

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

September 3, 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: Brad Ashton, David Atwood, Edith, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Hal Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Everett Post, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Betty Wanamaker, and Francine Wargo.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Bogumil Knypinski, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Jean Couban, Steve Davis, Joseph Fabian, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Robin-Shanté Lewis, Marcia MacDonald, Joe Miceli, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Roger, George Rustigian, Jim Sanford, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Kevin O'Donnell, Ginger Peabody, Linda Hawkins, Casey Kane, Diane Adams, Ralph Fairbank, Casey Konvalinka, Suhaila Patiño, Carroll Phillips, Jonathan Anderson, and Cora John.

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

Those who have died: Roberta Shaw “Bobbie” Thomas; and victims of the Dollar General Store shooting in Jacksonville, Florida: Angela Michelle Carr, Jerrald Gallion, and A.J. Laguerre. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, September 5th, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Evening Eucharist RETURNS September 6th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study “The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah”, Thursday, September 7th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

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

Announcements

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

HOMECOMING





All are welcome to join us *next Sunday for Homecoming*; a great time to re-connect with brothers and sisters in Christ at Immanuel, to share stories from the Summer, and to envision plans for the Fall. Our choir will return at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, along with a brass trio. Please reach out and invite any friends, neighbors, or colleagues who might be looking for a Church home to join you. Our traditional Homecoming picnic will follow the Eucharist and will feature a bouncy castle for our youngest parishioners.

TWELVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 FOR PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC!

- 4 people from 10am-12pm for set up
 - 4 people from 12-2 to support the buffet (taking shifts so we all can eat / visit, too :))
 - 4 people from 2-4 for clean up
- Please contact Caroline (cbergmark@yahoo.com). Let me know which shift you want.

POTLUCK LUNCH PICNIC in the Zabriskie Parish Hall and Memorial Gardens

Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share that serves 8-10 people. You can choose your “signature” picnic dish -or use the guide below (**first letter of last name**):

-  A-L: Main: Sliced ham, fried/roasted chicken, sandwiches, casseroles, quiche, chicken/tuna salads, pasta dishes, vegetarian specialties, etc.
-  M-P: Appetizer: cheese & crackers, deviled eggs, vegetable trays, fruit, salsa,
-  Q-S: Side dish: salads, coleslaw, beans
-  T-Z: Dessert

(Mark your dishes to ensure their return to you!)

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY SEPTEMBER 16th @ 8:00 AM

Held Online via Zoom: Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, September 16th, the THIRD Saturday of the month. 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 *Freedom*; this month we will read **Galatians 5:16–26** “...*be guided by the Spirit, and you will no longer yield to self-indulgence...All who belong to Christ have crucified self...*” 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

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2023

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services ONLINE
via Our New SignUp Genius Button

Would you like to serve as a lay minister? If so, please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and [clicking on the red button at right.](#)

Sign-up to Serve on Sundays



Lay Ministry
SignUp Genius

If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (ext. #206), 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!

UPCOMING SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

September 14 - TRIP TO BARREL OAK WINERY:

Join us on Thursday, September 14 for a jaunt into the beautiful Virginia countryside and a taste of the fermented grape. We will be going to Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane to enjoy a flight of wine and a light lunch in the scenic foothills of the Shenandoah Valley. (Barrel Oak was kindly recommended by Sally Guy Brown, and seconded by Karen and Jim Besser!)



Our van will leave Zabriskie parking lot at 11:00am, stopping at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We will plan to return to Zabriskie via Goodwin House, arriving no later than 3:00pm. There will be a \$20 copay to ride in the van. A “flight” of wine, which includes a sample of 6 wines, costs \$18 and food is extra. There are cold charcuterie items and there is pizza made on the premises.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com to reserve your seat on the van.

September 26 - FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH with Guest Speaker Pierre Shostal:

Join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, September 26, at 12:15 p.m. to hear from fellow parishioner Pierre Shostal about his experience ministering to refugees here in Alexandria. Pierre works with other Immanuel folks in conjunction with the refugee ministry of Christ Church, Alexandria.

Luncheon will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall and our program will start around 12:30. 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.

Do you know what to do in the event of a HEALTH EMERGENCY at church?: After calling 911 as a first step, it is very important that parishioners know where the defibrillators are located — in both Zabriskie and Immanuel chapels — and the first aid kits. At Immanuel Chapel, the defibrillator (AED) is located across from the elevator. The first aid kit is in the floral kitchen. At Zabriskie, the AED is located along the small stairwell going from the chapel (near the organ) up to the parish hall. The first aid kit is in the kitchen.

