

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

July 24, 2022

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### **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](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, Leo, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Pam Willard, Sughra Bakhtiari, Zuzanna Knypinski Wise, John Wise, Breanné Barnes, and John Corbett.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Amanda Arnaud, Sarah Minor, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, John, Alexandra, Hans, Jessica, Joanne, McQuade Milligan, Scott DeVight, Reagan, Waide Egenger, Betsy and Dave Berry, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, Linda and Cy Murphy, Molly Grey, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Louise Jackson, Jimmy Young, Margaret Chenoweth, Ryan, Scott Allison, Joseph Fabian, Baldemar “Balde” Balcarcel, Lydia, and Candy Morgan.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Will Henry, Edward King, Biz Van Gelder, C.T. Forrester, Paige Packard, Alison Rhoades, Eliza Fite, Diana Beckmann, Steve Brown, Alex Lansing, Jackson Lansing, Eneida Balcarcel, Joseph Ford, Kathleen Ford, Corey Wargo-Bergmark, Darrell Wilson, Byron Hepburn, and Martin Sullivan.

**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.

**Those who we recently learned have died:** Paul F. Goree III, Army National Guard Sergeant Alex Rios Rodriguez, and Navy Midshipman Second Class Luke Gabriel Bird.

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# Weekday Service Opportunities

**Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II, July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

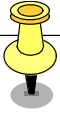
**BIBLE STUDY Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.**

**A STUDY OF PETER AND JOHN**

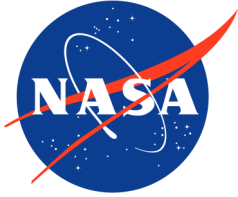
Online via Zoom (see your weekly eBlast for details)

**Evening Compline, Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom**

# Announcements



## Senior Adult Ministry EVENTS



Houston, we have a podcast...the official podcast of the NASA Johnson Space Center. Or, how about Grandpa and Chill. Or ArtCurious on the cursed terra-cotta army. Or hear Archbishop of Canterbury Welby talk about suspicious joy on Everything Happens!

There is a world of interesting things to listen to when you are taking yourself or your dog for a walk, working in your garden, or your eyes are too tired to read. Come and join the Senior Ministry and Fellowship brown bag lunch this **Tuesday, July 26 at 12:15p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Get started on podcasts or share your favorites.

Bring a bag lunch and we'll supply beverages and dessert, or sit at a non-eating table and keep your mask on. It's all good! No reservations needed and no cost. Bring a friend! Call or email Karen Besser at [karen.besser@gmail.com](mailto:karen.besser@gmail.com) if you have questions.



We are sorry to announce that our monthly luncheon at Goodwin House - Alexandria will not be held this month due to restrictions that have closed the dining rooms. We plan to resume next month, with lunch on **Wednesday August 17** and look forward to seeing everyone then.

## Sacred Ground



### A Race Dialogue Series

## **SACRED GROUND: Consider Joining Others this September in this Faith-Based Program of the Episcopal Church on Race, Identity, Family, and History**

Immanuel's third offering of Sacred Ground will start in September with the first of eleven biweekly sessions and a newly revised curriculum, to be facilitated by Diocesan facilitators Chrissie Crosby and Lynn Rohrs. Please consider signing up for the next Sacred Ground dialogue circle as a way to explore issues of race, identify, our nation's history and our own family stories in a trusting, affirming environment open to all points of view and experience.

We expect to meet biweekly, probably on Monday evenings, beginning September 12 and finishing in early 2023. More details are available at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/> or from talking to past participants Katherine Smith, Mary Ann Ring, Marilyn Wilson, or Nancy Reuschel. Please contact [David Atwood](#) or [Kathryn Haskin](#) with any questions or to express interest. Thank you.

## Christmas Families in August 2022: Haiti and Alexandria

**FINAL TWO WEEKS: We have two more weeks to adopt a family and that we have one large family with five children in need — perhaps two parish families can partner and sign up together. Help children with school supplies - critical tools for learning!**

It is hard to learn to write if you do not have a pencil. God means for every child to have a pencil so they can learn and develop to their full potential, and He asks for our help to get there. This is a larger issue of social justice. Education is supposed to be the great equalizer in society, but as of now it is not. Rich children have pencils, poor children do not. There are many factors that make educational opportunities unequal, so education, rather than giving everyone an equal chance, actually cements inequality in society.

To make real strides towards more equality requires systemic change, including high-quality preschool for all children. Immanuel has contributed to this goal, but larger impact requires more government action. As Christians in the world we can work on influencing government.

There also small things we can do. In Christmas Families in August we work through the Alexandria Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide school supplies to children in need.

### **There are two ways you can help:**

**(1) Sign up to provide school supplies for the children in one family** identified by DHS, after each service between Sunday, June 12, and Sunday, July 24. The sign-up boards will be in the narthex of Zabriskie Chapel during the week. We will give you a yellow instruction sheet with the children's names and all the information you need.

Or email <ds@dsoergel.com> or <serabian@somaarchitects.com> to arrange for selecting a family.

Bring the backpacks to the church or the office on or before Sunday, August 7 to be blessed at the altar. Unassigned school supplies, especially backpacks (new or lightly used) are also welcome.

**(2) You can donate money** through the special on Sunday, August 15.

Please make checks out to ICOH and mark them XFAM. The money will go to

the **Haiti Micah project** (50%) and to

**Community Lodgings** (25%) and **Human Services in Alexandria**. (25%).

The **Haiti Micah Project (HMP)** is one of Immanuel's major international outreach ministries; it serves impoverished children in Mirebalais, Haiti. For these children, education offers the only path out of extreme poverty. In Haiti, there is no free public education. Therefore, HMP provides educational stipends (currently for 152 children, including 22 in its orphanage) including tuition, school supplies, and uniforms. With the support of churches like Immanuel, these children have the opportunity to become contributing members of their society.

Former rector, the late Rev. Bill Dols, once told me "Christmas Families is a ministry of things". It is that, but it is so much more. It provides things that empower and lift the spirit, tools for learning that **send children off to a good start in the new school year.**

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 Brad Ashton ..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
 Mollie Lambert ..... Outreach  
 Kathy Lloyd ..... Senior Ministry  
 Brooke Roberts ..... Communications  
 Phyllis Sims ..... Evangelism and New Members  
 Bob Murray ..... Worship  
 Julie Bruns ..... Pastoral Care  
 Rachel Wilson ..... Youth Representative (nonvoting member)  
 The Rev. Sam Sheridan ..... Register (nonvoting member)

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 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

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
 9:00 a.m. Joy Mass Holy Eucharist Rite II, Zabriskie Chapel  
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA  
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel  
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

**Online**

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

**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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