



LOOKING AHEAD

September

- 3rd Labor Day (office closed)
- 6th Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 9th Rally Day
- 12th AARP
- 14th NARFE
- 26th Tall Cedars

October

- 4th Council/Trustee/Board Meetings
- 7th Neighbors In Need/WCS
- 8th Columbus Day (office closed)
- 10th AARP
- 12th NARFE
- 21st Congregational Budget Meeting & Potluck
- 24th Tall Cedars



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September Birthdays



3	Mary Jan Jacobson
4	Scott Franzreb
5	Dorothy Crimmins
16	Elsie Franzreb
17	Nancy Colucci Myers
18	Carol Buser
19	Laurie McAuliffe
21	Charles Baldini
23	John Myers
27	Leslie Baldini

Coffee Hour



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September

2 nd	Trustees
9 th	Church Board
16 th	Tuesday Evening Bible Study
23 rd	Adult Fellowship
30 th	Volunteers

October

7 th	Trustees
14 th	Church Board
21 st	Congregational Budget Meeting & Potluck
28 th	Adult Fellowship

From the Pastor's Desk

To All Who Find Rest in Jesus,

Yesterday I heard a news flash from London that got my attention, *"Take vacations to boost your longevity"*.

Compared with those who took more than three weeks, men who took three weeks or less annual leave from their regular work schedule were found to be 37 percent more likely to die early, the study showed.

Our bodies were made with Sabbath DNA. God placed this spiritual genetic matter within each cell that makes up our miraculous body.

So while you are taking an *American Labor Day rest by traveling, painting your house, or doing yard work, remember that God had something even better for His children in mind... a weekly rest, a weekly time-out from our hard work. A time-out from our labor, we all need it.*

The Book of Hebrews is a book of comparisons. In it, the writer, who was well versed in the Torah, correctly yet concisely compares the main teachings of the OT with Jesus.

Some examples are, Jesus is better than the old way of God's communication to His people through dreams and prophecies; Jesus is better than angels; Jesus is better than all earthly priests. In Chapter 4 we see how Jesus is better than the successor to Moses, Joshua.

Joshua was the man who led the Children of Israel into the Promised Land, Canaan, but due to their hard hearts, they forfeited the promised "rest". In Hebrews 2:8 he writes, ***"For if Joshua had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day"***. In doing so he reveals the temporal nature attached to rest in the Promised Land. The fact that they were removed from the Promised Land along with the earthly presence of God by 586 B.C. reveals this ineffectiveness of this Joshua.

In Matthew 1:20-21 the Evangelist writes, "... an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

The people who the Book of Hebrews is addressed to understood that the name Jesus is actually a Greek rendering of the Hebrew Yeshua, which is the equivalent of Joshua.

From the Pastor's Desk (con't)

In Hebrews 4:8, the author writing in about 68 A.D. approximately 1500 years later states, ***"For if {the O.T. Figure} Joshua had given them {abiding} rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.***

Therefore, having established that Jesus fulfilled the role of the deliverer, the true Joshua, who offers eternal ***"rest"***, the writer now concentrates on us, ***"For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience"***. (Hebrews 4:11)

What continually kept the people out of God out of the "Promised Land" was their disobedience in trusting God at His Word. As a parent I've experience many pitfalls, one of which is when you hear one say, ***"I just don't believe you."***

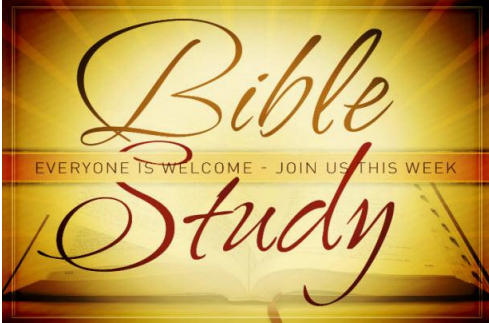
Some of us have been sitting in church week after week hearing the Word of God as summed up in the Gospel of John 20:31, ***but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name***, yet you are still laboring in order to guarantee a place in Heaven? That is they type of disobedience that the writer of Hebrews speaks of when he exhorts us to rest from our works righteousness.

