

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

October 16, 2022

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.

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: Mary, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, Leo, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Zuzanna Wise, Danette (Dani) Gentile Kauffman (recovering from knee-replacement surgery), and Rita.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, John, Alexandra, Hans, Jessica, Joanne, McQuade Milligan, Reagan, Waide Egener, Betsy and Dave Berry, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, Linda and Cy Murphy, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Jimmy Young, Ryan, Scott Allison, Joseph Fabian, Lydia, Breanné Barnes, John Corbett, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Lisle Wade, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, Dr. Nancy Hardison, and Denise Comoli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Mia Mason, Kristen Moore, Lane Debevoise, Barbara Kirkland, Rufus Peabody, Sujatha Augustine, Brent McCaslin, Phyllis Sims, Alisa Biache, Tricia Calloway, Carter Harris, Hartley Hobson Wensing, and Fredo Patiño.

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 casualties and their caregivers.



ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE IN VIRGINIA?

Have you Updated a New Address for Your Voter Registration?

You can register, or check or update your current registration, at vote.virginia.com or visit the Pumpkin Patch voter registration table this weekend. The voter registration table is hosted by Immanuel, Temple Beth-El, Alleyne AME Zion, Roberts Memorial UMC, and Washington Street UMC. The deadline for Virginia voter registration is **tomorrow, October 17.**



EYC Party with Bonfire, Saturday, October 22nd, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Zabriskie Garden

As our last Pumpkin truck arrives, our EYC will invite all the other local EYCs to join Father Sam for a night of music, games, maybe a movie, and definitely a bonfire out back behind Zabriskie Chapel in the garden. Come get your final Pumpkins for the season. Come hang out with your friends and family. Come bring your (leashed) puppy dog! All are invited, chaperones and dinner organizers especially.



Announcements

Weekday Worship Opportunities

MORNING PRAYER Tuesdays @ 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 of the Church is commemorating.

Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist, Wednesday, October 19th, 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Evening Compline, Friday, October 21st, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

A Note from the Treasurer

Current year pledge statements were recently sent to all pledgers. We are running a bit behind, year to date, in terms of pledge income compared to budget. Please check your pledge balances and bring any remaining balances up to date by year end. Thank you for your strong support of Immanuel and for your gratitude for God's blessings!

Benedictine Group Meeting October 18th @ 7:00 p.m. 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 virtually twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7-8 pm. 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.

We are continuing to use the book *Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God*, by Rachel Srubas.

Our focus is primarily on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book. We are not a book study group, rather a Benedictine Community, gathering as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material. We are currently using Zoom for our meetings, but if you are not comfortable with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice-only via Zoom.

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)

David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com).

Book Study, Thursday, October 20th @ 10:30 a.m.: "THE BIBLE: A BIOGRAPHY" by Karen Armstrong

Look for login information in your weekly eBlast; or locate this bulletin on our website www.icoh.net, select "Worship Service Bulletins" under the worship tab, open the Announcements and Parish Notes, then click the blue text "[Join The Bible: A Biography Zoom Meeting](#)."

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL PUMPKIN PATCH 2022 WITH GOD'S GRACE AND YOURS!

Welcome to the **29th Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Pumpkin Patch!** Our annual Pumpkin Patch ministry is one of the best ways we show our love for our neighbors—in Alexandria—and around the world.

Many thanks to all who donated soup, baked goods, crafts, and helped unload the first two trucks October 1! If sales are brisk, we may have a fifth truck October 22nd. These pumpkins will also come in large boxes on pallets which will be removed from the trucks by a forklift. And...Please... Keep making those delicious baked treats, sensational soups, and craft artistry that bring joy to our customers! Volunteers are the critical ingredient for the Patch to work! Sales hours are same as last year: 10 AM -6 PM Weekend/ Noon to 6 PM Weekday. It's still light when you're closing up! Please sign up for sales shifts during October—we need you! Heartfelt thanks to everyone who has already signed up to sell pumpkins and/or volunteered for a key Patch role (lining up our forklift operator, making/freezing soups, publicity, recycling Gaylord bins—many others)! The work of your hands and hearts directly supports our neighbors in need. Please sign up for sales shifts on-line using Pumpkin Patch 2022 Sign-Up Genius –it only takes a minute. Look for the orange Pumpkin Patch button in any weekly e-Blast or our Immanuel home page www.icoh.net Please [Sign Up Here](#) for sales shifts on-line using [Pumpkin Patch 2022 Sign-Up Genius](#) –it only takes a minute.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4EA9A823A4FC1-immanuel3>

Hallelujah! The Goodwin House lunch is on once again on for this Wednesday the 19th at noon in the Fillmore Room. We'll have our usual soup and salad lunch, lively conversation, update on the pumpkin patch and look forward to what's coming up at church through the end of the year. To RSVP, contact Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net.

Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship Brown Bag Luncheon: At our regular brown bag lunch on Tuesday, October 25, we will be watching a video recording of an event that was being held by the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations (OGR) whilst we were meeting live with the Poet Laureate last month! *A Closer Look with OGR: Religious Liberty & the Supreme Court* was a discussion about the impact of decisions made during the most recent term of the Supreme Court. The program was moderated by Mary Kostel, Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop The Most Reverend Michael Curry, and the presenter was Holly Hollman, General Counsel and Associate Executive Director, Baptist Joint Commission on Religious Liberty. The video is approximately 45 minutes and should provide fodder for some interesting discussion. Actual fodder in the form of dessert and beverages will be provided by Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship but bring your own sandwich or salad. The luncheon starts at 12:15pm and we will begin screening the video at 12:30pm. There is no charge for this luncheon.

