

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
September 18, 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: Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, Leo, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Pam Willard, Zuzanna Wise, and Jackie Phillips.

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, Linda and Cy Murphy, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Louise Jackson, Jimmy Young, Margaret Chenoweth, Ryan, Scott Allison, Joseph Fabian, Lydia, Breanné Barnes, John Corbett, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, and Elton Brunkenhoefer.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Ginny Johnstone, Wilton Corkern, Kathryne Gould, Frances Johnson, Jimmy Moore, Alan Becker, Celia Ochs, Rachel Becker, Peter Beckmann, Clay Burke, Grayson Yates, **Lise Iwasawa**, Bill Kerekes, Lorelai Low, and Benjamin Richter.

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: Eleanor Parsons, aunt of Mother Susan.

"ART TO LIFT SPIRITS: MORE MODERN ICONS OF THE GOOD NEWS"
Mixed media liturgical art

Sue Carroll, Liturgical Artist-in-Residence FREE Open House and Artist's Reception

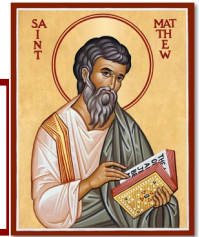


TODAY, Sunday, September 18
4-6 p.m.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
5450 Massachusetts Avenue
Bethesda, MD

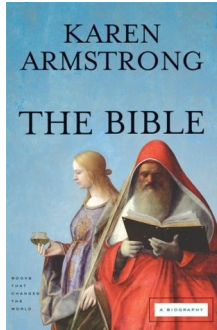
For more information, contact the Rev. Patty Alexander:
rector@stdunstansbethesda.org

Announcements



Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II
FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW
September 21st @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Book Study, Thursday, September 22nd @ 10:30 a.m.: "THE BIBLE: A BIOGRAPHY" by Karen Armstrong: Please consider joining the NEW book study of "THE BIBLE: A BIOGRAPHY" by acclaimed historian Karen Armstrong, on Thursday mornings from 10:30 - noon by Zoom.



In what has been called "one terrific little book," Armstrong challenges many incorrect modern assumptions about the Bible as she discusses its conception, development, and interpretation through changing times.

"While there are countless guides to reading the Bible, noted academic Karen Armstrong looks at the history of the book with a keen historian's eye. ... Armstrong condenses into a manageable volume the many ideas and traditions that influenced the creation of the Good Book." —Kirkus Reviews

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](#)."

Evening Compline, Friday, September 23rd, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Senior Adult Luncheon Update and Event

GOODWIN HOUSE

We are hoping to resume Our monthly Senior Ministry and Fellowship luncheon at Goodwin House soon. Please watch for announcements.

CHOCOLATE CANDY MAKING - September 24th

No van this month! Instead, Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship will be meeting in the parish hall and the adjacent kitchen to create chocolate candies to be sold at the Pumpkin Patch in October. Join us on Saturday, **September 24, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00p.m.** If you can use a microwave, you might spend some time melting the different colors of chocolate. If you prefer to be seated, you will be piping chocolate into molds or wielding a small paint brush to give the pumpkins, autumn leaves, or ghosts a little color-contrast detail. Finally, we'll be wrapping the cooled candy in boxes and wrappers, ready to be priced and sold. No need to commit to the entire three hours; just come for as long as you are able.

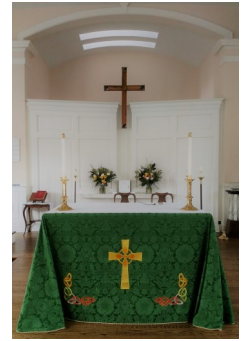


Come and help prepare an exciting new offering for the Pumpkin Patch. Remember, 100% of the proceeds from the sale of things that we make ourselves at Immanuel goes straight to Patch profit and then out into the community via the organizations designated by our Outreach Committee. So, all hands to the chocolate! Please contact Karen Besser at karen.besser@gmail.com.

MORNING PRAYER RESUMES

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.



TWO THINGS TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION FROM ALIVE!

1. **Immanuel Church on the Hill is again a sponsor for the StepALIVE! walkathon.** The walkathon supports ALIVE's efforts to provide food, shelter and emergency financial assistance for rent and other basic needs. The date of the walkathon this year is Sunday, Oct 16; walkers are invited to gather in the parking lot of First Christian Church at 2pm for a kick off, walk through Old Town and a post-walk celebration. You can register at www.stepalive.org. If anyone is interested in joining as a team, please let Lisa Clausen (Lisa.clausen@verizon.net) know.

