



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)

June

- 4th Garage Sale
- 5th Pentecost Sunday
- 8th AARP
- 9th Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 12th Trinity Sunday
- 19th Father's Day

July

- 4th Independence Day



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

Pastor's Letter

To All Who Cherish Their Freedom!

As Independence Day approaches I thought I'd devote this month's Lamplighter letter reflecting upon the freedom we share as Americans!

Someone rightfully said one time that freedom isn't free. Those of us who have lived in America for any period of time recognize that truly this is the case. Men and women have given their lives over the years so that you and I can enjoy the freedom we know, as well as the freedom to be here today to worship God together.

America has prospered over the years, yet we must always be on guard to remember and appreciate those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. I would like to share Scripture with you in which Moses was reminding the people as they were about to enter the promised land that they should not forget God and where their blessings ultimately came from.

Deuteronomy 8:11-18 "Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

As we celebrate the gift of freedom we enjoy, let us do with a heart of thanksgiving and rejoicing for all that He has given us keeping in mind the words of Job who said, "*The LORD gives, and the LORD takes away; blessed be the name of the LORD.*"

Let us thank our God for His many gifts that are far too wonderful for words!

Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,

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

We would like to thank everyone who gave their time and energy and made the garage sale a success. The Church made \$1700, what a blessing!

After calculating the current up-front costs and the amount of attendees we would need to just break even for Oktoberfest, and the many unknown conditions we might be facing at that point in the year (inflation, Covid, food shortages, etc.), we have decided to cancel it for this year. Pray for us as we try to come up with a fundraiser in its place, and if you have any ideas, please call the Church office and Gina will pass on the information.

We will be moving Sunday worship downstairs on July 3rd. We pray you have a enjoyable and wonderful summer!

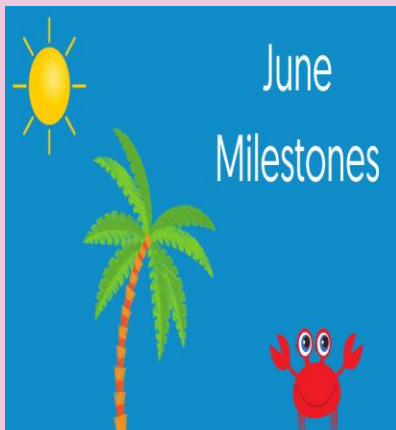
Near & Far

"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

- 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

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.

Geranium Donors



Thank you to our geranium donors who helped our Pentecost Altar look so festive.

Dorothy Crimmins
Nancy Myers
Eugene Sorensen
Lyn Spaulding
John Valjalo

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 July/August Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, June 17th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Mark Your Calendars

Church Fair

The Church Fair has been slated for Saturday, November 12th. While we will continue to adhere to and work with pandemic restrictions and guidelines, it is our intention that the Fair will continue in its entirety. The Fair Committee accepts donations all year, so anyone wishing to drop-off household and/or handmade items ahead of time are welcome to do so! We are looking forward to once again holding this well-known event in the community and a key part of Immanuel's heritage. Come join us in November!



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.

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Garage Sale
5 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 Pentecost Sunday	6	7 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	8 AARP	9 Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings	10	11
12 Church Service via zoom 10:00	13	14 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	15	16	17	18
19 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 Father's Day	20	21 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	22	23	24	25
26 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	27	28 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	29	30		

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



Praise-

- † Lyn- had 2nd interview this week with the company who purchased the company she currently works for- she would keep seniority if they hire her.
- † Rosemary- Genes sister, saw the doctor with an all good. Will begin to take short driving trips – pray for safety.

New-

- † Jennifer Walsh- prayer for her & coworkers- favorite man in group home died

Continued-

- † Sonja- recovering from bp issues
- † Dons eyesight worsening
- † Shooting in Texas, families of the victims, 8 year old Reuben (1 of 2 students who survived)
- † Sam- iron infusions.
- † Lee Kramer- fell is okay but moving to LI with her daughter.
- † Christine Myers (Nancy's SIL) off respirator with cancer.
- † Nancy's niece Heather has just been diagnosed with breast cancer- has twins 5 year old and a 3.5 year old.
- † Marlene- broke bones in foot - healing and doing PT- ability to be cleared to drive soon.
- † Caroline - friend of DonnaMaries- 5 months pregnant and carrying a baby for her brother and sister in law who have tried every fertility method to get pregnant. Pray for the baby to continue to do well and for all hearts involved rejoice.
- † Sara Dick- healing pray for wound healing.
- † 2 babies in utero - Matthew & Silas- protection for both babies and no complications with birth.
- † Jen Iken Walsh's husband Bill and brother Mark Iken both recovering from surgery.
- † Walter- Liz Iken's brother in law is home and in PT. Pray for strength.
- † Dorothy's SIL Phil- not doing well physically and Mary is very worried, Protection for Ray. Peace for Dorothy
- † Anne Holland's friend Dr Kim who has myasthenia Gravis. His energy levels have been mostly good, pray they continue.
- † Adrienne- at Harbor House at Eger.
- † DonnaMaries mom Mary and Jan Wiggins are at Sunrise. Pray for safety and their health.
- † Ted Beck - Genes former coworker in Florida still recovering from cancer treatments
- † John's friend Phil-still on the transplant list, low priority. On meds to keep heart going.
- † Stephen- Naomi's son- doing better, is stable
- † 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-