



THE LAMPLIGHTER

NOVEMBER 2018

LOOKING AHEAD

November

- 1st Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
All Saints' Day
- 10th Church Fair
- 14th AARP
- 16th Pack Night
- 22nd Thanksgiving (office closed)
- 23rd (office closed)
- 28th Tall Cedars

December

- 1st Holiday Crafts & Flea Market
- 2nd First Sunday of Advent
- 6th Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 7th/8th Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale
- 9th Silver Tea Advent Coffee Hour
- 12th AARP
- 21st Pack Night
- 23rd Christmas Celebration & Potluck
- 25th Christmas Day
- 31st New Year's Eve



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November Birthdays



11/4	Bridget Elizabeth Bowe	11/20	Eugene W. Sorensen
11/5	Emily Morrison	11/22	William N. Coyne
11/7	Ellen Rabin		Meghan Jane Bowe
11/8	Benjamin Baldini		Janet Rubich
11/9	Neil Andrew Michie	11/23	Emily Elizabeth Brannigan
11/10	Sarah Baldini Comis		Lisa Wetzel
	Caroline Crawford		
11/13	John Reiman		
11/20	David Crawford		

Coffee Hour



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November

4 th	Trustees
11 th	Church Board
18 th	Tuesday Evening Bible Study
25 th	Adult Fellowship

December

2 nd	Trustees
9 th	Advent Silver Tea
16 th	Church Board
23 rd	Christmas Celebration & Potluck
30 th	Adult Fellowship

From the Pastor's Desk

To All Who Long For His Return,

We have entered the month of November and with it come reflections of thanksgiving. When you really begin to think about it, we have much to be thankful for. Not merely because we have some turkey placed before us but because the King has left His throne room.

There's a commercial on TV where a man opens up the drapes and finds himself eye-to-eye with a "king" (the Burger king) offering a hamburger. The message is that this "king" is so concerned that you eat a good hamburger; he is willing to come to you to offer it.

In a sense, that's what Jesus has done. Though being king of all creation Himself, He came to earth as a servant. Why? He wants to know you, and He wants you to have the opportunity to spend eternity getting to know Him. Jesus said, "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear My voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends". (Revelation 3:20)

Imagine! Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords, wanting a relationship with you! And He hasn't sent a messenger; He's come himself.

Now we anticipate the King leaving His throne room again. The Scriptures speak of His returning to gather His people over and over again. Is this event something that you anticipate or fear? There is a wonderful passage of Scripture which Paul uttered as he was awaiting the end of his earthly ministry immediately prior to his execution. In 2 Timothy 4:6-8 he says, ***"For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."***

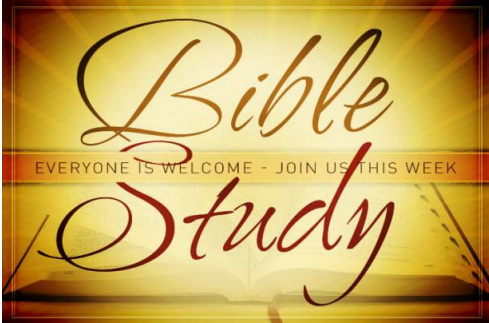
Allow that last verse to sink in for a moment: ***Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing."*** Does this describe you? Are you one who longs for his appearing?

With that precious hope in mind, I would like to ask you a question. When King Jesus returns how will you meet Him? If Jesus returned today, and He could, would you be worried? Would you be found waiting? Would you be found serving? Or would you be found lacking? Whether we look forward to it or not, He is going to return! And when He does, which one of these situations of life will He find you in?

Which will it be for you? Right now is the time for coming to Him & making things right! Will you do that which you need to do today, so that when Jesus does come, you will be able to meet the King right and be confident in hearing the most blessed declaration of all Scripture, ***"Well done, good and faithful servant!"***

Thankfully Yours in Christ,
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.

Christmas Events

Please join us to celebrate the following events:

- * December 9th there will be a special Advent Coffee Hour, a Silver Tea with homemade cookies. It would be nice if everyone could bring in a sample of your favorite Christmas ones!
- * December 23rd during the 10:00 a.m. service our Annual Christmas program. Afterward there will be a Potluck Brunch in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.



We look forward to celebrating with everyone!

Mark Your Calendars

Church Fair

Reserve the date November 10th for our Church-wide Fair!



Congregational Budget Meeting

Held November 18th immediately following the Church Service to approve the 2019 Budget and to vote on continuing to have the Sunday service in the Fellowship Hall excluding special holidays and events. This is an extremely important meeting, so please plan on attending.



Holiday Arts & Craft Flea Market

The Holiday Arts & Craft Flea Market will be held on Saturday, December 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to reserve a table, contact Sam Colucci, 718 619-1284 or the Church Office, at 718 448-1584. There will be more information shortly.



November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Council/Board & Trustee Meetings All Saints' Day	2	3
4 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00	5	6 Bible Study 6:30 Westerleigh Improvement Society	7	8	9	10 Church Fair
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Church Fair

Our Annual Fair is quickly approaching – **November 10th**. Our Church Fair, Immanuel's largest and most important fund-raiser of the year, is steeped in rich tradition. It has been in existence for most of the Church's history, almost 100 years! It has become a beacon in the community – a very popular and much anticipated event.

Won't you come out and support this important fund-raising event and part of Immanuel's culture?

Here's how you can help:

- Volunteers are desperately needed to help “man” a table or provide relief throughout the day. It's fun, it's easy and the day begins with a special fellowship breakfast catered for the volunteers.
- Bake a cake, or whatever is your specialty. Contributions of all home-baked goods are welcome. Don't have a favorite? See Barbara Matthius for her tried and true recipes that are show-stoppers each and every year.
- Make Clam Chowder – Immanuel is known for its home-made and home-cooked items, including its Clam Chowder which is a popular draw for the community. Call the church office 718 448-1584 for the recipe.
- Help out in the kitchen. Volunteers are needed in the morning and throughout the day to help prepare and serve – if you can't donate your time, consider providing sandwich makings, or a dessert..
- Help set-up – we will be setting up for the Fair, the end of November – this includes putting tablecloths on all the tables and setting up the individual tables.

Come out and support the Church, share in the fun, festivities, and fellowship of the day!

Thanksgiving Sunday

*“For I was hungry and you
gave me food”* Matthew 25:35



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Sunday, November 18th will be our Thanksgiving Service. Please bring in canned goods. In addition, we are suggesting that, by taking advantage of the sale offering for turkeys, turkey breasts and/or hams which are advertised from now until Thanksgiving, we can accumulate enough to assist several families at the Senior Center. Bring them to Church, and we will store them in the freezer in the Sexton's office. Pastor will then deliver them on Monday. With so many more families this year needing food, as well as spiritual hope, let us strive to be good stewards and help those who are less fortunate than we are.

Thank you.

Order Your Christmas Poinsettias



Below you will find a form to use when ordering your Christmas Poinsettias for the Altar on Christmas Eve. 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, Attn: Sam Colucci. The list of names will be published in the January Lamplighter.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - \$11.00 PER PLANT

ENCLOSED IS \$_____ FOR _____ PLANTS.

DONOR_____

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR IN HONOR OF _____

PLEASE INDICATE:

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

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

The deadline for ordering Poinsettia Plants is December 9, 2018. 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.



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**Join us on:
Saturday, November 10th
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Lunchroom, Homebaked Goods,
Attic Treasures, Books, Raffles,
Visit from Santa and so much
more....**

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 December Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, November 16th. 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.

