

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
January 10, 2021

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 currently worships virtually online, hoping to soon resume in-person services in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Both locations will offer 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).

Learn more about us at www.icoh.net.

PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Nancy Wise, Mike Walker, Lucy, Ted Walker, Catherine Sinclair, Bruce Wanamaker, Aggie Fortune, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Ann MacNamara, Tony, and Mary Bruce Corkern.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Jett Bastow, Teresa Skubel, Judie Rangolam-Singh, Stephen Friday, Doug John, Norma Jean Lawton, John Thomas, Sudie McGahuey, Colin Swisher, Karen Walker, Anne Kilpatrick, John Kilpatrick, Tiffany Stuck, and Kim Cook.

Please also remember in your prayers members of our extended Parish family: Charlotte Kellogg; Anthony Christino, Jr., Paul, Dorothy Phaneuf, Linda Patton, Anne Newcomb, Sydney Bailey, Narciso, Sheri, Karen and Gwen, Lelah Ann Young, Caroline, Bert Ifill, Jeanette Beckmann, Lois Blair, Amy Wallens Green, Kelly, Cameron Pattisall, Ellen Repsher, Stephen Miller, Jill, Jack Allen, Molly Grey, Kathryn Anschutz, Thomas “Neil” Walters, Luciane Helena Borges Moreira, David Westgate, Doug Carmichael, Carol Sands, George Morris, Sandy, Jakey Newcomer, Julia Dietschak, Preston Atwood, John Matthewson, Ronald King, Marta Dimetre, Mary Lou Johnston, Katie McGinn Centola, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Bill Anderson, Bob Dickson, Mildred Alexander, Dotty, Susan Thomas, Steve Davis, Natalie Terwillinger, Cecile Zitelli, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Alice Greenhall, Nancy, Edith Mead, Stephen, Jim and Louise Jackson, Charles Thurber, Arsine Oshagan, Emilie Brown, Sue Cleveland, David Johnson, Victoria Markin, Martin Stevens, Jeff Gorman, Jill Lane, Suzanne Prendergast, Howard, Alice Meyer, Ron Simar, Matthew Simar, Connie Smith, Payton, The Right Rev. Susan Goff, Kevin Lancaster, Jennifer Ashline, Bill Ennis, Norma MacLean, Frank, Perry, Paul Casey, David Smith, John and Alycia, Sue Rehnke, Marjean Smith, Andy MacLeod, Deacon Linda Murphy, Ben Hoge, Don Gobble; Kendra, Ed, Durham, Ellie and Family, Judith Simpson, and The Simpson Family, David Kuck, Adele Barker, and Vasili Varfis.

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 troops wounded as casualties of war, and their caregivers.

Those who have recently died: Judy Bednar, widow of Dick Bednar and mother of John L. Bednar; Kathy Haynes McGann, sister-in-law of Wendy M. John; Marine Lance Corporal Davis Mosquera, Army Sergeant First Class Lisa Maria Soto, Army Drill Sergeant Jessica Mitchell, Air National Guard Senior Guardsman Logan Young, and Police Officers Brian Sicknick, Daniel Mobley, and Bruce Watson. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY FOR EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: Please join us for the service of **Evening Prayer this Wednesday, January 13th at 5 p.m.** via Zoom. Look for a zoom link in your weekly eblast, then join Mother Susan in the middle of the week, just when we need some restoration and renewal.

Announcements



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13

GREET THE NEW YEAR WITH HOPE

We begin a New Year grateful for all that God has gifted us. As a parish, we are thankful for all who have given back to God and to Immanuel with their time, talent, and treasure.

As of January 7, we have received 137 pledges for a pledged amount so far of \$636,973. Thanks be to God, more than half of all pledges increased; we received 13 new or reinstated pledges.

If you have not pledged yet as part of our [Every Member Pledge](#) campaign, we abound in hope that you will quickly return your pledge card through the mail, pledge online easily, or send a brief and confidential email to Immanuel’s Treasurer – thewson@icoh.net Please take a moment to do it now.

