

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

April 16, 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. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a pew card — located in display stands at entrances of the chapels — and give it 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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Nancy Bishop, Daphne, Edith, the Sara Fein family, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann Huntington, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Jessi MacLeod, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John and Louisa Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, and Nancy Wise.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, the Rev. Tracy Baker, Felicia Balzano, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, John and Alice Corbett, Steve Davis, Dana De Cecco, Joseph Fabian, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Betty Harris, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Nancy Kraus, Rowena and Don Lynch, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Paul, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, George Rustigian, Ryan, Connie Smith, Roy Zartarian, and Cecile Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Madeleine Compton, Harrison Barnes, Lila Greiner, Pam Hunt, Timo Kirby, Sofia Richter, the Rev. John Smucker, Erik Braun, Joan Raybold, Peter Whelpley, Barb Bassett, Pat Bassett, and Elizabeth MacIntosh.

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

Those who have died: Victims of the Louisville, KY shooting: Josh Barrick, Deana Eckert, Tommy Elliott, Juliana Farmer, and Jim Tutt. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Consider [MAKING A DONATION](#) to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

As a 501(c)3 faith-based nonprofit, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill depends on donations. If you feel inclined to help this church and its outreach initiatives, please scan the code at right to make an online donation on our website at <https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/ways-to-give1.html>.



Announcements

Weekday Worship Opportunities

MORNING PRAYER TUESDAY, APRIL 18th @ 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 the Church is commemorating.

Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist returns April 19th @6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Online via Zoom: Our Weekly Bible Study resumes Thursday, April 20th @ 10:30 a.m.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Evening Compline, Friday, April 21st, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

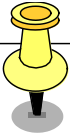
Benedictine Community Meeting, THIS TUESDAY, April 18th @ 7:00 p.m. online via Zoom: If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We currently meet twice a month virtually via Zoom on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 7-8 p.m.

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. Beginning on Tuesday, April 18 we start a new book *Shaped by the End You Live For: Thomas Merton's Monastic Spirituality* by Bonnie B. Thurston -- this would be a great time to join or visit with us. As a Benedictine Community, we gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from a few pages from selected reading material.

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), or David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com).

LEARN MORE ABOUT EX-OFFENDERS TRANSITIONING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORK OF OAR TO SUPPORT THEM: Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) is a longstanding Outreach partner of Immanuel, receiving support through our Outreach, Christmas Families, and Social Justice budgets. OAR helps prisoners and their families as they transition out of incarceration. It also administers community service programs to divert people out of the prison system. OAR staff and the people they serve have inspiring stories of lives being changed and hope being restored. You might consider registering online to take a one hour "[Virtual Tour](#)" of OAR and learn what they do. OAR serves Alexandria, Arlington and Falls Church. For more information contact, David Atwood atwooddavid@gmail.com or Jim Snow jamesbsnow@verizon.net.

FEMALE CAPITOL HILL INTERN NEEDS SAFE LODGING: Lodging needed for female Michigan State Graduate, interning on Capitol Hill, from 30 to 60 days. Looking for short-term rental starting late May 2023. Please contact Candace Quinlan at cquinlan52@yahoo.com if you know any accommodation that applies.



SENIOR MINISTRY EVENTS

APRIL 19 - LUNCHEON AT GOODWIN HOUSE: Please join us as we resume our monthly luncheon at Goodwin House-Alexandria on Wednesday, April 19 at noon in the Fillmore Room. RSVP to Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net.

IT'S ALL SO VERY PUZZLING...

April 25 - BROWN BAG LUNCH FEATURING WORDLE: Do you WORDLE? Like crossword puzzles, word searches or sudoku? Addicted to the NY Times' Spelling Bee? Our SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY BROWN BAG LUNCH will continue April's puzzling theme. Bring your favorite word or number game or puzzle to the Parish Hall at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 and share your passion with others. While you eat lunch, we will make photocopies of the various puzzles to share. They say that untangling these games can help keep our brains nimble, so after lunch we can share our own experience with that effect.

Don't forget to bring your own sandwich or salad and Senior Ministry will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.

MAY 2 - BIKE OR RIDE TRIP TO THE BIRD HOUSE AT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL ZOO. Join us on Tuesday, May 2, to experience the wonder of the zoo's brand-new Bird House! **The Bird House** and bird plateau, under construction for six years, reopened this Spring, transforming the 1928 Bird House into a first-of-its-kind immersion into the migration journeys of western hemisphere birds. It is located just off the Panda trail.

