THE Lamplighter



LOOKING AHEAD

September

3rd Board/Trustee/ Council Meetings
7th Labor Day
9th AARP
26th Boy Scout Event

October

1st Board/Trustee/ Council Meetings
3rd Vendor Fair
14th AARP

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel Union Church,

Over the past several weeks, questions have arisen concerning what it means to be a member in good standing of Immanuel Union Church. During my twenty-five years at IUC, I have encountered individuals who regarded themselves as members merely because they once attended this Church or had never joined another congregation. Church membership, however, involves more than a historical association or the presence of one's name on a membership roll.

Section 4 of the Constitution, entitled **"Duties,"** states:
"Members are expected first of all, to be faithful in all spiritual duties essential to the Christian life, and to attend habitually the services of this Church, to give regularly for its support and its charities, and to share in its organized work."
Church membership is both a sacred privilege and a solemn responsibility. It represents an active commitment to Christ and to the worship, fellowship, support, and ministry of His Church.

One of the chief privileges and essential responsibilities of membership is habitual attendance at worship. Scripture instructs believers not to neglect meeting together, but to encourage one another in the faith (Hebrews 10:25). Our presence strengthens the congregation, while habitual absence weakens both our spiritual lives and the fellowship of the Church.

"Habitual attendance" does not mean perfect attendance, nor does it disregard illness, disability, employment, caregiving, travel, or other legitimate circumstances. It means that attending worship is a member's regular practice and sincere priority.
Since the COVID-19 pandemic, IUC has also provided worship services and Bible studies through Zoom. This makes it possible for those who are ill, homebound, traveling, or otherwise unable to attend in person to remain connected and participate from home. While gathering in person remains the normal and preferred practice for those who are able, Zoom provides a meaningful opportunity to worship, study God's Word, and maintain fellowship with the Church.

Pastor's Letter (con't)

Accordingly, members in good standing are expected to worship habitually, whether in person or, when circumstances require, through Zoom; to give regularly according to their ability; to share in the organized work of the Church; and to uphold faithfully their membership vows. These responsibilities are not burdens imposed upon us but grateful expressions of our commitment to Christ and His Church.

The Church is not an organization to which we belong in name only. It is the household of God and the body of Christ. May each of us cherish the privilege of membership and faithfully fulfill the responsibilities we have undertaken.

If you have not maintained your membership responsibilities and have therefore been removed from the membership roll, you are warmly invited to speak with the Pastor. He will gladly schedule a membership class to help you renew your commitment and begin the process of being restored to membership.

In the service of Christ,
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)
+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

Mark Your Calendars

October 3rd we will be hosting a Vendor Craft and Flea Market. Contact the church office if you are interested in getting a table.

Milestones



Birthdays

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

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2026 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 October Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, September 25th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

September 2026

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

New:

- ✞ Sharett Family- in the death of the husband/father
- ✞ Unbelievers- Those we share the Gospel with. Seeds planted and growth

Continued:

- ✞ Dorothy- pray for her placement in assisted living.
- ✞ John- pray for him as he's recovers from his spinal fracture.
- ✞ 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.
- ✞ Bill Coyne- Sonja's husband recovering from a shoulder fracture. Pray he continues to get stronger and for Sonja as she takes care of him. They are thankful for their children who are helping them during this time.
- ✞ Ann's mom- for her health and spiritual condition
- ✞ Dottie- home but not strong. Pray God will be with her as she recovers. And for Roy as he cares for her.
- ✞ Ed- he's preparing the house for Brian, who had a stroke, he will be helping care for. Pray for the impact Ed will have in him.
- ✞ Pastor Charlie- preaching again at Zion on September 13.
- ✞ 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.
- ✞ John- has a fracture L1. Pray for complete and rapid healing.
- ✞ 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
- ✞ 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 has a rare aggressive form skin cancer
- ✞ 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