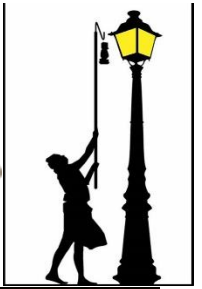




# THE Lamplighter



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

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## LOOKING AHEAD



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#### November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Budget Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> Trustee/Board/Council Meetings
- 8<sup>th</sup> Church Fair
- 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> AARP
- 14<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout Radio Bingo
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Sunday
- 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving
- 30<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent

#### December

- 4<sup>th</sup> Congregational Budget Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> Holiday Vendor Fair/Boy Scout Wreath Sale
- 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert 7 PM
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

## Pastor's Letter

To All Those With Thankful Hearts,

Paul in **1 Thess. 5:18** exhorts us with these words, ***"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*** If you're anything like me, there may be moments when you question whether you are living according to His perfect will. For many of us we would never consider that God's perfect will for us is found in the simple exercise of ***giving thanks***. Perhaps the reason why is because being thankful is really no simple exercise at all.

I mean, with the cost of everything skyrocketing and people struggling to make ends meet, as well as those with health issues and the crime issues, it perhaps is far too easy to dwell upon what not to be thankful for, than being thankful for everything!

I believe by now, many of us realize that our relationship with God is one in which He stretches His children to maturity. For those who don't have the *"ideal life"*, it is easier to dwell upon the negatives, than it is to focus upon the blessings that we receive from Him on a daily basis. In our grumbling, we show contempt toward God for these blessings. When we grumble, we are no different than the children of Israel who never made it to the promised land.

Listen to the way the Psalmist writes about the events. **In Psalm 106:21-25 we read: *They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt, miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. So he said he would destroy them-- had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them. Then they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe his promise. They grumbled in their tents and did not obey the LORD.***

## Pastor's Letter (con't)

Imagine that, "***they forgot the God who saved them***". That is really what happens when we neglect giving Him thanks for the many blessings we take for granted. I looked up the word "***thanks***" in the Bible and found that the people of God are exhorted or commanded to give thanks to God 81 times. If you really think about it, there is a lot for us to be thankful for.

For example, I am thankful to God for who He is, thankful for what He has done in my life, for what He has done for me, for what He has done through me to help others, for what He has revealed to me through His Holy Word, and for the family, friends and associates He has brought into my life over the years and I am thankful for you.

It truly is a joy to live with a thankful heart, and it is truly joyful to be around others who have thankful hearts- in spite of the hardships of life. I would also like to thank those who will be and are working in preparation for our Church fair- thank you all who are setting up, making chowder, baked goods, working on that day or those who will help with clean up. As we begin this season of thanksgiving, I look forward to thanking God as I count His many blessings, naming them one by one. And they are countless. As the old hymn says, "*For life and health and all that's good we give Thee thanks, O Lord.*" (Heb 12:28-29)

Thankfully Yours,  
Pastor Charlie

# Join Us Online!!



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

Sunday School begins at 9:00 AM.

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

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!

How to connect to Bible Study or the Sunday Service:

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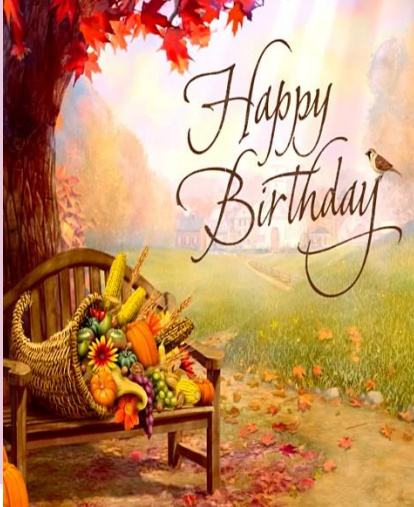
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# Milestones



## Birthdays

11/4	Bridget Elizabeth Bowe	11/20	David Crawford
11/5	Emily Morrison		Eugene W. Sorensen
11/7	Ellen Rabin	11/22	William N. Coyne
11/8	Benjamin Baldini		Meghan Jane Bowe
11/9	Neil Andrew Michie	11/23	Emily Brannigan
11/10	Sarah Baldini Comis		Lisa Wetzel
	Caroline Crawford		
11/13	John Reiman		

# Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2025 are available.
- 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](http://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 December Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at [iuc1@verizon.net](mailto:iuc1@verizon.net).

# Mark Your Calendars

- November 8<sup>th</sup> Church Fair
- November 30<sup>th</sup> Congregational Budget Meeting
- December 6<sup>th</sup> Craft and Vendor Show

❖ Anyone who would like a table(s) for the Craft or Vendor show, please contact the Church Office at 718 448-1584.

