

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

October 15, 2023

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. Both chapels offer a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels. Give your card to an usher or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

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: Brad Ashton, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Betty Wanamaker, and Francine Wargo.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, David Craig, Justine Claypoole, Jean Couban, The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Cynthia, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joseph Fabian, Cathy Fick, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Bogumil Knypinski, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Marcia MacDonald, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Lysbeth, Jessi Napolitano, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Larry Rhoades, Roger, George Rustigian, Jim Sanford, Brian Tolson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Claudia Reading, Mia Mason, Kristen Moore, Lane Debevoise, Barbara Kirkland, Rufus Peabody, Sujatha Augustine, Brent McCaslin, Phyllis Sims, Alisa Biache, Tricia Calloway, and Hartley Hobson Wensing.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.



Forum Hour *TODAY*:

***“Welcome Back”* : ALL ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:00 A.M., Zabriskie Parish Hall

The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke will guide us through writings of Thomas Merton for the **IMMANUEL ADVENT RETREAT** December 8-10 at Holy Cross Abbey near Berryville, Virginia. The retreat registration form is on the church website at <https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/2023-advent-retreat.html>.

Please register before November 10th.



Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, October 17th, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Evening Eucharist October 18th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

The Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist

Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, October 19th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, October 20th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

UPCOMING SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENT:

October 18 — THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE. Please join us for luncheon and conversation in the Fillmore Room at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be October 18. Please RSVP to Rev. Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

October 26 — FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH with TWO GUEST SPEAKERS

In 2019, Alexandria joined the Dementia Friendly America initiative, a national network of communities, organizations and individuals seeking to ensure that communities across the U.S. are equipped to support people living with dementia and their caregivers. Dementia friendly communities foster the ability of people living with dementia to remain in community and engage and thrive in day to day living.

Pamela Austin, Aging & Disability Resource Coordinator for the City of Alexandria and Mary Lee Anderson, Executive Director of Senior Services of Alexandria will be joining us to talk about what it means for Alexandria to be a dementia friendly city, what it might mean for Immanuel to be a dementia friendly parish, and what it means for us as individuals to be dementia friends.

Luncheon will begin at 12:15pm in the parish hall and our program will start around 12:30. Don't forget to bring your own sandwich or salad and Senior Ministry will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY OCTOBER 21st @ 8:00 AM Held

Online via Zoom: Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, October 21st, the THIRD Saturday of the month. We will meet via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our theme this year is *Freedom*; this month we will read **Psalm 146 “How blessed is he who has...God to help him...God sets prisoners free”** using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913



Sunday School Teachers **NEEDED**



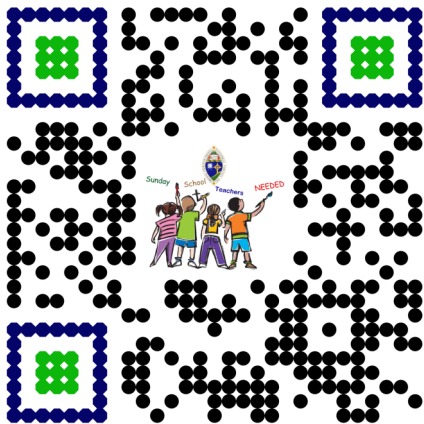
Call for Sunday School Teachers!

Join Immanuel's Christian Formation crew-teach Sunday School!

Our first season of **Sunday School** will run **November 5th - December 10th** during formation hour at **10 AM**.
**No Sunday School November 26*

The hope is that we would have enough volunteers so each instructor would be scheduled once a month to teach and once a month to support. Invite a friend to team up with you—simply complete the form online by scanning — and sharing — **the QR code below**, or find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab and click on the [Volunteer for Sunday School](#) graphic below.

Any questions, please contact Rev. Sarah at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net



Volunteer for
**Children &
Family Ministry**
Sunday School

Just scroll to the bottom of the form.

Sunday School Volunteers





EYC Guided Ghost Tour of Old Town

Sunday, October 29, 6 p.m. - for our 6th-12th graders

(No School for Alexandria City Schools on Monday, October 30)

Join us on the evening of Sunday, October 29th Our Guided Ghost Tour of Old Town Alexandria! The tour begins at 6:00 p.m. at Market Square -- where we'll meet up with youth groups from Christ Church, Grace, St. Paul's and Emmanuel Episcopal! The tour ends with our Episcopal Halloween Liturgy in the Christ Church Graveyard by 8:00 p.m.

 **DROP-OFF:** We'll meet at the bus-unloading zone on King Street in front of City Hall, 301 King Street. No pets please.

 **PICK-UP:** Christ Church Graveyard at 8 p.m.

Any questions? Email Rev. Sarah at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net

Please **scan the QR code below to register online** or find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab and [click the ghost graphic above](#).



Scan to Register

Immanuel Outreach and the PUMPKIN PATCH'S 30TH YEAR

Fall at Immanuel is synonymous with the Pumpkin Patch, now in our 30th year. No other activity in the Parish involves so many people contributing so much effort in so many ways. Pumpkin proceeds show our love and care for our neighbors – in 2022 alone **we supported 14 local Alexandria charities, 5 regional, and 6 international charities**. Included were local grants to ALIVE!, Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, Culmore Clinic, and Refugee Ministries. Pumpkin funds help the homeless, restore dignity to offenders, and support school children in Haiti. Since the year 2000, when we first started keeping detailed records, we have raised \$1,225,473 from the Pumpkin Patch, all of which has gone to Outreach.



