



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)

September

- 5th Labor Day
- 8st Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 10th Craft Fair & Flea Market
- 11th Rally Day Church Picnic
- 14th AARP

October

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



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

Pastor's Letter

Dear IUC Family and Friends,

I trust your summer has gone well! I wanted to take this moment to send you this church letter of invitation to our "Back to Church Sunday Worship" service. This year our welcome back service corresponds with the devastating events of 9/11.

Living in Staten Island, I'm certain that we all know people who were directly impacted by the loss of family members- whether police, firefighter, or other emergency responders, or regular people who expected to spend yet another Tuesday at work. No matter what roll they played on that day, I am certain that even 21 years later it's still a challenge to cope with the loss.

While that horrific day occurred 21 years ago, in a way for those of us who remember it, it seems like only yesterday. I am certain that we all know exactly where we were and what we were doing when we first heard about a jet crashing into the North Tower, followed by another crashing into the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

For those of us who watched on television as these seemingly surreal events unfold would later find out that this was not the end of such carnage.

News began to come in regarding another hijacked jet, United Airlines Flight 93, where the passengers rather than give up control of the plane to the terrorists, attempted to retake it which resulted in their crashing into a field in Shanksville, PA. Unfortunately, all on board perished.

The final blow occurred when the last of these 4 attacks resulted in the American Airlines FL 77 crashing into the Pentagon.

On that day our nation lost 2,763 civilians at the World Trade Center. 189 people at the Pentagon. 44 people on Flight 93. Along with almost **3,000** deaths, another **25,000** were injured as a result.

If you know anyone who may be struggling with these things, I want to ask you to pray for them and their families, then do whatever you can to encourage them, even if it's simply being a "listening ear" for them.

Pastor's Letter (con't)

We as a Nation should never forget this day, yet we cannot live in bitterness, fear, and worry that something like this will happen again. We must live our lives, especially as the people of God, with a sense and belief that God is in control, and ultimately will give justice and mercy where it is needed. Yet, the most profound gift He gives us is His mercy and grace which is still far too “amazing” for any of us to truly understand. Jesus died on the cross so that you and I can experience freedom from sin guilt and wrath, and this is the message of mercy and grace that belong to all whose trust is in Him alone.

This world cries out for peace, but for the people of God, we know that true peace will never be felt in totality until Jesus Christ finalizes His Kingdom upon His return.

“For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” Revelation 7:17

We know that even now, God is the giver of comfort, peace, and rest in the midst of turmoil and heartache. He truly gives a “peace which passes all understanding”.

So, this Sunday, I encourage you to “pause, remember, and encourage.”

I hope to see you Sunday as we worship together back in the Sanctuary at the footstool of our worthy God.

Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,

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:

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From the Church Council

As summer closes and fall begins we are gearing up for our many activities ahead. We appreciate the labor of Bunny Matthias in cleaning up the lounge and her efforts in preparation for the vendor & craft fair this Saturday, and to Nancy & Bunny for setting up the Church table. This year we oversold tables and borrowed some extra, so please be praying that it's a success for everyone. We have new vendors who are excited about the opportunity. Thanks to those who will be helping out- we appreciate every one of you!

We will have a Congregational meeting on Sunday October 16th. This meeting will be live and on zoom for members who can't attend in person. This meeting is to approve the proposed budget for next year. Please put this on your calendar if you are a member of Immanuel and plan on attending.

As we look ahead, the next event is our BIG Church Fair on November 12th. We will need everyone to help out if possible, both in baking and/or making chowder, as well as helping with preparations the week before- this is the major fundraiser of the year, so please mark your calendar. The last event of the year is a vendor/craft fair planned for December 3rd.

Our special Church services are our Thanksgiving service on 11/20, where we collect canned food and the Scouts deliver it to a food bank for us. The following week 11/27 begins Advent and it culminates on Christmas Day which falls on Sunday this year. We will NOT have a Christmas Eve service this year, it will be a Christmas Morning service only at 10 am.

As time seems to pass quickly the older we get, we put some dates on the calendar for next year- please note them on your calendar as well:

March 25- Vendor/Craft Fair

April 29- Book Fair

June 3- Garage Sale

September 9- Fall Vendor/Craft Fair

We appreciate all of you and please continue to pray for our Church!

Near & Far

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

Unknown

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

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

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.

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2022 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 October Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, September 23rd. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Mark Your Calendars

Church Fair

The Church Fair has been slated for Saturday, November 12th. While we will continue to adhere to and work with pandemic restrictions and guidelines, it is our intention that the Fair will continue in its entirety. 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 once again holding this well-known event in the community and a key part of Immanuel's heritage. It's not too soon to start thinking about our annual church fair in November. While the decision to offer home baked and cooked items, and a lunchroom, are still undecided pending CDC guidelines and regulations, attic treasure cleanouts and donations are being accepted, as are books. As well, 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!



Important Dates

- September 10th Craft and Vendor Show
- 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.

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.

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	5	6 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	7	8 Council/Board & Trustee Meetings	9	10 Craft Fair & Flea Market
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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-

- ✠ Bonnie Rogers nephew passed away. Pray for the family.
- ✠ Bill Sorensen- Eugene's cousin. in hospital, had much of intestines removed.
- ✠ Stephen- Naomi's son not doing well.
- ✠ 2 year old struck by train at land of make believe in critical care and families of their kids traumatized- pray for all involved.
- ✠ Leslie's Uncle & Aunt Rob & Kathy- weak and shakey after recovering from Covid. He is 90 and she's having heart surgery this month.

Continued-

- ✠ 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 and both are recovering from Covid.
- ✠ Silas- in hospital due to bleeding and severe pain. They believe he has a milk allergy.
- ✠ Adrienne At Eger, in good spirits after hip surgery.
- ✠ John's friend Brian- having heart issues.
- ✠ Rosemary- Genes sister, saw the doctor with an all good. Will begin to take short driving trips
- ✠ Dons 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-