

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
February 21, 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, Aggie Fortune, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Ann MacNamara, Tony, Mary Bruce Corkern, and Dick Hobson.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: William Latimer, Elly Parks, Kenneth Ross, Edward Burkhalter, Denise Freeland, John Walker, Teddy Yates, John Bednar, Susan Cavanaugh, Sarah Clement, Thomas Hussey, Sarah Kell, Kathy Lloyd, Spencer Wise, Harrison Clark, Jan Campbell, Betsy DeMulder, Mike Walker, and Susan Wiard.

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, Kevin Lancaster, Jennifer Ashline, Bill Ennis, Norma MacLean, Frank, Perry, Paul Casey, John and Alycia, Sue Rehnke, Marjean Smith, Andy MacLeod, Deacon Linda Murphy, Ben Hoge, Don Gobble; Judith Simpson, and The Simpson Family, David Kuck, Adele Barker, Martha Robison, Karl Kadish, and Tamara.

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: Doug Payne, husband of Eloise Payne; Betty Hoover; Police Officer Mitchell Penton, and Deputy Sheriff Michael Magli. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

New Lenten Study Series Begins Online via YouTube

For this first Sunday in Lent, visit [Immanuel's YouTube Channel](#) at your leisure to view *Feasting and Fasting*, a video exploration of building intentional rhythms in life — the typical practice of setting aside good things with the intention of picking them back up at a later date, and celebrating.



Announcements



LENTEN FORUM HOUR SERIES CONTINUES: *LIVE NEXT SUNDAY*

Let's enjoy a new take on the traditional Lenten subject of fasting, and examine it in several forms. We hope you will set aside some time at 11:45 a.m. on Sundays after Eucharist, to reflect on all the different things it means to fast or go without.

To participate, simply use the same Zoom link as our coffee hour (see details below).

February 28th - FASTING AT IMMANUEL: Led by the Rector, we'll examine times in this community where we've experienced personal and corporate fasting, and how members of our church family have discovered something meaningful by intentionally disrupting their own everyday patterns.

March 14th - SANCTIFICATION: A conversation explicitly about the effects of removing or pausing something harmful or negative from your life. What would it mean to turn away from items and practices that you believe cause you harm, and turn towards only those things that contribute to your sanctification, to your holiness, to furthering your relationship with the Love at the center of all being?

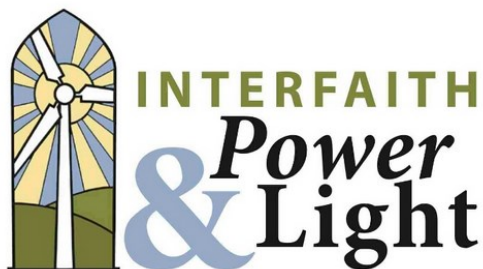
March 21st - ABUNDANCE, NEW LIFE, AND WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? A meditation and conversation about how we have been living this forced fast of social distancing, masks, and gathering restrictions. What will it look like to regather? What will it feel like to return to something more like

To log-in on your computer: Visit our website www.icoh.net, at the top menu select "Worship", then "Worship Service Bulletin" from the pull-down menu. Click on this bulletin, then:

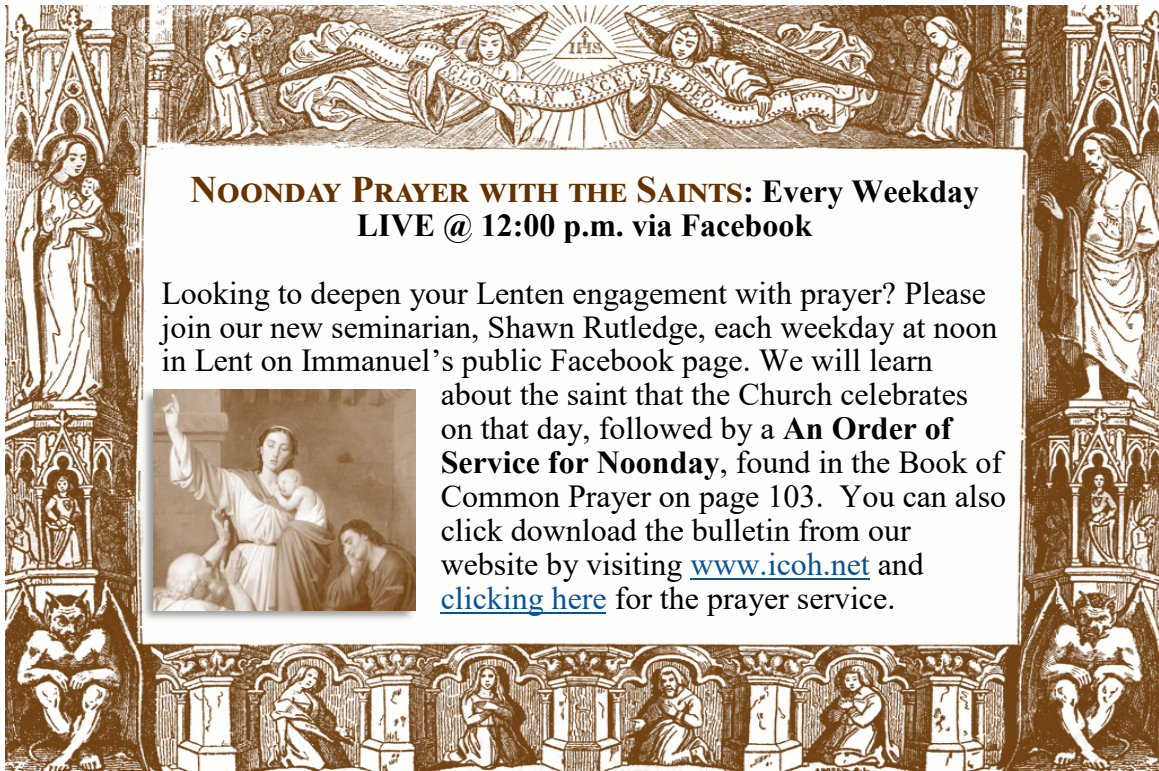
- click the blue text: [Join FORUM HOUR via Zoom NOW](#),
- enter Meeting ID: **853 9092 9796**, followed by the Password: **352917**.

To join by phone, dial: **1 (301) 715-8592**, then enter the meeting ID and password above using your telephone's keypad.

LENTEN CREATION CARE CALENDAR



Interfaith Power and Light, an organization supported by Immanuel's Outreach Committee, has compiled a list of ideas for becoming better stewards of God's creation as a Lenten practice. You can pick-up a print copy of the calendar on the table outside of the parish office; or visit our website, click the link to this bulletin under the "Worship" tab at top, then click the blue text [Lenten Creation Care Calendar](#) to download.



**NOONDAY PRAYER WITH THE SAINTS: Every Weekday
LIVE @ 12:00 p.m. via Facebook**

Looking to deepen your Lenten engagement with prayer? Please join our new seminarian, Shawn Rutledge, each weekday at noon in Lent on Immanuel’s public Facebook page. We will learn about the saint that the Church celebrates on that day, followed by a **An Order of Service for Noonday**, found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 103. You can also click download the bulletin from our website by visiting www.icoh.net and [clicking here](#) for the prayer service.



**Represent Immanuel at VIRTUAL GALA AND DINNER to the Benefit Bishop Walker School for Boys
Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Online**



As we deepen our engagement and support to the [Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys](#), an Episcopal school in the Diocese of Washington DC, we are pleased to offer **up to four Immanuelites** tickets to attend the school’s annual on-line fundraising gala this Tuesday. Tickets are first reserve/first receive, so to receive one of the tickets, please send an email to Vestry member David Atwood at david_atwood@hotmail.com.

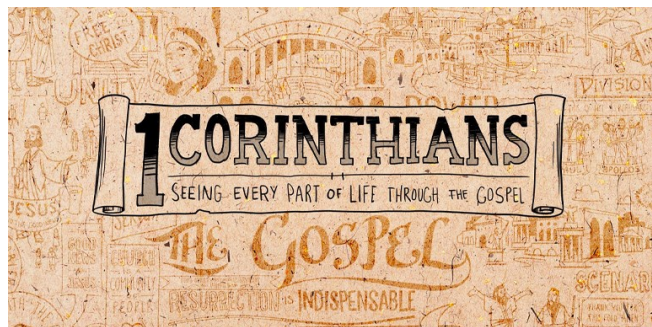
Although Immanuel can provide tickets for only four people, parishioners who want to attend are encouraged to purchase their own tickets at a cost of \$150 for two — you’ll a link to the gala’s livestream, plus additional sponsorship opportunities — by visiting the school’s gala website [here](#).

