

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### December 10, 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:** Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, and Francine Wargo.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Alice, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, 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, Zuzanna Knypinski Wise, and Richard Zitelli.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Annie Goldsmith, Liam Kirby, Rhys Shallbetter, Anthony Burke, Rick Glassco, Jamie Conrad, Christopher DeMulder, Celest Rush, Sydney Onley, Jim Snow, Katherine Warlick, Candy Levin, and Susan Stockton.

**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:** Kathleen Alwes, mother-in-law of Dorothy Kellogg's close friend; Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor; victims of the Austin/San Antonio, TX shootings; and victims of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas shooting. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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## EYC Breakfast TODAY: 10:00 a.m., The Fairchild Room

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### Godly Play—schedule changes in December-January 2023

- ☆ NO GODLY PLAY December 17-January 7<sup>th</sup>
- ☆ We will have Godly Play at 9 a.m. in Zabriskie Chapel today
- ☆ There will be no Godly Play on December 31<sup>st</sup>, or on January 7<sup>th</sup> — the day of our *Children's Epiphany Pageant, 10:30 a.m., Immanuel Chapel.*
- ☆ On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> we will have Godly Play at 10:30 a.m. in Immanuel Chapel (Octagon Room).
- ☆ On February 4<sup>th</sup> we will return to our normal schedule, and Godly Play will move back to the Worship Center at 9 a.m.

Questions? Contact Sarah Glassco at [glasscos@gmail.com](mailto:glasscos@gmail.com).

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer @ 10:00, Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II  
December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel**

Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m.  
online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, December 15<sup>th</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. (As of Thursday, received 112 pledges totaling \$525.21 — **including 10 new pledgers.**)

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.



**MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom:** Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 **1 Peter 2: 13-21** “*Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil...*” using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com).

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

## Advent/Epiphany Service Schedule

Beginning next 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.

December 17	8:00 a.m.	Gaudete Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Lessons and Carols</i> and Holy Eucharist Rite II Ingathering, Blessing of the Christmas Families' Gifts	Immanuel Chapel
December 24	10:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent with Holy Eucharist Rite II	
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass</i>	Immanuel Chapel
	9:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass</i>	
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist with Organ and Carols	Zabriskie Chapel
December 31	8:00 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas with Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas with Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
January 7, 2024	8:00 a.m.	The First Sunday After Epiphany with Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Epiphany Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel



### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS: TWO Luncheons in ONE WEEK

We're hosting two luncheons this month. **Come to either or come to both!**

#### DECEMBER 19: CHRISTMAS HYMN AND CAROL SING, ZABRISKIE CHAPEL

Join us Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 P.M. 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 20: GOODWIN HOUSE LUNCHEON:** Join us at Goodwin House-Alexandria for lunch on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at noon. **Please RSVP to Susan Kernan [skernan40@aol.com](mailto:skernan40@aol.com) or the Rev. Susan Parsons [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net).**

### EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: **DECEMBER 2023 - JANUARY 2024**

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



Would consider serving 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](http://www.ICOH.net) and clicking on the red button at left. ***We especially need people to serve during Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.***

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 [asoo@icoh.net](mailto:asoo@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 FAMILIES UPDATE 3 and last call for sign-ups

## *We still have a way to go*

This table shows the families referred to us by Community and Human Services (including five families added recently), the Lazarus Ministry (Episcopal Region IV), and New Hope Housing :



	Families	Parents	Children	All people
On our list from DCHS	95	114	214	328
Signed up for	42	48	85	133
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>195</b>



Keep in mind that we are still expecting referrals, especially at the last minute. **We really need more sign-ups today before or after each service** so that the special collection next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, can be used for additional families. Remember, large families are divided; **you can sign up for part of a family** or perhaps team up with another parishioner to take on an entire 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. **Vélocity provides beautifully refurbished bikes for many of the children on our list.**

**Good used items will find a new life: computers, toys, children's books, calendars, gently used clothing, blankets (for children and adults), warm winter coats, and clothes for parents 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.

**NEW: The boutique still needs helpers.** John Bednar volunteered to coordinate the work for this two-to-three-person job. Setting up the Boutique involves unpacking and sorting all the used items contributed, laying them out on a table, and hanging up clothes sorted by gender and size. Volunteers are needed on Monday, December 18th, 9 am to 12 pm at the new site of Social Services in the Mark Center. Contact John to let him know if you can help at [john.Bednar.siltrunner@gmail.com](mailto:john.Bednar.siltrunner@gmail.com).

Next Sunday's *Ingathering and Blessings of the Gifts* proves to be a very special day in our life as a parish year after year. We will praise God and lift our own spirits as we lift our voices in the glorious singing of *Advent Lessons and Carols*. The blessing of the gifts with which we bring the good news of Christmas perfectly illustrates the unity of inreach and outreach as inseparable parts of the Christian faith. At the forum hour we will show the same spirit in the wrapping of the gifts for children who were not "adopted", always an event of both great purpose in outreach and of great fellowship. See you all there.

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**Register TODAY for Lector Training:** We host brief Lector Training sessions each Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in Immanuel Chapel. The purpose 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.

Lay Reader Training

**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



Forum Hour at Seminary Welcome Center 11:45 AM, Sunday January 14

***Family History: Living the Civil Rights Era, with Bryant Mitchell***

Please join us on January 14, right after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, in The Welcome Center, for an interview with longtime parishioner Bryant Mitchell, whose civil rights experience began as a child plaintiff in a desegregation lawsuit in Charlottesville, and whose parents -- long associated with the Seminary and with Immanuel -- were actively engaged in civil rights activism, bearing witness and having impact across and beyond the State of Virginia.

***Come Join Us, and Pray for Us as Immanuel's Social Justice Committee***  
travels to Richmond on January 17, 2024 to

**Ask The General Assembly to LIMIT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT in Virginia**

Jesus calls on us to care for those in prison. For a number of years, we have been doing just that through Outreach support to groups like Offender Aid and Restoration, Samaritan Ministry, and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy. Last year, the Social Justice Committee consulted extensively with the Alexandria Sheriff, the Commonwealth's Attorney, a public defender and Immanuel's Outreach partners to see what more decisive action we could take on this issue. Based on that consultation, the Vestry encouraged us to engage with Virginia's legislature to prohibit solitary confinement for more than two weeks, something the national Episcopal Church and many other denominations have formally condemned as a form of torture. Over the course of 2023, we joined with the Interfaith Center and many houses of worship throughout the State, and our efforts produced two of the most bipartisan pieces of legislation to emerge from the General Assembly this year. The legislation didn't put a time limit on solitary confinement, but the first bill created several procedural safeguards, and the second bill funded an Ombudsman's office to oversee the Department of Corrections' compliance with those safeguards.

We are going to Richmond again on January 17 to get the office of the Ombudsman formally authorized, and to see what other improvements we might be able to make on this issue. Please consider joining us in Richmond for a day of criminal justice dialogue and visits with our state representatives. Once again we've chartered a very comfortable bus, which will depart the Immanuel parking lot at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, January 17 and return that evening. Please contact [Kathryn Haskin](#), [Jamie Conrad](#), or [David Atwood](#).

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

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

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[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

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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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