

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes October 23, 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, John Corbett, Danette (Dani) Gentile Kauffman (recovering from knee-replacement surgery), Rita, Betty Wannamaker, Linda and Cy Murphy, and Aggie Fortune.

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 Egenger, Betsy and Dave Berry, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Jimmy Young, Ryan, Scott Allison, Joseph Fabian, Lydia, Breanné Barnes, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Lisle Wade, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, Amanda Arnaud, Dr. Nancy Hardison, Denise Comoli, and Connie Smith.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Mark Eisenhour, Sara Fein, Catherine Stanish, Natalie Walker, Paul Beckmann, Sue Gilbertson, Matthew Whelpley, Amy Bertles, Trey Hobson, Claire Campbell, Virginia Campbell, Laurie Ellis, Patrick Kane, Emily Clausen, Theodore Papish, and Lilly Pinner.

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.

Those who we recently learned have died: Victims of the Raleigh, NC shooting: Nicole Conners, Susan Karnatz, Mary Marshall, James Roger Thompson, and Police Officer Gabriel Torres. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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!

**ALL SAINTS' HOLY EUCHARISTS: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST @ 6:30 P.M., ZABRISKIE CHAPEL
AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH @ 10:30 A.M., IMMANUEL CHAPEL**

Please submit names of any loved ones lost from November 1, 2021 through this year by noon on Sunday, October 30th via email at dedications@icoh.net or by phone, leaving a voicemail with Aleta (703) 370-6555, **option 4**. All names will be in both All Saints' bulletins and in Immanuel's Book of Remembrance.

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 26th, 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Evening Compline, Friday, October 28th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

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.

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 trucks. 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. 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)! 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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4EA9A823A4FC1-immanuel3) –it only takes a minute. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4EA9A823A4FC1-immanuel3>

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”**(date TBD)
Learn about our rector's sabbatical journey of encounter, spiritual growth, and rest.

★ **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.

IMMANUEL'S BLOOD DRIVE: SIGN UP NOW!

Our blood drive sign-up link is now open!! Please click [here](https://bit.ly/ICOTH1112) [https://bit.ly/ICOTH1112] to **make an appointment** for Immanuel's blood drive, hosted in partnership with Inova Hospital, on Saturday, November 12, from 9am to 1pm in the Zabriskie parking lot. Please note!: Inova has **loosened eligibility restrictions** around European travel/residence due to the Mad Cow scare, so if you were previously ineligible due to travel during that time period, please click [here](https://www.inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/) [https://www.inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/] to read their **eligibility guidance** and see if you are now eligible.

Blood drives are a wonderful way to help our community—**one in seven people** entering the hospital need blood and a single car accident victim can require as many as **100 pints of blood**. The blood from our drive will likely be used within 48 hours after it ends. If you are not eligible to donate (or even if you are!), please consider **volunteering** even an hour at the registration table—[click here for the SignUp Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49AFAA2EA4FB6-immanuel) [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49AFAA2EA4FB6-immanuel]. And if you are considering donating for the first time, Inova has some helpful information [here](https://www.inovablood.org/donate-blood/prepare-for-your-donation/first-time-donors/) [https://www.inovablood.org/donate-blood/prepare-for-your-donation/first-time-donors/]. Please contact Katherine Maas at katherinemaas@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you!!

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.



**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Advent Retreat
Holy Cross Abbey Retreat House
December 9-11, 2022**



1. First person registering for retreat

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

2. Second person registering for retreat

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Number of registrants _____ x \$350 = _____ Total registration fee

Please make check payable to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill and write Advent Retreat on the check. Return this form and your check to the Immanuel Church office, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22304 **by Tuesday, November 1**. Please put Advent retreat on the envelope.

If you need to cancel your registration and there is no one on the waiting list who can take your place, Holy Cross Abbey retains the \$75.00 per room deposit. All but \$75.00 of your registration fee would be returned to you.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 Kathy Lloyd..... Senior Ministry
 Brooke Roberts..... Communications
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 The Rev. John R. Smucker
 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

RECTOR EMERITA

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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