We have hope that 35 active families will take a moment now to respond. We would like to hear from those who are actively engaged in our ministries, but who have not yet responded to support the parish they know and deeply love.

Immanuel’s Stewardship Committee will gather virtually on Sunday, January 10, 2021, early afternoon, to contact parishioners who have not yet responded to our [Every Member Pledge](#) campaign. When we call, please answer your phone to hear a friendly voice from Immanuel. We can share information and answer any questions you may have about our [Every Member Pledge](#) campaign.

Whether you are new to Immanuel or a longtime member, whether this will be your first time pledging in a while or whether you pledge every year, we encourage you to give back to God and Immanuel through a financial commitment to [make your pledge](#) for 2021.

JOSHUA IN 3D: A New Social Justice-Oriented Bible Book Study

Join us this Wednesday at 7pm online via Zoom for a bible study on 'God on the Boundaries.' Chapters 3 and 4 of Joshua show a complex social process and ritual as God parts the waters of the Jordan for the people to pass into the promised land.

We're discussing the book of Joshua and a variety of ways— including using Daniel Hawk’s book “Joshua in 3D: A Commentary on Biblical Conquest and Manifest Destiny” — that biblical themes can help us parse through American history and values. Look for the Zoom link and logon information in your weekly eblast email.

IMMANUEL'S CAREGIVERS AND GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP : Saturdays @ 10:00 AM



Join the Immanuel Caregivers and Grief Support Group, a support group for members and friends who are caring for ailing or elderly loved ones or grieving those who have died. After an organizational meeting, the group decided to continue on Saturdays, 10:00-11:00a.m. **through January 30th**. The group will be led by clergy or invited and trained leaders who will make space for sharing experiences, offering prayerful and moral support, and sharing resources. We will be looking for signs of new life and God's presence. If you wish to join, please contact Father Randy (ralextander@icoh.net) or Mother Susan (sparsons@icoh.net) for an invitation to join the Zoom-based gathering.

BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS : Please join the clergy for Bible study this Thursday, **January 14th** at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom to study **St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians**. The link for this class will appear in our weekly email and on Immanuel's Facebook page. If you're interested in joining us for the first time — or the first time in a while — you're welcome to do so without any reading or preparing.

If you are unable to attend class on Thursdays, join Father Sam on Saturdays at 10 a.m. for another Bible study via Zoom.

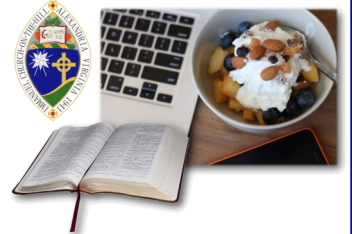
No previous experience or attendance necessary, just bring your questions and your Bible -- or an online version of the Bible, such as [Bible Gateway here](#). Zoom call contact information will be sent out on Wednesday January 13th -- watch for your email!

COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for this **Friday Compline January 14th** at 8:30p.m. via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church." To participate, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#). Meeting ID: *Will be sent in next week's E-Blast/* Password: *Will be sent in next week's E-Blast.* To join the service by phone, dial: 1-(301) 715-8592.

Join us this Saturday, January 16th for Breakfast Bible Study via Zoom beginning at 8 a.m. Our **theme is God's Loving Concern**; we read Psalm 23 and use the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please [visit our website](#) or contact [Chrissie Crosby](#).

No prior knowledge or experience in bible study is necessary! We will guide you through the process.

Breakfast Bible Study via Zoom



Is Your Photo Current?

Let's Update Before It's Printed January



For the first time, we will include a photo directory in the back of the print version of next month's annual report.

In anticipation of expected high demand, we ask that everyone please review your listing in our online directory to make sure that your data -- and photo — is current. If not, please send an email with photo attached to [Aleta](#). Thank you!

