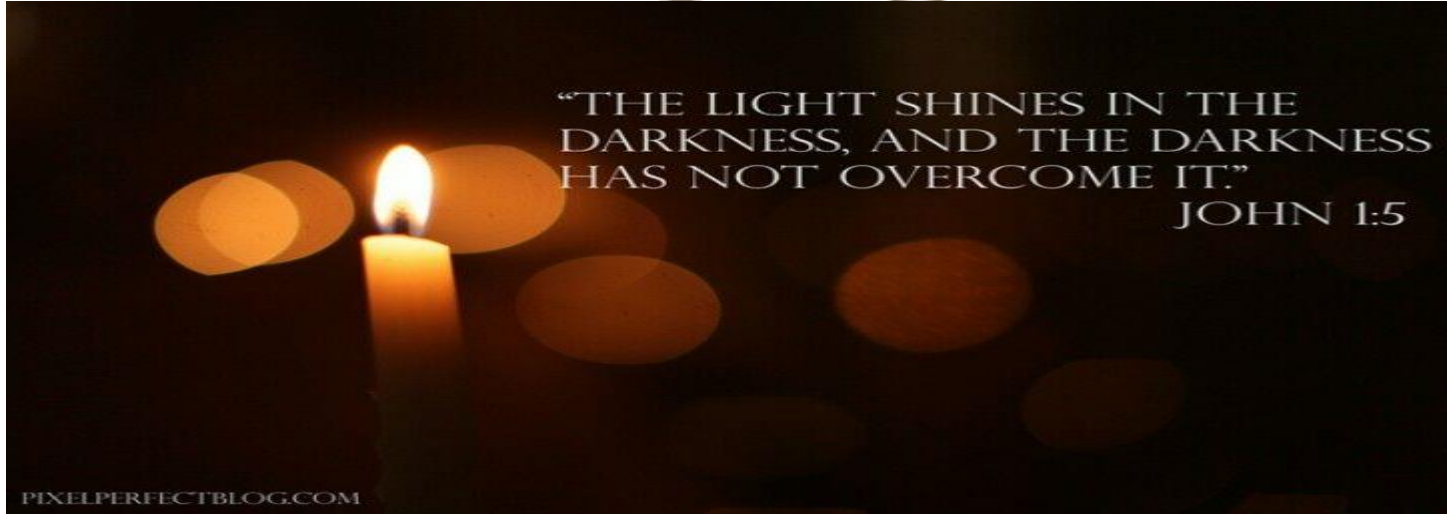




THE Lamplighter



LOOKING AHEAD

June

- 6th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 11th Scout Flag Burning Ceremony
- 12th AARP
- 13th Planning Committee Meets
- 16th Father's Day
- 22nd Garage Sale

July

- 4th Independence Day



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Pastor's Letter

To Those Who Hunger to Commune With their Savior,

I was truly glad when in 2009 the church Board unanimously sustained a motion to celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month.

Communion is an act of deep fellowship with God, with the saints above, and with one another. The Church is the covenant communion of those united to Christ, and we are the recipients of all the benefits and blessings of Jesus Christ.

Communion with God is achieved through Jesus Christ, alone. By our faith in Jesus Christ, we have communion with the triune God. Therefore, when we participate in this meal, we feast and fellowship with God. Our worthiness to sit at the table with God is based on our relationship to Jesus.

By virtue of our union with Christ, we are in communion with all other Christians, even with those who have been glorified (Hebrews 12:22-24). Let the implications of that sink in for a moment: When we partake of Communion we are spiritually feasting with our Lord and the souls of the many believers whose faith has fully been realized as they await for the day of Jesus' return, the time everything will be made right.

When we partake, we are in communion with one another. We share in a common responsibility towards one another (1 Corinthians 12:7). Paul, in effect, told the Corinthian Church, ***“Yes, Corinthians, you’ve been given extraordinary gifts, but those gifts don’t belong to you; they belong to the body. God gave you that gift for the common good. In the same way that he can say in that mystical passage that the husband’s body belongs to the wife, and the wife’s body belongs to the husband, so also, all of my gifts belong to you, and all of your gifts belong to me, and all of our gifts collectively belong to one another; they are for the common good.*”**

Since we are all members of His body, we need one another to function correctly. Therefore, the questions we should be asking are, is this really manifested at Immanuel? Are our members so intimately connected that we can rightly be called a body?

