



LOOKING AHEAD

April

- 4th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 7th Congregational Meeting
- 10th AARP
- 13th Women's Communion Luncheon
- 14th Palm Sunday Breakfast
- 18th Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Service
- 19th Good Friday
- 20th Easter Egg Hunt
- 21st Easter Sunday
- 24th Tall Cedars

May

- 2nd Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 8th AARP
- 11th Maifest German Festival
- 12th Mother's Day
- 22nd Tall Cedars
- 27th Memorial Day (office closed)



Immanuel Union Church

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April Birthdays



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

Coffee Hour



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April

7 th	Trustees
14 th	Church Board
21 st	Tuesday Evening Bible Study
28 th	Adult Fellowship

May

5 th	Trustees
12 th	Church Board
19 th	Tuesday Evening Bible Study
26 th	Adult Fellowship

From the Pastor's Desk

To Those Who's Hope Has Been Resurrected,

If someone were to ask you, what do you believe to be the most significant event in the history of man, what would your answer be? Would it be the splitting of the atom; would it be man stepping out onto the moon; the tearing down of the iron curtain; even the landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock? Would the Resurrection of Jesus Christ come to mind at all? I don't believe so. I think it's because we've been conditioned to see the Resurrection as an element of faith reserved for Sunday morning musing's rather than the most significant event in the historical of mankind.

Many of us have been conditioned by society to refrain from bolstering the Resurrection in such a light lest we be viewed as a religious zealot. The main problem with this is, if the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is not so significant an actual historical event that happened in space and time then our faith is no more than a fairytale. But unlike the many other historical events, the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ has timeless abiding relevance concerning how we should live.

When we consider the relevance of the Resurrection it funnels out into three aspects:

The first is the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus' body was beaten, crucified, and finally placed lifeless in a tomb. It is that same butchered and lifeless body that God raised from the dead on the third day.

The second resurrection is the one we experience when we come to faith in Jesus Christ. Paul wrote that God *"made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."* Eph. 2:5b, 6. It is this type of resurrection that transformed Paul from a persecutor of the Church of Jesus Christ into a servant of Jesus who saw the atoning death and His resurrection as being *"of first importance"* In 1 Cor. 15:3-5 he wrote just that, *"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve."* The reason for this being *"of first importance"* or literally being *"of prime significance"* is because the Resurrection had transformed into a new creation.

From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

The third resurrection is the one that is yet to come. In the Apostle's Creed, we affirm that we believe in *"...the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."* Do you just say that by rote or do you really believe that one day your body will rise again?

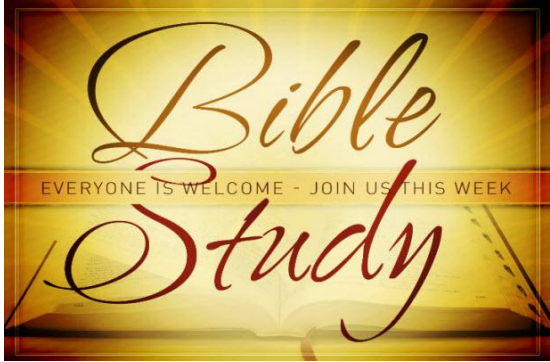
In the Heidelberg Catechism, the 45th question asks how Christ's resurrection benefits us. The answer is a summary of what is written above: *"First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. And third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection."*

It is because of God's gracious hand that Paul was changed, and it is because of God's gracious hand that you and I are changed and brought to new life. This Easter, take delight in the historical truth of the Resurrection. He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

May God bless those who are partakers of His great mercy and know the living hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Charlie

Bible Studies



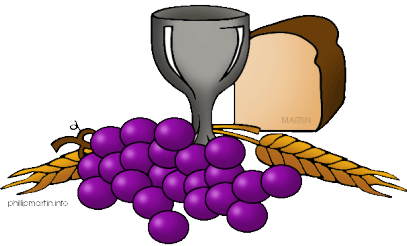
The Sunday School series discussing the concerns of those who attend will be held on Sundays, at 9:00 AM in the workroom.

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

Note From the Church Council

There is a significant need for more volunteers to serve on the Church Board and the Board of Trustees. The limited number of persons currently serving is a detriment to the proper and efficient running of our beloved church.