A NEW YEAR CALLS FOR A FRESH LOOK – PLANNING FOR YOUR BEST LIFE

Whatever your age, health status, or the amount of your assets, it's essential to make sure that your legal documents are current and reflect your wishes.

Now is an excellent time to take action – create or review your legal and estate planning documents to see if they fulfill your wishes.

What are Estate Planning Documents?

This is a general term that can include your Will, Power of Attorney, Health Care Power of Attorney, Advance Medical Directive (or “Living Will,”) and Revocable Trust.

How to Take a Fresh Look

Review your fiduciaries. Fiduciaries are the Executor under your Will, the individuals you have identified in your Power of Attorney or Health Care Power of Attorney, and the Trustee of your Trust.

Are these individuals still the ones you want managing your estate and making important decisions for you or your beneficiaries? Are you still in close touch with them and do they know and understand your wishes? Do they know where your important documents are kept? Have you named alternates in case they cannot serve?

Ensure your documents still reflect your wishes in case your decisions have changed since you created the documents. You can make necessary changes through a Codicil to your Will or Amendment to your Trust, or you can create new documents.

Make a current list of all your accounts – such as bank accounts or brokerage accounts and store the account lists with your estate planning documents.

Doublecheck that accounts are titled correctly to show account owners accurately. Life circumstances change through marriages, births, deaths, and divorces and your accounts need to reflect what's current.

Recheck the beneficiaries and contingent beneficiaries listed for your accounts, such as your insurance policy or 401(k) plan. You can easily update them by completing a Beneficiary Designation form.

Check that your legal documents give someone control of your digital assets.

Make sure that person knows how to find your list of current passwords.

Online planning resources are available and can be a way to get started, as well as contacting your legal, financial, and estate advisors. If you decide to use an online tool to draft documents, it is very important to have those documents reviewed by an attorney to ensure they both meet your needs and comply with all legal requirements.

Leaving a Future Gift to Immanuel

As you do this important and necessary estate planning work, we hope and pray you will consider leaving a future gift to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill. The Zabriskie Society recognizes



parishioners who have made Immanuel, or one of its trust funds, a beneficiary of their will, insurance policy, financial account, or other planned giving program.

Planned gifts to Immanuel are for all of us to consider. It is not something reserved just for the wealthy. It's a loving and responsible act of hope and faith in Immanuel's future that all of us desire.

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 estate advisors to determine what is best for you.

HAVE A MESSAGE FOR THE PARISH? WE CAN HELP!

Immanuel is a very active parish (even in the midst of current challenges), and we want to make sure everyone is informed about the many opportunities here for worship, education, fellowship, service, and more. To help you publicize your activities and messages in a timely, accurate, and effective way, we have developed a new Communications Request Form.

This is a "one stop shopping" form enabling you to contact all members of Immanuel's communications team at once with your request, so you don't have to send separate messages to the people working on our various vehicles for transmitting information either internally to the parish, or externally to the world. As you may know, Immanuel has a team of communicators who work with clergy, Vestry, and volunteers to draft messages and design appropriate graphics for the website, the Almond Tree monthly newsletter, the weekly e-blasts (Saturday "This Week at Immanuel," Tuesday "Friendly Reminder"), Sunday bulletins, and social media platforms such as our public and private Facebook sites, YouTube, and Twitter account. The [Communications Request Form](#) will automatically go to all members of this team to work out the publicity you need.

The form also lists the deadlines or requirements for submitting your information to Immanuel's publications. For example, articles for the Almond Tree need to be submitted by the 15th of the prior month; information for weekly e-blasts needs to be sent two days in advance of the publication; requests for stand-alone e-blasts to the parish must be vetted with the Rector first.

In the electronic version of this article, you can click here to get the Communications Request Form; otherwise, you can go to www.icoh.net and look for the [Communications Request button](#) under the "Hot Links" on the homepage.

If you have questions for the Communications Team, you can always reach all of us at communications@icoh.net.

We look forward to helping you tell everyone what's going on at Immanuel!

-- Immanuel Communicators



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ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org

[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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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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