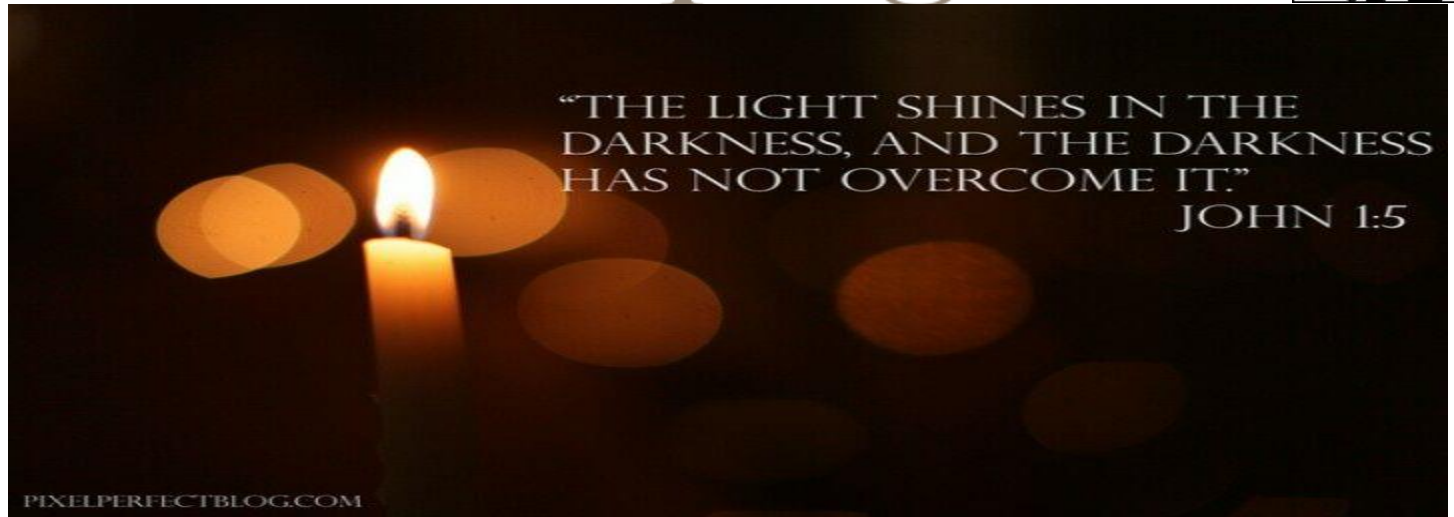




THE Lamplighter



LOOKING AHEAD

(Tentative Dates)

October

- 6th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 10th Columbus Day
- 12th AARP
- 16th Congregational Budget Meeting
- 31st Halloween

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



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a future.*

Pastor's Letter

Greetings in Christ!

Drifting snow and bitter cold threatened the lives of Indian evangelist Sadhu Sundar Singh and his Tibetan companion as they crossed a Himalayan Mountain pass. Fighting *the "sleep of death"*, they stumbled over a mound in the trail. It was a man, half dead.

The Tibetan refused to stop but continued on alone. The compassionate Sadhu, however, shouldered the burden the best he could. Through his struggling, he began to warm up, as did the unconscious man. But before reaching the village they found the Tibetan — frozen to death.

The principles that Jesus taught are still true: ***whoever shall save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it!***

This man made sure that self was taken care of, and in so doing died in the end as a result... Serving others is without a doubt a denial of self and putting the needs of others before our own needs.

The month of October causes a feeling of anticipation for those who enjoy the various holiday worship services that we love while at the same time it causes a feeling of dread for those of who know the sacrifice of time and effort necessary in making our Holiday Fair a success. So, October is the ideal time for writing this Lamplighter article regarding the importance and value of service at Immanuel Union Church.

In Romans 12:11, Paul says that we are to be ***"not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."*** He's talking about people who are motivated to *"run up the mountain,"* passionate in their service for the Lord.

Have some of us lost our passion in serving in the visible testimony of Jesus Body, the church on earth. If that is so, please understand that you are not alone. Even Paul had to write to some in the Galatian church who were lagging behind in their service in the local church. He wrote in Galatians 6:9, ***Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up.*** And again in 2 Thessalonians 3:13 he wrote, ***and as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.***

The writer of Hebrews addresses fellow members of the church to ***Spur one another on toward love.*** The Greek for spur literally means, *"to provoke or to stir up."* This means to entice or motivate one another to good deeds. Love is the overflow of joy in God that gladly serves the needs of others. If we are loving one another it is going to be shown in serving one another. That is how love works. The feeling of love in the heart motivates our will to act in accordance with it. To spur one another on toward love is to spur one another on toward serving one another.