November 30<sup>th</sup> is the Congregational Meeting to approve the budget and to present motions to be voted on regarding Church growth and the continuance of IUC.

The Church Fair is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> it's not too soon to start preparing. 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 holding this well-known event in the community and a key part of Immanuel's heritage. Attic treasure cleanouts and donations are being accepted, as are books. Also, 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.



# ORGAN CONCERT



# CHRISTMAS

# CAROL SING

**Immanuel Union Church**  
**Saturday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

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November 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00	3	4 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	5	6 Council Trustee/Board Meetings	7	8 Church Fair
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## Prayer List

### Praise

- ✠ Roy- doing well now after surgery for prostate cancer.

### New & Continuing

- ✠ Roland's family was hit by the tsunami in the Philippines. The family is safe but the damage is extensive. Pray that God sends people to help them.
- ✠ Gene- Ed's friend having open heart surgery tomorrow. (11/12)
- ✠ Eds niece (Joelle) are going to be talking. Her mom (Lisa) has alienated herself from her.
- ✠ Alex- her cat passed away.
- ✠ Donnamarie's mom- in last days.
- ✠ Donnamarie's brother- spot on lung has grown- will get a follow up scan in 3 months.
- ✠ Ann's mom - healing after fall. The state is investigating the fall.
- ✠ Charlie's friend Joe- had heart procedure yesterday.
- ✠ Catherine- has cancer
- ✠ That we will share the Gospel boldly in every opportunity we have.
- ✠ Lyn's friend Dee- recently diagnosed with heart issue.
- ✠ Salvatore- was fired, and just pray that Ed can forgive him and he gets his life together.
- ✠ Roland's friend - Jose - died from pancreatic cancer. Pray for the family.
- ✠ Fred- his daughter wants nothing to do with him and his best friend the same.
- ✠ Ann's Aunt Martha- for her anxiety.
- ✠ Ann's cousin Doris- fainted and fell. Waiting on tests and to have surgery.
- ✠ Dorothy- & Michael for the situation at home.
- ✠ Corey- going to see his dad who is older and he doesn't think he's a believer and he's dying.
- ✠ Alexandra- has a temp job through October- needs a full time steady job, getting interviews. In a new relationship that's going well.
- ✠ Roy- has prostate cancer. Pray for wisdom for the doctor.
- ✠ Lyn's friend- come into \$ and spending time with Jehovah's Witness.
- ✠ All of our children who don't know Jesus.
- ✠ Arthur- James the substitute organist's FIL- at Carmel in rehab. Pray he gets home soon.
- ✠ Joe- a teenager is attending Church- pray for his spiritual condition.
- ✠ Dorothy- God is holding on to her, pray for Michael her son.
- ✠ Billy - Anne's SIL having surgery in early September.
- ✠ Ginny- Sonja's friend healing from broken hip.
- ✠ Warren- Ann's brother has bleeding behind his eyes.
- ✠ Sylvia - Lyn's friend- has infection in her heart- had open heart surgery. Now in rehab.
- ✠ Eds friend Corey- looking for a Church to feel connected.
- ✠ Soon- visited Immanuel- pray that God opens his heart to the Gospel
- ✠ Margarita and Tony- waiting on a transfer to Texas. Pray it happens soon.
- ✠ Lillian- has shingles, pray for relief
- ✠ Stephen- Naomi's son pray for stability of his mental health.
- ✠ Roland's friend- Mauro is suffering from depression.
- ✠ Jennifer- asked to do a Bible Study for 8th & 9th graders. Pray she speaks with clarity and that the Holy Spirit moves hearts.
- ✠ Gerd- after the accident is doing great! Pray for complete healing.
- ✠ Susan - Leslie's friend battling cancer.
- ✠ Baby Hazel- has neuroblastoma. Pray for her family- and doctors as far as treatment. At MSK and had major surgery- pray for her recovery.
- ✠ Mauro- Roland's friend in ICU with heart problems. Pray that he has opportunities to talk about Jesus.
- ✠ Eric- Roland's best friend- has only 1 kidney and now it's not working. It's only working at 25%.
- ✠ Jennifer & Omar- pray that God reveals to them the "what's next".
- ✠ Marilyn Pederson- cancer in her ankle.
- ✠ Jimmy- Dorothy's grandson. Living with her (and Michael) but needs an apartment.
- ✠ Sonja's cousins - Michael Johnson and Ron Mazzaeo both have cancer. Pray for them, their families and the doctors for wisdom in treatments.
- ✠ Fred- Sonja & Bills friend in his recovery.
- ✠ RJ (lives in Taiwan). In a scooter accident, is recovering
- ✠ Liz Iken- at Eger. Pray for her health
- ✠ Anne Haakonsen's mom- for health and strength.

