

**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
**Parish Notes**  
**March 7, 2021**

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

*Learn more about us at [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net).*

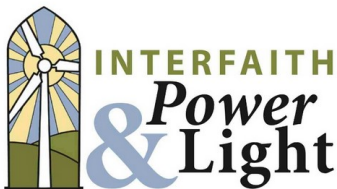
**PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers:** Nancy Wise, Mike Walker, Lucy, Ted Walker, Catherine Sinclair, Aggie Fortune, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Ann MacNamara, Tony, Mary Bruce Corkern, and Dick Hobson.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Matt Haskin, Tony Rogers, Rob Johnson, Louisa Smucker, Reese Goldsmith, Cynthia Morton, James Hennigan, Rich Hobson, Melinda Snow Teske, Albert Burgess, and Jenifer Larson.

**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, 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, Tamara, Daniela Samillan Celis, and Victoria Dearborn.

**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:** Marine Corporal René Ponce Avalos, Navy Chief Petty Officer Justin Huf; Police Reserve Deputy Constable Martinus Mitchum, Officer Dominic J. Winum, and Captain Justin Williams Bedwell. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



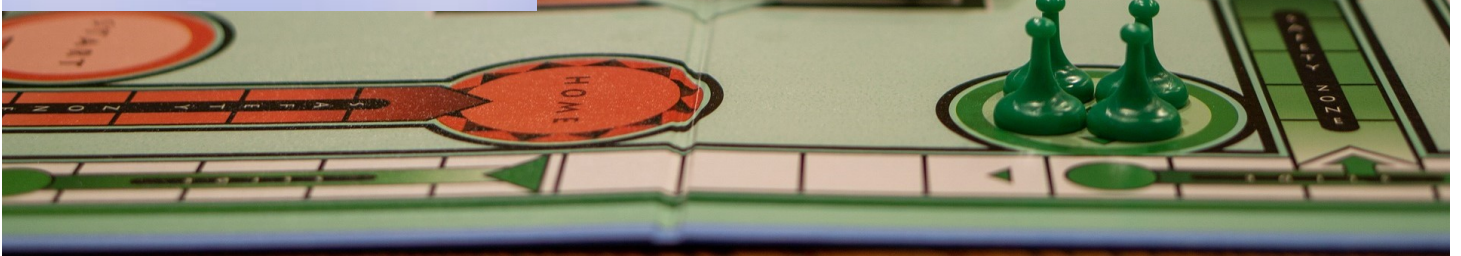
**LENTEN CREATION CARE CALENDAR :** Interfaith Power and Light, an organization supported by Immanuel's Outreach Committee, has compiled a list of ideas for becoming better stewards of God's creation as a Lenten practice. You can pick-up a print copy of the calendar on the table outside of the parish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

# Announcements



**TONIGHT: EYC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Game Night!!!!!! We are not going to learn anything about anything tonight at EYC!!!! We're going to do a virtual, online, team building escape room!!!!!! EYC members and Pre-YC members welcome. Click the [blue text](#) and look for the logon in your weekly

A decorative border featuring various religious figures, including saints and angels, in a classical style.

**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](http://www.icoh.net) and [clicking here](#) for the prayer service.

A small, square painting of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child, with another figure kneeling in prayer.

**JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY FOR EVENING PRAYER SERVICE:** Please join us for the service of **Evening Prayer this Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 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.





# JOSHUA IN 3D: A New Social Justice-Oriented Bible Book Study



Join us this Wednesday at 7p.m. online via Zoom for a bible study 'Lands and Homelands.' Chapters 18 and 19 of Joshua are some of the weirder and more boring parts of the whole bible. They're the end of a map, but a map described in words. What is there for us to take from this visual tour of the ancient levant? Why is this scripture? What is here that can inform our lives as followers of Christ?

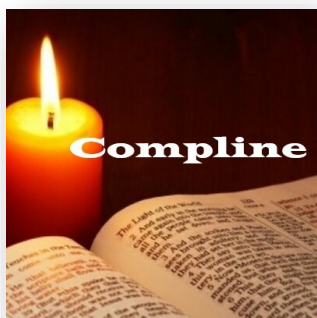
We're discussing the book of Joshua and a variety of ways— including using L. Daniel Hawk's book "Joshua in 3D: A Commentary on Biblical Conquest and Manifest Destiny" — that biblical themes can help us parse through American history and values. We'll look at Chapters 19/20 of Joshua, and chapter 9 of Hawk's book Joshua in 3D. ([Excerpts from the book can be found here for anyone interested](#))

Look for the Zoom link and logon information in your weekly eblast email. Whether or not you've participated before, do join us: All are welcome!

**BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS:** Join the clergy for Bible study this Thursday, **March 11<sup>th</sup>** 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 14 and 15**. 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 each Wednesday -- watch for your email!



**COMPLINE Service on Fridays:** Join us for this **Friday Compline March 12<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## IMMANUEL'S CAREGIVERS AND GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, March 13 @ 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](mailto:ralexander@icoh.net)) or Mother Susan ([sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net)) for an invitation to join the Zoom-based gathering.

### 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).

**March 14<sup>th</sup> - 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 21<sup>st</sup> - 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 normal? How can we faithfully and joyfully turn towards what we feel compelled to do next?



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

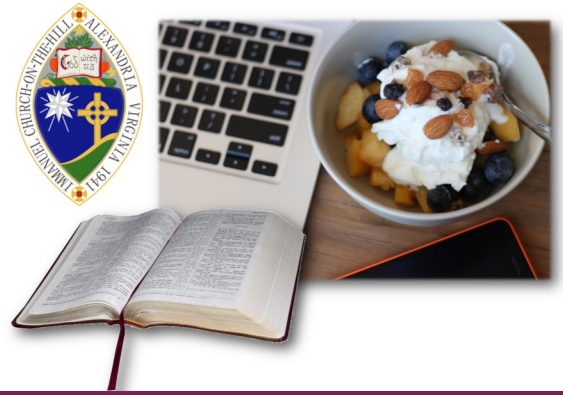
- click the blue text: [Join FORUM HOUR via Zoom NOW](#),
- enter Meeting ID: **853 9092 9796**, followed by the Password: **352917**.

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

**BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY on ZOOM:** Join us online for Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on **Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** — we meet the third Saturday of each month. We meet via Zoom (link and info below) beginning at 8 a.m. Our new theme is God's Loving Concern; we will read **Psalm 145: A Psalm of Praise** using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please contact Chrissie Crosby No prior knowledge or experience in bible study is necessary! We will guide you through the process.

For more information, please visit our website [HERE](#).

## Breakfast Bible Study via Zoom



## THE WAY OF THE CROSS: Free Video and Reflection Guide

The devotion known as The Way of the Cross is an adaptation of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with our Lord's passion and death. This practice is also known as Stations of the Cross.



The Department of Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary is pleased to offer a video version of [The Way of the Cross](#) and a reflection guide in both English and Spanish. Through scripture, art, and music, the video invites us to walk with Christians of every generation on a virtual pilgrimage, meditating on our Lord's passion and death. Permission is granted for unlimited use of this video, so click on the blue text or image to visit this presentation online, or enter this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7N6dqNV3Wk> Here's the link to the [reflection guide](#): <https://buildfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/The-Way-of-the-Cross-Discussion-Guide.pdf>

The liturgy for this devotional multimedia experience comes from the Book of Occasional Services. The artwork is Margaret Adams Parker's Stations of the Cross Paintings (2019), and the music is composed by Marty Wheeler Burnett (©2020 St. James Music Press).

## 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](mailto:laurabsnow@verizon.net) or Connie Kurz at [cgkurz@aol.com](mailto:cgkurz@aol.com).





# Epiphany 2022

## Travel to the Holy Land

*Join the Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswald,  
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*



For more information, please contact Victoria Elie at Virginia Theological Seminary ([velie@vts.edu](mailto:velie@vts.edu)).

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Martha Shimkin .....	Junior Warden: Administration
Darrell Wilson .....	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds
David Atwood .....	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Co-steward: Social Justice
Harrison Clark .....	Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Danette “Dani” Gentile Kauffman .....	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Kristi Kubista-Hovis .....	Register, Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brooke Roberts .....	Communications
Phyllis Sims .....	Fellowship, Senior Ministry
Francine Wargo .....	Worship
Shawn Whitman .....	Pastoral Care
Dana Wilkie .....	Outreach
Rachel Wilson .....	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)

### ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

[www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)

[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

### PRIEST ASSOCIATES

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The Rev. Dr. William L. Dols  
 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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