



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)

March

- 2nd Ash Wednesday
- 3rd Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings
- 9th AARP
- 13th Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 26th Craft & Flea Market

April

- 7th Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings
- 13th AARP
- 10th Palm Sunday
- 14th Maundy Thursday
- 15th Good Friday
- 17th Easter Sunday
- 30th Book Fair



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

Pastor's Letter

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ,

Like you, I'm hoping for a bit of "normal" as we return again to in-person worship on Sunday March 13th. This will also be the day that we commemorate this year's Scout Sunday, so hopefully the sanctuary will be filled with life.

There's a saying we have heard over the past several years, and it's this: "we're in this together." Every time I've heard that phrase, I've thought to myself that while we may be in it together, that "together" includes the realization we need to try to accomplish this while masked and six feet apart!

This kind of thinking goes so against what the church of Jesus Christ is all about. Of all people, we should be appreciative of the fact that we are "better together," but then again, we are reminded on a daily basis not to be "too together."

At times my brain not only hurts, but my heart does too. If there's ever a time we need the fellowship and love of one another, it's this day we live in! For the first year of Covid19 we knew the distance and loneliness that being "quarantined" produced and personally speaking, I've had enough of it!

Anyway, we soon will be gathering back together again, and this is something we need to do as a healthy body of Jesus! We need to be in communion with one another for emotional as well as spiritual support.

While some of us may not be quite ready to get back to church physically, I would encourage you to stay connected via Zoom for Sunday services, as well as Tuesday evening Bible study. Zoom has become a wonderful way for our shut-ins and members and friends who live too far away to be "with us", which is a blessing.

We have heard it many times even before this pandemic, but we are reminded once again... "the church is not a building." While this is true, there is something quite compelling about meeting together. I pray we never get used to this idea and call it "the new normal," especially in light of Scriptures like the following:

Hebrews 10:25 "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching".

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.

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:

This link if you use for the computer)

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From the Church Council

The Council is happy to announce the return to in-person worship beginning March 13th, as well as continuing services online via Zoom weekly. March 13th will also be Scout Sunday, and we usually have a full Church, with many children and adults. For those who have Covid concerns use your discretion. There will be no coffee hour after service on Scout Sunday.

Mayor Adams will be deciding to drop the Key2NYC vaccine and mask mandates tomorrow, Friday March 4th. These would go into effect on Monday, March 7th. If as a result of low case amounts and following the science he drops the NYC mandates, IUC will change the signs to say that masks are recommended. If he doesn't drop the mandates then masks will continue to be required in services, as well as for groups using the facilities.

We have many upcoming fundraising events- please mark your calendars with the following events! One addition this year is a Oktoberfest - with a live Oompa band! After a long 2 years, we are looking forward to doing something more "normal".

Here's the dates to save:

March 26- craft/vendor fair

April 30- IUC Book fair

June 11- IUC Garage sale

September 17- Fall craft/vendor fair

October 15- IUC Oktoberfest

November 12- IUC Holiday fair

December 3- Holiday craft/vendor fair

As we return to in person as well as Zoom services, we look forward to our special upcoming services during Holy Week-

Palm Sunday - 10 am, Diane begins playing at 9:50 am. No virtual coffee hour.

Maundy Thursday service April 17th at 7 pm

Easter Sunday- 10 am, Diane begins playing at 9:50 am. No virtual coffee hour.

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

1 st Gary Brower	16 th James Irons
Peter Brower	17 th Judith Brower Henningsen
Ray Crimmins	18 th Paul Blissenbach II
5 th Carl Landau	20 th Jill Jacobson Guerra
6 th Kris Reiman	21 st Sonja F. Coyne
8 th Sean McAuliffe	Ashley Michie
10 th Scott Michie	22 nd Paul Blissenbach
12 th Stephen Coyne	23 rd Annemarie Miano
Gregg Matthius	24 th Jennifer Orlando
Katharine Matthius	29 th Heather Starlin

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.

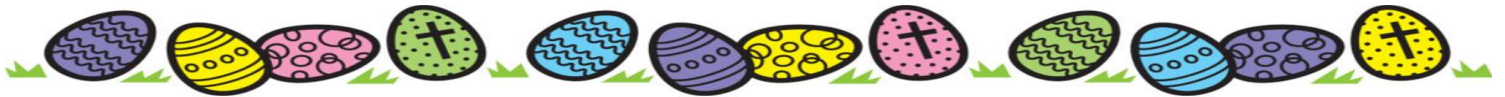
Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 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 April Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, March 18th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Mark Your Calendars

Flea Market

We will be hosting an Arts & Crafts Flea Market on Saturday, March 26th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Come out to shop and support our church. See Bunny Matthius if you would like to rent a table.



