

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

November 6, 2022

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST we welcome you to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website (www.icoh.net).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, Leo, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Zuzanna Wise, Danette (Dani) Gentile Kauffman, Rita, Betty Wannamaker, Linda and Cy Murphy, Ken and Mia Mason, and James Henry.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, John, Alexandra, Hans, Jessica, Joanne, McQuade Milligan, Reagan, Waide Egenger, Betsy and Dave Berry, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Jimmy Young, Ryan, Scott Allison, John Corbett, Joseph Fabian, Lydia, Breanné Barnes, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Lisle Wade, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, Amanda Arnaud, Dr. Nancy Hardison, Denise Comoli, Connie Smith, and Nadine Vipperman.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Gary DeVight, Carrie Rodriguez, Liza Conrad, Caroline Kurz, Charlotte Taylor, Rebecca Taylor, Julie Bruns, Faith Olson, Melinda Ashton, Hugh Campbell, Dave Cavanaugh, Sasha Koch, Isa Stockton, Lauren Jennings, and Lissa Soergel.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.



Forum Hour TODAY @ 12 Noon, Immanuel Chapel: "The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem's Ministries in the Middle East" with Special Guest John Lent

Come hear about the faithfulness and ministry of our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Jerusalem, today at noon in Immanuel Chapel. John Lent, longtime (and retiring) Executive Director of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) and incoming Executive Director Eileen Spencer are our speakers. They will discuss the faithfulness, witness, education and social ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem in the midst of continued challenges — and how the support of partner parishes, including Immanuel, enable churches, schools and hospitals in the Diocese of Jerusalem to show God's love to hurting people and to youth — regardless of their faith — in the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, and Jordan. John and Eileen just returned from a ten-day visit to the Diocese of Jerusalem ministries in Jordan, Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel. They'll share videos and photos from their visits and update us on the latest challenges facing our Palestinian sisters and brothers in the Holy Land — and how the Christian witness of the diocese brings healing and hope to the region every day. (Livestream link: <https://vimeo.com/event/2566915>).

Immediately after this presentation, join us for Coffee Hour in the parlor, hosted by Laura Snow.

Announcements

Weekday Worship Opportunities

MORNING PRAYER @ 10 A.M., Zabriskie Chapel : All are invited to join Immanuel staff and clergy for Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in Zabriskie Chapel. This quiet, contemplative service typically lasts thirty minutes and offers each worshipper a chance to lift a person, cause, or concern in prayer while learning about any saints of the Church is commemorating.

Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist, November 9th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Evening Compline, Friday, November 11th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Coming Soon! Watch Your Mailbox



Immanuel's 2023 Every Member Pledge campaign officially starts today and concludes on November 20th, with the receiving and blessing of all our pledges. **Pledge packets were mailed to parishioners' homes**, so watch for yours coming soon, if it hasn't already arrived.

Whether you are a cherished newcomer or one who brings years of valued experience to our parish community, we are grateful for **YOU!** We are stronger with everyone's engagement, generosity, faithfulness, and commitment of time, talent, and treasure to this parish community.

Bible Study, Thursday, November 10th @ 10:30 a.m.

CONNECTING THE GREAT PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND REVELATION

No prior participation is necessary; ALL are invited to join in the Bible study on Thursday mornings from 10:30 - noon by Zoom. Come and see! If viewing this on our website, please click the blue text "[Join Bible Study of the Book of Revelations and Daniel via Zoom](#)".

Considering Returning to our Three-Service Schedule: A Note from the Rector

I am wondering, along with quite a few folks from the parish, if we could now return to our full three-service schedule. The reason we changed our schedule was, of course, COVID. We would likely return to something like 8AM and 9AM or (9:15AM) in Zabriskie, followed often by coffee hour and regular forum hours in the Parish Hall, followed by the 11:15 AM in Immanuel, or possibly 8AM and 9AM in Zabriskie and 10:30 AM in Immanuel, although this would make finding a good time for forum hours more difficult. All of our services might look a bit smaller as we first re-start this schedule, but the hope would be that more options would help in bringing more people back to Church. It would also be a move back towards a more "normal" Immanuel schedule. We would still join together as before for major holidays and for Summer. The logistics and various considerations are many: choirs, lectors, Altar Guild, ushers, chalicists, acolytes, two coffee hours, etc., etc., but we should still remember how to do all of this! I invite you to mull this over, pray about it, and be in touch with me with your thoughts and questions. I just wanted you to know that this is an active question, and the secondary question is when to re-start this schedule. Thanks, all. ralextander@icoh.net

A Note from the Treasurer: Current year pledge statements were recently sent to all pledgers. We are running a bit behind, year to date, in terms of pledge income compared to budget. Please check your pledge balances and bring any remaining balances up to date by year end. Thank you for your strong support of Immanuel and for your gratitude for God's blessings!

