

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### December 24-25, 2023

**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. Both chapels offer a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

**Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels.** Give your card to an usher or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

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)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony and Patsy Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Alice, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, David Craig, Justine Claypoole, Jean Couban, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Cynthia, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joseph Fabian, Cathy Fick, Gerald, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Marcia MacDonald, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Lysbeth, Jessi Napolitano, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Larry Rhoades, Roger, George Rustigian, Brian Tolson, Graham Tomlinson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Valia Amiri, Jason Donahue, Tim Gildersleeve, Debbie Hewson, Candace Quinlan, Carol Crossmire, Amy Parks, Drew Parks, Marda Robillard, Norma Taliaferro, Mae Hunt, the Rev. Jan A. Maas, and Ken McDonald.

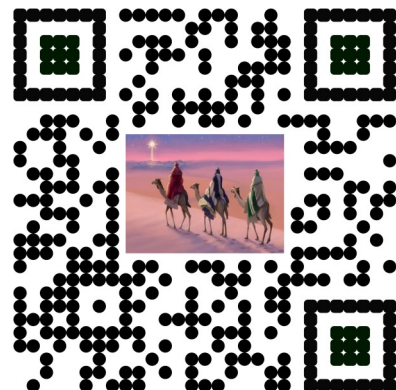
**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

**Those who have died:** Candy Morgan, close friend of Chris von Schoening. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

#### Godly Play Schedule Update December-January 2023

- ☆ Godly Play will not be held through January 7<sup>th</sup>, the day of our *Children's Epiphany Pageant*, 10:30 a.m., Immanuel Chapel. All parents are encouraged to register their children to participate by scanning the QR code at right.
  - ☆ On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> we will have Godly Play at 10:30 a.m. in Immanuel Chapel (Octagon Room).
  - ☆ On February 4<sup>th</sup> we will return to our normal schedule, and Godly Play will move back to the Worship Center at 9 a.m.
- Questions? Contact Sarah Glassco at [glasscos@gmail.com](mailto:glasscos@gmail.com).

**IMMANUEL FAMILIES:**  
Sign-up for the Epiphany Pageant here!



# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer @ 10:00, Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II  
January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m.  
online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

First Forum Hour of 2024: Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45 AM, The Welcome Center (VTS Campus)

### *Family History: Living the Civil Rights Era, with Bryant Mitchell*

Please join us on January 14, right after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, in The Welcome Center, for an interview with longtime parishioner Bryant Mitchell, whose civil rights experience began as a child plaintiff in a desegregation lawsuit in Charlottesville, and whose parents -- long associated with the Seminary and with Immanuel -- were actively engaged in civil rights activism, bearing witness and having impact across and beyond the State of Virginia.

*Come Join Us, and Pray for Us* as Immanuel’s Social Justice Committee  
travels to Richmond on January 17, 2024 to

### Ask The General Assembly to LIMIT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT in Virginia

Jesus calls on us to care for those in prison. For a number of years, we have been doing just that through Outreach support to groups like Offender Aid and Restoration, Samaritan Ministry, and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy. Last year, the Social Justice Committee consulted extensively with the Alexandria Sheriff, the Commonwealth’s Attorney, a public defender and Immanuel’s Outreach partners to see what more decisive action we could take on this issue. Based on that consultation, the Vestry encouraged us to engage with Virginia’s legislature to prohibit solitary confinement for more than two weeks, something the national Episcopal Church and many other denominations have formally condemned as a form of torture. Over the course of 2023, we joined with the Interfaith Center and many houses of worship throughout the State, and our efforts produced two of the most bipartisan pieces of legislation to emerge from the General Assembly this year. The legislation didn’t put a time limit on solitary confinement, but the first bill created several procedural safeguards, and the second bill funded an Ombudsman’s office to oversee the Department of Corrections’ compliance with those safeguards.

We are going to Richmond again on January 17 to get the office of the Ombudsman formally authorized, and to see what other improvements we might be able to make on this issue. Please consider joining us in Richmond for a day of criminal justice dialogue and visits with our state representatives. Once again we’ve chartered a very comfortable bus, which will depart the Immanuel parking lot at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, January 17 and return that evening. Please contact [Kathryn Haskin](#), [Jamie Conrad](#), or [David Atwood](#).



## Want to Become a Lay Reader? Lector Training Resumes January 14th!

We'll return to hosting brief Lector Training sessions each Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in Immanuel Chapel. The purpose is to enhance sound quality of the service and to make sure readers are comfortable, annunciate, and are prepared to serve. Those who have read before but want pointers on how to project their specific voice in a slightly echo-y spacious chapel, should feel free to join us. Send your questions and/or express your interest via email at [tmartin@icoh.net](mailto:tmartin@icoh.net), and Tamika Martin or Steven Denlinger will contact you directly. You can also signup via the QR code at left.

Lay Reader Training

### SEEKING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the end of January, when we will elect new Vestry members to begin three-year terms. If you are interested in discussing what Vestry service at Immanuel entails, or if you are feeling called to stand, please contact Father Randy at [ralexander@icoh.net](mailto:ralexander@icoh.net), or Senior Warden Kristi Kubista-Hovis at [kristi\\_kubista@yahoo.com](mailto:kristi_kubista@yahoo.com).

### EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: DECEMBER 2023 - JANUARY 2024

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services Through January ONLINE via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**



Would consider serving as a lay minister? If so, please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at [www.ICOH.net](http://www.ICOH.net) and clicking on the red button at left. *We especially need people to serve during the season of Epiphany.*

If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (ext. #206), or via email at [asoos@icoh.net](mailto:asoos@icoh.net). Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net) or indicate so in the comments box under your name on the online form. Thank you!

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

### EYC Shrine Mont Weekend! January 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

The EYC has reserved the Saint Andrews House at Shrine Mont during The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend, January 12–15<sup>th</sup> for a fun youth program of skiing, tubing, and fellowship. We'll also offer hiking, relaxation, games, puzzles and more.

Episcopal Youth Community youths (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders) and families (depending on space availability) are welcome to join us for all three nights, come for one or two days, or just visit for the day.

For all interested in this trip, please scan the QR code at right to register or contact Brian Rush at [james.b.rush2@uscg.mil](mailto:james.b.rush2@uscg.mil).

Scan to Register



**CLERGY AND STAFF**

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) ..... Rector  
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 Stuart Dahlinger ..... Sexton

**THE VESTRY**

Kristi Kubista-Hovis ..... Senior Warden  
 Gerry Anderson ..... Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care  
 Peter Kent ..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 Amy Thomas ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship  
 Brad Ashton ..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
 Mollie Lambert ..... Outreach  
 Kathy Lloyd ..... Senior Ministry  
 Kristi Kubista-Hovis and Kathy Lloyd ..... Children Youth and Family Ministries  
 Julie Bruns ..... Pastoral Care  
 David Atwood ..... Social Justice  
 Taylor Houck ..... Communications  
 Caroline Bergmark ..... Evangelism and Newcomers  
 Matt Haskin ..... Worship  
 Caroline Bergmark and Taylor Houck ..... Fellowship  
 Sydney Onley ..... Youth Representative (nonvoting member)  
 Caroline Bergmark ..... Registrar

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

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

*Online*

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

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
 The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke  
 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

**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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