

**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
**Parish Notes**  
**December 12, 2021**

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**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](http://www.icoh.net)).

*Learn more about us at [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net).*

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, David Stayanoff, Diana Walker, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, John Bednar, Kathy Lloyd, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Ted Walker, Edith, Joseph, Paul, and Doug.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, Dotty Eisenhour, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Preston, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Sandy Ford, and Elizabeth.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Anthony Burke, Rick Glassco, Jamie Conrad, Christopher DeMulder, Paul Lartey, Sydney Onley, Jim Snow, Katherine Warlick, Candy Levin, Susan Stockton, Asna Amiri, Tiffany McCaslin, Owen Malone, Mike Michaelis, Kameran Onley, and David Peabody.

**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 have recently died:** Colonel Edward Shames, Former Senator Bob Dole, Constable Madison "Skip" Nicholson, Police Detective Antonio Valentine, and Police Officer Richard Houston II. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGNUPS**

It's that time of year again! This year's Christmas Pageant will be in person, live streamed, AND recorded for a YouTube premiere! It is **THIS SATURDAY December 18<sup>th</sup>**, with rehearsal the week before, and two reading practices before that. Please sign up to participate as a teenager with a speaking role, a child with a part of the tableau role, OR a parent with a helping costume and organize role.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea928abf4c61-christmas>

# Announcements

*“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your **God is with you wherever you go.**” Joshua 1:9*



## God's Gift and Our Response

This season of Advent is a time to reflect on the gifts we have been given. We have much to be grateful for and much to give back to God in return.

During this season, we hope you will generously pledge to support God's work through Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill.

As of December 7, 2021, we are blessed with 113 pledges representing \$604,682, forty-four percent of pledges have increased from the previous year. And, on average, those increases are by more than nine percent. Eleven pledges are new.

We constantly praise God for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment of time, talent, enthusiasm, and treasure to Immanuel and God's work through this parish.

You can return your pledge card through the mail, place it in the offering plate, send an email to our treasurer [thewson@icoh.net](mailto:thewson@icoh.net) stating your pledge amount, or [pledge online](#).

**LESSONS AND CAROLS AT VTS TODAY @ 4:30 p.m., Immanuel Chapel:** You are welcome to Virginia Theological Seminary's Lessons and Carols service today at 4:30pm., Immanuel Chapel, where Father Sam will serve as a reader.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE

### 2021

December 18	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
December 19	8:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Parish Hall
December 23	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling on Seminary Hill	<i>meet at</i> Zabriskie Chapel
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist II with Brass and Full Choir ( <i>Brass Prelude begins at 4:50 p.m.</i> )	Immanuel Chapel
	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist II with Woodwinds, Horn and Choral Ensemble ( <i>Choral Prelude begins at 8:45 p.m.</i> )	Immanuel Chapel
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	Zabriskie Chapel
December 26	9:00 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel

### 2022

January 2	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Parish Hall

## Military Funeral for Dick and Judy Bednar

Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.

Arlington National Cemetery

**Thursday Morning Bible Study:** *This Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>*, we will pause from our reading of Hebrews to read the **beautiful birth narratives in the Gospels**. We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon, by Zoom.

To log-in on your computer: 1. Visit our website [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net), at the top menu select "Worship", then "Worship Service Bulletin" from the pull-down menu., 2. Click on this bulletin, then click the blue text: **Thursday Morning Bible Study via Zoom NOW**, 3. Enter **Meeting ID: 825 5204 5029**, then Password: **312018**. For more information, contact one of the clergy.

**COMPLINE Service on Fridays:** Join us for this **Friday Compline December 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30p.m.** via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church."

To participate, select this bulletin on our website under "Worship Service Bulletins" under the "Worship" tab, click the link: **Join Friday Night Compline Service**, and enter the following: Meeting ID: **817 3973 7116**, Password: **029619**. To join the service by phone, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592.

### Give to Benefit Christmas Families NEXT Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - At All THREE Eucharists

The special collection for Christmas Families 2021 is next Sunday December 19. It will support holiday gifts for children in disadvantaged families through the gift card programs run by Alexandria Human Services and by Offender Aid and Restoration, warm throws for children in the refugee ministry coordinated by Christ Church, and two books for each of the 139 children in the preschool classes of Child and Family Network Centers. Watch for further announcements.



## CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON SEMINARY HILL

DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 5 - 7:00 P.M.

Join your fellow Immauelites for singing Christmas Carols as we stroll through Seminary Hill on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> — we'll meet at 5:00 p.m. inside of Zabriskie Chapel before venturing outside. Let's spread some Christmas cheer in our neighborhood.

## 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. Sam Sheridan (ssheridan@icoh.net) .....	Assistant Rector
Dr. Jane Tavernier (jtavernier@icoh.net) .....	Director of Music
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Gilma Balcarcel .....	Nursery Coordinator
John Bednar (jbednar@icoh.net) .....	Information Technology Specialist
Stuart Dahlinger .....	Sexton

## THE VESTRY

Kathryn Haskin .....	Senior Warden, Co-steward: Social Justice
Martha Shimkin .....	Junior Warden: Administration
Darrell Wilson .....	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds
David Atwood .....	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Co-steward: Social Justice
Harrison Clark .....	Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Danette "Dani" Gentile Kauffman .....	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Kristi Kubista-Hovis .....	Outreach, and Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brooke Roberts .....	Communications
Phyllis Sims .....	Fellowship, Senior Ministry
Francine Wargo .....	Worship
Shawn Whitman .....	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson .....	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
Candy Levin .....	Register (nonvoting member)

### SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel  
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

1:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Zabriskie Chapel Parish Hall

#### *Online*

[www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)  
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

### PRIEST ASSOCIATES

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke  
The Rev. Jan A. Maas  
The Rev. John R. Smucker  
The Rev. Canon Rosemari G. Sullivan  
The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

### SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30pm, Immanuel Chapel on the following dates:  
**December 18** - Christmas Pageant

### 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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