This is an exciting time to hear from our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, enjoy performances by world renowned celloist Yo-Yo Ma and vocalist/violinist Dr. Ysaÿe Maria Barnwell, and learn from the new Head of School Mike Molina, about the good work BWS is doing in the lives of young men from underserved communities in our area.

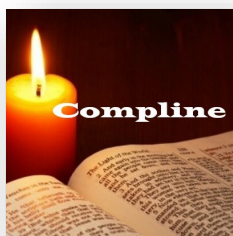


JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY FOR EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: Please join us for the service of **Evening Prayer** this **Ash Wednesday, February 24TH at 6:30p.m.** via Zoom. Look for a zoom link in your weekly eblast, then join Mother Susan in the middle of the week, just when we need some restoration and renewal.

BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS: Join the clergy for Bible study this Thursday, **February 25th** at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom to study **St. Paul's Letters to the Corinthians**. This week, we will be discussing **1 Corinthians Chapters 12 and 13**. 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.



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 February 16th -- watch for your email!



COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for this **Friday Compline February 26th** 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.

COOK WITH IMMANUEL'S CARPENTER'S SHELTER TEAM

Do you like to cook? Do you worry about people suffering homelessness in Alexandria? If so, our Carpenter's Shelter team invites you to join us at the beautiful new Shelter facility at 930 North Henry Street in Old Town.

We cook and deliver a healthy dinner for Shelter residents and staff on the **second Thursday** of every month. You can help in any of three ways, depending on your schedule:

1. **You can buy and prepare ingredients** for a side dish, such as slicing cucumbers and peppers for a salad;
2. **You can cook** a side dish or dessert, serving about 12 people, from recipes and instructions we provide; and/or
3. **You can reheat and serve** the prepared meal in the Shelter's kitchen, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a great ministry for a couple of family members or friends (age 18 and over).

Volunteers receive assignments, recipes, aluminum pans, and some bulk ingredients each month. You can prep and cook the food at home, and then deliver it to organizers Connie Kurz and Laura Snow, who live a block from the church. If interested, contact Laura Snow at laurabsnow@verizon.net or Connie Kurz at cgkurz@aol.com.



IMMANUEL'S CAREGIVERS AND GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, February 27 @ 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 for its final meeting of the season this Saturday. The group is led by clergy or invited and trained leaders who make space for sharing experiences, offering prayerful and moral support, and sharing resources. We are 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.

Memorial Service for Dick and Judy Bednar



Immanuel will hold a virtual Memorial Service for long-time parishioners Dick and Judy Bednar, on Saturday, March 6th, at 6:00 p.m. It will be broadcast on our YouTube channel, and we will send the link beforehand. The Bednars will be buried later at Arlington National Cemetery. Please keep John Bednar, and all of the Bednar family, in your prayers.

Epiphany 2022

Travel to the Holy Land

*Join the Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswold,
the 25th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church,
and the Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D.*



WE ARE READY WHEN YOU ARE!

All of us have “cabin fever.” Most of us are trying to follow “religiously” the CDC guidelines. We wear masks, sanitize our hands and avoid crowds. Most of us are not traveling. The news about a vaccine is promising.

As you contemplate returning to travel in 2022 and beyond, remember our flexible booking policy which lets you plan your future travel with complete peace of mind. If you change or cancel up to 15 days prior to departure in the event of a COVID-19-related reason—whether at home or in your travel destination—you will receive a credit toward future travel associated with VTS. So, book with confidence.

Please look forward to these pilgrimages and do request more information:

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGES TO THE HOLY LAND

*with The Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswold and
the Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, Ph.D.*

PILGRIMAGE ONE: Jan. 8–19, 2022

PILGRIMAGE TWO: Jan. 22–Feb. 2, 2022

Abraham's Tomb in Hebron



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For more information, please contact
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ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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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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