



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)

November

- 1st All Saints Day
- 2nd AARP
- 3rd Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 12th Church Fair
- 20th Thanksgiving Sunday
- 24th Thanksgiving Day
- 27th First Sunday of Advent

December

- 1st Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 3rd Craft & Flea Market
- 14th AARP
- 24th Christmas Eve
- 25th Christmas Day
- 31st New Year's Eve



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

Pastor's Letter

To All Those With Thankful Hearts,

Paul in **I Thess. 5:18** exhorts us with these words, ***"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*** If your anything like me, there may be moments when you question whether you are living according to His perfect will. For many of us we would never consider that God's perfect will for us is found in the simple exercise of ***giving thanks***. Perhaps the reason why is because being thankful is really no simple exercise at all.

I mean, with the cost of everything skyrocketing and people struggling to make ends meet, as well as those with health issues and crime issues, it perhaps is far too easy to dwell upon what not to be thankful for than being thankful for everything!

I believe by now, many of us realize that our relationship with God is one in which He stretches His children to maturity. For those who don't have the *"ideal life"*, it is easier to dwell upon the negatives than it is to focus upon the blessings that we receive from Him on a daily basis. In our grumbling, we show contempt toward God for these blessings. When we grumble, we are no different than the children of Israel who never made it to the promised land.

Listen to the way the Psalmist writes about the events. ***In Psalm 106:21-25 we read, They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt, miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. So he said he would destroy them-- had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them. Then they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe his promise. They grumbled in their tents and did not obey the LORD.***

Imagine that, ***"they forgot the God who saved them"***. That is really what happens when we neglect in give Him thanks for the many blessings we take for granted. I looked up the word ***"thanks"*** in the Bible and found that the people of God are exhorted or commanded to give thanks to God 81 times. If you really think about it, there is a lot for us to be thankful for.

Pastor's Letter (con't)

For instance, I am thankful to God for who He is, thankful for what He has done in my life, for what He has done for me, for what He has done through me to help others, for what He has revealed to me through His Holy Word, and for the family, friends and associates He has brought into my life over the years and I am thankful for you.

It truly is a joy to live with a thankful heart and it is truly joyful to be around others who have thankful hearts- in spite of the hardships of life. I would also like to thank those who will be and are working in preparation for our Church fair- thank you all who are making chowder, baked goods, setting up or working on that day. In this season of thanksgiving, I look forward to thanking God as I count His many blessings, naming them one by one. And they are countless. As the old hymn says, *"For life and health and all that's good we give Thee thanks, O Lord."*

Thankfully Yours,
Pastor Charlie

(Heb 12:28-29)

From the Planning Committee

The Planning Committee, to support the Church Council, has been busy planning for two important fundraisers—the Annual Church Fair and the Holiday Vendor Fair which follows in early December.

In addition to planning and organizing the Fair and all that it encompasses, the Committee has been working on process improvements and storage organization to create better efficiencies and streamline the process. Currently, shelving for the lounge is being discussed to accommodate the many donations that we receive on an on-going basis.

The vendor fairs have experienced an enthusiastic increase in participation in the past several years. They continue to be an important source of revenue for the Church to help meet its ongoing expenses and repairs. In September, 47 tables were sold. There is currently a demand for an unprecedented over 90 tables for the Holiday Vendor Fair! Due to the elimination of the lunchroom at these events, the Hall will be opened up to accommodate another twenty vendors. Immanuel Union has become an important marketplace for the community!

The Planning Committee, in conjunction with the Church Council, has implemented a policy for all outside groups utilizing the premises in order to properly maintain the building and property. Groups littering or otherwise disrespecting the Church and grounds are now fined. We are hoping this encourages a vested interest in keeping our Church in good order.

Anyone wishing to participate on the Committee is encouraged to join! The Committee meets monthly on Zoom for one hour. Please contact Bunny Matthius if you are interested.

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:

This link if you use for the computer)
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8280501006>
Meeting ID: 828 050 1006

(One tap mobile from your smartphone)
+19294362866,,8280501006# US (New York)

Dial by your location from landline
+1 929 436 2866 US (New York) Then enter the Meeting ID: 828 050 1006

From the Church Council

Although the Council will not meet until this Thursday evening, we would like to let you know that Gladys Thompson passed away on September 9th, 2022. She was a Deaconess at IUC and moved to Florida once she retired from being an RN at a Public Hospital and then the Nursing Supervisor at Eger Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. Please pray for her family. There will be a memorial service at the Church on Friday, December 2nd at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary to celebrate her life. We invite you to come and support her family in their loss and celebrate the full life Gladys lived.