Women's Communion Luncheon



Our 54th Annual Women's Communion Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019. The service is at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary; luncheon follows at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. We are excited to have as our guest speaker Rev. Dr. Nancy Hazzard. Rev. Hazzard has a broad and varied background. A former Peace Corps Volunteer, professional musician, and public school teacher, she has served as assistant pastor, and youth minister in several churches in the New York area. Ordained in 2003, she recently earned her Doctor of Divinity degree from the Emerson Theological Institute. She is a published author in New Thought Quarterly and Creative Thought magazines. She currently serves as a volunteer Chaplain at Eger Health Care facility on Staten Island. Rev. Hazzard's message is entitled "Feed me, nurturing your own spirituality". Please come and bring your friends. For additional information see Nancy Myers or Nancy Wagner-Wetzel.

Mark Your Calendars

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 7th following the 10:00 a.m.

Service. Please try to attend as we need a quorum.



Maifest German Festival

Join us on Saturday, May 11th at 7:00pm.

Call the office for information or tickets

718-448-1584. Featuring live music,

dancing, German food and beer. Tickets

are \$ 40.00 per person which includes: Live

Music, Dancing, Dinner, Soda, Dessert and Two German Beers





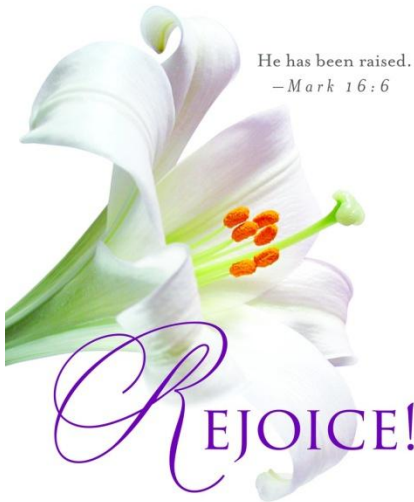
Please join us for these upcoming events:

- ✝ Women's Communion Luncheon April 13th at 11 AM
- ✝ Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast April 14th at 9:15 AM
(\$6 for adults; \$3 for children under 10.) – Fellowship Hall.
- ✝ Maundy Thursday Soup Supper April 18th at 6:00 PM –
Fellowship Hall
- ✝ Maundy Thursday Service April 18th at 7:00 PM -
Sanctuary
- ✝ Good Friday April 19th Sanctuary will be open for prayer
and reflection from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM– Sanctuary
- ✝ Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 20th 1:00 PM, rain or shine,
ages 1 – 8. Come out to enjoy prizes, games and Snacks!
- ✝ Easter Sunday Service April 21st at 10:00 AM– Sanctuary

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Westerleigh Improvement Society	3	4 Council/Board & Trustee Meetings	5	6
7 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00 Congregational Meeting	8	9 Bible Study 6:30	10 AARP	11	12	13 Women's Communion Luncheon
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Order Your Easter Lilies



Below you will find a form to use when ordering your Easter Lilies for the Altar on Easter Sunday. Please include your check made payable to Immanuel Union Church with your order; and send it along to 693 Jewett Avenue, Staten Island, N.Y. 10314, Attn: Sam Colucci. The list of names will be published in the May Lamplighter.

Easter Lilies - \$10.00 Per Plant

Enclosed Is \$ _____ For _____ Plants.

Donor _____

In Memory Of _____

Or

In Honor Of _____

If more space is needed, please use a separate piece of paper.

Please Indicate:

() My flowers may be given to shut-ins.

() I will pick up my flowers after the service.

The deadline for ordering Easter Lilies is April 14, 2019. Please send this form along with a check in the total amount of the order; or call the church office at 448-1584 to place your order.

Maifest at Immanuel Union Church



German Festival

Saturday, May 11, 2019 @7:00pm

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718-448-1584

Live Music, Dancing, German Food and Beer

The ticket cost of \$ 40.00 includes:

**Live Music, Dancing, Dinner, Soda, Dessert and Two
German Beers**

Church News



Reserve Altar Flowers now through the end of 2019. 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 12th. 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
Karen McCarthy
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.

