



## LOOKING AHEAD

### **October (Tentative Dates)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Council/Trustee/ Board Meetings  
Via Zoom
- 12<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Book Sale
- 24<sup>th</sup> Book Sale Rain Date
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween

### **November (Tentative Dates)**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Council/Trustee/ Board Meetings  
Via Zoom
- 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Church Fair
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Sunday
- 26<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving
- 29<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent



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# October Birthdays



1 <sup>st</sup>	Jane Colucci Neis	24 <sup>th</sup>	James Matthius
	Christopher Latella	25 <sup>th</sup>	Liam Walsh
12 <sup>th</sup>	Gladys Thompson	30 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica McCarthy
15 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Landau		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Erica Maule		

# Coffee Hour



Suspended

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## From the Pastor's Desk

To those who love Jesus and also love Immanuel Union Church, greetings to all of you and I pray that you are all doing well. We are now 6 months into being at home and not meeting in person for Church- I really miss you all! It's been a hard 6 months. As it's been hard for all of us individually, it's also been a big struggle for our Church. Financially things have been much more of a struggle since everything at Church came to a screeching halt- no Church services, no rentals, no fundraisers, absolutely nothing!

Well, the good news is that we all have a big opportunity to see each other in person and also serve at a fundraiser for our Church. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, Immanuel is having a GIGANTIC OUTDOOR BOOK SALE. A great big shout out of thanks goes to Bunny Matthius, who selflessly has spent countless hours organizing the books, and she even brought Barbara out to sort paperbacks! She says there must be over 5000 books!

Novels, kids books, cookbooks, Christian books, magazines, CD's and DVD's- there's a TON of every type of book that you could possibly want. However, as you all can imagine, in these current days of Covid, having any kind of a sale bringing people together takes more thought, and much more planning. We are in challenging times.

So.... here's the plan. We will set up an outdoor book fair spreading from the Church corner near Jewett, all the way up Maine Avenue to the next corner, and then around the corner and to the back on Ohio place toward the patio. So what is it we need from you?

First, let me say that if you are in the vulnerable risk group for Covid, we are asking you to pray in your homes for us on that day. Pray for God to keep everyone safe, for people to come out and buy books and for it to be a prosperous day for Immanuel.

For those who are able to come out and safely volunteer outdoors (we will be socially distanced and everyone will be wearing masks) we are asking you for your help. We need everyone we can possibly get to be spread along the book route and assist shoppers. We will have a few cashiers along the book line, so that we can keep people flowing safely. **WE NEED YOU!** Set up will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday. (If you wake up and it's raining, the rain date is the 24<sup>th</sup>). We need men to assist and guide the scouts with set up.

The sale officially begins at 10 a.m. and closes at 3. If you can volunteer, we look forward to seeing you. Please call the church number 718-448-1584 and leave a message or let Gina know you will be volunteering.

## From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

Also, please remember that for now we are still meeting for Worship and Tuesday evening Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom. We are praying that in person services will begin soon, but until then we would love for you to join us virtually. Sunday mornings, Diane blesses us all the way from Delaware and begins playing at 9:50 am. This is a time that you can just join and listen to hymns and spiritual songs which will definitely bring comfort and calm to our souls during these crazy days!

The Worship Service starts at 10 a.m. and we do celebrate the Lord's Supper virtually together the first Sunday of the month. See below for the log in information or Sunday morning and Tuesday evenings.

I do want to take this time to also thank Eugene Sorenson for all the work he has done during the pandemic. He has worked hard updating and keeping our Facebook page current, creating and maintaining the Church website ([immanuelunionchurch.org](http://immanuelunionchurch.org)), as well as getting Immanuel a place on YouTube. You can listen to Sunday services or the sermon using a link on the Church Facebook page or the website. Below you can find our zoom link as well as the information for our social networks.

We look forward to seeing you all soon- either in person at the book sale or online. We miss you all and are praying for your safety and a quick disappearance of this pandemic.