As you all know, this Saturday (November 12th) is our annual Church Fair, which is the largest fundraiser of the year for our Church. Please help out as much as you can this week. Bunny and Nancy will be at the Church at various times today through Friday. You can text or call them on their cell phones to have them unlock the door to the gym for you, as if they are in the lounge or on the stage they can't hear you. Any time you can give is greatly appreciated and needed. Many hands make the work light! :)

Also, we have enough volunteers making chowder this year, but we still need people to make homemade baked goods. If you can spend any time with us on Saturday, please come down. We need coverage and relief for people working the tables so they can get bathroom breaks and eat lunch. Bunny and Nancy are sponsoring breakfast for volunteers the morning of the Fair starting at 8:15. Please stop by early to enjoy breakfast before the doors open at 9:00.

Clean up will start at 3 p.m., and if you can assist with this part- it would be greatly appreciated. We understand that after a long week of working, cooking, baking and being at the fair to just be so exhausted that you can't do anything else. This is where extra help would be wonderful. Do you know a student that needs Community Service hours? We would give them a few hours for their help in the clean-up process. Please call the Church if you know a teen that would volunteer! We need to get everything put away for the groups that will resume to use the gym and hall on Monday- so any help would be appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who is working hard this week in preparation for Saturday- we greatly appreciate all of your efforts! Also, pray with us that God would give us success on Saturday, and that we will be a beacon and light to the community, and they will see Jesus in us! Hope to see you there.

Near & Far

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with our extended Church family residing in Florida in the wake of Hurricane Ian. We hope that all are safe and well.

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

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

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and deepest condolences go out to the Thompson family—Ruth, Beth and Ted and their extended family, on the passing of their mother, Gladys Udall Thompson. There will be a memorial service will be held at Immanuel Union on Friday, December 2nd at 10:00 AM.

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.

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2023 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 December Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, November 18th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.
- **Canned Food Collection**
On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 20th we will be collecting canned food to be donated. Please contribute if you are able to do so.

Mark Your Calendars

Church Fair

Hear ye, hear ye, come to the Fair!

It's hard to believe that our annual Church Fair is just around the corner!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 12th from 9am-3pm** to come out and enjoy Immanuel Union's long-time legacy event.

Our Church Fair has been part of our history for over 100 years! While it may have looked very different back then, it has retained much of the same character and flavor from days long ago which continues to draw family, friends and the community back each and every year. From home-made clam chowder and baked goods, to hand-crafted items and attic treasures, the Fair has wide appeal. In addition to being a link with our past, it provides continuity to our future. It is also our biggest fundraiser of the year, raising much needed funds to support our church and facility. Won't you come out and participate in this wonderful part of our history?



It is said that “many hands make light work” and this is certainly true of “fair week”! Any contribution, large or small is much appreciated, and supports the Church's overall success.

Here is how you can be part of this worthwhile event:

- ❖ Make clam chowder. See Nancy Myers for recipe and containers, or call the church office. These containers of home-made soup are one of the Fair's trademarks and sell out every year!
- ❖ Do you have a specialty that you bake? From cookies to cakes, pies to pastries, our Fair-goers clamor for home-made baked goods!
- ❖ Do you have a talent for knitting, sewing, crocheting, wood-working, photography? Consider donating an item or two! While hand-crafted items were formerly the main-stay of the Fair years ago, these items are still in great demand!
- ❖ Do you have a “green thumb”? Our plant table needs plants. Don't grow them? Consider donating Christmas cactus or other plants and garden items. Our plant table is always a key attraction. See or contact Bonnie Rogers for more information.

- ❖ Cleaning out? Consider donating any household items, books, collectibles, toys, handbags and jewelry, etc. Our attic treasures has expanded over the years and is now one of the Fair's main attractions.
- ❖ Help set-up—volunteers are needed to help set-up and break-down—specifically, putting tablecloths on tables, putting out items, and packing up any unsold items.
- ❖ Assist the day of the Fair by being a table host—our Fair has expanded and table hosts are greatly needed. Chairs are provided at each table and being a table host entails being present the day of the Fair to assist with sales. Hosts are needed to “man the tables” and sell raffles.
- ❖ Help us advertise! Tell family, friends, neighbors, and, if you engage in social media, post the Fair on FaceBook, etc. and consider boosting. Help us get the word out!
- ❖ Lastly, come out and enjoy—both the hustle and bustle of Fair-week set-up and the day of the Fair! It is a day of fellowship, camaraderie and seeing new and familiar faces, all while supporting the perpetuity of Immanuel.

Enjoy!

Fair schedule:

- ❖ Friday, November 4th—Table Set-up by Scouts
- ❖ November 7th-11th—Table set-up
- ❖ **November 12th-FAIR DAY!**

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Bunny Matthius or Nancy Myers via phone or text:

Bunny---(973)214-6048

Nancy—(917)693-5295

Looking forward to seeing everyone and to a very successful and joyous day---

Bunny Matthius and Nancy Myers, Co-Chairs

<h2>Important Dates</h2>

- November 12th Church Fair
- December 3rd Craft and Vendor Show
- Anyone who would like a table(s) for either Craft or Vendor show, please contact Bunny Matthius (973) 214-6048 via call or text.

