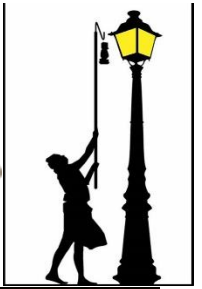




THE Lamplighter



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

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LOOKING AHEAD

September

- 2nd Labor Day
- 5th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 11th AARP
- 15th Rally Day/Diane Celebration
- 21st Craft & Vendor Fair

October

- 3rd Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 5th Boy Scout Night At the Races
- 9th AARP

November

- 5th Churchwide Clean-up Day
- 7th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 9th Church Fair
- 11th Veteran's Day
- 13th AARP
- 28th Thanksgiving



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

Pastor's Letter

Dear IUC Family and Friends,

We love the church because Jesus loved church. He loved it so much He died for her. 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 will be able to attend the public assembling of ourselves in the worship of God. I assure you, if you do you will find His worth far greater than those trivial activities that seem to lure us away from His presence.

Please make a special effort in attending worship on September 15th. On that Sunday we will celebrate a very special person for her ministry to our church. Diane Pillarella has been our pianist since 2004 until relocating to Delaware.

In 2019 when the Covid-19 plague sent NYC into quarantine we began meeting through Zoom. It was then that God laid upon Diane's heart a willingness to fill in the gap by enhancing our Sunday Zoom Worship with her musical as well as vocal talents. Not only did she willingly play she did so freely. This was a time when due to the Covid lockdowns we were barely able to sustain ourselves financially. After returning to in person worship services Diane continued to willingly serve us every Sunday from her Delaware home via Zoom.

Several weeks ago, Diane mentioned to Leslie that she would like to get involved in a church in her area and would continue using her musical talents at IUC through the 15th of September.

The council then decided that we should make her final Sunday a special one. So, after agreeing to play for us in person during our September 15th worship service, we will have a church fellowship out on the church patio area so that we can honor Diane for her many years of selfless service to our church.

I'm asking all of you to please attend in person on that Sunday in order to celebrate Diane's many years of service to us all. Food will be provided. Therefore, all you need to provide is yourself with a glad heart.

There are a couple of other events I'd like to mention to you: On September 21st IUC will sponsor another vendor fair. We need your participation in helping to make this a success. We need sandwiches as well as baked goods. There will be a signup sheet available beginning Sunday September 8th. For those of you who worship with us via zoom please contact the church office at 718-448-1584 and let Gina know what you can provide.

The council has decided to set apart Saturday, November 5th (which is the week before the church fair) as a churchwide cleanup day. We need you to come and clean out those often-overlooked areas of our church so we can shine through the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Lunch will be provided for all who participate.

Pastor's Letter (con't)

The church fair is the following Saturday (November 9th) and again the council asks for your help in making the 2024 fair a success. As usual the needs include clam chowder makers as well as cake, bread and cookie bakers. We need your help in overseeing the tables as well. There will be more information as we draw closer to the event.

Finally, even though the Covid lockdowns were in place, there was no lockdown on death. We lost some beloved people whose service to IUC was never formally honored by us. Therefore, on November 30th at 11AM we will be honoring those church members who have died since the lockdown. This will include Jack Brown, Betty Winch, Emily Morrison, Jan Wiggins, Dolores Shotwell I and Don Landau.

Please attend this memorial service so we can honor their lives, and remember their impact upon the life of our church.

God's blessings upon you all!

Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,
Pastor Charlie

Sunday Worship & Bible Study

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.

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

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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



Join us in congratulating Barbara Matthius on her 98th Birthday which she celebrated in August.

Council Update

The Council would like to let you know that Rally Day of 2024 will be combined with a “thank you and goodbye party” for Diane Pillarella. Diane has ministered at IUC since 2004 when she filled in for Otto Sirnes, our music director. She then took the position when he could no longer physically continue. She continued as music director until she moved to Delaware in August 2016. She then started playing online for us once Covid began and we went to online worship. She has been faithfully playing and leading our singing every week. Although we will miss her dearly, it’s time that she finds a local Church family that she can fellowship with on a weekly basis. We are so thankful for her ministry at IUC and pray she finds a Church that will love her as much as all of us do! Please join us on September 15th after the 10 am service as we say “goodbye for now” to her. Everything will be provided by the Church, so just come and enjoy the fellowship together.

We will have lunch together on the back patio or we will meet in the gym if it’s raining. We hope to see you then!