We are halfway through the month and pumpkin sales are picking up — especially the **soup sales!** The last two trucks arrive October 21st. We have faith our loving Parish will show up and help unload pumpkins. We have faith our wonderful bakers and soup makers and knitters will keep the Pumpkin Patch supplied with the tastes and feel of autumn – 100 % of food sales go to Outreach. We will have Apple Crisps! **We can't do this without you!**

Please commit to two or three sales shifts. Shifts are 3 hours each—we close every day at 6pm – it's still light outside. Please volunteer for sales shifts by finding this bulletin on our website www.ICOH.net and selecting “Worship Service Bulletins” under the “Worship” tab. Once on the worship bulletins page, simply click the orange “Volunteer for the Patch” button pictured below.

[Volunteer for the Patch](#)

Come Visit or Join Immanuel's Social Justice Committee: All are welcome to join, or simply visit, the parish social justice committee meeting the fourth Tuesday of most months, usually via Zoom and sometimes in person. So far we have organized a range of events and sessions on racial history and reconciliation, incarceration, and other topics; partnered with various other churches and synagogues on these activities as well as on voter registration; and provided support to people in prison or coming out of jail or prison as well as educating ourselves and talking to Virginia legislators about the national Episcopal church's positions on solitary confinement. We would love for you to visit us or join us. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 24th from 7:30-9:00 PM at this link. (Meeting ID: 867 4727 3557 Passcode: 872377) Please direct any questions or comments to Kathryn Jackson Haskin or David Atwood. Thank you.

*If you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life, Join the **BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY** via Zoom*

If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. **Join us October 17th** — we meet (virtually) twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7-8 pm.

Our Benedictine Community gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material and the ancient traditions and wisdom of Benedictine practice and prayer. As a community, we reflect on how the tenets of St. Benedict, such as humility, silence, and prayer, can guide us in practical ways in our spiritual lives and our day to day endeavors. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book. We are currently reading Bonnie Thurston's *Shaped by the End You Live For*. We focus on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book.

With half or more of our current members residing outside of the area, we use Zoom for our meetings; however, if you are not comfortable with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call us and participate by voice-only via the telephone. On rare occasions we host hybrid meetings using Zoom with simultaneous gathering in-person in the parish hall.

For more information, please contact Dana Hengst (dana.hengst@gmail.com), Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com) or David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com).



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN! ages 5-12, grades K-6

Our first day of Sunday School will be November 5th after the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist at Zabriskie Chapel. Please register your child using the Google Form in our weekly e-blast or on our website — look for the carousel of rotating images on the homepage and click on slide “[Immanuel Sunday School Registration](#)” pictured at right, or scan the QR code at left with your cell phone. We can't wait to begin!



Jazz Concert to Benefit INOVA Alexandria Hospital’s Pastoral Care Program, October 26th at The Lyceum Museum: In keeping with years of tradition, on October 26, 2023, the Board of Lady Managers will host a Jazz Concert fundraiser — featuring **Becky Livas** — from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Lyceum Museum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA. All proceeds from the concert will go toward two goals: (1) funding a **Brevera Breast Biopsy System**, and (2) expanding **INOVA Alexandria Hospital’s Pastoral Care Program**.

Please join us in continuing this tradition of caring for the health of our Alexandria community. The cost of \$75/person and any donation of \$100 or more is designated as a Supporter. We hope that you will work with us to advance INOVA Alexandria’s extraordinary contributions to our community’s health and welfare.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact **Barbara Ramsdell** or board President, Barbara Wells, at bawells@verizon.net. Thank you for your support.

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: OCTOBER –NOVEMBER 2023 Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services ONLINE via Our New SignUp Genius Button



Would you like to serve as a lay minister? If so, please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and clicking on the red button at left.

If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (ext. #206), or via email at asoos@icoh.net. Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

IMMANUEL’S SECOND ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 19TH—SAVE THE DATE!

We are partnering with Inova Hospital for the second time to host a blood drive on Sunday, November 19, from noon to 4pm in the Zabriskie parking lot. Please express your interest by filling out your name, email, and phone number in this form, or by contacting Katherine Maas at katherinemaas@gmail.com.

Blood drives are a meaningful way to help our community—one in seven people entering the hospital need blood and a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. The blood from our drive will likely be used within 48 hours after it ends. Please see recently updated eligibility guidance on Inova's site here and on the FDA's site here. If you are not eligible to donate, please consider volunteering at the registration table—even helping out for an hour would help! If you are considering donating for the first time, Inova has some helpful information here. Please contact Katherine with any questions or to express interest in volunteering. Thank you!!



CLERGY AND STAFF

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 Mollie Lambert Outreach
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 Julie Bruns Pastoral Care
 David Atwood Social Justice
 Taylor Houck Communications
 Caroline Bergmark Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Caroline Bergmark and Taylor Houck Fellowship
 Sydney Onley Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 9:00 a.m. 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
[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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