



THE Lamplighter



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



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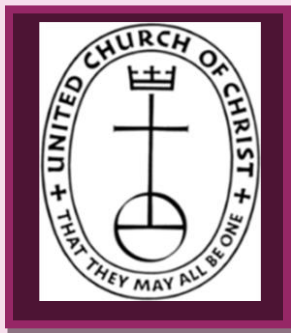
LOOKING AHEAD

(Tentative Dates)
February

- 3rd Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 13th Annual Congregational Meeting
Via Zoom
- 21st Presidents' Day

March

- 2nd Ash Wednesday
- 13th Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 26th Craft & Flea Market



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

Pastor's Letter

Greetings in the Glorious Name of Jesus!

I wanted to take a few moments in this month's Lamplighter to let you know that I miss worshipping together with you in person. After enjoying what seems like a short season of in person worship, we find ourselves relegated back to our homes.

Please rest assured, you are sorely missed! While we realize, especially concerning the demographic of our congregation, the prudence in refraining from gathering in person, we confidently look forward to being able to worship again together. I ask that as you go before our God in prayer, please pray for a swift end to a frosty winter so that we can safely return to inhaling the sweet smell of fresh spring air.

As I reflect on our current situation, I can't help but give thanks to God that we are living in 2022. In the beginning of the 20th Century the entire world was impacted by the Spanish Flu for eleven years. Think about that for a moment, eleven years without the ability to worship together in person or from home. There was no Zoom providing the ability to connect via the internet or any other way. While we may not be able to meet in person now, we still look forward to meeting again in person when Spring has sprung. It truly is a matter of praise that we live now and not then, since we currently have so many platforms to worship online even if you can't attend on a Sunday morning, you can still watch or listen on Facebook, YouTube or our Church Website. We live in challenging times but through the Grace of God we will continue to live up to the challenge.

This pandemic has stretched the limits of our country, our families, our schools, our businesses, and of course, our churches. Our children and grandchildren are being educated in a way that none of us would ever have dreamed possible, yet we adapt.

I also want to commend those who are still working and can regularly give to the church, just as you would if you were here weekly. As you know, the church's needs continue as well, and it has been wonderful to see the faithful giving of members and adherents. Please know that YOU are valued! YOU are appreciated! Most of all- you are loved!

I believe the most significant thing we can all do during this time, especially as the family of God, is to keep our eyes on Jesus Christ! He is our source, and ultimately, we will triumph through Him!

Pastor's Letter (2)

The writer of Hebrews exhorts us in chapter 12 verse 2, to ***keep looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.***

There is a beautiful chorus that we have begun several of our services with whose lyrics are: *“Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace!”*

If there is anything we, the leadership of IUC, can do to help you, please don't hesitate to reach out as soon as possible. We love you and look forward to worshipping in person with you again soon!

Your Servant for Jesus Sake,

Pastor Charlie

Sunday Worship & Bible Studies



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

The Council met February 3rd. We continue to look forward to the craft/vendor fair on March 26. There are a good amount of tables taken at this point.

The gym stage is in need of clearing and cleaning on a Saturday. If you are available and would like to help, please call Nancy Myers or Gina at the Church office.

The Council also had extensive discussion about Zion Church, the Church that wants to meet in the gym on Sundays. Zion no longer wants to put in HVAC at this point due to the high cost. Toward the end of our meeting Justin (the lead Pastor) joined us on zoom to introduce himself and to answer any questions from the Council. He will be doing a walk through at Church with some council members in the near future.

There is a Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 13th after the morning service on Zoom. This will be a combination of budget and yearly meeting. It's been a long time since we have had a meeting and we encourage all members to join us, we need to have a quorum, so please attend. If you haven't received the paperwork in your email by Weds 2/9 or Thursday 2/10, please call the Church at 718-448-1584 and ask Gina to email it to you.

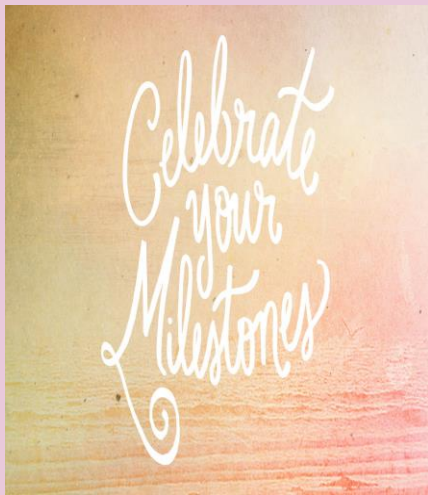
We will discuss the Covid infection rate at the next meeting on March 3rd and will decide on the safety in returning to in-person worship. For now we will continue to meet weekly on Zoom. We welcome everyone to join us. (See log on information above.)

