



LOOKING AHEAD

May

- 3rd Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 5th Westerleigh Walk & Open House
- 9th AARP
- 10th Ascension Thursday
- 11th NARFE
- 13th Mother's Day
- 19th Maifest German Festival
- 20th Pentecost Sunday/Congregational Meeting
- 23rd Tall Cedars
- 27th Trinity Sunday
- 28th Memorial Day (Office Closed)

June

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



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May Birthdays



5/1	Jeffrey Brannigan	5/17	Diane Pillarella
	Timothy Neis	5/21	Jerilyn Franzreb-Smith
5/4	Dolores Shotwell	5/24	Muriel Van Cleaf
5/11	Michael Fichtl	5/24	Carina DeGiulio
5/12	Keith Herron	5/27	Erik Henningsen
	Ruth Michie		George Michie
5/16	Meghan Jerlin	5/28	Nancy Wagner-Wetzel
		5/31	Katherine Blitz

Coffee Hour



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13 th	Church Board
20 th	Tuesday Evening Bible Study
27 th	Adult Fellowship

June

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17 th	Tuesday Evening Bible Study
24 th	Adult Fellowship

From the Pastor's Desk

To All Whose Hearts Long For Home,

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4

A trucker goes into a diner, and when the waitress comes over to take his order, he says, "I want eggs, toast, and coffee. But make the eggs uncooked, the toast burnt, and the coffee really strong and bad. And I want you to slam the food onto the table and yell at me." The waitress says "Why would you want me to something like that?" He replies, "I'm homesick."

Have you ever been homesick? Even in a beautiful place, surrounded by beautiful people, you have an urge to return home. I believe the saying is true, "home is where the heart is".

For the follower of Jesus, no matter what your actual home on earth may look like, there is a home that our hearts long for. The place called heaven. God has placed eternity in our hearts and our hearts will remain restless until that day we are called home.

Paul in 1 Corinthians 1: tells us, "***What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him***". Therefore, heaven is a difficult place to wrap our minds around. We understand the earth because we see it each and every day. We do real things with people who also see it. We live in a tangible body with site and sound and touch. But heaven sounds so surreal, so distant. It is hard to understand or imagine. Yet it's just as real as the place we presently call home.

God's plan is to one day bring all things in heaven and earth together under one head: Jesus Christ (Eph 1:10). Peter preached that ***Christ "must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets"*** (Acts 3:21). God will not abandon His creation; He ultimately will restore it. He will restore lives. He will restore bodies. He will restore the home we presently inhabit.

One day there *will be* heaven on earth because a new world is coming. One day heaven will come down to earth. It will be out with the old and in with the new. There will be no more terminal diseases. No more accidents. No more disasters. No more funerals. No more breakdowns or breakups. No more suffering. God will make everything new.

We were created to know God. We were created to go to heaven. It is as if God has put a homing device within the hearts of His people, and we will only be fully satisfied after we see Him face to face. Are you ready to do that? Are you ready to go home?

From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

Paul wrote these words about our heavenly dwelling place:

"Now we know that if the earthly tent [physical body] we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling." 2 Cor. 5:1-2

And who puts that desire in our hearts? Paul answers:

"Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight." 2 Cor. 5:5-7

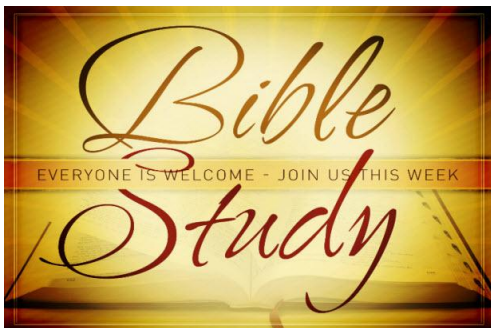
God designed us to be homesick for heaven. We will never be completely at peace until we share eternal life with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I hope to see you all when we get home.

Your Servant For Jesus' Sake,

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, May 20th following the 10:00 a.m. Service. Please attend as we need to reach a quorum. Thank you.

Order Your Geraniums



The color of Pentecost is red. This year, we would like to have a profusion of red geraniums on the Altar to make Pentecost Sunday even more special. If you normally plant red geraniums in your garden, could you wait? The Worship and Music Committee would

like to pick yours up at the nursery and put them on the altar for May 20th. You would then take your plants home after the Service. **It is your responsibility to take your plants home!** The cost would be \$4 per plant. Please let Sam Colucci know if you might be willing to participate in the red geranium altar flower display this year. Mention how many you would like to order then submit a check for the cost. Orders must be received by May 13th.

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 6:30 PM Westerleigh Improvement Society	2	3 Council/Board & Trustee Meetings	4	5 Westerleigh Walk
6 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00	7	8 Bible Study 6:30 PM	9 AARP	10 Ascension Thursday	11 NARFE	12
13 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00 Mother's Day	14	15 Bible Study 6:30 PM	16	17	18 Pack Night	19 Maifest German Festival
20 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00 Congregational Meeting Pentecost Sunday	21	22 Bible Study 6:30 PM	23 Tall Cedars	24	25	26
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Maifest at Immanuel Union Church



German Festival

May 19, 2018 @7:00pm

693 Jewett Avenue

Call the Office for Information and Tickets

718-448-1584

Live Music, Dancing, German Food and Beer

The ticket cost of \$ 40.00 includes:

**Live Music, Dancing, Dinner, Soda, Dessert and Two
German Beers**

Immanuel Union Church Open House Saturday - May 5th



Immanuel Union Church is pleased to open our doors for others to tour our church in this year's Sacred Sites Open House on Saturday, May 5th, 2018.

The event is organized by the New York Landmarks Conservancy, where religious buildings will be open to visitors across New York State. The event is being co-sponsored by Immanuel Union Church and the Westerleigh Improvement Society, by Betty Winsch and Mark Anderson.

The day's activities will begin at 10 am, when the Westerleigh Improvement Society's Annual Victoria Barrack Walk of Westerleigh will leave the church for an hour long tour of our Westerleigh neighborhood. Visitors will be welcomed into the sanctuary from 11am until 5pm, with various activities taking place throughout the day.

Schedule of Events

10:00am Annual Westerleigh Improvement Society's Victoria Barrack Memorial Westerleigh Walk will leave Immanuel Union Church – this year's theme is Music

11:00am Refreshments will be available. Food will be available from 11am to 2pm.

11:00am to 5pm: Church will be open to visitors for guided and self-guided tours.

12:00pm: Organ Demonstration

1:00 pm: Talk : Immanuel Union Church by historic preservation architect Mark Anderson.

2:00pm: Movie – Borrowed Tunes of American Temperance Music by Paul Sanders, Ohio State University (This movie was made specifically for the Westerleigh Talks)

3:00pm: Movie – Westerleigh- The Town That Temperance Built

4:00pm: Movie –Arm Chair Tour of Westerleigh by Betty Winsch and Victoria Barrack

5:00pm : Church will be open until 5pm

We welcome your involvement to greet visitors to the church. Please contact Gina at 718-448-1584 or Betty at vogeldesigns17@gmail.com if you will like to participate.



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 June Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, May 18th. 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.

