



THE Lamplighter



LOOKING AHEAD

(Tentative Dates)

May

- 5th Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 8th Mother's Day
- 11th AARP
- 26th Ascension Thursday
- 30th Memorial Day

June

- 2nd Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 4th Garage Sale
- 5th Pentecost Sunday
- 8th AARP
- 12th Trinity Sunday
- 19th Father's Day



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

Pastor's Letter

To All Who Feel Drained of Joy,

This year Pentecost Sunday will fall on June 5th. This is a significant day to remember and appreciate in the history of the church. The word "Pentecost" basically means "50", and is doubly significant when one realizes that the Holy Spirit was poured out upon those early believers who were waiting in the upper room as they waited in obedience and expectancy. This was 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and a full 40 days after he ascended back to Heaven as recorded by Luke in the Book of Acts.

While there is far more to this story than this brief letter, the main thing I want to emphasize is that they joyfully shared a spirit of expectancy waiting for the promise of Jesus to be fulfilled. I believe that we can approach every new day in the joyful power of "expectation," as we awake to the power that the Holy Spirit wants to reveal in our life. Therefore, I pray that you will use the month of May "expecting" great things from the Lord- even today!

He is the same God today, as He was on that great day, when the Holy Spirit was poured out on a waiting early church. What do you need Him to do in your life today? He still restores and heals broken lives! He still delivers from the clutches of sin! He still brings hope to the hopeless! He still pours out His Spirit upon expectant believers!

Isaiah 40:31 ³¹ ***but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.***

Today, as you read this do you find yourself weary and faint perhaps drained of any real joy, well the promise of Isaiah is for you.

In closing, we at IUC have traditionally emphasized Pentecost Sunday with the color red. Red is a visual reminder of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3).

So, if you'd like to help in keeping that tradition alive, we will have red geraniums adorning the sanctuary on June 5th which are available for you to purchase in memory or honor of a loved one. You can contact Gina in the Church office to place your order. Also, feel free to wear something red to symbolize the inward work of the Holy Spirit in the life of our church.

God bless you and I hope to see you then.

Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,

Pastor Charlie

Sunday Worship & Bible



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:

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From the Church Council

The council would like to thank everyone who volunteered and helped to make our book sale a great success. The Church made \$2,440 and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. A special thank you to Nancy Myers, John Valjalo and Bunny Matthius for the many hours that they put in sorting books, we know that it was no easy task!

The next event on the calendar is the garage sale on June 4th. Our kitchen didn't do as well as expected at the book sale, so we will haul out the grill and grill hot dogs in June. However, we are planning and hopeful that the majority of our kitchen profit will be from baked goods. Please expect Leslie to contact you, and ask you to make your favorite summer homemade baked cookies, cake, breads or pies- we will need everyone to help us in that area. Everyone loves homemade baked goods, so hopefully that will be a big seller. Setup for the garage sale will be on Thursday and Friday (June 2nd and 3rd) since we have so many items to put out and price. If you can spare any time at all during those 2 days, please volunteer. We will also need all hands on deck again for the actual day of the sale. We promise, that after that day, you can rest for the entire summer and we won't ask for anything else!! ;-p We also are happy to announce that we have secured the band for our Oktoberfest on October 15th. Keep a lookout on the Church sign for when you can order your tickets. We are hoping for a big crowd and a great time. The planning committee and Council appreciate all the hard work our congregation puts in to make these events a success, and so thank you - from the bottom of our hearts for your hard work!

Near & Far

"You never really leave the place you love. You take part of it with you and leave part of you there."

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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

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| 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 |

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.

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 & Music Committee would like to pick yours up at the nursery and put them on the altar for June 5th. 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 the Church Office know if you might be willing to participate in the red geranium altar flow display this year. Mention how many you would like to order then submit payment for the cost. Order must be received by May 29th.

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 June Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, May 20th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Mark Your Calendars



Immanuel Union Church



Saturday June 4, 2022
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Easter Lilies Donation List

Donor

Bunny Matthius

In Honor Of:

Tripp

Donor

Patricia Brower

Sonja & Bill Coyne

Liz Iken

Matthius Family

Barbara Matthius

Bunny Matthius

Nancy Myers

Jack Ritchie

*Eugene & Roseann
Sorensen*

In Memory Of:

Frederick C. Brower & Loved Ones

Our Parents

Ben Iken

Douglas Matthius

*Roy & Mildred Decker, Parents &
Grandparents*

Sammy

Our Parents

Ruth & Frances Ritchie

*Mary & Eugene Sorensen, Parents
Bob Little, Friend*

Boiler Fund

\$50,000 Goal

\$23,505 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.

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	2	3 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	4	5 Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings	6	7
8 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	9	10 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	11 AARP	12	13	14
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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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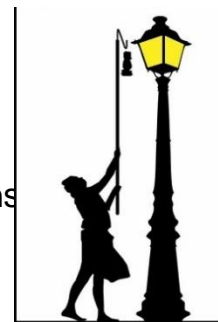
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Prayer List



New-

- ✠ Christine Myers (Nancy's SIL) on respirator with cancer.
- ✠ Nancy's niece Heather has just been diagnosed with breast cancer- has twins and a 3.5 year old.

Continued-

- ✠ Marlene- broke bones in foot - healing and ability to be cleared to drive soon.
- ✠ Carolyn - friend of DonnaMaries- 5 months pregnant and carrying a baby for her brother and sister in law who have tried every fertility method to get pregnant. Pray for the baby to continue to do well and for all hearts involved rejoice.
- ✠ Denise Reyes- stage 4 cancer. Has husband and twin 5 year old girls.
- ✠ Baby Knox- back at Shands hospital with concerning symptoms
- ✠ Baby Carter- a premature infant at Dallas Children's with bacterial meningitis and possible seizures
- ✠ Sara Dick- after surgery in February got very sick April 19th- in ICU and had more surgeries due to a severe bacterial infection. Has turned the corner but has many wounds and they are very painful.
- ✠ 2 babies in utero - Matthew & Silas- protection for both babies and no complications with birth.
- ✠ Jen Iken Walsh's husband Bill and brother Mark Iken both recovering from surgery.
- ✠ Walter- Liz Iken's brother in law is home and in PT. Pray for strength.
- ✠ Dorothy's SIL Phil- not doing well physically and Mary is very worried, Protection for Ray. Peace for Dorothy
- ✠ Clark- 6 mo old diagnosed with cancerous brain tumor & underwent surgery. Now in treatment.
- ✠ Kathy Howe- has leukemia. Getting chemo.
- ✠ Mr. & Mrs Park- husband in rehab.
- ✠ Anne Holland's friend Dr Kim who has myasthenia Gravis. His energy levels have been mostly good, pray they continue.
- ✠ Adrienne- now at Harbor House at Eger.
- ✠ DonnaMaries mom Mary and Jan Wiggins are at Sunrise. Pray for safety and their health.
- ✠ Sonja & Bills friend Bill- diagnosed with cancer.
- ✠ 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, continued improvement to complete healing.
- ✠ Lyn- pray for a new job and peace during the process of searching - current job was extended through Labor Day.
- ✠ John's friend Phil-still on the transplant list, low priority. On meds to keep heart going.
- ✠ Stephen- Naomi's son- emotionally unwell.
- ✠ 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-