



LOOKING AHEAD

June

- 7th Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 8th NARFE
- 9th Boy Scout Year End BBQ
- 13th AARP
- 17th Father's Day
- 24th Congregational Meeting
- 27th Tall Cedars

July

- 4th Independence Day (office closed)

September

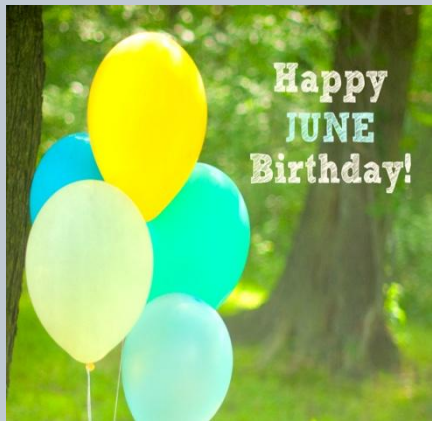
- 3rd Labor Day (office closed)
- 6th Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 9th Rally Day
- 12th AARP
- 14th NARFE
- 26th Tall Cedars



Immanuel Union Church

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June Birthdays



- 5 Adrienne Liana
- 9 Valerie Jacobson
- 10 Abigail Blissenbach
- 11 Mary Brower
John David Conca
- 15 Casey Lynne Reiman
- 26 Thomas Coffey
- 27 Christine Matthius
Roseann Sorensen

Coffee Hour



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June

- 3rd Trustees
- 10th Church Board
- 17th Tuesday Evening Bible Study
- 24th Adult Fellowship

July

- 1st Trustees
- 8th Church Board
- 15th Tuesday Evening Bible Study
- 22nd Adult Fellowship
- 29th Volunteers

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

"In the city of Pasadena, California a man was waiting for an appointment. He had just finished working at Pasadena's famous Rose Garden. At the appointment, someone commented: 'I know where you were. You were in the Rose Garden. The perfume of the roses has stayed with you.' The sweetness of the aroma of Christ remains upon those who fellowship with His body (the Church)."

In our society, there is a misnomer when the word church is used in that many of us envision a building in our mind's eye. A building is a structure with a roof and walls standing more or less permanently in one place, such as a house or factory. Yet in Ephesians 5:25 Paul says, "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her...."

Are we to believe that Paul suggests that Jesus died for some permanent structure, such as a house or a factory? I believe we see the absurdity in such an assumption. No, Jesus died for His people, those who make up the Church.

Theologically speaking there are three facets of the Church: The first is the visible church which is composed of all who profess faith in Jesus and their children; the second is the invisible Church which is comprised of those who genuinely belong to Jesus; finally there exists the Church Triumphant, which is made up of all who, throughout their life, fought the good fight, finished the race set before them and kept the faith. They have received the crown of righteousness that awaits all who die in the faith (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

Just as our bodies are comprised of many cells working together to reproduce and persevere for the purpose of our survival, the church is made up of individuals working together to reproduce and persevere right here in the life of Immanuel Union Church. Therefore, we are not meant to live the Christian life in a vacuum. We are meant to find support, fellowship, and the opportunity to serve in health of the fellowshiping community that Jesus has placed us at IUC. That is why the writer of Hebrews exhorts us each of us in this way: ***"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another"***

We need each other on a daily basis. Not just weekly or seasonally. I feel that those who neglect the Sunday assembly of the fellowshiping body are not only neglecting their own body, but the entire Body as well. The church gets cheated out of the blessings that are offered through their attendance, i.e.. *"The spurring of one another on toward love and good deeds..."*

From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

I realize that for us who live in the North, summer comes as a long sought after reward for braving the effects of the cold winters. It's easy to fall victim to a mentality which justifies the neglect of Sunday morning Worship for seemingly more important rewards, such as the beach, the mountains, or even the backyard pool and grill. But there is nothing more important than the Worship of the Living God! We should enjoy the beautiful summer days that God appoints to us as a gift, but let's not neglect the giver of the gift of our recreation.

In Deuteronomy 8 before bringing the Old Testament Church into the Promised Land, God through the Moses, warns them of falling into a similar form of neglect.

For example in verse 10 Moses warns, ¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery...

¹⁷ You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

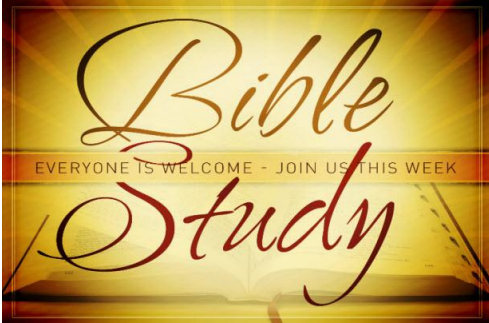
With this in mind, I will leave you with this story: Long, long ago in a village of crafty and careful peasants, the village Chief arranged a great community Celebration. He prepared a great Oak Keg and told each family to pour their best wine from a wineskin into the Keg. He said that if each one supplied him with their best, there would be sufficient amounts for all, and of the best quality. One crafty peasant thought: *"if everyone else puts in their best wine, no one will notice if I just pour in water. Let the others put in their best wine. My little bit won't be missed."* Finally on the day of the Celebration, the Oak Keg was tapped, and only water poured out. Everyone thought that their contribution was so small that it wouldn't be missed. And so there was nothing at all.

Remember **YOU** are the Church, not the building, and as such you are missed! You are a necessary entity in our worship experience (***But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. (1 Cor. 12:18).***

May God Bless Your summer as You Find Your Ultimate Satisfaction in Him,

Pastor Charlie

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, June 24th following the 10:00 a.m. Service. Please attend as we need to reach a quorum. Thank you.

Geraniums



Thank you to everyone who purchased geraniums for the Pentecost Altar.

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00	4	5 Bible Study 6:30 PM Westerleigh Improvement Society	6	7 Council/Board & Trustee Meetings	8 NARFE	9 Boy Scout Year End BBQ
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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 July/August Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, June 15th. 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.



! Be so Happy
that when others
LOOK at you
they become
Happy too.