

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
December 11, 2022

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. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a pew card — located in display stands at both entrances of the chapel — and give it 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: Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Tony, Daphne, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Rita, Betty Wanamaker, Edith, Joseph, Linda and Cy Murphy, John and Louisa Smucker, Ann MacNamara, the Sara Fein family, Norma Taliaferro, Jim Wise, and Margaret Stockton.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ryan, John, McQuade Milligan, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, the Rev. Rosa Harper, John Corbett, Joseph Fabian, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Lisle Wade, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, James Henry, Connie Smith; and Salih, Zeyneb, and Elif Sayilgan.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Rhys Shallbetter, Betty Wanamaker, Anthony Burke, Rick Glassco, Jamie Conrad, Christopher DeMulder, Sydney Onley, Jim Snow, Katherine Warlick, Candy Levin, Susan Stockton, Asna Amiri, and Tiffany McCaslin.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.

Those who we recently learned have died: David Corkern, brother of Wilton Corkern; Maryem Sayilgan, daughter of Dr. Zeyneb Sayilgan, affiliated faculty member at VTS, and her husband Dr. Salih Sayilgan. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

GRACE AND GRATITUDE NOTE from Nancy and Jim Wise:

You may have noticed that our daughter-in-law Zuzanna Wise has been on the prayer list for many months due to a challenging pregnancy. On November 26, we welcomed Ofelia Alexandra Wise to our family, weighing in at 6 lbs., 3 oz., and 19 inches long.

We can't thank you enough for all of the prayers, love, and support you provided. As Zuzanna likes to say, we love you all -- thanks for loving us back!



Announcements

Christmas Families Ingathering

TODAY, DECEMBER 11 Sun. Services at 8 and 10:30: **Ingathering and blessing of gifts, Special Collection:** During the offering, you are invited to bring the gifts for your "adopted" family to the Altar.

After the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, some volunteers are needed to take the gifts from the Altar and any good used items that were brought to the service and load them into the truck that will take them to the Department of Community and Human Services on Monday morning.

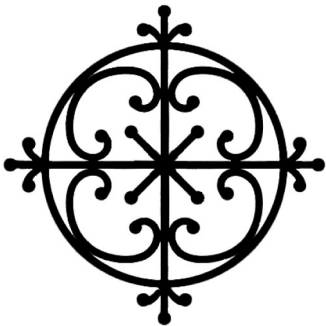
Starting after the 8 a.m. service until 3 p.m., Parish Hall. **Wrapping and sorting gifts, Ingathering of good used items** (clothing, especially warm coats, toys, books, bicycles). **This needs many volunteers.** Please come at 9 a.m, leave to enjoy Lessons and Carols. If you can, come back wrap and sort some more. Starting between 2 and 3 p.m, all bags need to be loaded into the truck that will take things to Human Services on Monday morning. We will get in some pizza as needed.

DECEMBER 12 Mon. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m: Unloading the truck at Human Services (2525 Mt. Vernon Avenue, side entrance on Mt Ida Ave). Checking and arranging bags for the social workers. Just for information. There are enough volunteers for these tasks.

Any time you can give helps.

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Virginia Theological Seminary Cordially Invites you to

the **Service of Lessons & Carols**

with Presentation of the **Dean's Cross for Servant Leadership**

Sunday, December 11, 2022 Service, 4:30 p.m., Immanuel Chapel

Weekday Worship Opportunities

MORNING PRAYER @ 10 A.M., Zabriskie Chapel : All are invited to join Immanuel staff and clergy for Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in Zabriskie Chapel. This quiet, contemplative service typically lasts thirty minutes and offers each worshipper a chance to lift a person, cause, or concern in prayer while learning about any saints of the Church is commemorating.

Wednesday, December 14th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Evening Compline, Friday, December 16th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY, December 11th

For forty years a strong and faithful commitment of bringing the good news of Christmas in a very tangible form that manifests God's inclusive love for all and raises hope has been woven into the fabric of Immanuel. Christmas Families has evolved into a multi-pronged program of several activities all serving one purpose: To bring Christ's transformative and comforting presence into the world, letting God's people know that somebody cares through giving toys and science kits and books to learn and grow with.

