



THE Lamplighter



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

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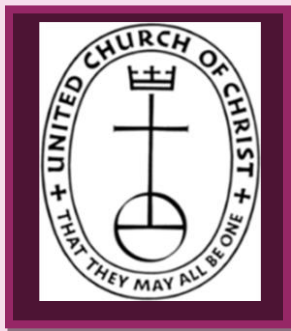
LOOKING AHEAD (Tentative Dates)

June

- 1st Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 11th Congregational Meeting
- 14th AARP
- 17th Garage Sale

July

- 4th Independence Day



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

Pastor's Letter

To All Those Who Relish their Freedom in Christ,

Back in 1988, a Polish railway worker named Jan Grzebski was hit by a train. He lived ... but only barely. For the next 19 years (until the year 2007), Grzebski was in a coma. He awoke in 2007 to a whole new world. Nineteen years earlier, Poland was a communist state. Grzebski noted that back then meat was rationed and there were huge lines at nearly every gas station. And, "there was only tea and vinegar in the shops." But 19 years later, he awoke to a free nation where he said there were "people on the streets with cell phones and there are so many goods in the shops it makes my head spin." But something puzzled him. "*What amazes me is all these people who walk around with their mobile phones and yet they never stop moaning.*" These people had freedom, and food and wealth greater than Poland had had for decades ... and yet Grzebski woke from his coma to find that ALL they seemed to want to do was grumble!

If you don't get into the habit of thanking God for what you DO have, you'll soon become ungrateful because of what you DON'T have.

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 able to gather in worship to God.

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.***

Paul in Galatians 5:1 exhorts those who have been released from Spiritual bondage through Jesus to contend for their spiritual freedom daily, ***For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.***

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.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 AM.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study will be held via zoom at 6:30 PM.

How to connect to Bible Study or the Sunday Service:

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<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8280501006>

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From the Church Council

The Council would like to remind all members about the Congregational Meeting on June 11th immediately following the morning worship service. This meeting is a mix of the past couple that we have been unable to have without a Quorum. Approval of the budget for 2023 as well as a motion to reduce the amount of members needed for a Quorum for future congregational meetings is on the docket.

Please, please attend either in person or on Zoom.

Thank you.

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

Births:

Congratulations to Jamie (Blissenbach) & Dillon Bornheimer on the birth of their son Milo Charles Bornheimer born June 4th at 5:14 AM.

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 2023 are in the church and available for pickup. In the meantime, we ask that you continue to send in your donations and note your normal envelope number so we can keep track. Sorry for the inconvenience.
- 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 23rd. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Mark Your Calendars

Immanuel Union Church



Saturday June 17th
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

One table is free to members/Church attendees, \$20 for a 2nd table. Neighbors and the community \$30 a table. To reserve a table call the church office at 718 448-1584.

Congregational Meeting

Will be held on Sunday, June 11th after the church service. All interested are welcome to attend and members will be able to vote on the Annual Reports and the Budget. We need everyone to come out.



June 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Council/Board & Trustee Meetings	2	3
4 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	5	6 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	7	8	9	10
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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

- ✝ Joseph (Gina the Church secretary's husband) is home. Pray for his full recovery after heart surgery.
- ✝ Bill (Sonja's husband) surgery went well and he's home.

Continued-

- ✝ Liz Iken- at Eger, unable to walk without a diagnosis. Wisdom for the doctors so she can rehabilitate so she can return home
- ✝ Jan Wiggins & Mary (DonnaMarie's mom) are at Sunrise. Jan is having more confusion.
- ✝ Adrienne at Eger- pray for her health and spirit.
- ✝ Don Landau- moved to Maryland to be near his brother. Pray for his adjustment and health
- ✝ Sam Colucci & Barbara Matthius- health and strength, pray for Nancy & Bunny, and the aides that care for them.
- ✝ Lauren- Pastors cousins granddaughter- 6 years old just diagnosed with leukemia, and is home but getting outpatient treatment now.
- ✝ Karen Kuhls grandson Joey- Pray for full healing for him and no left over physical setbacks
- ✝ Howard- has returned to Guyana after New Years, pray for his safety
- ✝ Susan - Dan & Sheri's neighbor- has health problems
- ✝ Andy, DonnaMarie's friend has poly myalgia rheumatica. Wisdom for the doctors for treatment.
- ✝ Robert and Cathy- Diane's neighbors lost their son, pray for comfort
- ✝ Stephen- Naomi's son, pray he will take his meds regularly and will be emotionally stable.
- ✝ Nancy's niece Heather who has breast cancer - has twins 5 year old and a 3.5 year old. Pray for treatment
- ✝ Roti- Anne Holland's friend who had spinal surgery, for full recovery.
- ✝ Rosemary- Genes sister, pray for complete recovery.
- ✝ Ted & Mark - Genes former coworkers- prayer for recovery & health
- ✝ Anne Haakonsen's mom- battling kidney cancer. And her Aunt Marty having anxiety issues.
- ✝ Donna, Anne's friend has ovarian 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 and military
- ✝ Leaders of our State- Gov Hochul, Mayor Adams-