THE Lamplighter



LOOKING AHEAD

June

4th Board/Trustee/ Council Meetings

July

4th Independence Day

Immanuel Union Church

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The friendly church with a vision and a future.

Pastor's Letter

To All those Many Thankful People,

A farmer constantly complained about his circumstances. If it rained, he wished for sunshine. If the sun shone, he wished for rain. If his crops yielded a good harvest, he lamented that they had not yielded more. He spent so much time focusing on what he lacked that he never enjoyed what he had.

One day, a severe drought struck the region. Neighboring farms began to suffer greatly because their wells ran dry. The farmer discovered that the old well on his property, which he had long taken for granted, continued to provide fresh water. Suddenly, what had seemed ordinary became precious.

As he drew water from the well each day, he realized how blind he had been. For years he had walked past that well without a second thought. Only when others lacked what he possessed did he recognize its value.

Many of us are like that farmer. We become so focused on what God has not given us, that we fail to thank Him for what He has. We overlook the daily mercies that surround us, our salvation, our families, our church, our health, our homes, our food, and countless other blessings. Then, when one of those blessings is removed or threatened, we suddenly realize how rich we were all along.

The Bible tells us to give thanks to God in all circumstances, recognizing His goodness, love, and faithfulness.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." This verse reminds us to maintain a grateful heart in every situation, trusting God's plan and provision
Psalm 107:1 – "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever." This passage emphasizes God's enduring love as the foundation for gratitude.
Philippians 1:3 – "I thank my God every time I remember you." Here, Paul models personal gratitude, showing that thanking God can include appreciation for others in our lives.
Ephesians 5:20 – "Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." This encourages believers to integrate thankfulness into all aspects of life.

Pastor's Letter (con't)

Colossians 3:15 – "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." Gratitude is linked with inner peace and unity among believers.

Philippians 4:6 – "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." This verse connects thankfulness with prayer and trust in God's provision.

1 Chronicles 16:34 – "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" A repeated affirmation of God's goodness and mercy, reinforcing gratitude as a spiritual discipline "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"

Gratitude flourishes not in getting everything we want, but in recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God's gracious hand.

The fact is, if we don't get into the habit of thanking God for what we DO have, we will soon become ungrateful as we shift our focus upon what we DON'T have.

Before asking God for one more blessing, take time to thank Him for ten blessings you already possess. A thankful heart sees God's goodness not merely in what He may provide tomorrow, but in what He has already provided today.

May God's blessings and protection be upon all you thankful people as you enjoy the long, hot days of Summer.

Your Servant for His Sake,
Pastor Charlie

Join Us Online!!



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.

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!

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)
+19294362866,,8280501006# US (New York)

Dial by your location from landline
+1 929 436 2866 US (New York) Then enter the Meeting ID: 828 050 1006

Mark Your Calendars

October 3rd we will be hosting a Vendor Craft and Flea Market. Contact the church office if you are interested in getting a table.

Milestones



Birthdays

9	Valerie Jacobson
10	Abigail Blissenbach
11	Mary Brower
	John David Conca
15	Casey Lynne Reiman
26	Thomas Coffey
27	Christine Matthius
	Roseann Sorensen

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2026 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 June Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, June 26th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Geraniums

Thank you to everyone who participated in our profusion of red geraniums for the Pentecost Sunday Altar. The Altar looked beautiful!

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 **Council Trustee/Board Meetings**	**5**	**6**
7 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00	**8**	9 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	**10**	**11**	12	13
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Prayer List

New:



- Ed is sharing the Gospel with multiple people in NY- pray that the Holy Spirit uses him.
- Roy's friend - Don, a believer, has ALS- not long to live, pray for him, his wife Mary and his family
- Marlene- still alive, in hospice, pray for fast death.
- Joe- has lots of health problems but biggest is that he's an unbeliever.
- Ann Haakinson & Sonya her sister- conflict between them resolves .
- Michael- Dorothy's son- pray for change
- Naomi- uncomfortable in the collar she's wearing. Has a month to go.
- Unbelievers - pray for broken hearts to the Gospel.
- Dan- prayers for him in his transition

Continued:

- Lyn's Aunt Betty passed away- and she's the executor of her estate.
- Bill Coyne- at Eger with shoulder injury.
- Rob- Leslie's Uncle just turned 95, and fell down the basement stairs 3 mos ago, then got sepsis and is recovering now. Waiting on bed in rehab- because he can't walk.
- Ed's neighbor Mark- has vertigo.
- John's neighbor Soon- has hydrocephalus.
- Naomi's friend Paulette her cancer came back and her friend Sue's husband Joe. Pray that Naomi can be bold in sharing her faith.
- Dorothy- continue to pray for her and her family.
- That the Holy Spirit continues to mold and change us.
- Catherine - Roland's friend is 90 and fell.
- Joe the Butcher- now in Clove Lakes but his knee burst and he can't walk
- Mel- had a stroke.
- Teddy- Eugene's friend has a rare aggressive form skin cancer
- Alexandra- still needs a job. Pray God provides
- Ed- in a spiritual battle. Pray for him.
- Ann's mom- protection while the nursing home is on lockdown for illness.
- Theresa & Tiffany- situation
- Our families - continue to pray for our children
- Eds friend Gene who had heart surgery has an infection in his leg where they took veins from. Pray for his salvation.
- Ed's brother- John- has an auto-immune disease. Open sores on face & arms.
- Alex- needs a job. Was laid off with no notice.
- Eds niece (Joelle) will be talking with Ed. Her mom (Lisa) has alienated herself from her.
- Catherine- has cancer
- That we will share the Gospel boldly in every opportunity we have.
- Ann's Aunt Martha- for her anxiety.
- Ann's cousin Doris- fainted and fell. Waiting on tests and to have surgery.
- Ginny- Sonja's friend healing from broken hip.
- Soon- visited Immanuel- pray that God opens his heart to the Gospel
- Lillian- has shingles, pray for relief
- Stephen- Naomi's son pray for stability of his mental health.
- Roland's friend- Mauro is suffering from depression.
- Gerd- after the accident is doing great! Pray for complete healing.
- Baby Hazel- has neuroblastoma. Pray for her family- and doctors as far as treatment. At MSK and had major surgery- pray for her recovery.
- Jennifer & Omar- pray that God reveals to them the "what's next".
- Marilyn Pederson- cancer in her ankle.
- Jimmy- Dorothy's grandson. Living with her (and Michael) but needs an apartment.
- Sonja's cousins - Michael Johnson and Ron Mazzaeo both have cancer. Pray for them, their families and the doctors for wisdom in treatments.
- Fred- Sonja & Bills friend in his recovery.
- RJ (lives in Taiwan). In a scooter accident, is recovering
- Liz Iken- at Eger. Pray for her health