Jesus says in Matthew 11:28-30 ***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke on you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and my load is not hard to carry"***

Have you entered that "rest,"? Have you experienced the rest which only Christ can give? Have you ceased from fruitless efforts to win God's favor? If not, I urge you to do so "today" by acknowledging your sin and your inability to please God. And make this a Labor Day where you labor to believe God at His Word by trusting in the only provision God has made for sinners to be forgiven and to enter into His eternal rest. Trust in Jesus.

Yours in Christ,
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. It will resume September 11th

Congregational Budget Meeting

There will be a Congregational Budget Meeting on Sunday, October 21st following the 10:00 a.m. Service. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2019 Budget. This is an extremely important meeting, so please plan on attending. We will conclude with a potluck luncheon.

Mark Your Calendars

Rally Day/Church Picnic

The Church Board and Trustees invites the congregation and friends to a Rally Day, Potluck Picnic on September 9th immediately following our 10:00 a.m. service. Let's all join together to enjoy the last days of summer, the beginning of fall activities, the renewal of friendships and the making of new ones. Bring a side dish to supplement Pastor Charlie's grilled hamburgers and frankfurters.



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Church Fair

Reserve the date November 10th for our Church-wide Fair!

Holiday Arts & Craft Flea Market

The Holiday Arts & Craft Flea Market will be held on Saturday, December 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to reserve a table, contact Sam Colucci, 718 619-1284 or the Church Office, at 718 448-1584. There will be more information shortly.



Happy
Holidays!

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00	3 Labor Day (office closed)	4 Westerleigh Improvement Society	5	6 Council & Trustee/Board Meetings	7	8
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Sacred Site

Immanuel Union Church has been approved and listed as a State & National Sacred Site, by the State & National Offices of Historic Preservation.

State & National Registers are a recognized and visible component of public & private planning. The registers promote heritage tourism, economic development and appreciation of historic resources. They also are official recognition that a property is significant to the nation, the state and local community.

We have met all four of the evaluation Criteria

- 1) Made a significant difference in American history
Origins of Immanuel Union Church can be traced back to the activities of three religious groups. Mrs. Boole's Sabbath (Sunday) School, the Deems Memorial Christian Endeavor, and Union Congregational Church of Prohibition Park. Each of these groups was founded by and to serve the permanent residents of Prohibition Park
- 2) Association with the lives of persons significant in our past
Membership of individuals significant in past history including Dr. Isaac Funk, principal of Funk & Wagnall's Publishing Company, & editor of the Standard Dictionary of the English language; Dr. William Boole Pastor of the Willet Street Methodist Church; Dr. Edward Jewett Wheeler, Editor of the Literary Digest; Dr. Daniel Seely Gregory, a Presbyterian minister, former president of Lake Forest University; and Thomas Wardwell oil refiner and Treasurer of Standard Oil Company.
Mrs. Ella Boole, wife of Reverend William H. Boole organized the Bible Class in her home, the first house built in Prohibition Park on the southwest corner of Maine & Jewett Avenues. The house has since been demolished. Mrs. Boole was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, (WCTU). She also ran on the Prohibition Party ticket as a candidate for United States Senate in 1920. Later property owners in the Westerleigh community included Edward Everett Horton of motion picture fame & William Jennings Bryan.
- 3) Distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction
Deems Memorial Chapel built in 1895 was designed in the popular shingle style of the time, by architect William Lambert. The design earned him national recognition when completed and was featured in Scientific American Building Edition in 1898. The main sanctuary built in 1916 in the Tudor Revival style of architecture most fashionable at the time of construction, designed by James Whitford Sr. noted Staten Island architect. The gymnasium designed by James Whitford Jr. was completed in 1957.
- 4) Yielded information important to history
Our origins in the Prohibition Movement yielded to the adoption of the 18th amendment of the United States Constitution in 1918. Early members were involved with the prohibition and temperance movements in the United States.

In addition to the honorary title, listing as a New York State & Federal Sacred Site makes Immanuel Union Church eligible for matching grant funding.

Church News



Reserve Altar Flowers now through the end of 2018. 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.

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

Information for the October Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, September 14th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net. Thank you.

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
Lydia Lorenzo
Karen McCarthy
Vicky Morris
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.

