been slated for Saturday, November 13th. 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. Come join us in November!



Announcements

The Planning Committee, with the support and approval of the Council, has scheduled the following upcoming events for the fall season:

- September 25-Craft and Vendor Show
- November 13-Annual Church Fair
- December 4-Holiday Craft and Vendor Show

Thank You

Recent Craft and Vendor and Book Fair--Thank you!

Many, many thanks to all who participated in the recent Craft and Vendor and Book Fairs. Whether you brought much needed boxes, set-up tables and sorted and carried books, sourced raffle baskets sold raffle tickets, or cashiered, your many contributions were critical to the success of both events. Special thanks to Gina for creating all of our signs and contracts, and, fielding calls from the community. A huge shout-out and kudos to all!

----The Planning Committee

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.



June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Council Board & Trustee Meetings	4	5
6 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	7	8 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	9	10	11	12 Garage Sale
13 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	14	15 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	16	17	18	19
20 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 Father's Day	21	22 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	23	24	25	26
27 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	28	29 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	30			

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 July/August Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, June 18th. 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!

## ~~~~~ **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.