2. After a 2 1/2 year hiatus, the **ALIVE! furniture delivery program is restarting!** Historically, congregations have adopted one or two Saturdays (8am-1pm) a year to pick up and deliver furniture to those in need. We need 8 volunteers (4 per truck) to provide this assistance.

Please email Lisa Clausen, (Lisa.clausen@verizon.net) if you (and friends?) can help. Once we have a core group, we will be assigned a weekend (or two). Thanks so much!

IMMANUEL IS HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE!

We are partnering with INOVA Hospital to host a blood drive on **Saturday, November 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Zabriskie parking lot.** In order to hold this date, **we need to start gathering interest now!** Please express your interest by filling out your name, email, and phone number in [this form](https://forms.gle/qXFSSxVEaR9qEYw46) (<https://forms.gle/qXFSSxVEaR9qEYw46>), or by contacting **Katherine Maas** at katherinemaas@gmail.com. In September, we'll kick our campaign into high gear with an appointment sign-up link, but we do need to know now if you are interested.

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. Please see recently updated **eligibility guidance** [here](https://www.inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/) (<https://www.inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/>).

If you are not eligible to donate, please consider **volunteering** at the registration table—even helping out for an hour would help! 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 with any questions or to express interest in volunteering. Thank you!!



12 days before the first delivery for the Pumpkin Patch!

THE VERY REV. IAN MARKHAM at Senior Ministry and Fellowship Brown Bag Lunch
Tuesday, September 27th @ 12:15 PM at Zabriskie Parish Hall

Bring your sandwich or salad to the Zabriskie Parish Hall Tuesday, September 27, at 12:15p.m. at Senior Ministry and Fellowship's monthly brown bag luncheon. We will be joined by our Assistant Rector (and new dad) Sam Sheridan and Associate Rector Susan Parsons to talk with us about how seniors can best support the faith development of the children here in our parish and those in our extended families. If you have a favorite children's book touching on faith or with a spiritual worldview, please bring the title and author's name and we will compile a list to be shared amongst ourselves and uploaded to the Immanuel website.



SPECIAL GUEST! We will also be joined by **The Very Reverend Ian Markham, Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary.** Dean Markham will introduce the Lifelong Learning class that he will be offering a VTS this autumn, Faith and Conspiracy Theories. The class will be Tuesday evenings, November 15 to December 6, from 7:00-8:30pm in the Addison Academic Center.

While COVID numbers in our community continue to rise, we will have the tables in the parish hall spread apart and tables will be designated for eating or not eating. You can choose to sit at an EATING table or wear your mask throughout the gathering and sit at a NON-EATING table. Senior Ministry will provide dessert and beverages. This lunch is free and all Immanuel seniors are invited to attend. No reservation is needed, but it does help in planning right amount of dessert! For questions, 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.

Two trucks of pumpkins, driven by Scott and Amanda (our pumpkin-truck drivers for many years), will be ready to unload **Saturday morning, October 1st**. Like the last two years, pumpkins will come in large boxes on pallets which will be removed from the trucks by a forklift. Two more trucks will arrive **Saturday morning, October 15th**. We'll need a lot of helpers to unpack the boxes and turn the lawn from green to orange!! Please mark your calendars. And...those delicious baked treats, sensational soups, and craft artistry will 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—many others)! Last year, we had our greatest financial success ever – your work and your hearts directly supported our neighbors in need – even during two years of Pandemic!

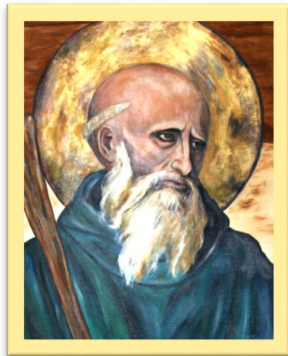
Please sign up for sales shifts on-line using **Pumpkin Patch 2022 Sign-Up Genius** –it only takes a minute. Look for the orange Pumpkin Patch button in any weekly e-Blast or our Immanuel home page www.icoh.net

Please **Sign Up Here** for one or more shifts:

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

Benedictine Group Resumes

Tuesday, October 4th @ 7:00 p.m.



"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 pm-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.

After a summer break, we will commence our reflections starting **October 4th**, and 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).

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.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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 Brad Ashton..... Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Mollie Lambert..... Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd..... Senior Ministry
 Brooke Roberts..... Communications
 Phyllis Sims Evangelism and New Members
 Julie Bruns Pastoral Care
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 The Rev. Sam SheridanRegister (nonvoting member)

PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

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 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

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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