Pastor's Letter (con't)

When we find ourselves becoming tired or neglecting those opportunities in corporately serving in the church, then it is a good thing to be spurred on or enticed or motivated in using our talents in the service of the "He who loved the Church enough to die for her".

In similar fashion Jesus said, ***"Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, shall find it."***

So, as we enter the most challenging time of the year for IUC- I ask you, would you be willing to sacrifice some of your time and talents i.e., the gifts which He has entrusted you with, to support the local body of Jesus (IUC) in Westerleigh?

Perhaps some of you are thinking, *"I used to be diligent and fervent in serving the Lord, but I burned out. Other Christians criticized me. Some spread false rumors about me. No one seemed to appreciate all of the long, hard hours I spent working behind the scenes. So, I don't feel like going through that again. I'll attend church and leave, but I don't want to get involved in serving."*

If you feel like that, you need to refocus so that you get the proper motivation to serve. And Paul has set forth the motivation that you need in Romans 12:1 ***"I appeal to you by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable and spiritual worship."***

He goes on to tell us not to be conformed to this age, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. The supreme motivation to sacrificial, transformed service is ***"the mercies of God,"*** which Paul lays out in chapters 1-11. And in our text (12:11), Paul shows how to serve the Lord. He's saying: *The mercies of God calls us to be diligent and fervent in servicing the Lord.*

I am assuming that you have personally experienced the abundant mercies of God that are to be found in knowing Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. If you have not trusted in Christ, then nothing else that I say in this message applies to you. Or, if you have trusted in Christ, but your love for Him has grown cold because you have forgotten the many mercies of His love for you on the cross, then you need to park yourself at the foot of the cross. The mercies of God are the motivation for diligent, fervent service for the Lord.

I know that many of you are on fixed incomes so digging deeper in those nearly depleted pockets is difficult. Yet, this appeal will cost you nothing other than the time and gifts that God has graciously entrusted us with in the first place. I am making this appeal not just because we need you, but because we want you. Keeping this in mind, I ask you to ask our God for the motivation to serve in the power that He provides to help make this year's Church Fair a success.

Blessings in Christ!

Pastor Charlie

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

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From the Church Council

This month the focus of the Council has been the Church Fair, which is a short 5 weeks away on November 12th. The plan for this year is that the decorations will go up on Friday the 4th, Saturday the tables will be put up and then the work really begins pulling out everything and getting it set up. We are asking everyone for a "all hands on deck" effort. We need people to make chowder and baked goods, as well as having everyone help the week before the fair and the Saturday of the fair. If you will be available to help make the fair a success, please call the Church office and let Gina know, or call or text Leslie at 718-290-3724. We appreciate all the help and work everyone will do! We look forward to seeing you soon and thank you for all your help!

Near & Far

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

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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

1st Jane Colucci Neis
Christopher Latella
12th Gladys Thompson
15th Donald Landau
17th Erica Maule

24th James Matthius
25th Liam Walsh
30th Jessica McCarthy

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 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 November Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, October 21st. 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>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 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. |
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We will continue to monitor and adhere to all pandemic regulations, guidelines, and safety measures, and make any adjustments necessary or required.

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.

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	3	4 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	5	6 Council/Board & Trustee Meetings	7	8
9 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	10 Columbus Day	11 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	12 AARP	13	14	15
16 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00 Congregational Budget Meeting	17	18 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	19	20	21	22
23 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	24	25 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	26	27 Cub Pack Meeting	28	29
30 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	31					

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



New-

- ✝ Andy, DonnaMarie's friend has poly myalgia rheumatica. He is returning to doctor October 13 Wisdom for the doctors

Continued-

- ✝ 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.
- ✝ Leslie's Uncle & Aunt Rob & Kathy- weak and shakey after recovering from Covid. He is 90 and she had heart surgery this month. He lost a house in Boca Grande in Hurricane Ian which will need to be knocked down.
- ✝ 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
- ✝ Mark- Eugene's former coworker had a stroke and is hospitalized paralyzed on the right side.
- ✝ Sam Colucci- 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. Mary has blood clots in her legs. Jan is having more confusion.
- ✝ Adrienne, seems she lost the will to get out of bed and live
- ✝ John's friend Brian- having heart issues.
- ✝ Rosemary- Genes sister, pray for complete recovery.
- ✝ Don- eyesight worsening
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ Ted Beck - Genes former coworker in Florida still recovering from cancer treatments
- ✝ 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-