Immanuel's blood drive: We Need to Fill Our Appointment Slots: Our blood drive sign-up link is now open, and we are about halfway to our committed goal of 34 appointment slots!! Please visit <https://bit.ly/ICOTH1112> to make an appointment for Immanuel's blood drive, hosted in partnership with INOVA Hospital, on **Saturday, November 12**, from 9am to 1pm in the Zabriskie parking lot. Please note: INOVA has loosened eligibility restrictions around European travel/residence due to the Mad Cow scare, so if you were previously ineligible due to travel during that time period, please visit <https://www.inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/> to read their eligibility guidance and see if you are now eligible.

Benedictine Group Meetings November 15th @ 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall and Online via

Zoom: If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We currently meet virtually twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. The Community reflects on the tenets of St. Benedict such as humility, silence, and prayer. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book.

We are continuing to use the book *Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God*, by Rachel Srubas. Our focus is primarily on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book; however, please note that we are not a book study group. We are currently using Zoom for our hybrid meetings, but if you are not comfortable meeting in person in the parish hall or with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice-only via Zoom.

If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following:

Dana Hengst (Dana.Hengst@gmail.com), Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com)

David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com).

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES BIKE MINISTRY: An integral part of the Christmas Families program has always been the William Frye bicycle ministry. Good used bikes are collected and repaired, if necessary, to be given to the children that were referred to us through a program with the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services. This ministry was started many, many years ago by our parishioner, the late Bill Frye. We have bikes that have been donated (with more to come) and we have a workshop where the bikes are stored and the work can be completed but we do not have someone to lead the program or enough team members to work on repairing the bikes (knowledgeable team members will teach you how). If this is something that you feel called to do, please contact Dagobert Soergel (ds@dsoergel.com), Linda Serabian (serabian@somaarchitects.com) or Dorothy Kellogg (djaskellogg@gmail.com)



Mark your Calendar: **Immanuel's Harvest Dinner Returns!**
Saturday, **December 3rd** @ 6:30 p.m., Scott Lounge and Refectory
Virginia Theological Seminary

Look for details in upcoming weekly parish notes and eBlast.

Ordination and Consecration of Our New Bishop, **THE REVEREND CANON E. MARK STEPHENSON**, Chief Consecrator The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, SATURDAY, DEC. 3, 2022 AT 11:00 AM, Arrive by 10:30 for seating. The Saint Paul's Baptist Church, 4247 Creighton Road, Henrico, VA. All members of the diocesan family are encouraged to join in this joyful celebration. Full event details are available here. There is no limit to how many people from a parish may attend, however, all attendees are required to register online. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-consecration-of-the-revd-canon-e-mark-stevenson-tickets-429199335767>

UPCOMING FORUM HOURS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER:

We are revamping Forum Hour times and locations. Some forum hours **will begin after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist** at Immanuel Chapel. Be on the lookout for exciting forum hours in the next month and a half, including:

- ★ **VETERANS DAY FORUM HOUR, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 12 NOON @ VTS with US Army COL (ret) Chaplain Charlie Reynolds:** How did an Army chaplain use faith to help resolve conflict between opposing groups in Bosnia? Why would a Baptist chaplain work to get liquor stores open in Baghdad? Please join us on November 13th for a special Veteran's Day forum when we welcome COL (Ret) Chaplain Charles Reynolds, AKA "Chaplain Charlie". Chaplain Charlie Reynolds is a retired Army Chaplain having deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Bosnia. He has written several books on faith and military service, and currently serves as the Endorser for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Charlie's long and distinguished military career gives him a unique perspective on faith, military chaplaincy and Veterans. Please join us for this very special Veteran's Day forum. (*Livestream link and precise Seminary location to be announced.*)
- ★ **READING THE NAMES OF THE FALLEN ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL:** As we approach Veterans' Day, please remember all those who have served in our armed forces, and especially those who have made the final sacrifice. Consider joining (online or in person) for the Reading of the Names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This year is the 40th anniversary of the Memorial, and this is only the seventh time that all the names have been read. You can join for part of the reading of the names which has been taking place all year on YouTube and Facebook and ends on Saturday November 6th, or participate in part of the in-person reading of the names that starts at 3 PM Saturday November 6th, and continues through midnight on Veterans' Day, November 10th. Information available at <https://www.vvmf.org/rotn/> or contact Keith June.
- ★ **THE REV. RANDY ALEXANDER: "PUTTING THE SABBATH IN SABBATICAL", SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 12 NOON, IMMANUEL CHAPEL:** Learn about our rector's sabbatical journey of encounter, spiritual growth, and rest.

