

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### November 26, 2023

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

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Lisa Frye, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Debbie Hewson, 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, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, David Craig, Justine Claypoole, Jean Couban, Cynthia, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joseph Fabian, Cathy Fick, Gerald, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, 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, Brian Tolson, Graham Tomlinson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Anne Ross, Alexander Temoshok, Greta Arnold, Marlene Baxley-Cadmen, Chris von Schoening, Billy Bertles, Kes Shallbetter, Lani Brown, Robert Huffman, Adam Donahue, Lisa Frye, Mercedes Wintersburgess, and Lisa Clausen.

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

**Those who have died:** Victims of the following mass shootings: Willoughby, OH, Laura Colón, Thomas Galizia, and Terrance Mathis Sr.; Memphis, TN, Lateisha Bobo, Tawanda Christian, Tori Christian, and Ruby Manuel, and the Westcliffe, CO shooting. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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Lay Reader Training

### **Lector Training is *Cancelled for Today*, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

Lay reader training will resume on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in Immanuel Chapel. The purpose of this review is to enhance sound quality of the service and to make sure readers are comfortable, announce, and are prepared to serve. Those who have read before but want pointers on how to project their specific voice in a slightly echo-y spacious chapel, should feel free to join us.

Send your questions and/or express your interest via email at [tmartin@icoh.net](mailto:tmartin@icoh.net), and Tamika Martin or Steven Denlinger will contact you directly. You can also sign up via the QR code at left.

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer @ 10:00, Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
***The Feast of Saint Andrew***  
**November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel**

Bible Study "***The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah***", Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m.  
online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

### Have you made your 2024 pledge? ***THERE'S STILL TIME, JUST GO ONLINE!*** Immanuel's Every Member Pledge campaign

Immanuel's Every Member Pledge Campaign is ongoing, and we need to learn your personal financial commitment before December 31<sup>st</sup>.



Your financial pledge is vital to maintain and grow this parish, its ministries, and outreach initiatives — without it, Immanuel's vestry can't prepare an accurate financial plan and budget for the coming fiscal year

Together, we make a difference by giving back to God from the gifts that God has first given us.

You may use the QR code at left or ask an usher for a pledge card to complete your pledge, and prayerfully and intentionally give thanks for God's many gifts to you. This is your opportunity to give back to God from all you have been given.

## EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2023

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services ***Through Advent*** ONLINE via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**

**Sign-up to Serve on Sundays**  
**Lay Ministry**  
**SignUp Genius**

Advent is here, so won't you consider serving as a lay minister? If so, please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, **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](http://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](mailto:asoos@icoh.net). Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net) or indicate so in the comments box under your name on the online form. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS GREENS, FLOWERS**  
and  
**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC DEDICATIONS**

This Christmas season you are invited to make a donation to help offset the cost of our Christmas greens and flowers, and/or the special music at our Christmas Eucharists. To make a memorial or thanksgiving donation for a loved one, or to make a thanksgiving dedication for some blessing, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms box in the narthex. Names will be printed in our Christmas bulletins for all donations received **by noon on MONDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to [DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET](mailto:DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET). Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



**GREENS/FLOWERS:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC: GENERAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



**Christmas Brass Trio at Immanuel**

*Please indicate your special gift below with a checkmark.*

Strings **SPONSOR \$100**

Strings **PATRON \$200**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FORUM HOUR: *Christ Church Refugee Ministry***  
**with Guest Speaker *Melanie Gray***  
**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall**

Join us for a special forum hour next week where **guest speaker Melanie Gray**, director of Mission and Outreach at Christ Church, will describe the Refugee Ministry's work with some 45 families, mostly from Afghanistan, and the challenges it faces following the United States' withdrawal from that country. Some of these families have recently entered the U.S. through our southern border, a reflection of the desperate challenges they face.


Immanuel is a major supporter of this ministry through our Outreach program, and Melanie is a former member of our parish who now lives in Fredericksburg — Julie Bruns, Linda Serabian and Pierre Shostal are volunteers with this ministry.




***Immanuel's Harvest Dinner***  
**Saturday, December 2nd, 6-8:30 p.m.**

Your personal invitation postcard was mailed on Friday, so make sure to reserve your ticket(s) for **Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill's Harvest Dinner**. Costs are the same as last year: \$36 per adult, \$12 per child between 5 and 12 years of age (children under 5 are free), and a family cap of \$84 regardless of size.

Here's how to RSVP:

 Fill-out and drop off the postcard mailer with your check at church.

