

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### April 23, 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. 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 entrances of the chapels — 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](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Nancy Bishop, Edith, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Jessi MacLeod, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Marcus Rarick, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John and Louisa Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Jane Tavernier, and Francine Wargo.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, John and Alice Corbett, David Craig, Steve Davis, Joseph Fabian, Betty Harris, Peter and Joanne, John, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Nancy Kraus, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, George Rustigian, Ryan, Connie Smith, and Cecile Zitelli.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Daisy Colón, Roz Kerns, David Tinkle, Dana Wilkie, Eric Reading, Lisa Siegrist, Alexander Skubel, Martha Shimkin, and Lucas Thompson.

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

**Those who have died:** Roy Zartarian, cousin of Jackie Rustigian; Jan Callies Foster, neighbor and close friend of the Wensing Family; and the victims of the Dadeville, AL shooting: Marsiah Emmanuel Collins, Philstavious Dowdell, Corbin Dahmontrey Holston, and Shaunkivia (KeKe) Nicole Smith. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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**Creation Care NEWS Alert:** The Episcopal Church is presenting a one-hour webinar, “*Climate Change: A Conversation with Katharine Hayhoe,*” **this Tuesday, April 25** at 3:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Ms. Hayhoe is a leading climate scientist for The Nature Conservancy and the webinar will focus on why climate change matters and what we as congregations and church leaders can do. The Creation Care Ministry Team invites you to join the conversation by clicking this link and registering for the free event:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-change-a-conversation-with-katharine-hayhoe-nature-conservancy-tickets-604124852697>

And get inspired to take action this week in honor of International Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>!



# Announcements

## Weekday Worship Opportunities

**MORNING PRAYER TUESDAY, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> @ 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 the Church is commemorating.

**Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist April 26<sup>th</sup> @6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

**Online via Zoom: Our Weekly Bible Study Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.**

## **THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

**Evening Compline, Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom**

## **The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Virginia**

**All women are invited to attend the [Spring Meeting](#) , Saturday, May 20, 2023**

***Theme: “Be Not Afraid”***

Led By the Rev. Sara Palmer, St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA  
Michelle Trampe, Central Justice Initiative

Held at Christ Episcopal Church / 8951 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Registration and Breakfast begins at 9:00 am, Meeting starts at 10:00 am,  
Lunch will be provided, please specify any dietary needs.

Registration: RSVP by Email to our ECW Treasurer, Kaaron Austin at [ausink11@aol.com](mailto:ausink11@aol.com)  
Mail \$25 check payable to ECW for registration fee to Kaaron Austin/ 7319 Willson Rd, Henrico, VA 23231  
**Or send payment via Zelle to [ausink11@aol.com](mailto:ausink11@aol.com) / Your donations are always welcome!**  
Please **RSVP by May 13, 2023** so we know how many to expect for lunch!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT EX-OFFENDERS TRANSITIONING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORK OF OAR TO SUPPORT THEM:** Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) is a longstanding Outreach partner of Immanuel, receiving support through our Outreach, Christmas Families, and Social Justice budgets. OAR helps prisoners and their families as they transition out of incarceration. It also administers community service programs to divert people out of the prison system. OAR staff and the people they serve have inspiring stories of lives being changed and hope being restored. You might consider registering online to take a one hour “[Virtual Tour](#)” of OAR and learn what they do. OAR serves Alexandria, Arlington and Falls Church. For more information contact, David Atwood [atwooddavid@gmail.com](mailto:atwooddavid@gmail.com) or Jim Snow [jamesbsnow@verizon.net](mailto:jamesbsnow@verizon.net).

**FEMALE CAPITOL HILL INTERN NEEDS SAFE LODGING:** Lodging needed for female Michigan State Graduate, interning on Capitol Hill, from 30 to 60 days. Looking for short-term rental starting late May 2023. Please contact Candace Quinlan at [cquinlan52@yahoo.com](mailto:cquinlan52@yahoo.com) if you know any accommodation that applies.

## FUNERAL

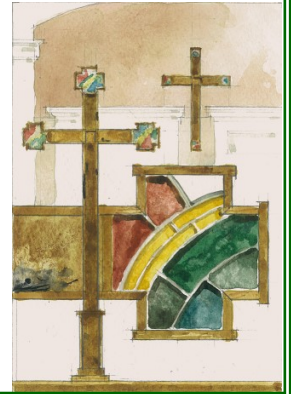
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### **Debbie Johnstone Knott**

*daughter of Ginny Johnstone*

**Saturday, April 29th , 1:00 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**  
*Immediately followed by reception in the Parish Hall*

Immanuelites are invited to attend.



