



THE LAMPLIGHTER

NOVEMBER 2019

LOOKING AHEAD

November

- 3rd Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 9th Church Fair
- 11th Veteran's Day
- 13th AARP
- 22nd Pack Night
- 24th Thanksgiving Sunday/Budget Meeting
- 27th Tall Cedars
- 28th Thanksgiving & Day After
- 29th (Office closed)

December

- 1st First Sunday of Advent
- 5th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 6th/7th Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale
- 7th Craft Fair
- 11th AARP
- 18th Tall Cedars
- 20th Pack Night
- 24th Christmas Eve
- 25th Christmas Day (office closed)
- 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

- 3rd Trustees
- 10th Church Board
- 17th Tuesday Evening Bible Study
- 24th Adult Fellowship

December

- 1st Trustees
- 8th Church Board
- 15th Tuesday Evening Bible Study
- 22nd Adult Fellowship
- 29th Volunteers

From the Pastor's Desk

To All Who Desire to Overflow with Thankfulness,

H.A. Ironside was the pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago. One day in a crowded restaurant while about to begin his meal a man approached and asked if he could join him. Ironside invited him to have a seat. Ironside bowed his head in prayer. When he opened his eyes, the other man asked, "Do you have a headache?" Ironside replied, "No, I don't." The other man asked, "Well, is there something wrong with your food?" Ironside replied, "No, I was simply thanking God as I always do before I eat."

The man said, "Oh, you're one of those, are you? Well, I want you to know I never give thanks. I earn my money by the sweat of my brow and I don't have to give thanks to anybody when I eat. I just start right in!"

Ironside said, "Yes, you're just like my dog, he does that too!"

Well here we go, another season of Thanksgiving is almost upon us. Thanksgiving often brings to mind turkeys, cornucopias and pilgrim hats; seasoned stuffing hot from the oven; creamed onions, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Families gathered around the table watching as the kids joyfully play together as the dads prepare to watch "the game".

But, how much of our Thanksgiving celebrations really have to do with giving thanks?

We teach our children to say "please" and "thank you" as the rudiments of courtesy, yet it is so easy to be rude and unthinking toward God. How often we forget to gratefully acknowledge His goodness towards us.

So when I read Colossians 2:6-7 this really hits home. The phrase, "abounding in thanksgiving," brings to my mind the mental picture of a Thanksgiving cornucopia spilling out an abundant harvest blessing. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks." The question here is what is in my heart? Complaining? Selfishness? Pride? Or Thanksgiving?

From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

Thanksgiving is the mark of a Christian, because thanksgiving points out and up while my complaining points only back to me and feeds my pride and dissatisfaction. Thanksgiving towards God and man fits the Great Commandment like a glove, to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. What better vehicle than thankfulness expressed through love?

Thanksgiving Day also reminds me of those delicious Pillsbury Crescent Rolls. Crescent rolls remind me of the Pillsbury Doughboy. He has an appealing quality that makes me want to be more like him, not just in the way I look, but in the way he responds to being poked. When he's poked he doesn't flare up instead he responds with a kind and friendly, "oh".

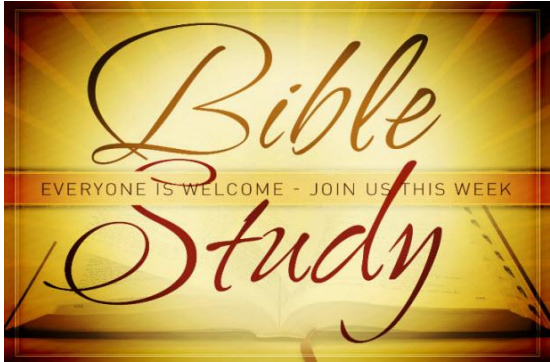
When someone pokes me I'd like my initial response to be one of thankfulness rather than anger. I want people to see thankfulness oozing out of me. I want thanksgiving to mark my conversation and manner. I want to abound with it. I want to overflow with it.

This is the season of Thanksgiving and I pray that we become highly focused on everything that truly matters in life and less focused on the things that you have and do not have. Our problems are only temporary and are always relative. No matter how bad you think you have it, you can always find someone who has less or a worse situation and you can do something to be a blessing to them in whatever way you can. It seems to me that being a blessing for the sake of others is why we still struggle though life.

My goal the month is to really live out what Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you". Won't you join me?

Your Servant for His 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.

Congregational Budget Meeting

There will be a Congregational Budget Meeting on Sunday, November 24th following the 10:00 a.m. Service. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2020 Budget. This is an extremely important meeting, so please plan on attending.

Church Fair

Our Annual Fair is quickly approaching – **November 9th**. 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 Matthus 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!

Mark Your Calendars

Church Fair

Reserve the date November 9th for our Church-wide Fair!



Congregational Budget Meeting

Held November 24th immediately following the Church Service to approve the 2020 Budget. This is an extremely important meeting, so please plan on attending. We will conclude with a potluck luncheon.



Church Fair raffle tickets!



This year, we will have a “Super 50/50 Raffle”. A limited number of tickets will be sold at \$5.00 each to ensure that the winner receives \$500. With only 200 tickets available, you have an excellent chance to have the winning ticket!

The winning ticket will be drawn at our Annual Church-wide Fair on Saturday, November 9th. See Katie Buchanan, Sonja Coyne, Dan Kish, Nancy Myers, or Nancy Wetzel for tickets.

Holiday Arts & Craft Flea Market

The Holiday Arts & Craft Flea Market will be held on Saturday, December 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to reserve a table, contact Sam Colucci. Come out to support this event and enjoy some Christmas shopping and lunch.



November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4	5 Bible Study 6:30	6	7 Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings	8	9 Church Fair
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24 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00 Congregational Budget Meeting Thanksgiving Sunday	25	26 Bible Study 6:30	27 Tall Cedars	28 Thanksgiving Day <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Office Closed</div>	29	30

Thanksgiving Sunday



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Sunday, November 24th 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. 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 8, 2019. 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.

Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale



Boy Scout Troop #2
Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale
Friday, December 6th 5:00 PM
Saturday, December 7th 9:00 AM
In the Church Parking Lot
Please Support Our Troop!

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.

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If you are not currently receiving offering envelopes and wish to be included, please contact the church office at 718-448-1584.

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Information for the December Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, November 15th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net. Thank you.

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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.

