



# 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)

### May

- 4<sup>th</sup> Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 10<sup>th</sup> AARP
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Ascension Thursday
- 28<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday

### June

- 1<sup>st</sup> Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 11<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> AARP
- 17<sup>th</sup> Garage Sale



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future.*

## Pastor's Letter

Warm May Greetings!

A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a written test, she included this question: *"My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I pick up things. What am I?"* When the test papers were turned in, the teacher was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the students answered the question with the word Mother.

While many of us may get a chuckle out of this little story, we must also agree that there is a powerful truth being shared here as well. There is something "irresistible" about a Mother, especially when that Mother is one who seems to put her God and family before so much of what she does everyday. Of course, the same can be said about Fathers who are also sacrificial for their family in so many ways. It is a special blessing to have 2 people who are both in love with God, and are also deeply in love with each other, and in turn, sharing that love with their family and people around them.

We are going to take some time on Mother's Day just to honor the ladies in attendance who are Mothers as well as appreciate our own Mothers who have impacted our lives in so many ways. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 6:2; ***"Honor your father and mother"***—which is the first commandment with a promise— and where is that promise found? We read it in Deuteronomy 5:16; ***"Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you."***

I love the following little story that shows the simple love and appreciation a child can have for Mom: A little boy forgot his lines in a Sunday school presentation. His mother was in the front row to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Her son's memory was blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue, *"I am the light of the world."* The child beamed and with great feeling and a loud clear voice said, "My mother is the light of the world."

Of course, we know the Light of the World is Jesus, but He wants His light to shine in, and through each one of us to a world darkened by sin and despair. The love of a Godly Mother can serve as a tremendous example of the kind of love we all should be sharing and living on a daily basis.

Moms, we appreciate you and would love to have you join us for Worship of our God on Mother's Day!

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.

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:

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# From the Church Council

It's been a busy month around the Church. The planning committee along with the Council scheduled a work day to spruce up and clean up the building. With early planning and organizing, it was truly a successful day!

Bonnie & Ned started before the actual day cleaning and straightening up the Parlor, the Choir Room, the Work Room and Bonnie helped Gina with stuff that was "dropped" in her office.

Saturday (our scheduled work day) we had a strong & mighty team of workers. Bunny, Donna, DonnaMarie, Dorothy, Leslie, Naomi, Sheri, Dan, John and Roland all were ready to get cleaning! The Sanctuary was vacuumed, pew cushions vacuumed, dusted and polished (there was even some piano playing for the pleasure of those cleaning the Sanctuary), the foyer was cleaned and polished, the kitchen was cleaned, de-cluttered, reorganized and swept & mopped, the hall tables were cleaned and the hall was dusted, swept & mopped, the guys worked on cleaning up the stage and organizing all of the things that were on it (as well as helping in other areas when asked). Overall it was a FANTASTIC time and we thank everyone who has worked so hard to get our building "looking good", it looks wonderful- thank you! Our day was topped off with Pastor Charlie making some delicious pulled pork and burgers for us and we enjoyed a time of fellowship and laughs together around a couple of tables! We look forward to our next fellowship event maybe with a bit less physical work attached!

# 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](mailto:iuc1@verizon.net).

# Milestones



### Birthdays

5/1	Jeffrey Brannigan	5/17	Diane Pillarella
	Timothy Neis	5/21	Jerilyn Franzreb-Smith
5/11	Michael Fichtl	5/24	Muriel Van Cleaf
5/12	Keith Herron	5/24	Carina DeGiulio
	Ruth Michie	5/27	Erik Henningsen
5/16	Meghan Jerlin		George Michie
		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](mailto:iuc1@verizon.net).*

# Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2023 are in the church and available for pickup. In the meantime, we ask that you continue to send in your donations and note your normal envelope number so we can keep track. Sorry for the inconvenience.
- 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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup>. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at [iuc1@verizon.net](mailto: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 May 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Easter Lilies Donation List

### *Donor*

*Patricia Brower  
Dorothy Crimmins  
Sonja & Bill Coyne  
Matthius Family  
Barbara Matthius  
Nancy & John Myers  
Eugene & Roseann  
Sorensen*

### *In Memory Of:*

*Frederick C. Brower & Loved Ones  
Ray Crimmins, Husband, Thomas, Son  
Our Parents  
Douglas Matthius  
Roy & Mildred Decker, Parents & Grandparents  
Our Loved Ones  
Mary & Eugene Sorensen, Parents  
Bob Little, Friend*



# Mark Your Calendars

## Immanuel Union Church



**Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**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.

## Congregational Meeting

Will be held on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> after the church service. All interested are welcome to attend and members will be able to vote on the Annual Reports and the Budget. We need everyone to come out.





May 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Council/Board & Trustee Meetings	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	8	9 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	10 AARP	11	12	13
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## 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



## Praise

- ✝ Victor- DonnaMaries grandson did well in surgery. Pray his tonsils don't grow back again

## Continued-

- ✝ Liz Iken- at Eger, pray for her rehabilitation so she can return home
- ✝ Jan Wiggins & Mary (DonnaMarie's mom) are at Sunrise. Jan is having more confusion.
- ✝ Adrienne at Eger- pray for her health and spirit.
- ✝ Don Landau- moved to Maryland to be near his brother. Pray for his adjustment and health
- ✝ Sam Colucci & Barbara Matthius- health and strength, pray for Nancy & Bunny, and the aides that care for them.
- ✝ Lauren- Pastors cousins granddaughter- 6 years old just diagnosed with leukemia, and is home but getting outpatient treatment now.
- ✝ Karen Kuhls grandson Joey- Pray for full healing for him and no left over physical setbacks
- ✝ Howard- has returned to Guyana after New Years, pray for his safety
- ✝ Susan - Dan & Sheri's neighbor- has health problems
- ✝ Andy, DonnaMaries friend has poly myalgia rheumatica. Wisdom for the doctors for treatment.
- ✝ Robert and Cathy- Diane's neighbors lost their son, pray for comfort
- ✝ Stephen- Naomi's son, pray he will take his meds regularly and will be emotionally stable.
- ✝ Nancy's niece Heather who has breast cancer - has twins 5 year old and a 3.5 year old. Pray for treatment
- ✝ Roti- Anne Holland's friend who had spinal surgery, for full recovery.
- ✝ Rosemary- Genes sister, pray for complete recovery.
- ✝ Ted & Mark - Genes former coworkers- prayer for recovery & health
- ✝ Anne Haakonsen's mom- battling kidney cancer. And her Aunt Marty having anxiety issues.
- ✝ 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-