## SENIOR MINISTRY EVENTS

**April 25 - BROWN BAG LUNCH FEATURING WORDLE: Do you WORDLE?** Like crossword puzzles , word searches or sudoku? Addicted to the NY Times' Spelling Bee? Our SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY BROWN BAG LUNCH will continue April's puzzling theme. Bring your favorite word or number game or puzzle to the Parish Hall at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 and share your passion with others. While you eat lunch, we will make photocopies of the various puzzles to share. They say that untangling these games can help keep our brains nimble, so after lunch we can share our own experience with that effect.

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.

**MAY 2 - BIKE OR RIDE TRIP TO THE BIRD HOUSE AT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL ZOO .** Join us on Tuesday, May 2, to experience the wonder of the zoo's brand-new Bird House! **The Bird House** and bird plateau, under construction for six years, reopened this Spring, transforming the 1928 Bird House into a first-of-its-kind immersion into the migration journeys of western hemisphere birds. It is located just off the Panda trail.

Our van will leave Zabriskie parking lot at 10:00am, stopping at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We will have time to wander the themed, walk-through aviaries and enjoy the interactive experiences. There will also be plenty of time to visit your own favorite zoo inhabitants. Afterwards, we'll enjoy lunch on our own at the Zoo, then head back to Goodwin House and Zabriskie, arriving no later than 2pm. There is no admission fee at the Zoo, but there will be a \$20 copay to ride in the van.

Want to enjoy a May day by biking to the Zoo? A contingent of Immanuel cyclists can leave Shirlington at 9:30am. The ride is approximately 11 miles, basically flat and all on cycling paths. Riders of all levels are encouraged to join and no one will be left behind. If you've wanted to try riding into DC but didn't want to go on your own, this is a great way to start. Need a shorter option? Park at Gravelly Point where there is a Capital Bike share station and we will pick you up as we bike past.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser at [Karen.Besser@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.Besser@gmail.com) to reserve your seat on the van or inquire about the bike ride!

For the 13th year, **Spring2ACTion**, Alexandria's day of giving, will take place on April 26; early giving begins on April 12. Although there are many worthy nonprofits to support; I would like to highlight ALIVE! .....Alexandria's oldest and largest private safety net dedicated to providing emergency and basic needs support to families and individuals living in poverty -- and with hunger -- in the City of Alexandria. We need your help to make the ALIVE! campaign a success. ALIVE! needs your support this year more



**Spring2ACTion**

Alexandria's Giving Day

Presented by ACT for Alexandria

than ever due to the ongoing impact of the pandemic, increased cost of food, and rollback of pandemic related relief efforts. Please consider a donation to ALIVE! for [Spring2ACTion](https://www.spring2action.org/) by visiting <https://www.spring2action.org/>

Thanks in advance for your support to help ALIVE! ensure that its services reach those who most need help in the City of Alexandria.

*Lisa Clausen* (long-time parishioner and Immanuel's representative to ALIVE!)

## NEW: Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services: ONLINE via Signup Genius



Would you like to serve as a lay minister? If so, you can now sign-up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [Signup Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a4a728a0fac61-lent#/) for Immanuel at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a4a728a0fac61-lent#/>

Agnes Soos is managing all lay ministry signups and, in addition to weekly Sunday Eucharists, she's actively recruiting for those who can read a foreign language for **Pentecost, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. If interested, please contact Agnes at the office on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. (extension #205), 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 next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

## Coming Soon - Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont May 27-29<sup>th</sup>

We're just over a month away from Immanuel's annual weekend away at Shrine Mont. Email Kathryn Haskin at [kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) to let her know if you are planning to come to Shrine Mont this year. No money down yet, but we're looking to get a sense of numbers to ensure we have space for everyone!



If you are new to Immanuel, Shrine Mont is an Episcopal retreat center in Orkney Springs, VA -- it's about a 2 1/2 hour drive from Alexandria. It holds the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, the outdoor Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Immanuelites go to the mountain for fellowship and rest, music and games, worship and reconnection. If you want to learn more — or need more information — call Kathryn Jackson Haskin.

## UPCOMING FORUM HOUR: “Deepening Your Faith and Connections at Shrine Mont”



Shrine Mont

Join us for the Forum Hour *next* Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45 a.m., Immanuel Chapel, to hear from several parishioners about how their regular visits to Shrine Mont help to grow their faith and their connections to Immanuel.



