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A warm welcome to Immanuel’s new Vestry members, clockwise from top left: David Atwood, Harrison Clark, Brooke Roberts, Dana Wilkie, and Kristi Kubista-Hovis, (second from right in group photo).

Zabriskie Society

A GIFT THAT MATCHES YOUR PASSION FOR IMMANUEL

Immanuel needs parishioners who look ahead and want to see its mission and ministry continue to thrive. The Zabriskie Society recognizes and honors the stewards of Immanuel’s future – individuals who support our parish through a planned gift.

The Zabriskie Society was inspired by a generous gift from parishioner Rosalie Taylor in the early 1960’s. It was Rosalie Taylor’s passion and vision to ensure Immanuel’s strong future. Currently, there are 68 parishioners who have notified Immanuel about their intention to leave a future, planned gift.

Making it Easy for You

There is no minimum gift amount required to designate a future gift and become a member of Immanuel’s Zabriskie Society. It is easy to do with brief gift language in your will or through a simple codicil to your will.

Some parishioners have designated Immanuel as a beneficiary (or one of several beneficiaries) of an IRA, an insurance policy, a bank account, or other financial account. You can easily update your beneficiaries by completing a Beneficiary Designation form.



It is for ALL of Us

Planned gifts to Immanuel are for all of us to consider. It's not something just for the wealthy. It's for everyone who wants a meaningful way to support Immanuel's strong future – a way to make a gift that supports Immanuel after our lifetime.



For more information about how you can become a member of the Zabriskie Society, contact Danette “Dani” Kauffman, danettekauffman@starpower.net or 202-258-9743.

Every situation is different, and this guidance is not legal advice. So be sure to work with your legal, financial, and/or estate advisors to determine what is best for you.

Thank You

We so appreciate the positive response for new volunteers for feeding the homeless through Christ House. We received 6 adult and 4 teen volunteers, which is a godsend. This will be so helpful and relieve our small stalwart core volunteers we have been using for many months. Thank you for your response and as always, we know the heart of Immanuelites is to help and show Christ's love most effectively in times of need.

**Gratefully,
Eileen Monnin Kirby
Ted and Rosemari Sullivan
Christ House Coordinators
& Past Coordinator Phyllis Sims**

COOK WITH IMMANUEL'S CARPENTER'S SHELTER TEAM. Do you like to cook? Do you worry about people suffering homelessness in Alexandria? If so, our Carpenter's Shelter team invites you to join us at the beautiful new Shelter facility at 930 North Henry Street in Old Town.

We cook and deliver a healthy dinner for Shelter residents and staff on the **second Thursday** of every month. You can help in any of three ways, depending on your schedule:

1. **You can buy and prepare ingredients** for a side dish, such as slicing cucumbers and peppers for a salad;
2. **You can cook** a side dish or dessert, serving about 12 people, from recipes and instructions we provide; and/or
3. **You can reheat and serve** the prepared meal in the Shelter's kitchen, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a great ministry for a couple of family members or friends (age 18 and over).



Volunteers receive assignments, recipes, aluminum pans, and some bulk ingredients each month. You can prep and cook the food at home, and then deliver it to organizers Connie Kurz and Laura Snow, who live a block from the church. If interested, contact Laura Snow at laurabsnow@verizon.net or Connie Kurz at cgkurz@aol.com.

STORY CALL: LET'S ALL PRAY



Share a subject, theme, or person that you'd like for us to pray for this coming Lenten Season — specifically, those that *don't* normally make it into Immanuel's weekly prayer list, as they will be copied from the parish notes. We'll feature a full list of prayer subjects in the March 1st issue of **The Almond Tree Quarterly** magazine, allowing all of us to lift your specific concerns in prayer. **Deadline for submissions is February 15th.**

Send the names of people, their stories, photos, and prayers for areas of concern (environmental threats in your hometown, friends and neighbors suffering due to job loss, homeless strangers you see in town, etc.) to

office@icoh.net or to apowell@icoh.net with "My Easter Prayer" in the subject line. You and/or the person that you are praying for may remain completely anonymous: Aleta will substitute a "code name" for your anonymous prayer subject based on the name of a patron saint, and will email you the code name chosen.

Black History Month at VTS: In celebration of Black History Month, the Office of Multicultural Ministries has partnered with WETA to host a Zoom discussion group on *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song*, a PBS documentary series from Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. The documentary, which features Bishop Michael Curry and several other prominent African Americans, will first air on the evening of **Tuesday, February 16**, and we will host the discussion group on Wednesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. The event will be co-moderated by a WETA representative and VTS Student Body President Donna Arrendell '22 and is open to the entire VTS community. To register, look for this circular on our homepage www.icoh.net, then click the blue text "[Register](#)".

Epiphany 2022

Travel to the Holy Land

*Join the Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswald,
the 25th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church,
and the Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D.*



WE ARE READY WHEN YOU ARE!

All of us have “cabin fever.” Most of us are trying to follow “religiously” the CDC guidelines. We wear masks, sanitize our hands and avoid crowds. Most of us are not traveling. The news about a vaccine is promising.

As you contemplate returning to travel in 2022 and beyond, remember our flexible booking policy which lets you plan your future travel with complete peace of mind. If you change or cancel up to 15 days prior to departure in the event of a COVID-19-related reason—whether at home or in your travel destination—you will receive a credit toward future travel associated with VTS. So, book with confidence.

Please look forward to these pilgrimages and do request more information:

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGES TO THE HOLY LAND

*with The Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswald and
the Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D.*

PILGRIMAGE ONE: Jan. 8–19, 2022

PILGRIMAGE TWO: Jan. 22–Feb. 2, 2022

Abraham's Tomb in Hebron



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Lent and Holy Week 2021

ALL SERVICES BROADCAST LIVE VIA YOUTUBE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY POSTED ON [IMMANUEL'S CHANNEL](#)

Ash Wednesday



February 17, 2021

Lenten Study Series (TBD)

February 21 and 28, March 14 and 21 11:45 a.m.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist (*Received Spiritually*)

March 28, 2021

Wednesday Evening Service

March 31, 2021

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

Good Friday

April 2, 2021

Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist (*Received Spiritually*)

April 4, 2021

10:30 a.m.