



# 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)

### October

- 7<sup>th</sup> Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 11<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> Church Fair
- 21<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving Sunday  
Congregational Budget Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving
- 28<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent



## Immanuel Union Church

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

# Pastor's Letter

Dear Servants of the Most High,

Here we are amid the Fall Season. Last night we had a church council meeting to prepare for the upcoming Christmas crunch. Normally, at this time of the year I feel like I'm standing at the edge of a cliff with great trepidation as I look at all the events and services we sponsor.

Not only do we have our church fair on November 13 followed by a craft fair on the Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, but we have our Thanksgiving Service followed by Advent right on down through Christmas and all the festivities attached, a bit altered due to the Pandemic. This is a busy time of the year for our church, so I'd like to take a few moments to encourage all of us to reflect on our level of service within our church.

Of course, I realize there are some here who cannot attend these events in person and are with us in spirit- we understand and miss you greatly. This note is primarily for those who are able to get involved.

We have a number of opportunities that need willing servants of the Lord. These in specificity are mentioned in the Lamplighter Council update, so I encourage you to contact the church office at 718-448-1584 to see where your gifts can be used for the glory of Jesus' Kingdom on earth as we move into this overwhelming fall season. We will continue to announce these needs every Sunday during the announcement time before Sunday Worship. It is never too late to take the plunge alongside of us.

God has called His people to be participants, not spectators, since He is the only one who has the honor of being the divine spectator. What should be our primary motivation in sacrificial service are the blessed words that the servant in the parable of the talents heard when his service to his master was done, his master said, **Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master!**

What our master desires is faithful servants whose desire is faithfulness in the little things. He will in turn accomplish the results that bring Him glory. As He did in sending His Son to be the "suffering servant" to bring Him glory.

The now deceased Don Wildmon of the National Association for Decency once wrote, *"At the very heart of the Christian gospel is a cross— the symbol of suffering and sacrifice, of hurt and pain and humiliation and rejection. I want no part of the Christian message which does not call me to involvement, requires of me no sacrifice, takes from me no comfort, requires of me less than the best I have to give. The duty of a Christian is to be faithful, not popular or successful."*

May God bless you as you consider taking your place alongside of me, as we take the plunge into this very busy time of the year. Consider the various ways you can serve, not only be a blessing, but in turn be blessed! He who has been faithful in the past will again be faithful tomorrow.

P.S. Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2: AM. This means you will have the advantage of an extra hour of sleep-in preparation for worship on that day.

Your Servant for Jesus Sake,

*Pastor Charlie*

# Sunday Worship & Bible Studies



Sunday Church Service is in person & 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:

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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# From the Church Council

The Council met and we looked ahead and see that we have a VERY full schedule coming up over the next 3 months. The biggest event around the corner is November 13<sup>th</sup> and that is the Church Fair. We will need volunteers to help set up, make chowder and baked goods (cakes, pies, brownies, cookies, fudge etc.), work tables at the fair, and then break down. Due to covid we will not sell food from the kitchen. We will be praying for warmer temps so that we can have the doors and windows open in the gym so that everyone will feel safe. Please be praying that God will keep us all well and that He will make this fair a success.

Please note the dates listed in the Lamplighter, especially that of the Congregational Budget Meeting to approve the proposed 2022 budget which will be on November 21<sup>st</sup> immediately after the Church service in the Sanctuary. This will be our first in person and zoom meeting- so please attend either in person or on zoom if you are a Church member. Also, due to people being on zoom and sound probably being an issue, the person running the meeting or whoever is moderating will repeat any comments or questions that are asked in the sanctuary so those on zoom can be involved. Please be patient, this will be a learning curve for us all.

The Council's goal continues to be that we keep as much of our Church traditions as we can during the pandemic, so we will do a canned food drive on Thanksgiving Sunday, as well as having poinsettias for Christmas, look for an order form next month in the Lamplighter or call the Church office to order yours.

As Covid cases are rising we pray we can get through the holidays in our "new normal" but as normal as possible. We continue to watch the numbers and mandates and will continue to have our congregations safety on the front burner.

We are thankful for Eugene Sorenson who continues to run our technology and sound for our service as well as on Zoom and for Diane Pillarella who plays for us all the way from Delaware. Technology really is amazing and we are thankful and blessed with two very giving servants who minister to us weekly. Thank you Eugene and Diane!

Lastly, we are thankful to God that He has provided over half of our needed funds for our boiler/repair fund. Thank you so much to those of you who contributed- we are so thankful for your generosity!