### Garden Helpers Unite!

Spring is here and the gardens are growing wild. Early sprouting weeds are crowding in. We need your help to stay ahead of them! The abundant rains of March are over. April’s weather has been dry and warm, so watering the trees and gardens is again a priority. This is also a beautiful time of year to spend working in the garden. Flowers are blooming, the birds are singing joyfully and the bees and butterflies are emerging.

Go to Sign Up Genius at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BADAC29ABF49-2023> to reserve spots for watering and/or weeding in the garden. We will plan a work session to review the plants and procedures soon. If you can’t make it to the work session we will arrange to train you individually.

Thank you all,  
Sarah Glassco ([glasscos@gmail.com](mailto:glasscos@gmail.com))  
Kathryn Jackson Haskin ([kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com))



### Creation Care NEWS Alert

Visit the Creation Care website to view the *new* Clean Energy Tax Credits for Consumers (2023-2032), a benefit of the Inflation Reduction Act. These energy products and upgrades help us “reduce our climate impact and live more humbly and gently on Earth. <https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/creation-care-ministry.html>

### **SCHEDULE CHANGE: MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** **MAY 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom**

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, the SECOND Saturday of the month, instead of the third, 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 new theme this year is **Freedom**; this month we will read **Luke 4:16–22** “*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free...*” 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

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER**  
is Wednesday, April 26th!

**WOMANIST**  
*Conference*  
**2023**

**SAT. APR. 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
9:00AM – 3:00PM

**THEME:**  
**THE POWER OF NARRATIVE & VOICE**

**REGISTRATION: FREE**  
**LUNCH INCLUDED**

**VENUE**  
Lettie Pate Evans Conference Center  
3737 Seminary Road  
Alexandria, VA 2230

**Speakers:**  
 - **The Rev. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Ph.D.**  
McArthur Professor of African-American Studies & Sociology  
Director of African-American Studies Program  
Colby College | Waterville, ME  
 - **The Rev. Ranita J. Weems, PhD**  
Author, Minister, Hebrew Bible Scholar  
 - **The Rev. Judy Fentress-Williams, Ph.D.**  
Dodge Professor of Biblical Interpretation  
Virginia Theological Seminary | Alexandria VA  
 - **The Rev. Rachelle D. Sam**  
Associate Dean for Strategic Implementation and Priorities  
Virginia Theological Seminary | Alexandria, VA

**The Conference:** This first Womanist Conference at VTS will feature prominent Womanist voices from academia. The conference is a step toward healing the church and restoring it to its place as the source of life for the community, as it lifts up the gifts and talents of all people and amplifies the histories and experiences of Black women; helping to identify the church, to society, as centered in Jesus' Way of Love and as justice focused.



**Sponsors**

- VTS Office of the Dean and President
- Episcopal Evangelism Society
- Alfred Street Baptist Church
- DiPasquantonio and Greene Family Foundation
- VTS Office of Multi-Cultural Ministries
- VTS Office of Strategic Planning
- Lifelong Learning at VTS



[www.SWIC.ORG](http://www.SWIC.ORG)

**Our Church in Iraq**

Our mission partner, Stand with Iraqi Christians (SWIC), will be hosting visitors from Iraq in Washington, DC from May 7–14. The Rev. Canon Faiz Basheer Jerjes is the priest of Saint George's Episcopal Church in Baghdad. He has been a leader in raising awareness of the threat of religious extremism and encouraging interfaith dialogue, reconciliation, and religious freedom. At Saint George's Church, Canon Faiz also hosts The School of the Redeemer, a K–6 elementary school serving an interfaith community in the heart of Baghdad. His assistant, Sinan Hanna Kakarash, supports SWIC's work of enabling Christian families to return to Iraq—following the devastation caused by ISIS—by managing the SWIC Small Business Redevelopment Grant Initiative.

**Father Faiz and Sinan will be speaking at the Forum of the National Cathedral following the 11:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and following the 10:30 a.m. service at Church of the Ascension and Saint Agnes on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.** Parishioners from Immanuel Church are welcome to attend and learn more about our church in Iraq. For those not able to attend either of those services and forums, The Episcopal Church Office of Global Partnerships is offering a free Global Mission Networking call on May 17th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm Eastern Time. The link to attend is —

<https://tinyurl.com/StGeorgesBaghdad>

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

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 Gilma Balcarcel ..... Nursery Coordinator  
 Stuart Dahlinger ..... Sexton

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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  
 Gabriella Young-Smith ..... Youth Representative (nonvoting member)  
 Caroline Bergmark ..... Registrar

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

10:30 a.m. Godly Play, 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](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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