Our van will leave Zabriskie parking lot at 10:00am, stopping at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We will have time to wander the themed, walk-through aviaries and enjoy the interactive experiences. There will also be plenty of time to visit your own favorite zoo inhabitants. Afterwards, we'll enjoy lunch on our own at the Zoo, then head back to Goodwin House and Zabriskie, arriving no later than 2pm. There is no admission fee at the Zoo, but there will be a \$20 copay to ride in the van.

Want to enjoy a May day by biking to the Zoo? A contingent of Immanuel cyclists can leave Shirlington at 9:30am. The ride is approximately 11 miles, basically flat and all on cycling paths. Riders of all levels are encouraged to join and no one will be left behind. If you've wanted to try riding into DC but didn't want to go on your own, this is a great way to start. Need a shorter option? Park at Gravelly Point where there is a Capital Bikeshare station and we will pick you up as we bike past.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com to reserve your seat on the van or inquire about the bike ride!

For the 13th year, **Spring2ACTion**, Alexandria's day of giving, will take place on April 26; early giving begins on April 12. Although there are many worthy nonprofits to support; I would like to highlight ALIVE!Alexandria's oldest and largest private safety net dedicated to providing emergency and basic needs support to families and individuals living in poverty -- and with hunger -- in the City of Alexandria. We need your help to make the ALIVE! campaign a success. ALIVE! needs your support this year more



Spring2ACTion

Alexandria's Giving Day

Presented by ACT for Alexandria

than ever due to the ongoing impact of the pandemic, increased cost of food, and rollback of pandemic related relief efforts. Please consider a donation to ALIVE! for [Spring2ACTion](https://www.spring2action.org/) by visiting <https://www.spring2action.org/>

Thanks in advance for your support to help ALIVE! ensure that its services reach those who most need help in the City of Alexandria.

Lisa Clausen (long-time parishioner and Immanuel's representative to ALIVE!)

NEW: Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services: ONLINE via Signup Genius



Would you like to serve as a lay minister? If so, you can now sign-up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [Signup Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a4a728a0fac61-lent#/) for Immanuel at the link below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48a4a728a0fac61-lent#/>

Agnes Soos is managing all lay ministry signups and, in addition to weekly Sunday Eucharists, she's actively recruiting for those who can read a foreign language for **Pentecost, May 28th**. If interested, please contact Agnes at the office on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. (extension #205), or via email at asoos@icoh.net.

Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

Coming Soon - Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont May 27-29th

We're just over a month away from Immanuel's annual weekend away at Shrine Mont. Email Kathryn Haskin at kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com to let her know if you are planning to come to Shrine Mont this year. No money down yet, but we're looking to get a sense of numbers to ensure we have space for everyone!



If you are new to Immanuel, Shrine Mont is an Episcopal retreat center in Orkney Springs, VA -- it's about a 2 1/2 hour drive from Alexandria. It holds the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, the outdoor Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Immanuelites go to the mountain for fellowship and rest, music and games, worship and reconnection. If you want to learn more — or need more information — call Kathryn Jackson Haskin.



Garden Helpers Unite!

Spring is here and the gardens are growing wild. Early sprouting weeds are crowding in. We need your help to stay ahead of them! The abundant rains of March are over. April's weather has been dry and warm, so watering the trees and gardens is again a priority. This is also a beautiful time of year to spend working in the garden. Flowers are blooming, the birds are singing joyfully and the bees and butterflies are emerging.

Go to Sign Up Genius at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BADAC29ABF49-2023> to reserve spots for watering and/or weeding in the garden. We will plan a work session to review the plants and procedures soon. If you can't make it to the work session we will arrange to train you individually.

Thank you all,
Sarah Glassco (glasscos@gmail.com)
Kathryn Jackson Haskin (kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com)

Creation Care NEWS Alert

Visit the Creation Care website to view the *new* Clean Energy Tax Credits for Consumers (2023-2032), a benefit of the Inflation Reduction Act. These energy products and upgrades help us “reduce our climate impact and live more humbly and gently on Earth. <https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/creation-care-ministry.html>

SCHEDULE CHANGE: MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY **MAY 13th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom**

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, April 15th, the SECOND Saturday of the month, instead of the third. We will meet via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our new theme this year is *Freedom*; this month we will read **Luke 4:16–22** “*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free...*” using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553

Passcode: 027913

CLERGY AND STAFF

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 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
 Gabriella Young-Smith 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. Godly Play, 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](#)

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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