



LOOKING AHEAD

January

- 1st New Year's Day (office closed)
- 5th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 6th Epiphany
- 8th AARP/Westerleigh Improvement Soc.
- 20th MLK, Jr. Day (office closed)
- 22nd Tall Cedars
- 25th Pinewood Derby
- 26th Annual Congregational Meeting

February

- 6th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 8th Book Sale
- 9th Scout Sunday
- 12th AARP/Westerleigh Improvement Soc.
- 17th Presidents' Day (office closed)
- 26th Ash Wednesday/Tall Cedars
- 28th Pack Night



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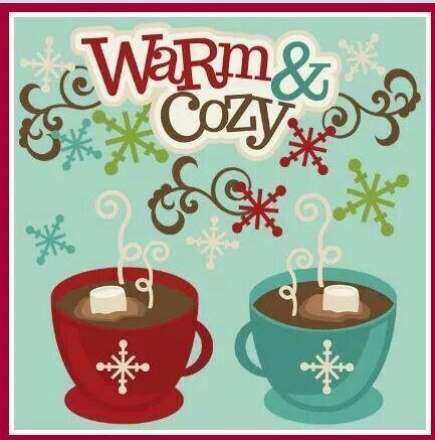
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January Birthdays



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| 1/1 | Jack Ritchie
Ruth Thompson | 1/16 | Rebekah Bossert
Jo-Ellen Brannigan |
| 1/3 | Robbi Rosado | 1/18 | Caroline Michie |
| 1/6 | Bunny Matthius | 1/20 | Jamie Joyce Blissenbach |
| 1/12 | Jeffrey Forbes Smith | 1/23 | Fred Buser |
| | | 1/25 | Melissa Iken
Helen Jerlin |

Coffee Hour



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January

- 5th Trustees
- 12th Church Board
- 19th Tuesday Evening Bible Study
- 26th Congregational Meeting & Potluck

February

- 2nd Trustees
- 9th Scout Sunday
- 16th Church Board
- 23rd Adult Fellowship

From the Pastor's Desk

To Everyone Who Wants to "Get it",

Someone, I don't know who, once said, "*Old habits die hard.*" How true that is! Do you think that's why so many of our New Year resolutions wind up in the recycle bin year after year? The old is comfortable and familiar while the new is untested and exotic. We come to a new year wanting much more for us than the previous year only to find that we have carried much of the old baggage of years gone by with us.

For instance, for centuries people believed that Aristotle must be right because he believed that the heavier an object, the faster it would fall to the earth. After all, Aristotle, for centuries, was regarded as the greatest thinker of all time, surely if he believed it to be true then it must be. Yet, anyone could have taken two objects, one heavy and one light, and dropped them from a great height and see which would land first. But for some 2,000 years no one did. After all, Aristotle believed it so it must be true.

That was until 1589, when Galileo assembled the learned professors of his day to the base of the leaning tower of Pisa. Galileo went to the top of the tower and simultaneously pushed off two weights, one ten pounds and the other one pound. Both hit the ground below at the same time. The most startling thing about this is that the professors denied their own eyes. They continued to say that Aristotle must be right. The learned professors missed the point because they clung on to the 2000 year old error that because Aristotle believed it therefore it must be so. "*Old habits die hard.*"

Another fitting example concerns the Wright brothers. In 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright were in Kitty Hawk, NC carrying on their flight experiments. They sent a telegram to their sister who lived in Dayton, OH, informing her of the good news concerning the success of their first flight. The telegram said "*First sustained flight today, fifty-nine seconds. Home for Christmas.*" Their sister took the message to the Dayton newspaper, and the next morning a brief news item appeared under the headline, "*Popular local bicycle merchants will be home for the holidays.*" The newspaper missed the point. They failed to see that the Wright brothers were doing something new.

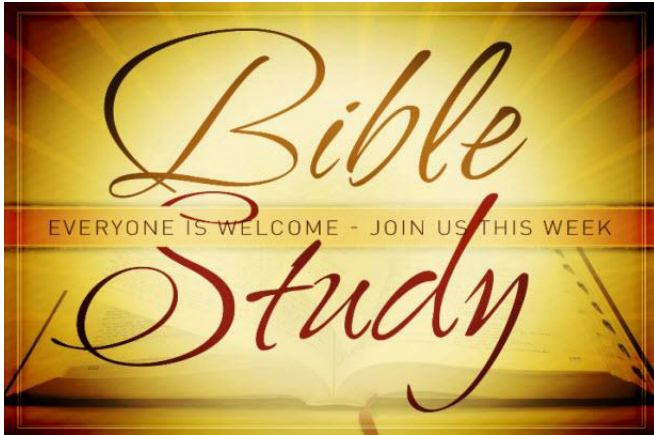
Last month we have spent a season around the manger, again. We have seen that in Jesus, God came to dwell with us in a most spectacular way. The gift of the Messiah is the gift of all gifts. The birth of Jesus is meant to be an inauguration presenting a new meaning for our lives not only effecting eternity but our today as well. It's meant to impact not only our relationship to a Holy God but our relationships with husbands and wives, children and parent's bosses and underlings. I am sure you get the point, don't you?

As we begin this New Year of living together as fellow recipients of the grace of God, let us pray together that He may give us some "*aha*" moments during the New Year. May we find newness of life, newness of purpose, newness in our faith walk as we together exalting Jesus, the crucified and risen Savior.

Until next month,

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.

Mark Your Calendars

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 26th following the 10:00 a.m. Service. We will also be approving the 2020 Budget at this time.

This will be followed by a Potluck Luncheon. Reports for the Annual Report should be submitted by January 5th as the

Annual Report will be distributed a week early to give to the Congregation an opportunity to study the Report for January 26th.



Book Sale

IUC will be hosting a book sale on Saturday, February

Book Sale



2nd from 9 am to 2 pm. Come by to browse through books and have a snack. Book donations can be brought to the church prior to the sale.

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00 Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings	6 Epiphany	7	8 AARP	9	10	11
12 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00	20	21	22 Tall Cedars	23	24	25 Pinewood Derby
26 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00 Congregational Meeting & Potluck	27	28 Bible Study 6:30	29	30	31	

Christmas Poinsettia Donation List

Donor

Sam Colucci
Nancy Myers

In Honor Of:

Nancy Myers, daughter
Sam Colucci

Donor

Sam Colucci

In Memory Of:

Constance Colucci, wife
Parents

Sonja & Bill Coyne

Our Parents

Dorothy & Ray Crimmins

Loved Ones

Helen M. Hanlon

Helen A. Hanlon, mother

Robert J. Hanlon, brother

Anne Holland

Ann & Robert Adams

Loved Ones

Georgiana Johnson

My Parents

Barbara Matthius

Douglas Matthius, son

Parents & Grandparents

Emily Morrison

Robert Morrison, husband,

Emily Nan & Thomas Wilkinson, parents

Madeline & James Morrison, In-laws

Don Wilkinson, brother

Nancy Myers

Stuart Myers Jr.

Jack Ritchie

Frances and Ruth Richie

Eugene & Roseann

Mary & Eugene Sorensen, parents

Sorensen

Evelyn McDonald, friend

Bob Little, friend

Betty Winsch

My Loved Ones

Books, Bagels and Baked Goods



Book Sale



Large Used Book Sale and Cafe
Browse for Books and Enjoy
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and a Snack

Immanuel Union Church
693 Jewett Avenue
Saturday February 8, 2020
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Church News



Reserve Altar Flowers now through the end of 2020. 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 February Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, January 17th. 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.



One kind word can warm three winter months.
~Japanese Proverb