



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)

October

- 5th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 9th Columbus Day
- 11th AARP
- 12th Planning Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
- 14th What's It Worth Event
- 22nd Congregational Meeting
- 26th Pack Night
- 31st Halloween

November

- 1st AARP
- 2nd Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 11th Church Fair
- 17th Boy Scout Family Bingo
- 19th Thanksgiving Sunday
- 23rd Thanksgiving
- 30th Pack Night



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

Pastor's Letter

October Greetings,

October is a great month to experience so many things Fall has to offer, such as the pretty colors of the leaves as they prepare to die. October is also a great time to commemorate the Reformation. For it was on October 31, 1517, the small-town Augustian monk named [Martin Luther](#) marched up to the castle church in Wittenberg and fastened his 95 Theses to the door, thus lighting the flame of the [Reformation](#) and causing a split from the Church of Rome which resulted in the birth of Protestantism. Luther's act is taught as one of the cornerstones of world history and remains a lasting symbol of resistance over five centuries later.

The hymn writer Anne Cousin wrote, *"Jehovah lifted up His rod; O Christ, it fell on Thee! Thou wast sore stricken of Thy God; There's not one stroke for me. Thy tears, Thy blood, beneath it flowed; Thy bruising healeth me."*

Why did Jehovah lift his rod and strike Christ? And what does this hymn have to with the Reformation? Much since both emphasize the purity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It was because Christ was our substitute on the cross. This is the heart of the cross. 1 Peter 3:18 says, **"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous"**. Christ suffered for the unrighteous. This means that the punishment he received was the penalty they deserved. Paul, in 2 Cor. 5:21, tells us that **Christ was made sin for us so we could be made the righteousness of God in him. Christ was made sin.**

As our willing substitute, he became legally guilty for all of our wretched sins. As a mass of concentrated sin, the justice and holiness of God was unleashed with full fury on Him. Every last dark drop from the cup of God's wrath was poured out on Jesus until he cried, "It is finished!" In this word, the Jews that carried their lambs and goats to slaughter for atonement are told, "Be done, it is finished!" In this the broken law that held curses over our heads is told, "No condemnation in Christ, it is finished!" Speak to your own conscience, saying, "It is finished! Your sins are forgiven" As the hymn writer said, *"There's not one stroke for me!"* Do you believe that?

Yet there is even more in this great exchange that took place on the cross. Our sins were counted to Christ so that Christ's righteousness would be counted to us. 1 Cor. 1:30 tells us that Christ is our righteousness, just like 2 Cor. 5:21 tells us that we are made the righteousness of God in Him. You see, not only are the sins of Christians forgiven by Christ's death, but the perfect life of Christ is counted to them. In Christ, we are seen by God, not only as having never sinned but as possessing a record as righteous as Jesus Christ himself! Our position before God is righteous in Christ. Is there any better news than that? No wonder we call it "the gospel."

Use this October to read and reflect upon the history and implications which came out from the Reformation. There is much to learn.

Pastor's Letter (con't)

For instance, In Hebrews 2 the writer exhorts us with these strong words: ***“Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.***

He continues by writing, ***“You made him (Jesus in the incarnation) for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet.”*** Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, ***“I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will sing your praise.”*** And again, ***“I will put my trust in him.”*** And again, ***“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”*** Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

May our God indeed Protect You this Month as you walk closely with Him always,

Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,
Pastor Charlie

Sunday Worship & Bible Studies



Sunday Church Service is will be via zoom at 10:00 AM. Check IUC's Facebook page for current topics. Like us on Facebook.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 AM.

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

How to connect to Bible Study or the Sunday Service:

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Milestones



Birthdays

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

From the Planning Committee

The Planning Committee is diligently working on a busy fall calendar, kicking off with the **Antique and Jewelry Appraisal Event On October 14th**. The event will be held from 10am-2pm and offers a presentation by Michael Locati of Locati, LLC and both antique and jewelry appraisals by Michael and Melissa Locati, Sara Jane Herbott, a second generation gemologist and Kyle Hoch who is formerly of Sotheby's. It looks to be a fun and informative event as Locati has a global footprint in the antiques market from their Bucks County location. In addition, a complementary dessert and finger sandwich table will be available. If you haven't purchased a ticket, or would like to volunteer, please reach out to Gina, or any member of the Planning Committee. Join in the fun and come find out "what it's worth"!

