

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
May 14, 2023

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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Nancy Bishop, Edith, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Jessi MacLeod, Ann MacNamara, Sudie McGahuey, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John and Louisa Smucker, Agnes Soos, Norma Taliaferro, 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, Martha Culleton, Steve Davis, Betty Harris, Peter and Joanne, John, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, George Rustigian, Connie Smith, Ryan Willis, and Cecile Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Mary Ashton Campbell, Caroline Hennigan, Jim Taylor, Ashley Groth, Peter Alexander, Caitlin DeMulder, François Gas, Ethan Rodriguez, John Henderson Jr., Mike McGahuey, Karen Wirth, Evan Drennon, Shirley Dols, and Dylan Paul.

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: Victims of the Allen, TX outlet mall shooting: Elio Cumana-Rivas, Christian LaCour, Daniela Mendoza, Sofia Mendoza, Cho Kyu Song, James Song, Aishwarya Thatikonda, and Kang "Cindy" Shin Young; victims of the Brownsville, TX car crash; and victims of the mass shooting in Dubona, Serbia. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



Happy Mother's Day

Announcements

Weekday Worship and Study Opportunities

MORNING PRAYER TUESDAY, MAY 16th @ 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 May 17th @6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Online via Zoom: Our Weekly Bible Study Thursday, May 18th @ 10:30 a.m.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Evening Compline, Friday, May 19th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Benedictine Community Meeting, THIS TUESDAY, May 16nd @ 7:00 p.m. HYBRID: Zabriskie 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 via Zoom on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 7-8 p.m.

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. On Tuesday, April 18 we started a new book *Shaped by the End You Live For: Thomas Merton's Monastic Spirituality* by Bonnie B. Thurston -- so this would be a great time to join or visit with us. 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), or David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com).

Let's Celebrate Immanuel's Longtime Tenant and Musical Partner



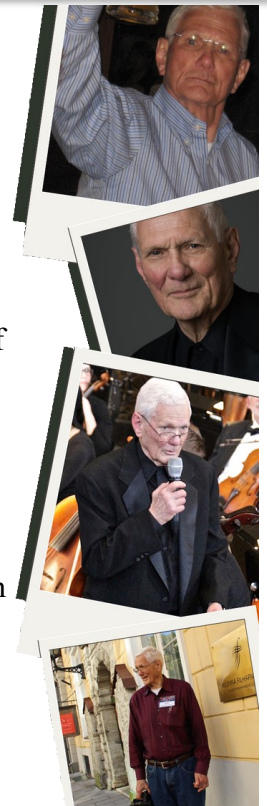
THE ULYSSES JAMES CELEBRATION CONCERT

Season Finale Concert celebrating retiring **Music Director Ulysses James** in a program of American music and featuring living composer friends.

Lawrence Ries: At First Light: Shadows and Contours
Anthony Iannaccone: Waiting for the Sunrise on the Sound
Aaron Copland: Rodeo
George Gershwin: Porgy and Bess: Symphonic Picture

Saturday, May 20, 2023 / 3:00 p.m. concert immediately followed by Toast Reception

To buy your tickets (\$20 - \$25/each, *kids 18 and under free*), find this bulletin on our website and click on the logo above or visit <https://www.wmpamusic.org/philharmonic-schedule.html>



**Come to a Festive Thank You Reception!
Honor Parishioners Committed to Immanuel's Strong Future**

Zabriskie Society

Please come and enjoy a thank you reception on Saturday, June 3, 4-6 p.m., in Scott Lounge on the VTS campus. We will honor and thank parishioners providing for Immanuel's strong financial future through a planned gift.

You can also learn more about planned giving and how your generosity and planned gift can continue to support a strong future for Immanuel.

Enjoy refreshments including strawberry shortcake with fresh-picked strawberries! **Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 24, 2023, to Danette (Dani) Kauffman, danettekauffman@starpower.net or you can use Immanuel's RSVP line by dialing 703-370-6555 and press "9".**



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP Announcements – MAY 2023

LUNCHEON AT GOODWIN HOUSE-ALEXANDRIA

Please join us for a Diner's Choice Box Lunch and conversation in the Fillmore Room at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday, which is **May 17**. Goodwin House Alexandria residents should RSVP to Susan Kernan skernan40@aol.com, and all others should RSVP to Karen Besser at karen.besser@gmail.com.

FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH

Join experienced Immanuel birders and members of Immanuel's Creation Care Ministry Sarah Glassco and Denise Freeland at 12:15p.m. in the Zabriskie Parish Hall on **Tuesday, May 23** and learn how to start or jumpstart your own bird-watching adventures. Get the latest information on great places to observe birds in our area, the best times for watching, and some books and technology that can help you identify whose song you heard or whose flash of yellow that was! Our birders will also share tips on how to attract birds to your yard.

Birding is great for getting us out of the house and immersed in the beauty in our region and can be a great hobby to share with grandkids or with visiting family from out-of-town.

This is the first of two planned activities where Senior Adult Ministry/Fellowship will join with Creation Care Ministry during 2023.

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.

Bishop Gullick to be with us at Shrine Mont

Bishop Ted Gullick will be the celebrant and preacher at our Eucharist at Shrine Mont on **May 28th**, when he will also confirm his granddaughter. He wants to open this opportunity to any at Immanuel who might want to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or baptized. Please speak with Fr. Randy if any of those interest you.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR MAY-JULY 2023: 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, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [Signup Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4A728A0FAC61-layministry) for Immanuel at the link at right: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4A728A0FAC61-layministry>.



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 28th**. 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.

Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

Coming Soon - Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont May 27-29th

We're just weeks away from Immanuel's annual weekend at Shrine Mont. Email Kathryn Haskin at 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.

As our Eucharist at Shrine Mont will take place on Pentecost Sunday, please let Fr. Randy know if you have some facility in a foreign language and would be interested in reading a sentence or two in that language during our first lesson that day. If you want to learn more — or need more information — email Kathryn Jackson Haskin at the address above.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: ONE SERVICE AT ZABRISKIE CHAPEL

The Feast of Pentecost, May 28, 2023
Holy Eucharist Rite II, **9:30 a.m.**, Zabriskie Chapel

WANTED: A NEW HOME FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

For many years Christmas Families has used the space above Ross Dress for Less at 118 North Washington Street as a storage space for our toys. This space has been generously provided to us by Christ Church. They have decided to sell the building sometime early next year. As a result, we are currently looking for new space. We would like to have **approximately 600 SF** of somewhat conditioned space located in Alexandria in proximity to the church. If you have a space that we might be use, please contact Linda Serabian via email at serabian@somaarchitects.com. Thank you.

SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE - APRIL 30, 2023

Since our church's solar panels went live on **June 7, 2022**, they have produced over **54,000 kWh of clean, sustainable electricity**. This represents **83 percent** of the electricity our solar vendor, SES, estimates the system to generate annually. It also represents over 84,000 pounds of carbon dioxide not emitted into the atmosphere and is the equivalent of **635 trees being planted!** The Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill solar panels daily show a public and visible commitment to Creation Care and an example to our children and our community to reduce carbon emissions—that we are true and faithful stewards of “this fragile earth, our island home”.

The solar panels are also saving us money. Immanuel has received ten months of Dominion Energy electricity bills since our solar panels went live. See the **weekly e-Blast** for more details, but here's the bottom line on cost savings:

- Zabriskie/Parish Hall used roughly the same amount of electricity (measured in kWh) for the past ten “solar months” (June – Dec 2022 and January – March 2023) as used during same ten pre-solar months in 2021. However, because **our solar panels generated 64 percent of the electricity the building used**, the cost of power purchased from Dominion was \$ **4,085.48** versus **\$8,264.69 – a savings to date of \$4,179.21** (over 2021 costs for same ten months).
- In addition to electricity bill savings, Immanuel expects to receive approximately \$3000/year from the Virginia Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) program. The first two checks totaling **\$1,785.00** arrived in December 2022 and February 2023. When you apply Immanuel's SREC income so far, actual cost for electricity for the ten “solar months” is \$2,300.48 – a savings of **nearly \$6,000** (over 2021 pre-solar electricity costs for same ten months).

The solar panels generate the most electricity during March through October. It will take a complete year of monitoring both the solar electricity production and checking our Dominion bills for annual generation and dollar numbers.

Many thanks to all who believed in the solar project! Some donated to take direct action to reduce carbon emissions; others to help the church save money. Most probably saw both as reasons to make it happen. If you haven't already done so, consider making the same kind of solar investment in your own home!

CLERGY AND STAFF

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

Kristi Kubista-Hovis..... Senior Warden
 Gerry Anderson Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care
 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
[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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