# 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](mailto:iuc1@verizon.net).

# Milestones



## Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jane Colucci Neis	24 <sup>th</sup>	James Matthius
	Christopher Latella	25 <sup>th</sup>	Liam Walsh
12 <sup>th</sup>	Gladys Thompson	30 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica McCarthy
15 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Landau		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Erica Maule		

## Births

Congratulations to the Iken Family who welcomed Kyle Bernhard Iken on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

# 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](mailto:iuc1@verizon.net).*

## **Dorothy Crimmins**

My career started out many years ago, first as a working daughter, then wife and then mother.

After my youngest went to High School, I did Office Temp work, and the Assemblyman John Lavelle hired me as his Constituent Service Manager. After his sudden death, Assemblyman Matthew Titone hired me as his Constituent Service Manager. After working for him for a couple of years, he was elected to be a judge and I felt it was time for me to retire. It worked out well because my husband Ray became sick and I became his caretaker.

I came to IUC 40 years ago when I married my husband Raymond in church. After I got married, I kept coming every Sunday for service. The members of ICU accepted me, and made me feel like one of the church family.

I had always known there was a God, but I didn't understand that Jesus took God's wrath on the cross in my place and then rose from the dead defeating death, I fully understood this during Bible Study when I studied Isaiah 53 about the Suffering Servant. I then realized just what Jesus did for me, that it has nothing to do with anything I do, but all that Jesus did for me.

I have been here through 2 or 3 ministers at IUC, but look forward to Pastor's sermon on Sunday's.

I just feel there is nothing I can do to repay Jesus for what He has done for me, but from my gratitude I want to help others in need, so that is my life goal.

# Announcements

- Coffee Hour remains suspended
- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes 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](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.
- **Canned Food Collection**  
On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> we will be collecting canned food to be donated. Please contribute if you are able to do so.
- Information for the November Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at [iuc1@verizon.net](mailto:iuc1@verizon.net). Any feedback on the new format is appreciated. Thank you.

# Mark Your Calendar

- November 13<sup>th</sup> Church Fair
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Craft and Vendor Show

Pending Covid Regulations

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



## Hear ye, hear ye, come to the Fair!

It's hard to believe that our annual Church Fair is just around the corner!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm** to come out and enjoy Immanuel Union's long-time legacy event.

Our Church Fair has been part of our history for over 100 years! While it may have looked very different back then, it has retained much of the same character and flavor from days long ago which continues to draw family, friends and the community back each and every year. From home-made clam chowder and baked goods, to hand-crafted items and attic treasures, the Fair has wide appeal. In addition to being a link with our past, it provides continuity to our future. It is also our biggest fund-raiser of the year, raising much needed funds to support our church and facility. Won't you come out and participate in this wonderful part of our history?

It is said that "many hands make light work" and this is certainly true of "fair week"! Any contribution, large or small is much appreciated, and supports the Church's overall success.



**Here is how you can be part of this worthwhile event:**

- ❖ Make clam chowder. See Nancy Myers for recipe and containers, or call the church office. These containers of home-made soup are one of the Fair's trademarks and sell out every year!
- ❖ Do you have a specialty that you bake? From cookies to cakes, pies to pastries, our Fair-goers clamor for home-made baked goods!
- ❖ Do you have a talent for knitting, sewing, crocheting, wood-working, photography? Consider donating an item or two! While hand-crafted items were formerly the main-stay of the Fair years ago, these items are still in great demand!
- ❖ Do you have a "green thumb"? Our plant table needs plants. Don't grow them? Consider donating Christmas cactus or other plants and garden items. Our plant table is always a key attraction. See or contact Bonnie Rogers for more information.
- ❖ Cleaning out? Consider donating any household items, books, collectibles, toys, handbags and jewelry, etc. Our attic treasures has expanded over the years and is now one of the Fair's main attractions.
- ❖ Help set-up—volunteers are needed to help set-up and break-down—specifically, putting tablecloths on tables, putting out items, and packing up any unsold items.
- ❖ Assist the day of the Fair by being a table host—our Fair has expanded and table hosts are greatly needed. Chairs are provided at each table and being a table host entails being present the day of the Fair to assist with sales. Hosts are needed to "man the tables" and sell raffles.
- ❖ Help us advertise! Tell family, friends, neighbors, and, if you engage in social media, post the Fair on FaceBook, etc. and consider boosting. Help us get the word out!
- ❖ Lastly, come out and enjoy—both the hustle and bustle of Fair-week set-up and the day of the Fair! It is a day of fellowship, camaraderie and seeing new and familiar faces, all while supporting the perpetuity of Immanuel.

Enjoy!

