



## LOOKING AHEAD

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday
- 5<sup>th</sup> Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 11<sup>th</sup> AARP
- 13<sup>th</sup> NARFE
- 14<sup>th</sup> Craft Show & Flea Market
- 21<sup>st</sup> Café & Sing Along with SI Ukes
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> Tall Cedars
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pack Night

### May

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 5<sup>th</sup> Westerleigh Walk & Open House
- 9<sup>th</sup> AARP
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ascension Thursday
- 11<sup>th</sup> NARFE
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> German Festival
- 20<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Tall Cedars
- 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day (Office Closed)



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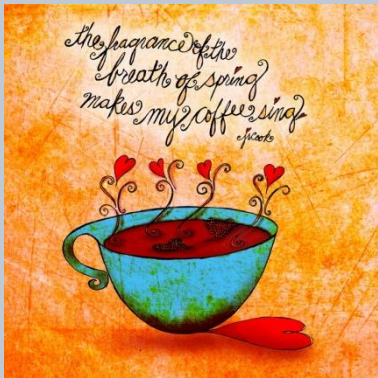
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# April Birthdays



13 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Latella
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Colucci
20 <sup>th</sup>	Bonnie Rogers
25 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia Wambold
26 <sup>th</sup>	Samantha Myers
27 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Maule

# Coffee Hour



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## April

1 <sup>st</sup>	Trustees
8 <sup>th</sup>	Church Board
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Evening Bible Study
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Adult Fellowship
29 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteers

## May

6 <sup>th</sup>	Trustees
13 <sup>th</sup>	Church Board
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27 <sup>th</sup>	Adult Fellowship

## From the Pastor's Desk

April Wisdom Day,

In 1998, Burger King published a full page advertisement in *USA Today* announcing the introduction of a new item to their menu: a "Left-Handed Whopper" specially designed for the 32 million left-handed Americans. According to the advertisement, the new whopper included the same ingredients as the original Whopper (lettuce, tomato, hamburger patty, etc.), but all the condiments were rotated 180 degrees for the benefit of their left-handed customers. The following day Burger King issued a follow-up release revealing that although the Left-Handed Whopper was a hoax, thousands of customers had gone into restaurants to request the new sandwich. Simultaneously, according to the press release, "many others requested their own 'right handed' version."

This story was of course the result of an elaborate April Fool's day prank. All of us, at one time or another, in moments of gullible weakness have fallen victim to an April Fool's Day prank. Often it comes as a result of forgetting what date it is. We are told a story which we believe only to hear the words "April Fools" yelled in a loud enthusiastic voice.

Coincidentally, this year, Easter falls on the first day of April. This is the day that we, as Christians, celebrate the fact that Jesus rose from the dead and all who accept this by faith receive eternal life. There is significance to both of these occasions falling on April 1 in 2018. On one hand there will be those who disbelieve the Resurrection Of Jesus who attempt to get their point across will be sitting before the blank stare of a lifeless computer blogging to anyone who just happens by, which is highly unlikely unless they have a steady following. While pastors throughout the world will be proclaiming those powerful words saying, "*He is Risen*" in anticipation of the response of the millions in attendance who faces reflect passion filled hearts, burst forth with the words, "*He is Risen, Indeed*".

Those passion filled hearts make up the millions who believe that Jesus has indeed rose from the dead will more than likely use April 1 as a day of sharing their belief that Jesus' tomb is empty rather than a day planning foolish pranks.

This year, on April Fool's day Christians everywhere will be affirming the wisdom that comes in believing God at His Word concerning the truth that, He has risen and one day He will return to gather together His people, while affirming the biggest April Fool's joke, which assumes that there is no hell or even an afterlife at all. Naturally, there will be individuals who do not care one way or the other and the holiday will pass with no significant meaning. Easter and faith, like beauty, are in the eye of the beholder and everyone will decide for themselves how to observe the day or not.

In 1 Corinthians 1:18 Paul is declaring the same thing when he speaks of the cross of Jesus Christ. Most people, when they hear of the preaching of the cross look at it as being dull, drab and moronic. They think that a man who was executed over 2000 years ago for the crime of insurrection in a city and culture that is completely foreign to them should have any impact in the way they live their life as a 21st Century person is at the least ridiculous.

