



THE Lamplighter



LOOKING AHEAD

September (Tentative Dates)

- 2nd Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 6th Labor Day
- 11th Patriot Day
- 12th Rally Day
- 15th Planning Committee Meeting
- 25th Flea Market & Craft Fair

October

- 7th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 11th Columbus Day
- 30th Halloween



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Pastor's Letter

Dear IUC Family and Friends,

I trust your Summer has gone well! I wanted to take this moment to send you this church letter of invitation to our "Back To Church (a.k.a. Rally Day) Sunday" Worship and Picnic, which this year falls on September 12 beginning at 10:00 AM and finishes about 2 p.m.

We all love our church, and we are honored to know that you are a part of it. Therefore, this letter is for the purpose of letting you know that you are of great value to us and are sorely missed when we are apart. Now that the summer is over, it is my hope that you may be willing to try getting back into the mode of the public assembling of ourselves together in worship of our God, whose worth is far greater than those trivial activities that seem to lure us away from His presence. Please make the effort to return to public worship on the 12th, in fact, please put this letter down and mark it on your calendar, go ahead I'll wait!

This is going to be a great day as we gather together, following the events of the Covid quarantine, various Summer activities and vacations, and the like that seem to monopolize our time as the days are longer, and the weather is so alluring.

We, here at Immanuel Union Church, want you to know that you and your families and friends are welcome to join us for this special day, as well as to invite you to attend our outdoor church fellowship on the church patio following the service! As you know, the word "fellowship" usually means food is involved, and this day is no exception. We will have more than enough food. This year's menu will include the typical hamburgers and hotdogs. What will be unique this year, is I plan on roasting a 50 lb. pig for the event, so come out of those homes and 'pig out' with us. It's going to be great! And please consider bringing a family favorite dessert or side dish.

The Bible makes it clear that there are promises associated with placing Christ first in our lives, and the following is one of those promises that speaks to this idea: Matthew 6:33. ***"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."***

If you read the preceding verses of scripture, the "things" being referred to here are all of our needs that we so often feel need to be taken care of, and "then" we will have time for the things of God.

God still provides for His people! Join us for worship on September 12 for a great time of "fun, food, and fellowship" following the morning worship hour.

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:

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From the Church Council

Nancy Wagner-Wetzel rotated off of the Trustees, and we are so thankful for her ministry to our Church. She was an invaluable member as Treasurer, but still retains a small part of involvement with recording our online donations, we appreciate her ministry to us! Bernie Blomquist has resigned from the board and we thank him for his service, and John Valjalo has re-joined the Church Board- we welcome him back. We need members on our Board and Trustees, so if you are reading this and excited as we are moving forward from a very trying time in lives and the history of our Church- we would welcome you! Please see Sonja Coyne if you are interested.

The Council is working hard and following the Covid mandates for the City, as well as following cases of Covid and constantly discussing and having a plan in place as the City mandates change in this rapidly changing environment. We are praying for low Covid rates and a mild fall, so that our craft fair on 9/25 and our Church fair on 11/13 will be a huge success. The goal of the Council is for the safety of everyone in our congregation, as well as those who rent the building from us, so please know that your safety is our priority.

We continue to offer in person services, as well as on Zoom every Sunday (See link in Lamplighter). It has been wonderful to have former members who moved away from Immanuel join us via Zoom, and we welcome you to join us if you aren't local and can't be with us in person. We are extremely thankful for Diane Pillarella (our former in-person pianist) who volunteers her time and talents in playing for us and leads the songs every Sunday all the way from Delaware, technology is surely a wonderful thing! We are including new songs into our rotation of hymns and Diane is always more than willing to learn them and play them so it is easy for us to learn them as well. Eugene Sorenson is our technical director and he has been such a blessing to our Church since Covid closure and we were forced to have Church online. Thank you to both of these special and important people for their sacrificial weekly ministry to our Church, we could not do it without you! We have added a new part to our service called "prayers of the people" which Leslie Baldini is in charge of. We pray for many different things and if you have any prayer requests, you can send them to her at tecjb@aol.com and put in the subject line: Please pray on Sunday. She will add you to the list. Also, for those who have friends or family on the prayer list, please occasionally update her so she knows how things are going and can share with our Church.

In addition to our Church Council (Church Board and Trustees combined), we have added a Planning Committee which Bunny Matthius chairs. This was implemented during, but toward the end of the Covid shutdown, as we prepared to "open up and get back to normal". The purpose of the committee is to offer insight and assistance to the Council regarding financial and spiritual matters, as well as community outreach with the sole purpose of the continual prominence of IUC as a catalyst for spiritual growth to Westerleigh, Staten Island and America- all to the glory of God. This Committee is open to anyone (Membership not required) to anyone who has a desire to keep the doors of IUC open. We need your input! We have members of the Council, but especially thank Donna Tecarr and Bunny Matthius for serving as members of the congregation. If you would like to join our zoom meetings, please contact Bunny. The Committee has gotten events on the calendar (a couple of book fairs which did very well, a craft vendor fair, and many events for this fall), planned for the restarting of our Church rentals, as well as looking at each and every bill and finding ways to tighten our purse strings as we took a huge financial hit from Covid, and how to meet the repair needs of our very old Historic building. Bunny has done a fantastic job moving us forward, organizing and having donation days with Nancy Myers and uniting us as we work together to get back on track and move ahead as a Church, and we thank her and Nancy for their endeavors.

