

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
February 13, 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).

Learn more about us at www.icoh.net.

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, and Daphne.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Ben Hoge, Louise Jackson, Lloyd Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, Sandy Ford, Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, John, McQuade Milligan, Jen Orvis, Bea Paine, Phyllis Crawley, Jim Paine, Jack Haberle, and Nancy Adams.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Janet Rose Greene, Caroline Hicks, Connor Lease, Caroline Bergmark, Isabel Frye, Katherine Hussey, Virginia Byron, Nolan Enright, Henry Page, Allen Smith, Bill Bertles, Sue Hurn, Ariyani Balcarcel, Rollin Huntington, Pierre Shostal, and Charlie Willard.

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: Percy Sunderaj Frederick, brother of Quintus “Freddy” Frederick and paternal uncle of Sujatha Augustine; Marianne Coates, friend of Rosi Urbine, John Bednar and others at Immanuel; Boris Wise, loved one of The Wise Family; Marine Corporal Victor Varelamartinez, Marine Lance Corporal Bailey Spencer Hoover, Navy Seaman Kyle Mullen, Police Sergeant Chris Jenkins Officer, and Police Captain Collin Birnie. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE: Get Ready! After a number of delays on the part of our contractor, Sustainable Energy Solutions (SES), we have been advised that the building permit package for the solar array installation and other elements of the system infrastructure is complete and has been submitted to the City of Alexandria for review. The City has a policy of a 30 day review of such documents, which suggests a mid-February decision on their part assuming no issues arise. The earliest the project would start is late February, and once the installation begins it should be complete in 10-14 days barring any weather delays. If past history is any indication, it will commence more than likely in March. The good news is the solar panels are in storage locally and, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we have more than sufficient funds to cover the next progress payment to SES, which is due 30 days prior to installation. Answers to “Frequently Asked Questions” about the project can be found on Immanuel’s website under Creation Care Ministry at <https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/creation-care-ministry.html>.

Announcements

**New Family Service: THE JOY MASS, Begins Today, February 13th
9:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

Initially this brief eucharistic service is intended for *families with children who may be too young to be vaccinated*, or even too young to wear masks. The homily and music will be designed for children, and will not replace or conflict with Godly Play or online Sunday School videos.

**Join us for the Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II
February 16th at 6:30p.m, Zabriskie Chapel**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH @ 6:30 PM: SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK STUDY: *Just Mercy*

We have officially begun our 9-10 week conversation on [*Just Mercy*](#) by Bryan Stephenson as the next book to help tie our Social Justice discussions with Immanuel's Criminal Justice Initiative. If you missed our introductory conversation that's 100% okay! We're reading Chapters 4 and 5 for this week. We'll try to do two chapters a week unless the consensus is that it's going either much too fast or much too slow.

We'd love for you to join us as we explore building a vocabulary and theology around the idea that what happens to incarcerated people should matter to us as Christians. This particular book is largely a story about a man who was ultimately exonerated and rescued from Death Row, but it is also a launching point for some hard discussions about how our society treats people in prison—and how imprisonment impacts the families and communities of the incarcerated.

**BIBLE STUDY this Thursday, February 17th @ 10:30 a.m.
The Epistle of James**

All are welcome to share in this exploration of James -- no prior study or participation necessary. We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon online via Zoom -- look for login information in your weekly eBlast email

Just bring your Bible (or an online version such as [Bible Gateway here](#)) and a heart open to the idea that we are meant learn from one another, that we are a people called to learn about God's love in community. You most certainly can just listen, but your witness, experience, thoughts, and beliefs are just as important and valuable as anyone else's!

Evening Compline, Friday, February 18th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY This Saturday, February 19th: Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning [Breakfast Bible Study will be February 19](#), the third Saturday. We will meet online via Zoom (link and info available on our webpage and via our weekly eBlast) beginning at 8 a.m. Our theme this year is Gratitude; this month we will read **Psalm 100**, using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com .

**Confirmation Class In Fairchild Room AND [on Zoom](#)
Next Sunday, February 20th @ 12:15 p.m.**

This hybrid Confirmation class is our final history lesson!!! What is Anglicanism? How did Episcopalians come out of that? Who was Absalom Jones? Why do we ordain women? How did the Church finally decide to affirm, celebrate, and bless the marriages of LGBTQ+ people? This is all the recent history stuff that, when we do a truly "adult" confirmation class, will be almost everything anyone is interested in asking about—making it super appropriate and interesting for even teenagers who are not in confirmation. We hope to see your teenager there or logged on!

To log on, visit our website, under the “Worship” tab, click “Worship Service Bulletins”, find this copy of parish notes and click the blue text “[Confirmation Class on Zoom HERE](#)”, then enter:

- Meeting ID: 869 2507 7936
- Passcode: 902473

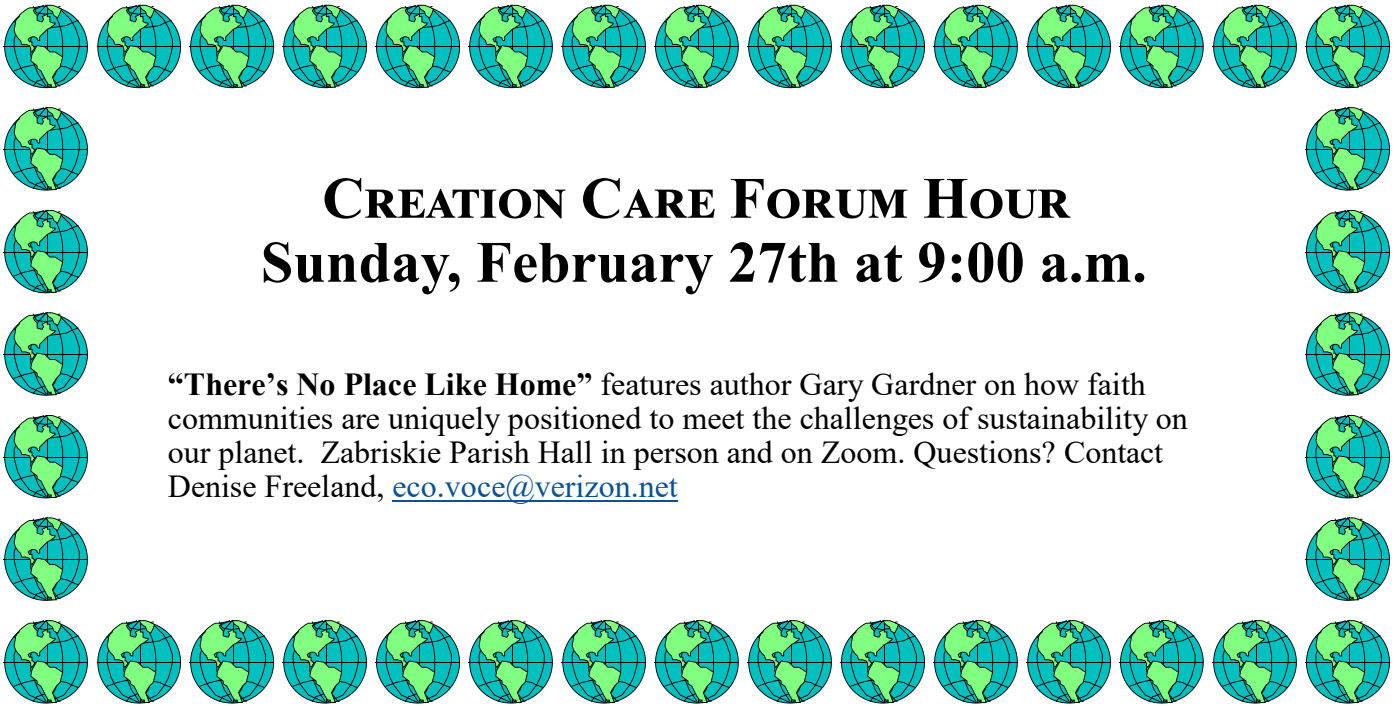
SENIOR MINISTRY EVENTS RESUME IN FEBRUARY: If we are able to resume our events in February, Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship is sponsoring a trip to the *National Building Museum* in Washington, DC on Monday, February 21st (the President's Day holiday). This trip includes a visit to the exhibit *Play/Work/Build* and provides a special opportunity to bring grandchildren of all ages (and parents) along for a fun and educational activity. To get a sense of the exhibit, enjoy the brief YouTube video at <https://www.nbm.org/exhibition/play-work-build>. The museum has several permanent and temporary exhibits including *House & Home* and the *Gun Violence Memorial Project* .

To join us February 21st, meet us at the van in the Zabriskie parking lot at 10:00 a.m; we plan to be back no later than 1:45 p.m. Tickets to the museum are \$5, and there will be a \$10 copay to ride in the van. A healthy snack will be available before we leave Immanuel and pizza and sandwiches will be waiting when we return. I have only 24 tickets for this event, so please RSVP as soon as possible. Masks must be worn inside the Museum at this time.

To RSVP, contact Karen Besser at: karen.besser@gmail.com or call the parish office at (703) 370-6555 and press “9” to leave your reservation via voicemail.



**GRIEF AND SUPPORT GROUP MEETING RETURNS TO THE FAIRCHILD ROOM
Wednesday, February 23rd @ 7:15 p.m.,
The Fairchild Room**



CREATION CARE FORUM HOUR Sunday, February 27th at 9:00 a.m.

“**There’s No Place Like Home**” features author Gary Gardner on how faith communities are uniquely positioned to meet the challenges of sustainability on our planet. Zabriskie Parish Hall in person and on Zoom. Questions? Contact Denise Freeland, eco.voce@verizon.net

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of our ongoing, and sometimes overlooked, responses to the pandemic is that your clergy and seminarians are available to make house calls. We live in well-founded hope that this surge may be the last time we need to go online-only again. However, that doesn't mean that the surge will dissipate and everyone will immediately want to go out in public, everything normal and hunky-dory. At this time of particular high transmissibility, and as the whole world moves navigates new and different phases of mitigating and living with this virus, we want to be as flexible and available to you as possible. If you cannot make it to church, we can schedule a time to bring some church to you. If your living arrangements don't allow visitors we can come to windows and doors, make phone calls, text messages, and zoom meetings. If you want some time during the week to pray in your church, we can probably help navigate that.

There are, in short, options. Now, or in the months to come, if there is any reason you are unable to come to church or want to participate in the eucharist in some way or need someone to talk to: we are here for you. We invite you to reach out to us. We want you to know, in all the ways, that you are a member of this community.

In Christ,
Your clergy; *Randy, Susan and Sam*

CLERGY AND STAFF

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Kristi Kubista-Hovis	Rachel Wilson, Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
Mollie Lambert	Darrell Wilson
Kathy Lloyd	

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
9:00 a.m. Family Holy Eucharist, Zabriskie 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](#)

PRIEST ASSOCIATES

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
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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



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