We will continue to monitor and adhere to all pandemic regulations, guidelines, and safety measures, and make any adjustments necessary or required.



Enjoy Some Fare at the Fair!

Our annual Fair is coming up soon! Mark your calendars for Saturday November 12th from 9am-3pm!

This year's Fair promises to be an extraordinary fun-filled day featuring many new attic treasures, hand-made items, books galore, Christmas shoppe, exciting raffles, and our own member's signature baked and home-cooked items. In addition, the kitchen will re-open with lunch items and will also offer an afternoon tea room for coffee and dessert. Take-home is available too at our baked and home cooked table—in addition to the many baked good items, home-made clam chowder, soup, and chili will be available to take home.

Would you like to volunteer the day of the Fair? Many hands are needed to ensure the success of this important and largest fund raiser. Contact Bunny (973-214-6048) or Nancy (917-693-5295) via phone or text if you would like to participate. This year, the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will be reinstituted following a COVID pause. All volunteers are welcome to join for light fare and fellowship the morning of the Fair—coffee will be on at 8:15am followed by a variety of breakfast items!

Whether you are able to volunteer, or stop by to browse and enjoy the fellowship of the day, come out and savor the many delicious items!

See you at the Fair!

Bunny Matthius and Nancy Myers, Co-Chairs



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, NY 10314, Attn: Poinsettias.

The list of names will be published in the January Lamplighter.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - \$12.00 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 4, 2022. 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.

Boiler Fund

\$50,000 Goal

\$25,005 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.

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 AARP	3 Council/Board & Trustee Meetings	4	5
6 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8 Bible Study via zoom 6:30 Election Day	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12 Church Fair
13 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	14	15 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	16	17	18	19
20 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 Thanksgiving Sunday	21	22 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 First Sunday of Advent	28	29 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	30			

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!

(This link if you use for the computer)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8280501006>

Meeting ID: 828 050 1006

(One tap mobile from your smartphone)

+19294362866,,8280501006# US (New York)

Dial by your location from landline

+1 929 436 2866 US (New York) Then enter the Meeting ID:
828 050 1006

Prayer List



Praise-

- ✝ Jennifer Walsh- kidney stone passed

Continued-

- ✝ Eds cousin Kevin on chemo
- ✝ Sonja & Bill- came back from cruise sick. Bill is better but Sonja still struggling.
- ✝ Susan & Dave - Dan & Sheri's neighbor, she had a kidney biopsy
- ✝ Neil and Annie Podkowsky- Bonnie Rogers nephew & wife are expecting twins with this difficult pregnancy.
- ✝ Oliver Reyes- one of our vendors, got COVID and has been pretty sick and is in a nursing home.
- ✝ Andy, DonnaMarie's friend has poly myalgia rheumatica. Wisdom for the doctors for treatment.
- ✝ Terry- John's friend needs a new job
- ✝ Robert and Cathy Matlosz- Diane's neighbors lost their son, pray for comfort
- ✝ Stephen- Naomi's son. Doing better, pray he continues taking his meds.
- ✝ missionaries in Nepal, under watch by government
- ✝ Mike- 51 year old just diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. His parents in their 80's are devastated.
- ✝ Jaime & Jake Hylan- fire victims who had lost 2 children- their 2 year old & 1 in utero. Lost another baby with carrier- will have another surrogate try now
- ✝ Sam Colucci & Barbara Matthius- health
- ✝ Anne Holland's husband Jack. Nodes on scan are okay, will have another scan in October
- ✝ Jan Wiggins & Mary (DonnaMarie's mom) are at Sunrise. Jan is having more confusion.
- ✝ Adrienne at Eger- pray for encouragement.
- ✝ John's friend Brian- having heart issues.
- ✝ Don Landau - losing eyesight
- ✝ Christine Myers (Nancy's SIL) has cancer.
- ✝ Nancy's niece Heather has just been diagnosed with breast cancer- has twins 5 year old and a 3.5 year old.
- ✝ Anne Holland's friend Dr Kim who has myasthenia Gravis. His energy levels have been mostly good, pray they continue.
- ✝ Rosemary- Genes sister, pray for complete recovery.
- ✝ Ted Beck - Genes former coworker in Florida still recovering from cancer treatments
- ✝ Mark- Eugene's former coworker had a stroke & paralyzed on the right side. Getting ready to be moved to rehab, can move a bit of right fingers. Will be a long road ahead.
- ✝ 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-