## From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

Paul goes onto to say that one's reaction to the preaching of the cross of Jesus Christ diagnosis a person's spiritual condition. In other words, a person's reaction to the proclamation of the cross of Jesus Christ reveals whether he or she is living according to the power of God for their salvation or living as a fool fit for destruction.

***For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.***

As we approach this Easter season let us use this time to contemplate and reflect as to whether you truly believe that what happened at Calvary was really the greatest event in the history of the world as well as the greatest event in the history of your life or just some April Fool's day joke.

Remember the rest of the story. That is Jesus was crucified by man for insurrection but three days later vindicated by God through resurrection.

April Fools, NOT!

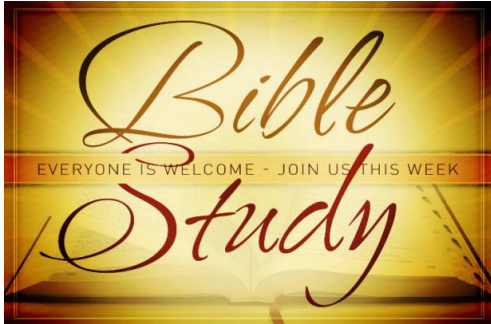
*Pastor Charlie*



Please join us for these upcoming events:

✝ Easter Sunday Service April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM– Sanctuary

# Bible Studies



The Sunday School series going through the Old Testament will be held on Sundays, at 9:00 AM in the workroom.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study is held in the workroom at 6:30 PM.

# Congregational Meeting



**There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 10:00 a.m. Service. Please attend as we need to reach a quorum. Thank you.**

# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Church Service 10:00 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	2	3 Bible Study 6:30 PM Westerleigh Improvement Society	4	5 Council/Board & Trustee Meetings	6	7
8 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00	9	10 Bible Study 6:30 PM	11 AARP	12	13 NARFE	14 <b>Craft Show &amp; Flea Market</b>
15 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00	16	17 Bible Study 6:30 PM	18	19	20	21 <b>Café &amp; Sing Along SI Ukes &amp; Friends</b>
22 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00 <b>Congregational Meeting</b>	23	24 Bible Study 6:30 PM	25 Tall Cedars	26	27 Pack Night	28
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April 1<sup>st</sup> - Easter Sunday Service 10:00

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Vendor Craft/ Fair from 9:00am -3:00pm the kitchen is open from 9:00am-2:00pm.

April 21<sup>st</sup> - Café and Sing along with the Staten Island Ukes and Friends- 7:00pm - The cost of \$12.00 includes live music, chips, soda, coffee and cake (BYOB)

May 19<sup>th</sup> – German Festival with live German and popular music, dancing, food, beer and dessert. 7:00pm. The cost is \$40.00 per ticket.

**For information about any of these** events please call the church office at 718- 448-1584.



IUC is sponsoring a Craft Show & Flea Market on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 3 PM. Please come out and support our event. Our kitchen will be open for lunch. For more information, please see Sam Colucci or call the church office at 718 448-1584.

## Immanuel Union Church Open House Saturday - May 5th



Immanuel Union Church is pleased to open our doors for others to tour our church in this year's Sacred Sites Open House on Saturday, May 5th, 2018.

The event is organized by the New York Landmarks Conservancy, where religious buildings will be open to visitors across New York State. The event is being co-sponsored by Immanuel Union Church and the Westerleigh Improvement Society, by Betty Winsch and Mark Anderson.

The day's activities will begin at 10 am, when the Westerleigh Improvement Society's Annual Victoria Barrack Walk of Westerleigh will leave the church for an hour long tour of our Westerleigh neighborhood. Visitors will be welcomed into the sanctuary from 11am until 5pm, with various activities taking place throughout the day.

### Schedule of Events

**10:00am** Annual Westerleigh Improvement Society's Victoria Barrack Memorial Westerleigh Walk will leave Immanuel Union Church – this year's theme is Music

**11:00am** Refreshments will be available. Food will be available from 11am to 2pm.

**11:00am to 5pm:** Church will be open to visitors for guided and self-guided tours.

**12:00pm:** Organ Demonstration

**1:00 pm:** Talk : Immanuel Union Church by historic preservation architect Mark Anderson.

**2:00pm:** Movie – Borrowed Tunes of American Temperance Music by Paul Sanders, Ohio State University (This movie was made specifically for the Westerleigh Talks)

**3:00pm:** Movie – Westerleigh- The Town That Temperance Built

**4:00pm:** Movie –Arm Chair Tour of Westerleigh by Betty Winsch and Victoria Barrack

**5:00pm :** Church will be open until 5pm

We welcome your involvement to greet visitors to the church. Please contact Gina at 718-448-1584 or Betty at vogeldesigns17@gmail.com if you will like to participate.