To RSVP, please contact Karen Besser at karen.besser@gmail.com.

**Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington
Gala 2022: Equipping for Change!**

Saturday, November 5th
St. Andrew's Episcopal School
8804 Postoak Road, Potomac, MD

5:30—7:00 p.m.: Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and Silent Auction (Partner Baskets)

7:00—8:00 p.m. Program and Live Auction

Emcee: The Rev. Andrew T.P. Merrow, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA

Register online at <https://SamaritanMinistry.org/Gala>

NOW Accepting Reservations for Immanuel's **Advent Retreat December 9-11, 2022**

Watching, Waiting, Hoping: Advent in a Changed World

Advent Retreat at Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Virginia

Join us on this Advent retreat, as we reflect on life in the in-between—between an old 'normal' and a new 'normal', between Christ's first coming and second coming, between this world and the next. Using the wisdom of Julian of Norwich, we will explore what it means to live in hope in an ever-changing world.

This retreat will include a mixture of silence and time for quiet conversation. There will be ample time for worship, prayer, and exploring the outdoors as weather permits. Our retreat leader, the **Rev. Amanda Bourne**, will be available for one-on-one conversations, the rite of reconciliation, and will also lead the group in several teaching sessions on the theme throughout our weekend together.

Our retreat will begin Friday afternoon, December 9, shortly before the evening meal and will end after the noon meal on Sunday, December 11. The retreat will be at Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Virginia, which is an hour and fifteen-minute drive from our church. For more information on the monastery, see their website <https://www.virginiatrappists.org/about/>. The \$350.00 registration fee includes all materials, comfortable accommodations, individual rooms each with a bathroom, and all meals. Following Holy Cross Abbey policy, we may not be able to accommodate retreat reservations received after **November 9**.

Registration is limited to **15 persons**; please reserve your space on the Immanuel website.

If you have questions about retreat logistics, please contact Mary Ann Rehnke, mfrb2695@gmail.com and look for full details in your weekly eBlast email.

UPCOMING FORUM HOURS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER:

We are revamping Forum Hour times and locations. Some forum hours will begin after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist at Immanuel Chapel. Be on the lookout for exciting forum hours in the next month and a half, including:

- ★ **THE REV. RANDY ALEXANDER:** “Putting the Sabbath in Sabbatical” on our rector's sabbatical journey of encounter, spiritual growth, and rest, time to be determined.
- ★ **COME HEAR ABOUT THE FAITHFULNESS AND MINISTRY OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6 AT 11:45 AM AT THE SEMINARY.** John Lent, longtime (and retiring) Executive Director of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) and incoming Executive Director Eileen Spencer are our speakers November 6th at 11:45 a.m. They will speak on the faithfulness, witness, and education and social ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem in the midst of continued challenges; and how the support of partner parishes, including Immanuel, enables churches, schools and hospitals in the Diocese of Jerusalem to show God’s love to hurting people and to youth – regardless of their faith – in the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, and Jordan. John and Eileen just returned from a ten-day visit to the Diocese of Jerusalem ministries in Jordan, Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel. They’ll share videos and photos from their visits and update us on the latest challenges facing our Palestinian sisters and brothers in the Holy Land — and how the Christian witness of the diocese brings healing and hope to the region every day. *(Livestream link and precise Seminary location to be announced.)*
- ★ **VETERANS DAY FORUM HOUR, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 11:45 AM @ VTS with US Army COL (ret) Chaplain Charlie Reynolds:** How did an Army chaplain use faith to help resolve conflict between opposing groups in Bosnia? Why would a Baptist chaplain work to get liquor stores open in Baghdad? Please join us on November 13th for a special Veteran’s Day forum when we welcome COL (Ret) Chaplain Charles Reynolds, AKA “Chaplain Charlie”. Chaplain Charlie Reynolds is a retired Army Chaplain having deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Bosnia. He has written several books on faith and military service, and currently serves as the Endorser for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Charlie’s long and distinguished military career gives him a unique perspective on faith, military chaplaincy and Veterans. Please join us for this very special Veteran’s Day forum. *(Livestream link and precise Seminary location to be announced.)*
- ★ **READING THE NAMES OF THE FALLEN ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS’ MEMORIAL:** As we approach Veterans’ Day, please remember all those who have served in our armed forces, and especially those who have made the final sacrifice. Consider joining (online or in person) for the Reading of the Names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This year is the 40th anniversary of the Memorial, and this is only the seventh time that all the names have been read. You can join for part of the reading of the names which has been taking place all year on YouTube and Facebook and ends on Saturday November 6th, or participate in part of the in-person reading of the names that starts at 3 PM Saturday November 6th, and continues through midnight on Veterans’ Day, November 10th. Information available at <https://www.vvmf.org/rotn/> or contact Keith June.

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 Mollie Lambert..... Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd..... Senior Ministry
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The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

10:00 a.m. Children’s Chapel, 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](#)



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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