Saturday, November 19 @ 8:00 AM: Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study by Zoom

Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study will be November 19, the third Saturday. We will meet via Zoom (link and info below) beginning at 8 AM. Our theme this year is Gratitude; this month we will read **James 2:1-8**, using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com

Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95954506553?pwd=Y05kOG1mK25abTZqUURvVk4wOTRBdz09>

Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553
Passcode: 027913

Christmas Family Dates

This Christmas we will bring again a bright ray of hope to many families. Christmas Families is back to pre-pandemic operation. The dates are very early this year:

Sun Nov. 20, Nov 27, Dec. 4: Sign-up to buy presents for a family

Sun Dec. 11 Ingathering and blessing of gifts, wrapping at forum hour, and special collection

Christmas Families takes a lot of work behind the scenes. Helpers are needed specially

Sat Dec. 10 Labeling gifts in Santa's workshop, preparing the Parish Hall

Sun Dec. 11, after the service at Immanuel Chapel and early afternoon: Loading the truck with gifts

Mon Dec. 12, unloading the truck at the Department of Community and Human Services.

Let Linda Serabian know if you can help. serabian@somaarchitects.com

Connie Kurz needs help with books, dates to be announced. cgkurz@aol.com

Helpers urgently needed for the William Fry Bicycle Ministry, let Linda know if you can help.

NOW Accepting Reservations for Immanuel's **Advent Retreat December 9-11, 2022**

Watching, Waiting, Hoping: Advent in a Changed World

Advent Retreat at Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Virginia

Join us on this Advent retreat, as we reflect on life in the in-between—between an old ‘normal’ and a new ‘normal’, between Christ’s first coming and second coming, between this world and the next. Using the wisdom of Julian of Norwich, we will explore what it means to live in hope in an ever-changing world.

This retreat will include a mixture of silence and time for quiet conversation. There will be ample time for worship, prayer, and exploring the outdoors as weather permits. Our retreat leader, the **Rev. Amanda Bourne**, will be available for one-on-one conversations, the rite of reconciliation, and will also lead the group in several teaching sessions on the theme throughout our weekend together.

Our retreat will begin Friday afternoon, December 9, shortly before the evening meal and will end after the noon meal on Sunday, December 11. The retreat will be at Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Virginia, which is an hour and fifteen-minute drive from our church. For more information on the monastery, see their website <https://www.virginiatrappists.org/about/>. The \$350.00 registration fee includes all materials, comfortable accommodations, individual rooms each with a bathroom, and all meals. Following Holy Cross Abbey policy, we may not be able to accommodate retreat reservations received after **November 9**.

Registration is limited to **15 persons**; please reserve your space on the Immanuel website.

If you have questions about retreat logistics, please contact Mary Ann Rehnke, mfrb2695@gmail.com and look for full details in your weekly eBlast email.



**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Advent Retreat
Holy Cross Abbey Retreat House
December 9-11, 2022**



1. First person registering for retreat

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

2. Second person registering for retreat

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Number of registrants _____ x \$350 = _____ Total registration fee

Please make check payable to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill and write Advent Retreat on the check. Return this form and your check to the Immanuel Church office, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22304 **by Tuesday, November 1**. Please put Advent retreat on the envelope.

If you need to cancel your registration and there is no one on the waiting list who can take your place, Holy Cross Abbey retains the \$75.00 per room deposit. All but \$75.00 of your registration fee would be returned to you.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
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Gilma Balcarcel	Nursery Coordinator
Stuart Dahlinger	Sexton

THE VESTRY

Darrell Wilson	Senior Warden
Kristi Kubista-Hovis	Junior Warden: Administration
Shawn Whitman	Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care Committees
David Atwood	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Social Justice
Brad Ashton	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Mollie Lambert	Outreach
Kathy Lloyd	Senior Ministry
Brooke Roberts	Communications
Phyllis Sims	Evangelism and New Members
Julie Bruns	Pastoral Care
Gabriella Young-Smith	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
The Rev. Sam Sheridan	Register (nonvoting member)

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel, Side Oratory Chapel
inside of Immanuel Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
The Rev. Jan A. Maas
The Rev. John R. Smucker
The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

RECTOR EMERITA

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

MISSION STATEMENT: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God's plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.



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