

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
February 27, 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, Cynthia and Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, Lawrence, and Ann Huntington.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Ben Hoge, Louise Jackson, Margaret Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Randy MacDonald, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, John, McQuade Milligan, and J.C.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Grace Albritton, Arthur Braun, Juliet Houck, Len Lynch, Mary Taylor, Keith June, Bruce Morton, Sharon Waiss, The Rev. Barney Hawkins, Sampson Robinson, Matthew Bastow, Carson Clark Arp, Tyler Harris, Cecile Phillips, Hayden Arp, Kathy Conrad, Katja Shimkin, Thomas Cuddy, and Carole Phillips.

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: Sammie Jo Reynolds, mother of Pumpkin Patch truck driver Amanda Arnaud; Joann Drennan, the sister of Janice Corbett's sister-in-law; Everett Poole, beloved friend of Cynthia Caples; Air Force Staff Sergeant Tyrell Harris; and Police Officer Nicholas Vella. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

CREATION CARE FORUM HOUR - Today 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
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 “[JOIN CREATION CARE FORUM HOUR](#)”; then enter:

- 🌐 Meeting ID: 823 0960 7724
- 🌐 Passcode: 306211

Announcements

9:00 a.m., About the NEW Family Service “Joy Mass”

This brief worship service is a song or two, a reading from scripture, a children's homily, and a short Eucharist. At first we are hoping to offer this service for families:

- who have children too young to mask or vaccinate,
- who want to participate in Godly Play but also want to attend church together, and
- who don't attend in person because they're worried their children might pass germs to our older congregants.

This service will be small, the adults will be asked to be masked and socially distant, and it will be the final event in Zabriskie chapel for the day (to minimize exposure for other people who use the space).

This is all in addition to planned forum hours and the February Godly Play in-person and video offerings. If this family service continues we will make sure it never conflicts with Godly Play because part of the purpose is to serve families who may want to do both! At first we'll try it simply announcing the service, and if we need to add a reservation system to make sure we maintain social distancing, that will be a problem created by an abundant blessing and we'll be happy to adjust.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Two Services for ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2022

Join us for Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at either of the following services:

12:00 p.m. Noon in Zabriskie Chapel

6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Ash Wednesday is the first of the forty days of Lent, named for the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshipers. The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality; imposed with the sign of the cross. Whether you have always observed many specific customs during Lent, or whether you have barely heard about / remember it at all — you are invited, as a member of this community, to spend some time preparing for Easter. Turn your heart, mind, and will toward the Resurrected Christ and the promise of a world renewed by God's unyielding love.

BIBLE STUDY this Thursday, March 3rd @ 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, March 4th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY @ 9:15a.m. - New Lenten Series

Diving into the Lenten Word

Our Lenten series this year will be exploring, in depth, the Scripture readings of the five Sundays in Lent. The preacher of the day will lead the discussion, allowing lots of time for questions, responses, and musings. Though this may sound a bit like a Bible Study, the difference will be that we'll be exploring the context more fully, musing about the authors of the lessons, while also hearing from the preacher about their process as they wrote the sermon.

We'll gather at 9:15a.m. in Zabriskie Parish Hall each Sunday in Lent, both in person and online. We will miss you if you aren't there.

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>.

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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| Shawn Whitman | Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds |
| David Atwood | Adult Formation and Discipleship, Social Justice |
| Harrison Clark | Children, Youth, and Family Ministries |
| Brad Ashton | Stewardship and Planned Giving |
| Mollie Lambert | Outreach |
| Kathy Lloyd | Senior Ministry |
| Brooke Roberts | Communications |
| Phyllis Sims | Evangelism and New Members |
| Bob Murray | Worship |
| Julie Bruns | Pastoral Care |
| Rachel Wilson | Youth Representative (nonvoting member) |
| The Rev. Sam Sheridan | Register (nonvoting member) |

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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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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