Following this event is our annual Church Fair on November 11th. Once again, the Fair will feature the tried and true—baked goods, clam chowder, hand-made items, as well as, attic treasures, books, plants boutique items, toys, raffles, and, our kitchen. A community-wide drop off will be held on Thursday, October 19th from 4pm-7pm for attic treasure donations to replenish and refresh our inventory as many of our items were successfully sold at the garage sale. Of course, donations are always welcome, so please feel free to bring in any unwanted items as you cull and organize closets and cupboards to make room for winter. Volunteers are needed to bake, make chowder and help set-up, break-down, assist in the kitchen, and, serve as a table host. Anyone who wishes to volunteer or participate in any way, please reach out to Bunny (973-214-6048) or Nancy (917-693-5295).

The Holiday Vendor and Craft Market will follow on December 9th as we prepare for the Christmas season. Tables are still available and can be reserved through the church office.

Key Dates---

October 14 Antique and Jewelry Appraisal Event
October 19 Community Wide Attic Treasures Drop-off
November 11 Annual Church Fair
December 9 Holiday Vendor and Craft Fair

From the Church Council

Our antique event “What’s It Worth” is coming up quickly next Saturday October 14th, call the Church office to get your tickets!

The Council has now started to prepare for our annual Church Fair. Mark your calendar for November 11th, and we are needing volunteers for chowder making as well as baked goods- please call the Church office or sign the sheets at the Deacons Station in the Sanctuary. We also have scheduled a day for donation drop offs at the gym door of the Church which will be Wednesday, October 18th from 1-4 pm and 5:00-6:30 pm.

Also, please don’t forget our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 22nd after the 10 am morning worship. You can attend the meeting either in person or on zoom.

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**The Church Board
The Board of Trustees
Pastor Charles Baldini**

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2023 are available.
- 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 20th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Mark Your Calendars

- October 14th What's It Worth Event
- November 11th Church Fair
- December 9th Craft and Vendor Show

❖ Anyone who would like a table(s) for either Craft or Vendor show, please contact the Church Office at 718 448-1584.

The Church Fair is scheduled for November 11th it's not too soon to start preparing. The Fair Committee accepts donations all year so anyone wishing to drop off household and/or handmade items ahead of time are welcome to do so! We are looking forward to holding this well-known event in the community and a key part of Immanuel's heritage. Attic treasure cleanouts and donations are being accepted, as are books. Also, if you have a particular talent for hand-crafted items, please consider donating an item to the Fair. Hand-sewn, knitted, and crochet items, woodworking, painting, photography, soap making are just a few ideas. Or, consider putting together a raffle basket—these are always big sellers! And, of course, if you can volunteer some time to help with the set-up and/or be a table host at the Fair, please come out and participate in the camaraderie that has become a hallmark of Immanuel's events!

Please see Nancy Myers or Bunny Matthius if you would like additional information.

Come join us in November!

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

October 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<div>1</div> <div>Sunday School 9:00</div> <div>Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Bible Study via zoom 6:30</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Council Trustee/Board Meetings</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>
<div>8</div> <div>Sunday School 9:00</div> <div>Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Bible Study via zoom 6:30</div>	<div>11</div> <div>AARP</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>What's It Worth Event</div>
<div>15</div> <div>Sunday School 9:00</div> <div>Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Bible Study via zoom 6:30</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>
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Immanuel Union Church is pleased to present

WHAT'S IT WORTH?

with Michael Locati of Locati, LLC

Antiques and Jewelry Appraisal Event!

Wondering what your items are worth?

Come find out!



Join us for an informative and entertaining event with Michael Locati of Locati, LLC. Michael Locati has been in the antiques industry for over 20 years. In addition to producing an exciting monthly sale, he also assists clients in selling antiques, downsizing collections, and estate liquidations.

Locati, LLC is a boutique auction house with a proven global reach. Located in the heart of Bucks County, PA, Locati serves clients across the mid-Atlantic region, as well as, globally through their on-line auctions.

Also joining Michael for this event:

- **Sara Jane Herbott**, a second-generation jeweler, who is a graduate gemologist and appraiser with over 30 years of experience in the business.
- **Kyle Hoch**, owner of Hoch LTD. Kyle is an active dealer and has studied

the Contemporary Art market at Sotheby's.