Blessings,

***Pastor Charlie & Leslie***

To Join Zoom for Church or Tuesday Evening Bible Study using the following:

From your computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8280501006>

Dial from your home +1 929 436 2866 US (New York) and punch in the Meeting ID: 828 050 1006

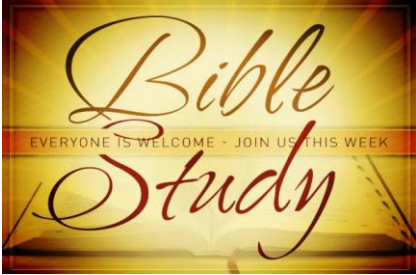
Check out our [Facebook](#) Page. Search Immanuel Union Church Staten Island

Our Church Website: [www.immanuelunionchurch.org](http://www.immanuelunionchurch.org)

*(With link to listen online which will take you to our YouTube Channel)*

YouTube Channel: [Immanuel Union Church](#) with recent sermons and services you can listen to

# Bible Studies



The Sunday School series is suspended for the time being.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study will be held via zoom at 6:30.

See below to see how to connect to Bible Study or the Sunday Service.

## From the Church Council

We are working towards blended Sunday Morning services. We are looking to have in-person worship as well as continuing with Zoom. The technical details will take time to work through, but we are targeting for end of October, if infection rates remain low in NYC. We will continue to monitor and follow the guidelines of our government as well as the UCC.

Meanwhile, we continue to be grateful for Gene Sorensen and Diane Pillarella and Leslie Baldini for their substantial efforts towards our Zoom Worship. Diane's playing from Delaware has been enhanced via new sound and visual equipment from Gene. Much appreciated! God bless all your efforts!

We are seeking a member of the Congregation at Large to join the House Committee. Sam Colucci and Dan Kish are members, a third member from the CAL is needed. The House Committee is involved in decision making regarding the Church's property and supervision of maintenance of the Church, this includes the building and grounds.

**Volunteers are needed for the Book Sale on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Church Office at 718 448-1584 to volunteer.**



# Mark Your Calendars

## Outdoor Book Sale

We will be hosting an outdoor book sale on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM. Rain date is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.



Please come out to shop! Masks must be worn. There will be no food available at this event.

## Congregational Meeting

The date will be determined. We will also be approving the 2020 Budget at this time.

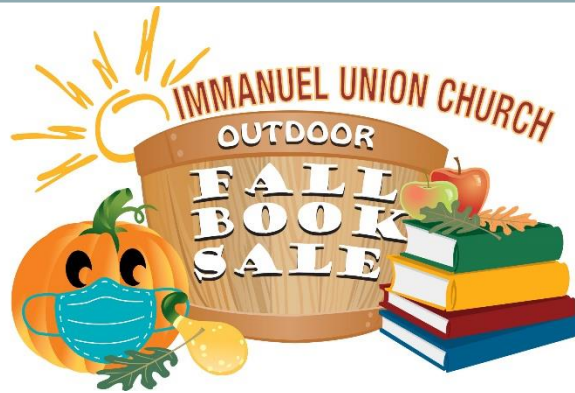


## Church Fair

Reserve the date November 14<sup>th</sup> for our Church-wide Fair!



# Book Sale



Large Outdoor Used Book Sale  
Browse for Books

October 17, 2020  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Masks Must Be Worn and Social Distancing  
Observed

Rain Date - October 24, 2020

# Fair Donation Collections

If anyone has cleaned out items that are good to sell at the Church Fair, we will be at the church on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm to gratefully accept donations, especially book donations. Item collection will be contactless. If this date does not work, there will be more donation dates available.

Please let your family and friends know that we are accepting donations. Thank you for your continued support.

The Fair Committee



**Now Accepting  
Donations**



# Church Fair

Our Annual Fair is approaching – **November 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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 October – 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!

**In the event the Fair needs to be cancelled we will try to let everyone know as soon as possible.**

# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Council/Trustee/ Board Meetings Via Zoom	2	3
4 Church Service via zoom 10:00	5	6 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	7	8	9	10
11 Church Service via zoom 10:00	12	13 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	14	15	16	17 <b>Book Sale</b>
18 Church Service via zoom 10:00	19	20 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	21	22	23	24 <b>Book Sale (Raindate)</b>
25 Church Service via zoom 10:00	26 <b>Fair Donation Collections</b>	27 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	28	29	30	31

# Church News



Reserve Altar Flowers now through the end of 2020. 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 November Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

# Social Media

Please check out our Website as well as our Facebook Page. 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 especially the Book Fair! You will be receiving a Book Fair flyer in your email, to be forwarded to others via email. You can also take a picture of the flyer and post it on your Facebook page. We can all make a difference!

# Zoom Connection Instructions

(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

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.

