THE Lamplighter



LOOKING AHEAD

November

5th Board/Trustee/ Council Meetings
9th AARP
Veteran's Day
22nd Thanksgiving Sunday
26th Thanksgiving
29th First Sunday of Advent

December

3rd Board/Trustee/ Council Meetings
5th Craft & Vendor Fair
Boy Scout Tree Sale
9th AARP
20th Christmas Sunday
24th Christmas Eve
25th Christmas Day
31st New Year's Eve

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The friendly church with a vision and a future.

Pastor's Letter

November Greetings to All,

Imagine with me if you will, an apple tree in an orchard. Every spring, it bursts into beautiful blossoms, and by summer its branches are filled with apples. From a distance, the tree appears healthy and productive. But suppose that beneath the surface, its roots are diseased and its trunk is slowly decaying. For a season, the tree may continue to produce fruit, but eventually its declining health will become evident. Unless the underlying problem is addressed, its fruitfulness will diminish, and the tree may eventually die.

A church can act in much the same way. We may have regular worship services, various opportunities for personal growth, as well as a long history in a community. Yet outward activity alone does not necessarily indicate spiritual health. If our love for Jesus grows cold, our prayers become neglected, our commitment to Scripture weakens, or our relationships become marked by bitterness rather than grace, something beneath the surface needs attention.

The answer is not simply to add more programs or devise new strategies for attracting people. Just as a tree must receive nourishment at its roots to flourish, a church must remain rooted in Christ and nourished by His Word, dependent upon His Spirit, and committed to prayer, holiness, and genuine Christian love.

When the roots are healthy, the fruit will follow.

The question, then, is not merely whether our church is growing, but whether we are growing in the Lord. As we pursue spiritual health together, may Immanuel Union Church bear increasingly abundant fruit for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Every one of us wants to see our church grow. We want to see the lost come to Christ and believers grow in holiness, becoming more like Jesus and making disciples. But lasting church growth begins with church health.

Healthy churches grow as God works through His Word and Spirit to transform lives.

So, what does a healthy church look like?

A healthy church loves the Lord Jesus Christ above all else, loves its members with genuine Christian love, and depends upon God through prayer. It faithfully preaches and teaches the whole counsel of God, refusing to exchange biblical truth for popular opinions or cultural trends.

Pastor's Letter (con't)

It walks in the light, confronting sin with humility and love while pursuing repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation. It maintains the biblical balance of grace and truth, reflecting both God's holiness and His compassion. Above all, it makes the character and saving work of Jesus Christ evident in its worship, fellowship, and daily life.

These are not merely standards by which we measure others; they are matters for personal and congregational self-examination.

Is Immanuel Union Church growing in these areas? Are we becoming more devoted to Christ, more loving toward one another, more faithful in prayer, and more committed to God's Word? Are we pursuing holiness and demonstrating the transforming power of the Gospel?

Our goal is not simply to fill our pews, but to see sinners saved, believers strengthened, and disciples equipped to serve Christ. As we seek the Lord together, may He make us a congregation that faithfully proclaims His truth, reflects His grace, and advances His kingdom.

May the Lord keep us clean in our conduct, close to Christ, and contrite in heart, for His glory and the advancement of the Gospel.

Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,
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:

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)
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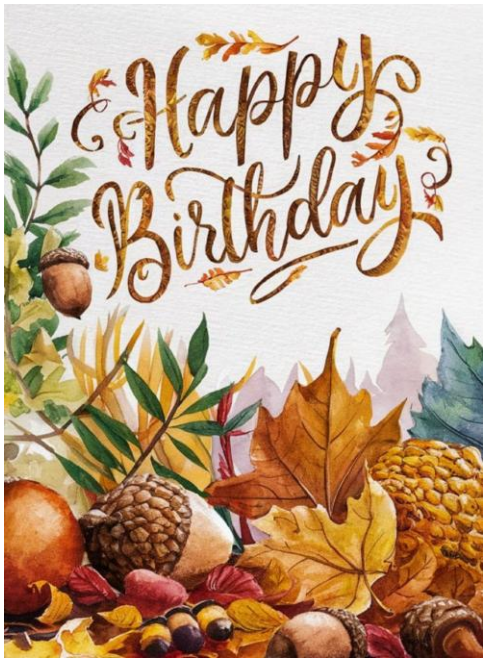
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Mark Your Calendars

- **Our budget meeting to approve next year's budget will be held on November 22, 2026, at Immanuel Union Church in the Sanctuary immediately following the morning Worship service, this will be both in person and on Zoom**.