First, parishioners sign up to provide toys for a family in need. The families are referred to us by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services and by the New Hope Housing organization that resettles families after a shelter stay, for a total of 79 families with 210 children and 90 parents. 32 parish families, 2 families from the Beverly Hills neighborhood responding to Dorothy Kellogg's posting on their email listserv, and the Valley Drive Cooperative Preschool signed up for 41 families (94 children, 40 parents), leaving 116 children and 50 parents. And we are still expecting about 10 referrals from the Lazarus Refugee Ministry administered by Christ Church (Melanie Gray) for Region IV. (When all other lists are closed, we are still spreading God's love.) The Christmas Families team, acting for the whole parish, buys gifts for the families who are not "adopted", to be wrapped and sorted in the Parish Hall this morning and afternoon.

But there is much more. Books are so important. Connie Kurz, Laura Snow, and crew assigned books to all the families referred to us, about 600 books in all. In addition, a selection of books goes to the Community Lodgings after-school programs. And we give to each of the 140 children in the CFNC (Child and Family Network Centers) free preschools one copy of Anno's Counting Book and one of 500 Words / 500 Palabras (small format paperback, for each word a picture and text in English and Spanish).

In our long-standing collaboration with the Lazarus Refugee Ministry we provided 240 fleece blankets for children to cuddle with. (Christ Church raised over \$30,000 to provide substantial gift cards to Target and Giant for each family).

In a joint effort of Christmas Families and our expanded social justice and criminal justice ministry, we support the Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR, <https://www.oaronline.org/>) with their Project Winter Cheer for gift cards to children of incarcerated people, with \$1,500.

We cannot do all of this on a dime. **Please be generous TODAY!** Checks can be made out to Immanuel, marked "XFAM", in the collection plate or sent to the office.

The Christmas Families team makes each dollar go far. Linda got the fleece blankets for just under \$10, regular \$26.99. These purchases earned \$500 in Kohl's cash for more baby and other toys. Every year, Connie and Laura make a 3-hour trip to the Green Valley Book Fair to buy good books at a steep discount. Anno's Counting Book and 500 Words are staples in our book ministry. Every three years or so we buy 500 copies of each, the minimum to get a 50% discount from the publisher. Whenever we find an exceptional bargain, we buy enough for two or three years. Laura Snow, Candy Levin, and Brooke Roberts make beautiful outfits for purchased dolls. Others restore used bicycles. Linda worked with the VéloCity Bike Cooperative who provided 27 restored bicycles. So many people contribute their talents to spreading God's love.

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Wednesday, December 14 @ 6:30 PM: EYC Watches "Elf" and Eats Junk Food

The Grinch isn't the only important story at Christmas... Elf is also super important. Teenagers should come watch Elf, eat junk food, and generally reflect on how the parts of Christmas that are represented in stories like Elf are actually not the parts of Christmas that are about Jesus.

NOTE: This event is one that will happen IF people sign up to attend. We're looking for two adult coordinators (which means only showing up, playing a DVD, and possibly bringing some junk food), and some idea of who is coming! If there aren't enough people to justify it, or if there are no adults attending, we'll reach out to those who did sign up on the 13th after Staff Meeting to cancel!

[EYC Activities/Advent SignUp Genius](#)

NEEDED: SHEEP, ANGELS, COWS, SHEPHERDS, WISE PEOPLE, ELIZABETH, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Immanuel's annual Christmas Pageant returns on Sunday, December 18th, beginning at 5:30 p.m, and we need to fill our tableau! Kids of all ages are invited to participate in this special Sunday night service at Immanuel Chapel, which will include a Eucharist, and all parishioners are invited to join us for the service. We will have a cookie reception following the Pageant!

Ready to sign up now? Send an email to Kathryn Jackson Haskin at Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com with your children's names and ages.

Costumes will be available before the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist on December 11th and the day of the pageant, and we will have one rehearsal for readers/speaking roles before the 18th. For all other participants, just show up by 4:00 p.m. on December 18th at Immanuel Chapel, and we'll make it work!

If you're interested in helping to organize the pageant or the reception afterwards, please contact Kathryn Jackson Haskin (Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Bible Study, Thursday, December 15th @ 10:30 a.m. CONNECTING THE GREAT PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND REVELATION

No prior participation is necessary; ALL are invited to join in the Bible study on Thursday mornings from 10:30 - noon by Zoom. Come and see! If viewing this on our website, please click the blue text "[Join Bible Study of the Book of Revelations and Daniel via Zoom](#)".