Easter Happenings

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| April 10 th | Palm Sunday Service 10 AM in person & via Zoom |
| April 14 th | Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM in person & via Zoom |
| April 17 th | Easter Sunday Service 10 AM in person & via Zoom |

Order Your Easter Lilies

EASTER *Lilies*



Memorials and Thanksgiving Lilies for Easter Sunday

Below you will find a form to use when ordering your Easter Lilies for the Altar on Easter Sunday. Please include your check made payable to Immanuel Union Church with your order; and send it along to 693 Jewett Avenue, Staten Island, N.Y.

10314. The list of names will be published in the May Lamplighter.

Easter Lilies - \$10.00 Per Plant

Enclosed Is \$_____ For _____ Plants.

Donor _____

In Memory Of _____

Or

In Honor Of _____

If more space is needed, please use a separate piece of paper.

Please Indicate:

() My flowers may be given to shut-ins.

() I will pick up my flowers after the service.

The deadline for ordering Easter Lilies is April 10, 2022. Please send this form along with a check in the total amount of the order; or call the church office at 448-1584 to place your order.

Boiler Fund

\$50,000 Goal

\$22,324 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.

March 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	2 Ash Wednesday	3 Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings	4	5
6 Church Service via zoom 10:00	7	8 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	9 AARP	10	11	12
13 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 Scout Sunday	14	15 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	21	22 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	23	24	25	26 Craft Fair & Flea Market
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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



New-

- ✝ Emma- pastors wife at International Christian Church returned to rehab
- ✝ Brooklyn- 25 year old passed away Tuesday. comfort for her family during this time
- ✝ Craig - Sonja's cousin passed away. Pray for the family
- ✝ Clark- 6 mo old just diagnosed with cancerous brain tumor & underwent surgery
- ✝ Tori- lungs & kidneys not functioning correctly and heart arteries are hardening.
- ✝ Andri & Elyssa Petranko- in Ukraine, she's 9 months pregnant and they can't leave. Pray he gets to her and they find a safe place to deliver the baby.

Continued-

- ✝ AnnMarie - back In hospital with cancer
- ✝ Aria- 5 year old who is hallucinating and unresponsive most of the time, they can't figure out what's wrong with her.
- ✝ Kathy Howe- friend with leukemia. Started chemo this week.
- ✝ Jose Gonzalez- has been in the hospital 3 months, 2.5 of those on a vent. He has 3 daughters & a wife.
- ✝ Michael James- Anne Holland's friend- in hospital with possible stroke.
- ✝ Christians in Ukraine for wisdom, discernment, strength, courage, and protection.
- ✝ Carol battling breast cancer- wisdom for doctors
- ✝ Regina- son who was in Navy seals training died
- ✝ Walter- liz ikens brother in law in Florida very weak and in rehab
- ✝ Alethia- a 7 year old on SI with leukemia.
- ✝ Mr. & Mrs Park- husband in hospital.
- ✝ Dorothy - Protection for Ray. Peace for Dorothy
- ✝ Anne Holland's friend Dr Kim who has myasthenia Gravis and difficult days.
- ✝ Adrienne- fell and is at Eger. She's not sure she will go home this time.
- ✝ DonnaMaries mom is at Sunrise. Pray she settles and makes it home for the rest of her days.
- ✝ Sonja & Bills friend Bill- diagnosed with cancer. Pray for healing.
- ✝ MaryAnn- fell and broke her hip and had a stroke
- ✝ Ted Beck - Genes former coworker in Florida still recovering from cancer treatments
- ✝ Rosemary- Genes sister has been readmitted for low iron and oxygen levels. Doctors don't know what's going on.
- ✝ Lyn- pray for a new job and peace during the process of searching - extended through Labor Day.
- ✝ John's friend Phil-still on the transplant list, low priority. On meds to keep his heart going.
- ✝ Naomi's son Stephen- emotionally- pray for the new counselor he has.
- ✝ Don- pray for the his health and eye treatment. He's having trouble reading.
- ✝ Anne Haakonsen's mom- battling kidney cancer
- ✝ 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-