



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

- 4th Labor Day
- 7th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 9th Craft Fair & Flea Market
- 13th AARP
- 21st Pack Night
- 29th Scout Family Bingo Night

October

- 5th Council/Board/Trustee Meetings
- 9th Columbus Day
- 11th AARP
- 14th What's It Worth Event
- 26th Pack Night
- 31st Halloween



Immanuel Union Church

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

Pastor's Letter

To All Who Desire to Seek for the Lord's Favor Upon IUC,

Charles Spurgeon is still recognized as the greatest preacher that England ever produced. Through his ministry, England experienced its greatest revival where thousands came to know Jesus as Savior.

One day a group of evangelists traveled from America to visit the church where Spurgeon was the pastor, The Metropolitan Tabernacle. They wanted to know what method or program that he was using that proved so effective.

Following the service, they met Spurgeon at the door and commented with the typical accolades on how wonderful a sermon he preached and how much they enjoyed the service. He asked them if they would like a tour of the church building. They became excited. Here was the great prince of preachers Himself acting like some ordinary tour guide showing them around the building. As the tour was concluding, Spurgeon asked them, *"Would you like to see the power plant of our church?"* They really didn't travel all that way to merely tour the building, let alone tour some power plant. They were really there to find out the secret to Spurgeon's success. After all, it was Charles Spurgeon who was giving the tour, so they followed. He led them into the basement and opened a door. And lo and behold the room was filled with people on their knees, praying and pleading before God for the ministry of the church and for its pastor. Spurgeon turned to the American evangelists and said, *"This is the powerhouse of our church. If anything happened in the service today, it was not because of anything I did but because of what went on in this room this morning."*

"In Spurgeon's eyes the prayer-meeting was the most important meeting of the week."

Unfortunately, it is here where the contemporary church has disconnected with Spurgeon's philosophy for successful Church growth. Today's church emphasizes meetings that are emotionally charged by repetitious praise songs and preaching with little substance. The prayer ministry of the church is sadly neglected because "we" are "too busy" doing the work of "the ministry" to spend a long time praying.

One of Spurgeon's greatest concerns was that his people learn to truly pray. *"He taught his people to pray, doing so far more by his example than by any preaching. People heard him pray with such reality that they became ashamed of their own mere repetition of words."* Throughout his entire ministry many hearers remarked that they were moved by his preaching, but yet still more affected by his praying.

Pastor's Letter (con't)

Spurgeon recognized that the Church's greatest need was not to have another, "Prince of Preachers", but to have more princes of prayer.

So, by now you may be thinking to yourself, *what does Charles Spurgeon have to do with IUC?* On Tuesday evenings immediately following the 6:30 Bible Study hour we began spending time praying for the growth of our church. Therefore, consider this an open invitation to all who would like to participate in this worthy endeavor.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the IUC Power Plant, we welcome you to join us using the church Zoom link.

This is also the link you can use to join in our Worship service on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8280501006>

Meeting ID: 828 050 1006

OR you can dial in on either number, then enter the meeting ID#

- +1 646 931 3860 US (New York)

- +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 828 050 1006

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:

This link if you use for the computer)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8280501006>

Meeting ID: 828 050 1006

(One tap mobile from your smartphone)

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Near & Far

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

Unknown

Many, many thanks to my church friends for the lovely greeting on my 97th birthday, and, to those who also reached out individually. As someone who always enjoyed making sure that cards were sent to mark occasions, it is nice to be on the receiving end! I recognized all of your names and smiled as I read each one out loud. Please know how much I miss my church family and friends and appreciate your being in touch. If and when you are in the area, please stop by. I would love a visit!

Sincerely,
Barbara Matthius

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

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Victor & Donna Tecarr who celebrated their 43rd Wedding Anniversary on August 17th.

From the Planning Committee

The Planning Committee continued to meet over the summer in preparation of the busy fall calendar of events. The **Fall Vendor and Craft Fair** kicks off the autumn season on September 9th from 9am-3pm. We are seeing a return of many of our steadfast vendors as well as many new ones. The vendor and craft fairs have grown exponentially over the years and continue to be a vital source of the church's revenue.

The Committee has also lent support to the Church Council in the annual fall appeal, church repairs and upgrades, and in further fall event planning. **An Antique and Appraisal Fundraising Event** has been scheduled for October 14th from 10am-2pm with Locati, LLC.

The annual Church Fair and the Vendor and Craft Holiday market are on the horizon as much needed repairs continue to be accomplished around the church.

From the Church Council

As we start to look ahead after a great summer break, the Planning Committee and the Council are preparing for our events this Fall. Yesterday we had a successful vendor fair (although it was terribly hot) and next year we will be definitely be moving the fair to later in September) and our next event is an antique and jewelry event in October.

Mark your calendars- October 14th 10am to 2 pm

Antique Presentation with Individual Appraisal

- 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, as well as a certified gemologist, and another appraiser —participants may bring up to 3 items (one appraisal is included in the ticket price)
- Larger items that are non-transportable can be appraised via photo
- In-home appraisals can be arranged
- Opportunities on site to consign items—bring anything you’d like to consign!
- Complimentary dessert table

Looking further ahead, we have the Church fair on November 11th and then the Thanksgiving and Christmas season will be upon us. Time goes by fast the older we get doesn’t it?

For those of you who can no longer attend worship in person, know you are truly missed. We invite you to join us on Zoom by either dialing in by phone, or linking from your computer. Please see the link in the Lamplighter.

We look forward to seeing you all online or in person soon.

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 October Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, September 22nd. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Mark Your Calendars

- September 9th Craft and Vendor Show
- 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.

September 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service in person & via zoom 10:00	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 Council Trustee/Board Meetings	8	9 Flea Market & Craft Fair
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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

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- 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

✝ Andy- DonnaMaries friend returned to work.

New

✝ Fred- Sonja & Bills friend in the hospital.

Continued-

- ✝ RJ (lives in Taiwan). In a scooter accident, is in a coma with four broken ribs
- ✝ Nancy- the mom of my friend. Has been in the hospital for 23 days and put on a vent twice. Now extubated and doing well on oxygen. Pray she will start to see improvement.
- ✝ Sandra- Dorothy's son James' girlfriend- recovering from eye surgery. Pray for complete healing
- ✝ Susan - Dan & Sheri's neighbor had a bunch of mini strokes, and her husband Dave is caring for her and stressed by it all.
- ✝ Anne Holland - dealing with sciatica. Pray for wisdom for her doctor so her pain will go away.
- ✝ Bonnie Rogers sister Patty's family in the sudden death of her husband John
- ✝ Marlene- Pastor & Leslie's friend is 91 recovered from Covid but it has taken a 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. 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
- ✝ Karen Kuhls grandson Joey- Pray for full healing for him and no left over physical setbacks
- ✝ Andy, DonnaMaries friend has poly myalgia rheumatica. Wisdom for the doctors for treatment.
- ✝ 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's niece Heather who has breast cancer - has twins 5 year old and a 3.5 year old. 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.
- ✝ 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-