

The Almond Tree: *In Brief*



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Easter Egg Champions: *Immanuel is proud to present the highly-creative, talented winners of our 2021 Easter Egg Decorating Competition! Artwork is listed from left to right for each row. Top row: “Checkers” by Rayna, age 10; “Lamb” by Sophia, age 14; “Purple Rain” by Rayna, and “Quidditch Match” by Sydney, age 13. Bottom row: “Under the Sea” by Isaac, age 6; “Tri-colored” by Rayna, “Chicken” and “Bunny”, both by Sophia.*

Zabriskie Society

GIVE BACK TO GOD – REMEMBER IMMANUEL THROUGH YOUR FUTURE GIFT

The Zabriskie Society recognizes those who support and believe in Immanuel’s mission and future through a planned gift. You can plan a future gift for Immanuel through your will or living trust, or make Immanuel a beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan, or financial account.

Just as you may plan to remember family members through your will or estate plans, it is important, and a great blessing, to include gift language in your will, or through a simple codicil to your will, to remember your church, as well.

Some of us might assume that only “wealthy” people plan future gifts for Immanuel. In reality, a future gift for Immanuel is something for all of us to consider.



Giving Back to God

However big or small our financial accounts, we can all plan a future gift. We all are gifted with resources, talents, and blessings in our life. Scripture calls us to use and give back to the glory of God what we have been gifted, including our financial resources.

We can make plans for Immanuel's strong future and share some of our financial resources to be the hands and feet of Christ on Earth. What a legacy we leave by giving back to God. Through such generosity, your planned gift honors Immanuel's mission and strong future.

There is no minimum gift amount required to join the [Zabriskie Society](#) with a planned, future gift to Immanuel. For more information about how you can become a member of the Zabriskie Society, contact Danette "Dani" Kauffman, danettekauffman@starpower.net.

Every situation is different, and this guidance is not legal advice. So be sure to work with your legal, financial, and/or estate advisors to determine what is best for you.

Mark Your Calendar: SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICES

<p>YOUTH SUNDAY, MAY 16</p> <p>Holy Eucharist II with Youth Readers and Preacher</p> <p>Children and Youth Ad Hoc Picnic</p> <p>Forum Hour: "Sacred Spaces" led by The Rev. Susan D. Parsons</p>	<p>10:30 a.m.</p> <p>11:45 a.m.</p> <p>11:45 a.m.</p>	 <p>The Grove at Virginia Theological Seminary (Livestreamed to our YouTube Channel)</p> <p>Zabriskie Chapel Garden <i>(Picnic is weather permitting, rain activity planned)</i></p> <p>Livestreamed from Zabriskie Chapel to our YouTube</p>
<p>THE FEAST OF PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23</p> <p>Holy Eucharist II</p>	<p>10:30 a.m.</p>	 <p>The Grove at VTS (Livestreamed to our YouTube Channel)</p>
<p>MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT SHRINE MONT, MAY 29 - 31</p> <p>Sunday, May 30</p> <p>Holy Eucharist II</p> <p>Holy Eucharist II</p>	<p>10:30 a.m.</p> <p>TBD</p>	 <p>The Grove at VTS</p> <p>The Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration Orkney Springs, VA</p>

"Gratitude": The New Theme for Breakfast Bible Study

Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study begins a new theme of "Gratitude" starting **May 15** — we always meet the third Saturday of each month. Join us at 8:00 a.m. online via Zoom (link and info in your weekly email); for a study of **Colossians 2:6-10**, using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com, or visit [Immanuel's website for Breakfast Bible Study](#).



Special Delivery from the UK



My Dear Immanuel Family,

I have finally attached the photos of Lily Stella Josephine, born on January 12 this year, to my daughter, Josephine Forster and her husband Gareth. Lily is the great-granddaughter of my late mother Jo Dearborn, who was very active at Immanuel during her lifetime. I was confirmed there, and Josephine was baptized and confirmed in the church. We very much like to keep up our connection with Immanuel and all our friends there as it has always been a big part of our lives.

Thank you very much for allowing our Immanuelite friends to learn about my granddaughter.

Hope to see you when we are finally able to travel out of the UK.

Kind regards,

Vicki Dearborn xxxxx



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Enter Your Idea to Win!

Story Call: One Contest, Two Winners: In the Spring issue of our Quarterly magazine, we debuted our new feature of Immanuelite trivia, *Did You Know*, telling the story of the namesake for The Fairchild Room, located in Zabriskie Chapel. We'd like for Immanuelites to decide on our next two stories for this feature, so why not enter our contest by suggesting a subject for our December 2021 and March 2022 issues! All current parishioners and associates of Immanuel are encouraged to present a name, topic, or mystery that directly relates to our church. Members of both our Communications team, and editorial team, The Almond Tree Branches, will cast a vote among **all entries received by Sunday, August 22nd**. **Parents of our youngest parishioners should feel free to have their child submit an entry via voicemail on Aleta's extension** at (703) 370-6555 (press the number 4 at the voicemail prompt). Deadline for all submissions is **August 22nd**. Send your suggestion to Apowell@icoh.net with "*Did You Know*" in the subject line.

