

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
January 17, 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: Katherine Maas, Alexis von Schoening, Anna Akins, Kiana Macharia, Jessi MacLeod, Walter Richter, Janet Pawlukiewicz, and Mary Ann Rehnke.

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, Vasili Varfis, Martha Robison, and Mark Roberts.

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: Army Staff Sergeant Anthony Bermudez, and the following police officers: Master Corporal Brian LaVigne, Agent Luis Marrero-Díaz, Agent Eliezer Hernández-Cartagena, Agent Luis Salamán-Conde, and Police Officer Melton "Fox" Gore. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



January 24th @ 11:45a.m.

Forum Hour: *Let's Dream and also Believe*
– *Living into God's Plan for Immanuel*

January 31st @ 11:45a.m.: Annual Parish Meeting via Zoom

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

WITH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

As individuals, we are grateful for all that God has gifted us. And, 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 11, we have received 153 pledges for a pledged amount so far of \$661,263. Thanks to your generosity, more than half of all pledges increased; we received seven new pledges and eight pledges that are reinstated.

If you have not pledged yet as part of our Every Member Pledge campaign, we abound in hope that you will send a brief and confidential email to Immanuel’s Treasurer Tom Hewsonr – thewson@icoh.net Please take a moment to do it now.

You can still return your pledge card through the mail or [pledge online](#) easily. Please take a moment to [make your pledge](#) for 2021 if you have not already taken care of this.

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



Join us this Wednesday at 7p.m. 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.

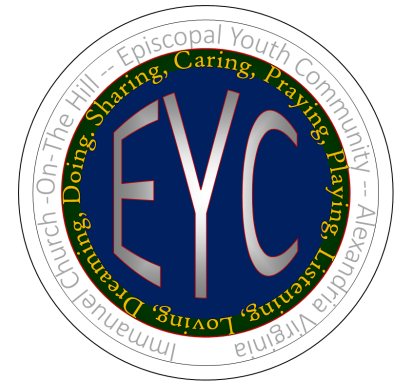
The EYC Bulletin Board

EYC Meeting TODAY @ 7:00p.m.

REMINDER - EYC Meeting @ 7:00p.m via Zoom: The EYC will continue its long pause on Bible Project videos this Sunday as we watch a brief video from one of John and Hank Green's Crash Course series.

This final video to their online World Mythology class, taught by Mike Rugnetta, is about idioms, etymology, and how myths shape the way we communicate and understand. We have talked a lot about explaining and understanding the universe by looking at the stories Christians pass on from generation to generation—this will be a conversation explicitly about why that impacts how we live right now.

Stories shape our ideas and our ability to comprehend the world around us. Stories are how all people think. We'd like our teenagers to be among those who can do so critically. 😊



The EYC invites the parish to a **VALENTINES DAY TRIVIA NIGHT** Sunday, February 14th @7p.m. via Zoom

Look for details and log-on information in your weekly parish email.



CHRIST HOUSE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Six times a year, Immanuelites help Christ House fulfill its Feed the Homeless project — due to the special accommodations needed due to the international health crisis we are now in great need of volunteers. Specifically, **we need help making sandwiches and/or cooking part of a hot meal** — prepared at your home, and help delivering the food to that month's designated team leader. We provide the meal on the 3rd Wednesday of these months: February, April, June, August, October and December.

Interested in helping to feed your fellow Alexandrians in need? Please contact Eileen Monnin-Kirby at edmkirby@gmail.com or Phyllis Sims ppg1020@aol.com. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY FOR EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: Please join us for the service of **Evening Prayer this Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30p.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.

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 (ralexander@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 21st** 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 20th -- watch for your email!

COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for this **Friday Compline January 22nd** 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.

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

CLERGY AND STAFF

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ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org

[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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- The Rev. Dr. William L. Dols
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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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