# Easter Lily Donation List

Donor:

*Sam Colucci*

*William & Joanne Stranges*

Donor:

*Pat Brower*

*Sam Colucci*

*Dorothy Crimmins*

*John & Anne Holland*

*Johnson Family*

*Matthius Family*

*Victoria Morris*

*Emily Morrison*

*Nancy Myers*

*Pitchersky Family*

*Betty Reiman*

*Jack Ritchie*

*William & Joanne Stranges*

*Fred & Nancy Wetzel*

*Betty Winsch*

In Honor of:

*Nancy & Jane, my daughters*

*Anthony Stranges*

In Memory of:

*Frederick, Husband, Loved Ones*

*Constance Colucci*

*Loved Ones*

*Anne Adams, Mom*

*Our Loved Ones who physically passed away*

*Douglas Matthius, & Decker & Schleede Families*

*Loved Ones*

*Robert Morrison, Husband*

*Emily Nan & Thomas Wilkinson, Parents*

*Madeline & James Morrison, In-laws*

*Loved Ones*

*Family no longer with us*

*Husband Lee*

*Barbara & Jack Barbour, Parents*

*Jack Barbour, Brother*

*Frances & Ruth Ritchie*

*Salvatore DeStadio*

*Loved Ones*

*Ellen Mollica Torrico, Dear Friend*

*Peggy Wilkerson, Dear Friend*

# Order Your Geraniums



The color of Pentecost is red. This year, we would like to have a profusion of red geraniums on the Altar to make Pentecost Sunday even more special. If you normally plant red geraniums in your garden, could you wait? The Worship and Music Committee would

like to pick yours up at the nursery and put them on the altar for May 20<sup>th</sup>. You would then take your plants home after the Service.

**It is your responsibility to take your plants home!** The cost would be \$4 per plant. Please let Sam Colucci know if you might be willing to participate in the red geranium altar flower display this year.

Mention how many you would like to order then submit a check for the cost. Orders must be received by May 13<sup>th</sup>.

# Church News



Reserve Altar Flowers now through the end of 2018. A flower chart is on the bulletin board at the back of the Church Hall. Sign up on a Sunday. The price is \$25. Please indicate whether or not

you are going to take your flowers or if they should go to a shut-in.

If you are not currently receiving offering envelopes and wish to be included, please contact the church office at 718-448-1584.

Information for the May Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net. Thank you.

Need to talk? Want spiritual counsel? Have an emergency? If so, you can reach Pastor Charlie through the Church office from Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) at 718-448-1584. If you have an urgent matter off-hours, call Charlie's cell phone: 718-290-3726. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will reply. He is usually off on Friday; however, if you have a need, he is always available- any time, day or night. Please don't hesitate to call him!

## **How you can help the Hungry and Homeless:**

**Help Re-stock Food Pantries:** non-perishable boxed or canned food items are needed: canned meat, tuna, vegetables, and fruits, rice and instant potatoes, tomato sauce and pasta, macaroni and cheese, canned and instant soups, peanut butter and jellies, baby foods and disposable diapers. No glass jars, please. When you come to Church on Sundays, you can place donations in our Food Basket. Thank you all for sharing.

FYI – Richmond Senior Services has relocated to 729 Delafield Avenue, between Clove Road and Taylor Street.

## Prayer List

Please keep the following:

### Health Issues:

Baldini Family  
Laney Dahl  
Carina DeGiulio  
Lydia Lorenzo  
Karen McCarthy  
Vicky Morris  
Jason Proceszyn  
Jan Wiggin  
Alan Yurich

### Serving our Country:

Matthew Ciccone, USMC  
Grand-nephew of Ann Holland

### Shut-Ins:

Ethel Thomas

in your prayers!!!

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.



FOR AS THE EARTH *bringeth forth her bud*, AND AS  
THE GARDEN CAUSETH THE THINGS THAT ARE SOWN IN IT  
TO *spring forth*, SO THE LORD GOD  
WILL CAUSE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PRAISE TO *spring forth*  
BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS. —ISAIAH 61:1