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2024 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 20th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

From the Planning Committee

The Planning Committee has continued to meet during the summer months to plan for the busy fall calendar. To support its goals of growing membership and inclusivity, and, increasing participation in all church functions, the Planning Committee, with the approval of the Council has organized September 15th “Rally Day”. To show appreciation to the congregation for its support of food donations and event participation throughout the year, a catered lunch will be provided consisting of sandwiches, salads, beverages and dessert. Look for more updates from the Council.

The September Vendor and Craft Fair is underway with tables being solicited and sold. This is often a fun fall event, with many vendors and the community alike participating. As always, the lunchroom will be open for both breakfast and lunch. The date is September 21st from 9-3pm.

It's not too soon to start thinking about our annual church fair which will be held on November 9th. Please hold the date in your calendar to assist as you can or to simply come out and enjoy the day. The Planning Committee has been hard at work streamlining and creating greater efficiencies to continue to produce a meaningful event. So stay tuned for exciting updates in the coming months!

September 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00	2 Labor Day	3 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	4	5 Council Trustee/Board Meetings	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00	9	10 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	11 AARP	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00 Rally Day Diane Celebration	16	17 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	18	19	20	21 Craft & Vendor Show
22 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00	23	24 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	25	26	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00	30					

Mark Your Calendars

- September 15th Rally Day
- September 21st Craft and Vendor Show
- November 5th Churchwide Clean-up Day
- November 9th Church Fair
- December 7th Craft and Vendor Show

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

The Church Fair is scheduled for November 9th 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!





September 15th

**Come join your
Church Family
for Sunday Lunch**



September 15th

**and thank Diane
for her many years
of service to Immanuel**

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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Sunday Prayer List

New

- ✝ Dorothy- she fell outside and broke 2 bones in her wrist. She does not qualify for surgery so pray they heal quickly and her pain is relieved completely.
- ✝ Baby Gus- passed away. Pray for his parents.
- ✝ Lyn's Son in law Mike's dad passed away suddenly last week. His mom was recently diagnosed Lewy Body with dementia and he's been having health problems himself.
- ✝ Lyn's granddaughter Sienna- having blackout episodes. Pray for the doctors to figure it out.
- ✝ Naomi had a pacemaker put in, pray for her healing.
- ✝ Jimmy- Dorothy's grandson. Living with her but needs an apartment.
- ✝ Phyllis- Dan's friend's wife having medical issues



Continued-

- ✝ Lauren- Pastor Charlie's cousins granddaughter. Home, pray for her body as it recovers.
- ✝ Bobby - has diabetes and has lots of physical problems
- ✝ Czarina- we prayed for Czarina's sister in law Caroline who carried a baby for Czarina & her husband Andrew. The baby Madison is now over a year old and Czarina had a stroke- her right arm is severely affected and she is unable to carry or care for Madison with that arm. Please pray for her healing!
- ✝ Charlie Buchanan- Katie Myers FIL- had surgery, is positive for cancer.
- ✝ Sonja's cousins - Michael Johnson and Ron Mazzaeo both have cancer. Pray for them, their families and the doctors for wisdom in treatments.
- ✝ Don- Eugene's Cousin has stage 4 pancreatic cancer that has spread to his liver. Pray for the treatment, doctors and he and his family as they go through this.
- ✝ James & Michael- Dorothy's sons for their health.
- ✝ Fred- Sonja & Bills friend in his recovery.
- ✝ RJ (lives in Taiwan). In a scooter accident, is recovering
- ✝ Susan - Dan & Sheri's neighbor had a bunch of mini strokes, for recovery and her husband who is her caregiver.
- ✝ Liz Iken & Adrienne Lianna- at Eger. Pray for their health & spirit
- ✝ Mary (DonnaMarie's mom) at Sunrise. Pray for her health.
- ✝ Sam Colucci & Barbara Matthius- health and strength, pray for Nancy & Bunny, and the aides that care for them.
- ✝ Robert and Cathy- Diane's neighbors lost their son, pray for comfort
- ✝ Stephen- Naomi's son, pray he will continue his meds and will be emotionally stable.
- ✝ Rosemary- Genes sister, pray for complete recovery.
- ✝ Anne Haakonsen's mom- for health and strength. And her Aunt Marty having anxiety issues. Donna, Anne's friend has ovarian cancer
- ✝ Howard- is back in the US. Pray that he gets settled and can re-adjust to life in the States
- ✝ Those battling Covid & Long haulers with Covid symptoms
- ✝ Vaccine injured
- ✝ For our country (President, Vice President, Senators, Congressmen/women, judges).
- ✝ For our police, firefighters and military
- ✝ Leaders of our State- Gov Hochul, Mayor Adams-