Do we strengthen, exhort and encourage one another? Have we discovered what it takes to be a part of a healthy body? For example, when my back hurts my entire body is affected. Do we as a body feel the pain caused by the wounds inflicted when members are out of fellowship, or are hurting or grieving?

Pastor's Letter (con't)

Are we so intimately connected that, ***"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."*** (1 Cor 12:26-27)

Therefore, receiving Communion on a regular basis should evoke a sense of spiritual unity that should spur us on to a right standing with God as well as one another. It should spur us on to a greater dedication to grow in Christ, engage in ministry, and be obedient to all the duties we are privileged to partake in.

When Communion is properly approached it can be used as one of the most powerful means of keeping our church peaceful and pure which is a goal that all our members should be striving towards.

Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,
Pastor Charlie

Geraniums



Thank you to everyone who participated in our profusion of red geraniums for the Pentecost Sunday Altar. The Altar looked beautiful!

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:

This link if you use for the computer)

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

Meeting ID: 828 050 1006

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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

Council Update

The Council would like to announce that we will be using the Parlor (the old Choir room located at the back of the Chapel on the left side) for our summer worship. As our congregation ages, we need a place to meet where setup isn't required weekly. The Council approved the move and a AC unit was installed by some wonderful helpers! We usually will wait until June 30th to move, but if it gets hot before then we will make the transition. So, if you walk into the Sanctuary, and it's empty, come to the Parlor. We will have signs guiding you there!

Also, the Council wants to welcome Zion Church, a new congregation that will be meeting our building on Sunday mornings for worship. On Saturday a team came and met with Pastor Charlie and some Council members, and a few men from their Church installed our AC unit in the Parlor, and another team cleaned and made our building sparkle. They bring joy and are such pleasant people to minister along side of. They will be meeting in the hall weekly, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. If you bump into them on a Sunday, welcome them, they are a wonderful congregation!

The Council would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2024 are available.
- 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 21st. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

From the Planning Committee

The Planning Committee is pleased to report that the April Book Sale resulted in \$1,354 with \$1,151 coming from book donations alone! As it marks our fifth and final dedicated book sale, we couldn't be more pleased. Since its inception in 2020, these sales have contributed in excess of \$8,000. While the stand alone book sale will be discontinued, books will still be offered at our church fair in November.

The committee organized and along with council and congregation members hosted the Silver Tea for our new confirmands—Marissa, Elsie and Gabriella. We wish to congratulate this fourth generation of Brower family members, and recognize these amazing young women for their contributions to our events held over the past several years. They have brought energy, enthusiasm, fresh ideas and last but not least, delicious baked goods! We look forward to their continued participation and following their accomplishments along life's journey. We also wish to express our appreciation to Nancy Myers for donating the beautiful cake, as well to all who contributed to the luscious buffet!

Lounge clean-up continues to be a work in progress. With only a small amount of books dedicated for the Fair, we are utilizing the space to re-organize both church items and equipment used by the various groups. This includes recycling electronics, disposing of a multitude of cardboard boxes, and sorting and categorizing items randomly deposited in the lounge.

It's come to our attention that IUC's cleaning supplies continue to disappear. To remediate this situation, a new storage cabinet has been identified to be used moving forward. This will create better efficiencies and reduce unnecessary costs.

The June garage sale is just around the corner and the Planning committee is hard at work sorting, sifting and pricing inventory. Pastor Charlie will be offering his renowned barbecue, and the kitchen will also offer lite breakfast and dessert items. Anyone interested in donating a dessert item can contact Donna Tecarr.

The planning committee meets the second Thursday of the month to dovetail and synergize with the Council meetings which are held the previous week. The committee remains dedicated to its 2024 goals,

- To grow membership and foster a climate of inclusivity
- To sustain the church physically and financially through timely follow-up and follow-through on routine maintenance and ad hoc projects, and growing the requisite funds to support on-going maintenance
- To increase participation of existing membership in all church functions

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00	3	4 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	5	6 Council Trustee/Board Meetings	7	8
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Mark Your Calendars

Immanuel Union Church

**Saturday June 22nd
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.

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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Sunday Prayer List

New

- ✠ Gail- Mary's friend had surgery, waiting for results.
- ✠ Lyn- prayers that she will speak the truth in boldness
- ✠ Phyllis- Dan's friend's wife having medical problems
- ✠ Lucy- a 6 1/2 year old daughter of a worship Pastor in NJ. In pediatric ICU from a broken badminton racket that protruded her skull in a freak accident. They don't know if she can recover without severe brain damage. Pray that she will be completely healed and that Jesus will be glorified through this tragedy.
- ✠ Mila Grace- Leslie's best friend's granddaughter born 6/4/24 at 2 am. Having breathing difficulties – may need to be transferred to a different hospital for the NICU.



