



THE Lamplighter



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



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LOOKING AHEAD

(Tentative Dates)

April

- 7th Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings
- 10th Palm Sunday
- 13th AARP
- 14th Maundy Thursday
- 15th Good Friday
- 17th Easter Sunday
- 30th Book Sale

May

- 5th Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 11th AARP
- 26th Ascension Thursday
- 30th Memorial Day



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

Pastor's Letter

Resurrection Greetings!

As we get closer to Easter Sunday, I wanted to be sure to reach out to you during this challenging time for so many.

While many of us are physically back at church, I realize some have chosen to stay away for a while longer. Please know that we certainly understand the desire to stay safe as we continue to go through this unprecedented pandemic.

I have little doubt that the Easter Season will seem quite a bit different watching services online, or quite possibly not at all! I do believe in the tremendous importance of being in church, yet it's a different day "for now."

We all want to get back to "normal" as soon as possible for sure! Yet, "normal" can be different for everyone. Someone said for them, "normal is just a setting on their dryer."

Jesus came to this earth over 2,000 years ago, and His life could be described as anything BUT "normal." He spent about three years in active ministry serving others, loving others, healing others, and yet, He died the cruelest of deaths as they hung Him on a cross.

Yet, as you know, that was not the end of the story as three days later, He arose in tremendous victory over death! Regardless of what happens in this world this year, or the next, Jesus has already been there! He knows about our needs and cares for us with perfect love.

One of my favorite portions of scripture is the following: Matthew 10:29-31 "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father, but even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. Please know today that YOU are valued!"

WE love you and miss you and will be here when you are ready to return to us unless Jesus comes first, of course! If there's anything you need, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Happy Resurrection Sunday!

Pastor Charlie

Sunday Worship & Bible



Sunday Church Service is will be 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

Coming out of another winter of being on Zoom only for Church due to an uptick in Covid cases, April has us in person and online for worship and those of us on the Planning Committee and in the Council hitting the ground running. With preparations for Holy Week next week, and then our annual book fair at the end of the month (where we will open the kitchen for the first time since the pandemic started), we are in need of your help.

We need volunteers in the following 3 areas:

1. On **Friday, April 29th** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - we will setup and organize the books. Please come and work with us for as many hours as you are able on this day. Many hands will make the work easier!

2- For the day of the sale: **Saturday, April 30th** we need homemade baked goods. We need about 4 people to bake- cake, brownies, cupcakes or cookies and drop them off at Church early that morning (Between 9-10).

3- Lastly on Saturday from 9-3 we need 2 cashiers to collect money.

If you are willing to assist in any of these 3 BIG needs, please contact Leslie on her cell at 718-290-3724. We appreciate your willingness to work with us, and please pray for a good turnout and that we make a good profit!

Important Dates:

April 30 IUC Book fair
June 4 IUC Garage sale
September 17 Fall craft/vendor fair
October 15 IUC Oktoberfest
November 12 IUC Holiday fair
December 3 Holiday craft/vendor fair

Special upcoming services during Holy Week-

Palm Sunday **April 10th** - 10 am, Diane begins playing at 9:50 am. No virtual coffee hour.

Maundy Thursday service **April 14th** at 7 pm

Easter Sunday- **April 17th** 10 am, Diane begins playing at 9:50 am. No virtual coffee hour.

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

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

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.

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2022 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.
- Information for the May Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, April 15th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

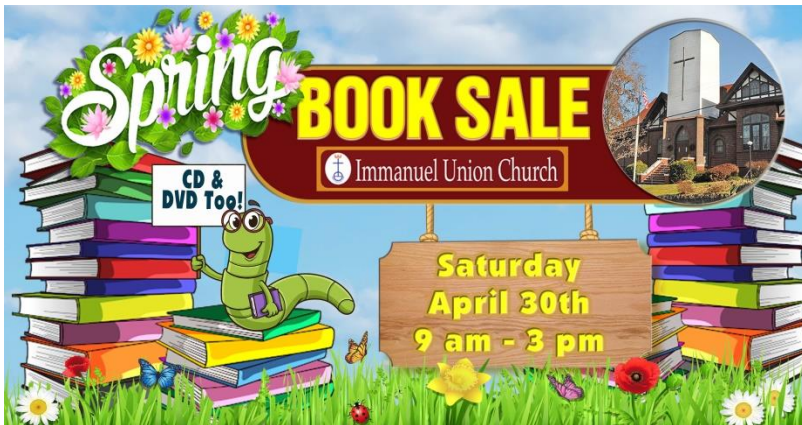
Mark Your Calendars



Easter Happenings

- April 10th** Palm Sunday Service 10 AM in person & via Zoom
April 14th Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM in person & via Zoom
April 17th Easter Sunday Service 10 AM in person & via Zoom

