



## LOOKING AHEAD

### September

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Rally Day/Church Picnic
- 11<sup>th</sup> AARP
- 12<sup>th</sup> Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 14<sup>th</sup> Craft Fair & Flea Market
- 25<sup>th</sup> Tall Cedars
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pack Night

### October

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 6<sup>th</sup> Neighbors In Need/WCS
- 9<sup>th</sup> AARP
- 14<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Tall Cedars
- 25<sup>th</sup> Pack Night
- 27<sup>th</sup> Congregational Budget Meeting



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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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Trustees
8 <sup>th</sup>	Church Board
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Evening Bible Study
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Adult Fellowship
29 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteers

## October

6 <sup>th</sup>	Trustees
13 <sup>th</sup>	Church Board
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Evening Bible Study
27 <sup>th</sup>	Adult Fellowship

## From the Pastor's Desk

To All Who Seek to Refreshment in our Savior,

"Time flies when you're having fun", and as I compose this letter, our hot fun in the summertime comes to a halt. I pray that you and your family found refreshment this summer, and are now prepared to see what our God has in store for our lives in this upcoming year. This year, my intention is to study through the Parables of Jesus.

I realize that reading the Bible can be exhausting at times, especially for those who are not use to the discipline that it seems to require.

It reminds me of the elderly lady who was ready to spend a few sweet moments handing down the big old family King James Version Bible to her only grandchild.

Understandably excited, the youngster was asking a number of questions, both about the family members whose births and deaths were recorded in it, as well as about some of the pictures and the related Bible passages they referred to.

Her grandmother was trying to answer all of her questions in simple terms that she could understand, but the one that stopped her cold was this sincere inquiry: *"Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? Was it the Virgin Mary, or the King James virgin?"*

Someone has defined a parable as an earthly story with a Heavenly meaning. Early in His ministry Jesus began teaching in parables for the following reasons: to conceal the truth from His enemies, to provoke interest and belief in others, and to instruct His disciples both publicly and privately. However, later in His earthly ministry Jesus employed parables for a very different reason. It was to convey a message to His enemies, who now grasped the meaning of the parables, while keeping His disciples in the dark (so to speak) regarding coming events.

Almost 200 years ago, Thomas Jefferson commissioned Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to find the source of the Missouri River, and from there to discover a relatively easy water route west of the Pacific. Such a waterway, they discovered didn't exist, but they did succeed in mapping the Northwest. 15 months after they began pushing themselves upstream, they found near today's Montana-Idaho border, the source of the mighty Missouri River. Meriwether & Lewis's journal recorded that on August 12, 1805, a member of the expedition, a Private Hugh McNeal *"exultantly stood with a foot on each side of this little rivulet and thanked his God that he had lived to bestride the mighty and heretofore deemed endless Missouri."* The Missouri, at its source, looks a lot different than the powerful current that flows into the Mississippi River near St. Louis!

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Therefore, just as the Private McNeal was able to stand with one foot on each side of the rivulet which eventually flowed to the endless Missouri, my hope is that our God will take these simple yet profound extended Biblical metaphors and deliver straight into our hearts.

Parables are meant to be approached from different angles. The different characters bring different perspectives, and they are meant to suck you in. When you can identify with a character the story comes to life and the meaning is communicated more clearly.

I will be outlining the parables in the way I learned while at Seminary:

1. The parables of the kingdom
2. The parables of salvation
3. The parables of wisdom and folly
4. The parables of the Christian life and lastly- 5. The parables of judgment.

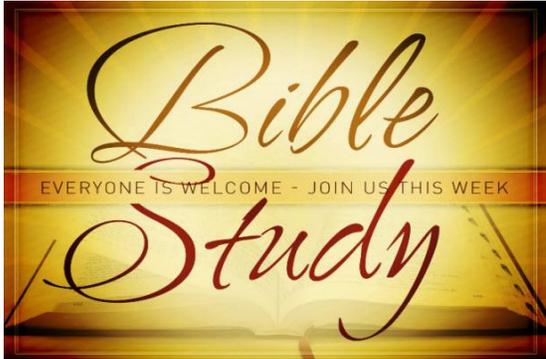
The parables break through mere words and make us ask whether there has indeed been any real difference in our lives. Isn't that what we should expect, since the parables come from the lips of Jesus? No one was ever better than Jesus at getting through pretense to reality. So I ask that you begin praying that God will use this series in preparing us for that day when we will all stand before our Lord and give an account of how wisely we used the time allotted to us.

Finally, I would like to invite you and any family or friends to an IUC Rally Day Picnic following the worship hour. As usual the church will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs we ask that you contribute a side dish or dessert.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you all on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Your Servant for His Sake,  
*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.

## Note From the Church Council

There is a significant need for more volunteers to serve on the Church Board and the Board of Trustees. The limited number of persons currently serving is a detriment to the proper and efficient running of our beloved church.

## Congregational Budget Meeting

**There will be a Congregational Budget Meeting on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 a.m. Service. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2020 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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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Held October 27<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Church Service to approve the 2020 Budget. This is an extremely important meeting, so please plan on attending. We will conclude with a potluck luncheon.



## Church Fair

Reserve the date November 9<sup>th</sup> for our Church-wide Fair!



## Holiday Arts & Craft Flea Market

The Holiday Arts & Craft Flea Market will be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.



# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00	2	3 Bible Study 6:30	4	5	6	7
8 Adult Sunday School 9 AM Church Service 10:00 <b>Rally Day/Church Picnic</b>	9	10 Bible Study 6:30	11 AARP	12 Council/Board/ Trustee Meetings	13	14 <b>Craft Fair &amp; Flea Market</b>
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# Church News



Reserve Altar Flowers now through the end of 2019. 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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  
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.