Date: **October 14, 2023**

10AM to 2PM

- Presentation by **Michael Locati, LLC** on the antique market today, how it has been impacted by the online marketplace, “what’s hot, what’s not”, questions to ask when buying antiques, and answers to your questions!
- Individual appraisals immediately following the presentation by **Michael Locati, Sara Jane Herbott** and **Kyle Hoch**—participants may bring up to 3 items*
- Larger items that are non-transportable can be appraised via photo
- In-home appraisals can be arranged for a later date
- Locati, LLC will be accepting select items for consignment at auction.
- Complimentary dessert table

Event Location: Immanuel Union Church is conveniently located at the corner of Jewett & Maine Avenues in the heart of Westerleigh—693 Jewett Avenue. Entrance is on Maine Avenue.

Cost of Admission: Tickets are \$25—this entitles participant to presentation, appraisal of 1 item, opportunity to consign, arrange for home visit, and complimentary dessert table.

An additional two items may be brought for appraisal at \$10 per item and paid at time of event.

Please, no weaponry of any kind, collectibles (figurines, action figures, Barbie dolls), rugs, coins or stamps.

Tickets must be purchased in advance—call church office at 718-448-1584.

Payable via Check, VENMO or PayPal.

Come See What It's Worth!

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



Praise

✝ Nancy- moved to rehab and doing well. Pray for full recovery..

New

✝ Jacob (Dorothy's granddaughters friend) was riding a Citibike and got hit by an SUV and is in poor condition.

Continued-

- ✝ Michael & James- Dorothy's sons for their health
- ✝ James- Dorothy's grandson had a fire in his apartment and lost everything he owned and he's very discouraged. Pray for God's provision and for him to turn to Jesus in his troubles
- ✝ Fred- Sonja & Bills friend in his recovery.
- ✝ RJ (lives in Taiwan). In a scooter accident, is in a coma with four broken ribs
- ✝ Andrea- Sheri's former coworker- pray for her after she's had Covid, she's not doing well.
- ✝ Susan - Dan & Sheri's neighbor had a bunch of mini strokes, and her husband Dave is caring for her and is stressed by it all.
- ✝ Anne Holland - dealing with sciatica. Pray for wisdom for her doctor so her pain will go away.
- ✝ Marlene- Pastor & Leslie's friend is 91 recovered from Covid but it has taken a physical toll on her.
- ✝ Anna (a 35 year old friend of Dorothy's daughter Mary), has breast cancer, her baby girl was born healthy and prayers as she has a mastectomy and treatment.
- ✝ Liz Iken- she's now been admitted permanently at Eger. Pray for Liz, Jen & Mark and the rest of the family
- ✝ Jan Wiggins & Mary (DonnaMarie's mom) are at Sunrise. Jan is having more confusion.
- ✝ Adrienne at Eger- pray for her health and spirit.
- ✝ Don Landau- moved to Maryland to be near his brother Carl in assisted living. Pray for his adjustment and health
- ✝ Sam Colucci & Barbara Matthius- health and strength, pray for Nancy & Bunny, and the aides that care for them.
- ✝ Lauren- Pastors cousins granddaughter- has leukemia but returned to school this month.
- ✝ Karen Kuhls grandson Joey- Pray for full healing for him and no left over physical setbacks after motorcycle accident last year.
- ✝ Andy, DonnaMaries friend has returned to work with poly myalgia rheumatica.
- ✝ Robert and Cathy- Diane's neighbors lost their son, pray for comfort
- ✝ Stephen- Naomi's son, pray he will take his meds regularly and will be emotionally stable.
- ✝ Nancy Myers niece Heather who has breast cancer - has 3 children. Pray for treatment
- ✝ Rosemary- Genes sister, pray for complete recovery.
- ✝ Ted & Mark - Genes former coworkers- prayer for recovery & health
- ✝ Anne Haakonsen's mom- battling kidney cancer. And her Aunt Marty having anxiety issues. Donna, Anne's friend has ovarian cancer
- ✝ Howard- pray for full recovery after a car accident in Guyana and a back injury. Pray for his safety.
- ✝ Diane Pillarella - pray for a full recovery after a fall and complete healing of her foot & knee.
- ✝ 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-