Large Used Book Sale and Cafe



**Come Browse the
Stacks and Enjoy
a Snack!**

**Saturday April 30, 2022
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

 Immanuel Union Church



GARAGE SALE



Order Your Easter Lilies

EASTER *Lilies*



Memorials and Thanksgiving Lilies for Easter Sunday

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. 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 10, 2022. 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.

Boiler Fund

\$50,000 Goal

\$23,505 raised!!

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.

We can't thank everyone who donated enough for their generosity.

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	4	5 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	6	7 Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings	8	9
10 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 Palm Sunday	11	12 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	13 AARP	14 Maundy Thursday Service in person & via zoom 7 PM	15 Good Friday	16 Holy Saturday
17 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 Easter Sunday	18	19 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	20	21	22	23
24 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	25	26 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	27	28	29	30 Book Sale

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



New-

- ✠ Jen Iken Walsh's husband Bill in the hospital for an infected toe. Needs to have part of it removed on Friday.

Continued-

- ✠ Walter- Liz Iken's brother in law is home and in PT. Pray for strength.
- ✠ Nancy Myers- bit by a dog, swollen & in pain. Continue praying for healing.
- ✠ Dorothy's SIL Phil- had a procedure Tuesday, pray for recovery and no more procedures needed. Pray for Mary, Protection for Ray. Peace for Dorothy
- ✠ Mark Iken- had a 2nd back surgery. Moving around more, pray for complete healing and recovery.
- ✠ Clark- 6 mo old diagnosed with cancerous brain tumor & underwent surgery. Now in chemo.
- ✠ Tori- lungs & kidneys not functioning correctly and heart arteries are hardening.
- ✠ Aria- 5 year old who is hallucinating and unresponsive most of the time, they are giving steroids and antibiotics and she's improving. They believe it's autoimmune encephalitis and she needs Ivig- which is \$20,000 and the insurance doesn't want to cover it.
- ✠ Kathy Howe- has leukemia. Getting chemo.
- ✠ Michael James- Anne Holland's friend- in hospital with possible stroke.
- ✠ People of Ukraine & Russia. Christians in Ukraine for wisdom, discernment, strength, courage.
- ✠ Alethia- a 7 year old on SI with leukemia.
- ✠ Mr. & Mrs Park- husband in rehab.
- ✠ Anne Holland's friend Dr Kim who has myasthenia Gravis.
- ✠ Adrienne- now at Harbor House at Eger.
- ✠ DonnaMaries mom Mary and Jan Wiggins are at Sunrise. Pray for safety and their health.
- ✠ Sonja & Bills friend Bill- diagnosed with cancer.
- ✠ MaryAnn- fell and broke her hip and had a stroke
- ✠ Ted Beck - Genes former coworker in Florida still recovering from cancer treatments
- ✠ Rosemary- Genes sister, continued improvement to complete healing.
- ✠ Lyn- pray for a new job and peace during the process of searching - extended through Labor Day.
- ✠ John's friend Phil-still on the transplant list, low priority. On meds to keep heart going.
- ✠ Stephen- Naomi's son- emotionally unwell, refusing to see someone.
- ✠ Don- pray for the his health and eye treatment. He's having trouble reading.
- ✠ Anne Haakonsen's mom- battling kidney cancer
- ✠ Those battling Covid-
- ✠ Long haulers with Covid symptoms
- ✠ Vaccine injured
- ✠ For our country (President, Vice President, Senators, Congressmen/women, judges)
- ✠ For our police, firefighters & military
- ✠ For Cities around the country - for peace to rule
- ✠ Leaders of our country, states, town- Gov Hochul, Mayor Adams