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

2/1	Zachary Iken	2/12	Brian Henningsen
2/3	Danny Orlando		Jennifer Iken Walsh
	Ned Rogers	2/16	Janet Maule
2/9	Laney Dahl	2/22	Angie Sorrentino
2/10	Gregg Jacobson		
2/11	Mary Coffey		

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

- Coffee Hour is held virtually after the Sunday Service.
- 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 March Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, February 18th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Annual Congregational Meeting



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, February 13th via Zoom, the 2022 Budget will be approved at this time as well. This is an extremely important meeting, we need 20 members for a quorum so please plan on attending.

Anyone who needs to submit information to go into the Annual Report, please do so as soon as possible.

Boiler Fund

\$50,000 Goal

\$21,324 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.

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	2	3 Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings	4	5
6 Church Service via zoom 10:00	7	8 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	9	10	11	12
13 Church Service via zoom 10:00 Congregational Meeting via Zoom	14 	15 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	16	17	18	19
20 Church Service via zoom 10:00	21 Presidents' Day	22 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	23	24	25	26
27 Church Service via zoom 10:00	28					

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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Your Tithes & Donations

The 2021 donation statements have been put in the mail for all who have Giving Envelopes or who have asked for a statement. If anyone else would like a statement of their donations for 2021, please contact the church office.

Using Giving Envelopes is the best way for us to maintain a record of your donations for tax purposes. All information is kept confidential.

All donations are much appreciated and needed. There were many one-time donations towards the Boiler as well as from our regular donors.

Best regards and Thank You,
Nancy Wagner-Wetzel

Prayer List



Praise-

- ✠ Emma- pastors wife at International Christian Church, moved to rehab. Yesterday sat up for hours, played games & read. ICC attenders taking care of her.
- ✠ Sarah (Baldini) Comis- home and miraculously recovering. Doctors want her to take it easy, lung function test showed the tech surprise at ever being on a vent.
- ✠ Emma- momma who almost died of Covid is home with her babies & husband. On oxygen

New-

- ✠ Alan Yurich - pray for him emotionally as this is the time of year that Lydia, his brother, his dad & uncle died.
- ✠ Michael James- Anne Holland's friend- in hospital with possible stroke.

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- ✠ Jimmy- fully vaccinated and got Covid, has been sick for weeks with Covid, and now in the hospital struggling to breathe.
- ✠ Sergei & family missionaries in Ukraine for safety & ability to get out of war breaks outdoors
- ✠ Maria pregnant with 8th child (7 girls) and this is a boy Michael who is transverse. He's got enlarged ventricles and is 36 weeks and she will deliver at 38. Pray for God to smallen the ventricles and turn him for delivery so she doesn't need a c-section.
- ✠ Carol battling breast cancer- wisdom for doctors
- ✠ Walter- liz ikens brother in law in Florida has bacterial pneumonia is back in hospital
- ✠ Alethia- a 7 year old on SI with leukemia.
- ✠ Mr. & Mrs Park- husband in hospital.
- ✠ Dorothy - Protection for Ray. Peace for Dorothy
- ✠ Molly- delivered a baby while sick with Covid and now is in serious condition in the hospital. Pray for their 3 other children and husband
- ✠ Simon in hospital with Covid. Put on a ventilator and waiting transfer to another hospital.
- ✠ Saviel- 1.5 year old who is recovering from stomach surgery on 1/3
- ✠ Anne Holland's friend Dr Kim who has myasthenia Gravis and difficult days.
- ✠ Adrienne- fell and is at Eger. She's not sure she will go home this time.
- ✠ DonnaMaries mom is home. Pray for safety.
- ✠ Sonja & Bills friend Bill- diagnosed with cancer. Pray for healing.
- ✠ 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 doing well. Waiting on clearance to drive.
- ✠ Lyn- pray for a new job and peace during the process of searching
- ✠ John's friend Phil-still on the transplant list, low priority. On meds to keep his heart going.
- ✠ Naomi's son Stephen- emotionally- pray for the new counselor he has.
- ✠ Don- pray for the his health and eye treatment. He's having trouble reading.
- ✠ Anne Haakonsen's mom- battling kidney & leg 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-