Saturday, December 17 @ 8:00 AM: MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY by Zoom

Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study will be November 19, the third Saturday. 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 *Gratitude*; this month we will read **Ephesians 4:1-6**, 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

MEALS ON WHEELS (MOW) UPDATE

Now that the pandemic has subsided, just to let you know the Immanuel MOW ministry has been up and running for the past 3 months. We are in need of additional volunteers as some of our veterans have left the rolls of drivers and deliverers. The mission of MOW is simple, to deliver wholesome meals to seniors and other homebound folks in Alexandria who are otherwise unable to venture out and shop or are resource-limited. The effort is sponsored by the Senior Services Center of Alexandria; the meals are provided by Jeffrey's Catering on Wheeler Avenue. This ministry requires 2 hours a month; Immanuel participates on the third Friday of every month. Typically, MOW Teams consist of a driver and a deliverer. If you are interested, please contact Doug Henry at ddhenry1@gmail.com or capture his attention after church.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 12/20 at noon

**Festive lunch and carol sing
with Dr. Jane Tavernier at the Parish Hall**



There is no cost for this activity, but reservations are required. Call or email Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com or call the parish office at (703) 370-6555 and press “9” to leave your reservation via voicemail.

Wednesday 12/21 at noon

**Goodwin House lunch and carol sing
with members of the Immanuel choir**

Benedictine Community Meeting, Tuesday, December 20th @ 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall and online via Zoom

If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We currently meet twice a month: virtually on the 1st Tuesday online via Zoom, and host a **hybrid meeting in the Parish Hall (and online) on the 3rd Tuesday** — both days we meet from 7-8 pm.

The Community reflects on the tenets of St. Benedict such as humility, silence, and prayer. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book, currently ***Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God***, by Rachel Srubas.

As a Benedictine Community, we gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from a few pages from selected reading material. If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following: Dana Hengst (Dana.Hengst@gmail.com)

Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com)

David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com).



We are off to a good start in collecting commitments in our Every Member Pledge Campaign. If you have not yet pledged you may do so easily through a number of options:

- 1) dropping your pledge card in the offering plate,
- 2) mailing it back to the office,
- 3) pledging online through our website, or
- 4) contacting our Treasurer, Tom Hewson, at 703.370.6555 ext. 208, or thewson@icoh.net.

As of December 8th, we have 95 pledges totaling \$506,392.

In this season of thanksgiving, may we be eager to return a measure of the gifts with which we have been blessed towards God’s service and for the life and ministry of our beloved Church.

SEEKING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the end of January, when we will elect new Vestry members to begin three-year terms. If you are interested in discussing what Vestry service at Immanuel entails, or if you are feeling called to stand, please contact Father Randy at ralexander@icoh.net, or Senior Warden Darrell Wilson at dlwilson729@gmail.com.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE AT IMMANUEL



2022

December 18	5:30 p.m.	Children’s Christmas Pageant	Immanuel Chapel
December 21	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Caroling, followed by refreshments at VTS	Seminary Hill Neighborhood
	5:00 p.m.	Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass	Immanuel Chapel <i>(and livestreamed via YouTube)</i>
December 24	10:30 p.m.	Midnight Mass Rite II with Brass	Immanuel Chapel
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel

2023

January 1	11:00 a.m.	The Feast of the Holy Name Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel
January 8	8:00 a.m.	The Feast of the Epiphany <i>(transferred)</i> Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	The Feast of the Epiphany <i>(transferred)</i> Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Immanuel Chapel <i>(and livestreamed via YouTube)</i>

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 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to **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 Quartet at Immanuel

Please indicate your special gift below with a checkmark .

Brass **SPONSOR \$100**

Brass **PATRON \$200**

Given by:

Phone Number: () _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____



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CLERGY AND STAFF

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 David Atwood Adult Formation and Discipleship, Social Justice
 Brad Ashton..... Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Mollie Lambert..... Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd..... Senior Ministry
 Brooke Roberts..... Communications
 Phyllis Sims Evangelism and New Members
 Julie Bruns Pastoral Care
 Gabriella Young-Smith Youth Representative (nonvoting member)

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

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 a.m. Children’s Chapel, Side Oratory Chapel
 inside of Immanuel Chapel

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](#)

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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