**Fair schedule:**

- ❖ Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>—Table Set-up by Scouts
- ❖ November 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>—Table set-up
- ❖ **November 13<sup>th</sup>-FAIR DAY!**

**For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Bunny Matthius or Nancy Myers via phone or text:**

**Bunny---(973)214-6048**

**Nancy—(917)693-5295**

Looking forward to seeing everyone and to a very successful and joyous day---

Bunny Matthius and Nancy Myers, Co-Chairs



- ❖ Anyone who would like a table(s) for the December 4<sup>th</sup> Craft or Vendor show, please contact Bunny Matthius (973) 214-6048 via call or text.

## From the Planning Committee

The Planning Committee continues to be busy supporting the work of the Council. The autumn Craft and Vendor Fair raised \$1,740. We saw the return of many of our vendors, in addition to new faces. It was a wonderful day filled with many happy vendors and customers.

Events like these are not possible without the contributions of many. For those who lent their support—a heartfelt thank you! To Pastor Charlie,, Leslie, Donna, Nancy W-W, Bonnie and Annie for managing the “kitchen” which featured al fresco “grab and go” items, John and Dan for setting up, breaking down, and spending the day “on call”, to Donnamarie for her incredible raffles, Annie for filling in the gaps. All in all, a day of fellowship and working together toward a common goal.

# Boiler Fund

**\$50,000 Goal**

**\$14,100 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.**

# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 <b>The Lord's Supper</b>	4	5 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	6	7 Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings	8	9
10 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	11 Columbus Day	12 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	13	14	15	16
17 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	18	19 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	20	21	22	23
24 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	25	26 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	27	28	29	30
31 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 <b>The Lord's Supper</b>						

# 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-

- † Jon- in ICU on vent with botulism. Opened his eyes and moved his arms & legs a little. Wife Nessa and 6 week old baby.

## New Prayers

- † Sarah- water broke this morning and contractions have begun. Safe delivery at home for baby Jonathan.
- † Nancy - struggling with her daughter Liz. Liz needs to get life together.
- † Jessica and John- have Covid, lost their unborn baby girl.
- † Tony - 9 year old in Uganda is 30 lbs, severely malnourished which caused blindness. Pray for the funds so he can see a nutritionist and get on a diet to improve his health, praise for those who stepped up to provide funds so he has a bed with a missionary and clothes for him.
- † Callum- 1 year old had fall & seizure, he has encephalitis
- † Patti- house fire. her ill mom, her and her son in hotel. trying to cope.
- † Perla- in severe lockdown in the Phillipines
- † Vivian in Golden Gate Rehab to help her walk after hip surgery
- † Patty Bonnie's sister home had stone removal surgery Friday.
- † Pray for a couple who while camping lost their baby.
- † Kelsee- marine caught in the suicide bombing in Afghanistan, slowly recovering. 15 other Marines and navy corpsman who were injured.
- † Chanel- homeless due to explosion across the street
- † Baby Knox- Home, showing concerning symptoms- still waiting to see if they will approve a heart & lung transplant
- † Ted Beck- has blood cancer, in Tampa for 3 months, going daily for treatment
- † Christians in house Churches in Afghanistan- Tliban are going door to door- they ask for prayer to stand strong on Jesus
- † Rosemary- Genes sister continuing to improve. Has a wound on her foot that isn't healing well. Back in PT- needs strength.
- † Lyn- pray for a new job and peace during the process
- † Julie (Diane's friend) & husband Joe- moved so she can get more therapy and is getting out of bed.
- † Arooj- little girl from Pakistan. Has gangrene spreading on foot.
- † Lorna- Ann Holland's daughter- relief from health problems
- † John's friend Phil-still on the transplant list, low priority. On meds
- † Steven - Naomi's son. Worsening emotionally- pray for psychiatrist to help.
- † Don- pray for his health and eye treatment. He's having trouble reading.
- † Allyson- Karen Kuhl's daughter having treatment for cancer, passed out in the middle of the night and they found her unconscious.
- † Little Charlie- admitted again with a virus and let levels. Needs MRI to see what the tumor is doing. Coming to NYC for surgery at Sloan Kettering middle of October.
- † Baby Ella- with Pastor and family. Pray for CPS case.
- † Jake & Jaime Hylan- fire victims. Now working on becoming surrogate parents. Pray for funds.
- † Those battling Covid-
- † Long haulers with Covid symptoms
- † Vaccine injured
- † Families who have lost loved ones from Covid or other reasons- comfort & peace for them all
- † People currently struggling at home emotionally-
- † Everyone who misses family, friends and Church family
- † The unemployed and those struggling terribly- business owners and workers laid off. Restaurant owners who continue to struggle
- † For our country (President, Vice President, Senators, Congressmen/women, judges)
- † For our police, firefighters & military
- † For Cities around the country - for peace to rule
- † Leaders of our country, states, town