

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

June 6, 2021

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 currently worships virtually online, hoping to soon resume in-person services in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Both locations will offer 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.

PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Katie Lloyd, Kathy Lloyd, Carol Crossmire, Kenny, Diane Adams, Francine Wargo, Mary Bruce Corkern, Tony, Ann MacNamara, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Aggie Fortune, Catherine Sinclair, Ted Walker, Lucy, Mike Walker, and Nancy Wise.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: James Goodyear, Danette “Dani” Kauffman, David Lindsey, Aurora Maltbie, Linda Kapurch, William Alexander, Sara Latimer, Timothy Martin, Addie Biache, Andrew Drennon, Anthony Gabriel, Margaret Kerekes, Betsy McWhirt, and Dorathea Peters.

Please also remember in your prayers members of our extended Parish family: Charlotte Kellogg; Anthony Christino, Jr., Paul, Dorothy Phaneuf, Linda Patton, Anne Newcomb, Sydney Bailey, Narciso, Sheri, Karen and Gwen, Lelah Ann Young, Caroline, Bert Ifill, Jeanette Beckmann, Lois Blair, Amy Wallens Green, Kelly, Cameron Pattisall, Ellen Repsher, Stephen Miller, Jill, Jack Allen, Molly Grey, Kathryn Anschutz, Thomas “Neil” Walters, Luciane Helena Borges Moreira, David Westgate, Doug Carmichael, Carol Sands, George Morris, Sandy, Jakey Newcomer, Julia Dietschak, Preston Atwood, John Matthewson, Ronald King, Marta Dimetre, Mary Lou Johnston, Katie McGinn Centola, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Bill Anderson, Bob Dickson, Mildred Alexander, Dotty, Susan Thomas, Steve Davis, Natalie Terwillinger, Cecile Zitelli, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Alice Greenhall, Nancy, Edith Mead, Stephen, Louise Jackson, Charles Thurber, Arsine Oshagan, Emilie Brown, Sue Cleveland, David Johnson, Victoria Markin, Martin Stevens, Jeff Gorman, Jill Lane, Suzanne Prendergast, Howard, Alice Meyer, Ron Simar, Matthew Simar, Connie Smith, Payton, Kevin Lancaster, Jennifer Ashline, Bill Ennis, Norma MacLean, Frank, Perry, John and Alycia, Sue Rehnke, