



LOOKING AHEAD

May

- 2nd Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 7th Westerleigh Improvement Society
- 8th AARP
- 11th Maifest German Festival
- 12th Mother's Day
- 22nd Tall Cedars
- 27th Memorial Day (office closed)
- 30th Ascension Thursday

June

- 6th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 8th Boy Scout End of Year BBQ
- 9th Pentecost Sunday
- 12th AARP
- 16th Trinity Sunday
- 26th 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



May

- 5th Trustees
- 12th Church Board
- 19th Tuesday Evening Bible Study
- 26th Adult Fellowship

June

- 2nd Trustees
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From the Pastor's Desk

To All Who Reign With Christ While Living in a Fallen World,

Last Month we celebrated the Resurrection of our Savior. The Resurrection is critical to the Christian Message. Paul says, ***“if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins” (1 Cor. 15:17)***. The Resurrection gives meaning to the Crucifixion. If history ends with the Crucifixion, then our life ends at death. In a nutshell, we are forgiven because of Jesus' substitutionary death; but if He hasn't been raised, then we won't be either. We are forgiven for an eternal purpose. Paul further asserts that, ***“if only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men” (1 Cor. 15:19)***.

Consider, for instance, the actions of Peter following the Crucifixion. Perhaps you are familiar with his story. Peter is the disciple who boldly proclaimed to Jesus that he would never leave His side. He went so far as to say even if all the other disciples turned away from Jesus, “he would never.” He said he would die before betraying Jesus. Jesus then stops Peter in his tracks and tells him, not only will he deny Him but that he would do it three times before the rooster crowed (daybreak). And we all know Peter did exactly that.

No doubt, he felt humiliated, embarrassed and ashamed. What Peter did next is exactly what most of us would do, he saturated himself in the mundane, for Peter that meant he went fishing. That is what he was doing when the risen Savior first encountered him. That is what he went back to after feeling the agony of personal loss and defeat. However, all was not lost! Jesus forgave and restored Peter. This restoration gave Peter a new sense of enthusiasm. When Jesus forgave Peter, He gave Peter a chance to confess his love. Three times Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him. Perhaps Jesus asked three times to reflect Peter's three denials. One thing we know for sure is with God failure is never final! Every one of us has failed God at various times and in various ways. And God, for the sake of His Son Jesus, offers to us forgiveness as well. There's no telling the things we can do if we really believe that.

In Peter's case he had a renewed spirit which spurred him on to serve Jesus faithfully for the rest of his life. Several months after being restored by Jesus, Peter went on to become just what Jesus promised him: a fisher of men. On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached a sermon where over 5000 men received Jesus as their Savior (although this number did not include the women or children who were present and received Jesus).

From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

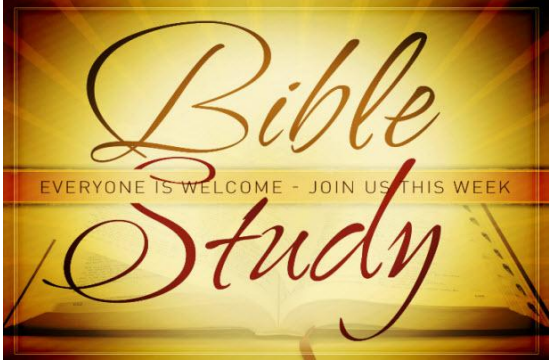
Peter thought all was lost, but it was not. In fact, all the disciples thought all was lost at the Crucifixion. It wasn't. Instead, what appeared to be the end was instead just the beginning. This was the beginning of true hope, true peace and eternal life.

Look around you. There is hopelessness. There is neediness. There is fear. There are people who have never tasted the forgiveness of God. These people live their lives trying to fill the void in their soul by saturating themselves in the mundane. And they face an eternity without God as well. Like Peter, God wants to restore you and use you as well, so that you may greatly impact the lives of these empty souls. Please pray and ask God to show you how he may use you.

Your Servant For Jesus' Sake,

Pastor Charlie

Bible Studies



The Sunday School series discussing the concerns of those who attend 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.

Note From the Church Council

There is a significant need for more volunteers to serve on the Church Board and the Board of Trustees. The limited number of persons currently serving is a detriment to the proper and efficient running of our beloved church.

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 June 9th. 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 June 2nd.

Mark Your Calendars

Westerleigh Improvement Society

The Westerleigh Improvement Society will be hosting a meeting on May 7th at 8 PM to discuss what is going on in the neighborhood. All are invited to attend. For more information visit their website at www.wisonline.org.

Maifest German Festival

Join us on Saturday, May 11th at 7:00 pm.

Call the office for information or tickets

718-448-1584. Featuring live music,

dancing, German food and beer. Tickets

are \$ 40.00 per person which includes: Live Music,

Dancing, Dinner, Soda, Dessert and Two German Beers



May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Council/Board & Trustee Meetings	3	4
5 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00	6	7 Westerleigh Improvement Society Bible Study 6:30	8 AARP	9	10	11 Maifest
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Easter Lily Donation List

Donor

Anonymous

Pastor Baldini

Paul & Elizabeth Blissenbach

Katherine & Dane Buchanan

Dan Kish

Nancy Myers

John Valjalo

Donor

Paul & Elizabeth Blissenbach

Patricia Brower

Katherine & Dane Buchanan

Sam Colucci

Mr. & Mrs. William Coyne

Dorothy & Ray Cimmins

Helen Hanlon

Harris-Tucker Family

Anne Holland

IUC Coffee Fund

Adrienne Liana

Matthius Family

Emily Morrison

Betty Reiman

Nancy & Fred Wetzel

Betty Winsch

In Honor Of:

Metropolitan Assoc. UCC

Dan Kish

Our Lord & Savior

Oliver Leif Buchanan

Pastor Baldini

Sam Colucci

Our Lord & Savior

In Memory Of:

Our Parents

Frederick C. Brower & Loved Ones

Our Grandparents

Constance Colucci, Loved Ones

Our Parents

Loved Ones

Family

Atherline Rose Smith, Joan Patterson

Ann & Robert Adams

Bob Little, Tom McCarthy

Parents, Anthony & Irene

Douglas Matthius, Roy & Mildred Decker

Robert Morrison, Husband, Emily Nan &

Thomas Wilkinson, Parents, Madeline & James

Morrison, In-laws

Lee, Husband, Parents, Jack Barbour, Brother

Loved Ones

Ellen Mollica Torrico, Peggy Wilkerson, dear friends

Maifest at Immanuel Union Church



German Festival

Saturday, May 11, 2019 @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**

Church News



Reserve Altar Flowers now through the end of 2019. 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 17th. 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
Karen McCarthy
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.




*The loveliest
masterpiece of
the heart of God
is the heart of
a mother.*


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