Continued-

- ✠ Lauren- Pastor Charlie's cousins granddaughter. Just released from Childrens hospital of Philadelphia after 49 days with a bone marrow transplant and cancer treatment. Please pray for complete healing and for her family as they continue. Mostly pray for their salvation.
- ✠ Naomi- doing much better after her fall, pray for full healing
- ✠ Ann's brother Warren- has a pressure wound and had to have it cleaned it out. Pray for healing.
- ✠ Phil- Dorothy's SIL prayers for his health
- ✠ Dorothy- in the middle of trying to take care of her sons and just needs our prayers for strength.
- ✠ Haley- Lyn's daughter got a part time job that she loves and it's paying the bills and her mental health is better.
- ✠ Cindy- Naomi's daughter had hernia surgery, now has continued pain. Can't work. Pray for healing
- ✠ Bobby - has diabetes and has lots of physical problems
- ✠ Baby Gus- born with a heart defect which declined rapidly making a need for a new heart. Had a transplant and the new heart didn't beat for many days, now he's having multiple complications from all the heart issues, was transferred from a Children's hospital to Vanderbilt. Pray for his parents Mark & Amanda, this is their first baby.
- ✠ Paton- was a normal functioning boy, now is bedridden with pain. Childrens in Philadelphia has agreed to take his case, but their team can't see him until October. Parents also have to decide to put in a feeding tube or not.
- ✠ Lita- Roland's friend and her husband went to the Philippines where she had a stroke and is now bedridden and they can't get back to the US.
- ✠ Czarina- we prayed for Czarinas sister in law Caroline who carried a baby for Czarina & her husband Andrew. The baby Madison is now over a year old and Czarina had a stroke- her right arm is severely affected and she is unable to carry or care for Madison with that arm. Please pray for her healing!
- ✠ Felicity- a 10 year old in Texas had brain surgery and is now almost blind. She's returned to school with accommodations 3 hrs a day.
- ✠ Charlie Buchanan- Katie Myers FIL- had surgery, is positive for cancer.
- ✠ Sonja's cousins - Michael Johnson and Ron Mazzaeo both have cancer. Pray for them, their families and the doctors for wisdom in treatments.
- ✠ Don- Eugene's Cousin has stage 4 pancreatic cancer that has spread to his liver. Pray for the treatment, doctors and he and his family as they go through this.
- ✠ James- Dorothy's son for his health.
- ✠ Fred- Sonja & Bills friend in his recovery.
- ✠ RJ (lives in Taiwan). In a scooter accident, is recovering
- ✠ Susan - Dan & Sheri's neighbor had a bunch of mini strokes, for recovery and her husband who is her caregiver.
- ✠ Anne Holland - dealing with sciatica. Pray for wisdom for her doctor so her pain will go away.
- ✠ Liz Iken & Adrienne Lianna- at Eger. Pray for their health & spirit
- ✠ Mary (DonnaMarie's mom) at Sunrise. Pray for her health.
- ✠ Don Landau- moved to Maryland to be near his brother Carl in assisted living. Pray for his adjustment and health
- ✠ Sam Colucci & Barbara Mattheus- health and strength, pray for Nancy & Bunny, and the aides that care for them.
- ✠ Joey- recovering from a motorcycle accident last year.
- ✠ Robert and Cathy- Diane's neighbors lost their son, pray for comfort
- ✠ Stephen- Naomi's son, pray he will continue his meds and will be emotionally stable.
- ✠ Nancy Myers niece Heather who has breast cancer. Pray for treatment
- ✠ Rosemary- Genes sister, pray for complete recovery.
- ✠ Anne Haakonsen's mom- for health and strength. And her Aunt Marty having anxiety issues. Donna, her friend has ovarian cancer
- ✠ Howard- Pray for the last 3 months of this assignment- for his safety & endurance.
- ✠ 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-