Milestones



Birthdays

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

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2027 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 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 20th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	**2**	3 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	4	5 **Council Trustee/Board Meetings**	**6**	**7** **Church Fair**
8 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00	**9**	10 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	**11** **AARP** **Veteran's Day**	**12**	13	14
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Prayer List



New:

- Avery Comis- Pastor & Leslie's 10 year old granddaughter was playing softball when a player on her team swung a bat while walked by- she went by ambulance and had to get 9 stitches. Thankfully she had no brain bleed but she has a concussion, which is still bad a week later. The doctor says it could take a month to pass but he doesn't want her doing school, no reading and she can't go to her homeschool co-op until she's better. Pray she improves and recovers this week - or her doctor will refer her to a concussion clinic next week. Unbelievers- Those we share the Gospel with. Seeds planted and growth

Continued:

- Pastor Charlie- still not well and dragging. Had pulmonary function testing and will see what the results are.
- Leslie - her back is very bad. Pray her chiropractor can help.
- John- pray for him as he continues to recover from his spinal fracture.
- Dorothy- pray for her house to sell and a good placement in assisted living.
- Bill Coyne- has congestive heart failure and still is dealing with a bad shoulder. Thankfully their children are helping out. Pray also for Sonja as she cares for Bill.
- Bonnie- pray for her recovery from a broken ankle.
- Billy- Anne Holland's Son in law with cancer. Has lost 70 lbs, needs to gain weight and get stronger so he can have another surgery.
- Roland's Sister in law- Frances has lump on neck and in the hospital.
- Roland's cousin is in ICU dying of emphysema- his name is Fred - he's 77.
- Diane Pillarella- was in hospital due to severe hip pain that went down to her foot. They gave her steroids which helped. She had an MRI which showed a compressed nerve. She sees orthopedics on Thursday.
- Ed's Aunt Patricia Ann- who was mentally challenged. Thankfully God is working in her life. That she continues to take her meds and improve.
- Ed's friend John- will be staying with Ed and working with him and paying rent.
- John's friend Margaret- resident at Seaview. Getting cancer treatment tomorrow that his body isn't as affected as it's been.
- Lyn's granddaughter Sienna- doing better but getting appetite back. Her mom is working with the school to get her a tutor.
- Rick- a friend of Roy's - praying for an opportunity to share the Gospel with him
- Charlie Siletti- has cancer and is a believer.
- Tommy Reynolds - Charlie's friend- lost a son, 2 brothers, has Parkinson's and Charlie wants to share the Gospel with him as he gets together with him
- John Mulholland- pray for him during his cancer treatments
- Lyn's mom's Barbara -pray for her spiritual awakening.
- Ed- going for some medical tests.
- Greg- safety on the road
- Kelly & Kristin- Angie's Daughters - for God to give them Faith. Angie needs a job.
- Unbelievers- Those we share the Gospel with. Seeds planted and growth.
- Ann's mom- for her health and spiritual condition
- Greg- pray for his safety as he's an on the road trucker.
- Rakesh and Hope in Nepal- missionary journey will be fruitful. Hope fell and broke her ankle - journey had to be stopped.
- Ed's Aunt Patricia had a stroke and it doesn't look good for her. Pray that God will reach her.
- John- Ed's friend- cancer stopped spreading.
- Naomi- complete healing for her neck
- Roy- eyesight getting worse
- Dan- Ann's BIL - having pain in his stomach.
- John Mulholland - chemo isn't working
- Roy's friend - Don, a believer, has ALS- not long to live, pray for him, his wife Mary and her future.
- Joe- has lots of health problems but biggest is that he's an unbeliever.
- Rob- Leslie's Uncle just turned 95, and fell down the basement stairs 3 mos ago, then got sepsis and is recovering now. Did rehab and now home, getting stronger

Prayer List (Con't)

- Ed's neighbor Mark- has vertigo.
- John's neighbor Soon- has hydrocephalus.
- Naomi's friend Paulette her cancer came back and her friend Sue's husband Joe. Pray that Naomi can be bold in sharing her Faith.
- That the Holy Spirit continues to mold and change us.
- Catherine - Roland's friend is 90 and fell.
- Mel- had a stroke.
- Teddy- Eugene's friend died. Pray for his family: Patricia Redmond (wife), Brittany Anne, Ginette Marie, Madison and Trevor (children)
- Theresa & Tiffany- situation
- Our families - continue to pray for our children
- Catherine- has cancer
- That we will share the Gospel boldly in every opportunity we have.
- Ginny- Sonja's friend healing from broken hip.
- Soon- visited Immanuel- pray that God opens his heart to the Gospel
- 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.
- Baby Hazel- has neuroblastoma. Pray for her family- and doctors as far as treatment. At MSK and had major surgery- pray for her recovery.
- Jennifer & Omar- pray that God reveals to them the "what's next".
- 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