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

3	Mary Jan Jacobson	4	Scott Franzreb
5	Dorothy Crimmins	16	Elsie Franzreb
17	Nancy Colucci Myers	18	Carol Buser
19	Laurie McAuliffe	21	Charles Baldini
23	John Myers	27	Leslie Baldini

Births

May 3rd welcome Ella Astra Buchanan, daughter of Katherine & Dane Buchanan, sister of Oliver Buchanan. Proud grandparents, Nancy & John Myers, proud great grandfather Sam Colucci

August 18th welcome Jackson Thomas, son of Danielle (Coffey) Bruckbauer, great granddaughter of Dorothy Crimmins, making her a proud great, great grandmother!

Weddings

August 15th Nicole Coffey (Dorothy Crimmins' granddaughter) to Daniel Gulino.

Special Birthdays

Congratulations to Barbara Matthius who recently celebrated her 95th Birthday!!

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.

Dan & Sherry Kish

Many years ago (around 2005), Sherry and I went into business in Highlands, NJ. One day a gentleman came in dressed a little unusual. He told Sherry that he was a minister and that he was going to perform a Pilipino wedding. All of a sudden Sherry, who is not a religious Jew or a believer in organized religion, asked him to pray for me as I was going to have a serious operation in a few weeks. It was then that he grabbed both of our hands and prayed for my quick recovery. At the sales counter of our hardware store, Sherry promised to come to one of his services. Many months passed, it was now December and I was back, fully recovered and the town was going to have a Christmas Festival across the street from our store in the park. We stayed for the festivities. Sherry heard the pastor's name as he was about to say a prayer over the event. Just before he began Sherry ran up to him and told him about my recovery and she wanted to fulfill her promise to attend one of his services. When Sherry found out they were on Sunday, she told him she couldn't go because we had a store to run. The pastor told her about the Christmas Eve Service during the week. After that service we found a way to be there every Sunday. We also became involved with other aspects of the faith. We were both baptized and now we are in this ministry. We have been truly blessed beyond our imagination.

In Memorium

IUC has lost two members recently and would like to send our deepest condolences to the families of Betty Winsch and Ben Iken.

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 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.
- **Council Members**
Pastor Baldini (moderator)
Board – Dan Kish, Nancy Myers, John Valjalo
Trustees – Leslie Baldini, Katherine Buchanan, Sonja Coyne, Eugene Sorensen
- Information for the October Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, September 17th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net. Any feedback on the new format is appreciated. Thank you.

Mark Your Calendar

- September 12th Rally Day BBQ
- September 25th Craft and Vendor Show
- November 13th Church Fair
- December 4th 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.

- ❖ Anyone who would like a table(s) for either Craft or Vendor show, please contact Bunny Matthius (973) 214-6048 via call or text.

- ❖ 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.

Boiler Fund

\$50,000 Goal

**\$11,000 raised
so far!**

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.

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings	3	4
5 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 The Lord's Supper	6 Labor Day	7 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day
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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



- ✠ Erica- in the hospital from complications of Covid.
- ✠ Baby Knox- Home, continued growth and strength and able to get a heart & lung transplant
- ✠ Santi- a mom who is intubated in hospital from Covid. Lost her 6 month old baby
- ✠ Ted Beck- Eugene's former coworker who has blood cancer, is got a bone marrow transplant yesterday and will be in Tampa for 3 months.
- ✠ Christians in house Churches in Afghanistan- Tliban are going door to door, they know they will be killed over the next weeks - they ask for prayer to stand strong on Jesus
- ✠ Pastor Tom off vent for Covid and on a bipap machine for his breathing.
- ✠ Rosemary- Genes sister continuing to improve. Has a wound on her foot that isn't healing well. She's tired from all the meds she's taking.
- ✠ Simon who is 3 years old they now think was bit by a tic and has Rocky Mount spotted fever
- ✠ Lyn- pray for a new job and peace during the process
- ✠ Julie (Diane's friend) & husband Joe had carotid artery's still in a coma, off the ventilator, but now has a feeding tube and trach.
- ✠ Arooj- little girl from Pakistan. Has gangrene spreading on foot.
- ✠ Lorna- Ann Holland's daughter- relief from health problems
- ✠ John's friend Phil- his heart is failing and he is on the transplant list.
- ✠ Naomi- continued healing, having severe pain in her legs.
- ✠ Steven - Naomi's son
- ✠ Naomi & daughters family- repairs of their home after a fire.
- ✠ Don- pray for the 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- Treatment for returning neuroblastoma
- ✠ Baby Ella- with Pastor and family. Pray for CPS case.
- ✠ Jake & Jaime Hylan- fire victims. Returned "home" but it doesn't feel like it without their son. Cry everyday, but are by God's grace surviving.
- ✠ Those battling Covid-
- ✠ Long haulers with Covid symptoms
- ✠ Those suffering after effects of vaccine
- ✠ 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 in NYC
- ✠ For our country
- ✠ For our police, firefighters and military
- ✠ Leaders of our state (new Governor) and mayor

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.