 Scan the QR code at right



**Advent/Epiphany Service Schedule**

Beginning Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>, Lessons and Carols, Immanuel will *temporarily* return to a two-service worship schedule. Through the end of January, we will have two Eucharists each Sunday, and our 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist will return on February 4, 2024.

**Sunday Worship Schedule: December 17, 2023 - January 28, 2024**

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**  
**November/ December 2023**

**November 28: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH**

Please join us for lunch on Tuesday, November 28, in the parish hall. We will be joined by our **Assistant Rector, the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs**. Rev. Sarah's portfolio includes Children, Youth and Families and she will be sharing with us how we are continuing to develop our programs for these precious parishioners as we rebuild activities following the pandemic. Let's talk and share ideas about how we senior adults can support the youth of our parish and in our families in their faith development.

Luncheon will begin at 12:15p.m in the parish hall and our program will start around 12:30p.m. 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.

**TWO Luncheons in ONE WEEK**

There will be two luncheons in December. **Come to either or come to both!**

**DECEMBER 18: HOLIDAY HYMN AND CAROL SING, ZABRISKIE CHAPEL**

Join us Tuesday, December 18th at 12:15 for a festive Christmas luncheon in the Parish Hall. Don't bring a brown bag for this one. After luncheon we will adjourn to the Chapel for a hymn/carol sing, with Dr. Jane Tavernier at the organ and fellow senior Rick Glassco with his bell chimes. **Please RSVP to Karen Besser at [Karen.Besser@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.Besser@gmail.com)**, so that there will be plenty of food and yummy desserts.

**DECEMBER 19: GOODWIN HOUSE LUNCHEON**

Join us at Goodwin House-Alexandria for lunch on Wednesday, December 19th. **Please RSVP to Susan Kernan [skernan40@aol.com](mailto:skernan40@aol.com) or the Rev. Susan Parsons [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net).**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**EYC Shrine Mont Weekend! January 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**

The EYC has reserved the Saint Andrews House at Shrine Mont during The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend, January 12–15<sup>th</sup> for a fun youth program of skiing, tubing, and fellowship. We'll also offer hiking, relaxation, games, puzzles and more.

Episcopal Youth Community youths (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders) and families (depending on space availability) are welcome to join us for all three nights, come for one or two days, or just visit for the day.

For all interested in this trip, please scan the QR code at right to register or contact Brian Rush at [james.b.rush2@uscg.mil](mailto:james.b.rush2@uscg.mil).

Scan to Register





## CHRISTMAS FAMILIES Update

*A good start, but we still have a way to go*

The table below shows the families referred to us from Alexandria’s Community and Human Services, but there are still more to come from DCHS, the Lazarus Ministry (Episcopal Region IV) and New Hope Housing:

	Families	Parents	Children	All people
On our list from DCHS	90	107	203	310
Signed up for	26	31	54	85
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>225</b>

So we hope for many more sign-ups until December 10, before or after each service, in the Zabriskie Narthex in between. Large families are divided; you can sign up for part of a family or perhaps team up with another parishioner to take a whole large family.

It is a great experience for children to help select gifts for their less fortunate peers.

As a reminder, used bicycles in any shape are also welcome. Take to:

Vélocity Bicycle Cooperative (<https://velocitycoop.org/donate-stuff/>),  
 2111 Mt Vernon Avenue  
 Alexandria, VA  
**Open Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m... or bring to church any time.**

Good used items will find a new life: computers for eager fingers and minds and toys and children’s books, calendars you receive in the mail, and gently used clothing and blankets (for children and adults), especially warm winter coats and clothes to wear to a new-found job. You can include good used items unwrapped with your gifts or just bring them to church (please label packages of clothing as to kind and size) to be displayed at our boutique at Human Services where social workers can pick them up for their client families.

The boutique could use volunteers to help with shop setup on Monday, December 18 in the morning — let Linda Serabian know if you can help.

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 Linda Serabian <[serabian@somaarchitects.com](mailto:serabian@somaarchitects.com)>

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**CLERGY AND STAFF**

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) ..... Rector  
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**THE VESTRY**

Kristi Kubista-Hovis ..... Senior Warden  
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 Peter Kent ..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 Amy Thomas ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship  
 Brad Ashton ..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
 Mollie Lambert ..... Outreach  
 Kathy Lloyd ..... Senior Ministry  
 Kristi Kubista-Hovis and Kathy Lloyd ..... Children Youth and Family Ministries  
 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](http://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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