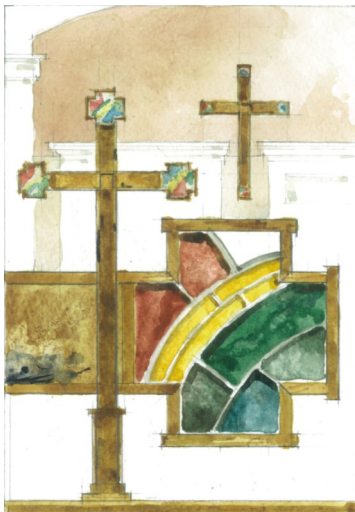
We hope to reschedule the CPR instruction classes that were cancelled due to the COVID-19 lockdown... Stay tuned!



TROOP 131 CAR WASH FUNDRAISER AT ZABRISKIE SEPTEMBER 9TH

Please help support Immanuel's own Scout BSA Troop 131!
Troop 131 Car Wash Fundraiser
Saturday, September 9th
9 AM to 2 PM
In the Zabriskie Chapel parking lot

FUNERAL AND COMMITTAL for ROBERTA SHAW "BOBBIE" THOMAS



Monday, September 18, 2023

ZABRISKIE CHAPEL

Funeral at 1:00 p.m.

*followed by Committal
in the Memorial Garden,
and Reception in the Parish Hall*



Let's Welcome Our New Assistant Rector

Deacon Sarah



The Rev. Deacon Sarah Spurlock Biggs is thrilled to combine her love of intergenerational faith formation and our beautiful Episcopal liturgy in her new role as Assistant Rector at Immanuel.

Her favorite part about ministry is building community and supporting laity in discovering and living into the calls God has placed in all of our lives. She is particularly interested in the ways our mental health and beliefs inform how we love and live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ, especially in reference to justice and peace.

Originally from Ohio, Sarah has lived in the Washington metro area for 19 years and has two amazing sons and two sweet pups. Most recently, Sarah graduated from the Virginia Theological Seminary with a Master in Divinity and will be ordained to the priesthood on September 9th, 10:30 a.m. at The Falls Church Episcopal. During her time at seminary, Sarah served as an intern at Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria, and as a seminarian at both St. David's, Ashburn and St. John's, McLean. She served as Chaplain and completed her Clinical Pastoral Education at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg. She has also served as Director of Music and Lay Ministry Lead for Mission and Outreach at St. Peter's in the Woods in Fairfax Station, her sending parish.

Before attending seminary, Sarah taught Music and Chorus for Fairfax County Public Schools and also worked as a vocal coach, soloist, and choral section leader.

For fun she loves to create art, cook and share great meals with friends, garden, sing in choirs, and treasure hunt in thrift and antique stores.

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

God willing
The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson
Bishop of Virginia
will ordain

Sarah Katherine Spurlock Biggs

Kyle Micah Bomar

Stephen Girard Bragaw

Katherine Victoria Ferguson

Janettarose Lavoie Greene

Amanda Katelyn McMillen

Marybeth Sanders-Wilson

to the Sacred Order of Priests

Saturday September 9, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.
The Falls Church Episcopal | Falls Church, VA
115 East Fairfax Street, Falls Church, VA 22046

The Bishop and the Standing Committee request the honor of
your presence.

The festal color is red.



The Falls Church Needs Donations of Time and Tasty Treats

The Falls Church is asking parishioners at Immanuel and all diocesan churches for donations of their time (clean-up crew) and/or food for this Saturday's Ordination — both Deacons Sarah and Janettarose are ordinands for the priesthood. They're expecting a **huge** crowd.

If you can contribute, please find this bulletin on our website (under the "Worship" tab), select "Worship Service Bulletins" and click on the SignUp Genius button below.

Thank you.



Ordination Reception SignUp:
Donations of *Time and Tasty Treats*

The Falls Church Episcopal
Saturday, September 9th
(drop-off hours begin @ 8:30 a.m.)

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
 The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net) Associate Rector
 The Rev. Deacon Sarah Spurlock Biggs (sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net) Assistant Rector
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 Aleta Y. Powell (apowell@icoh.net) Parish Administrator
 Tamika Martin (tmartin@icoh.net) Audio Visual Technician
 Gilma Balcarcel Nursery Coordinator
 Stuart Dahlinger Sexton

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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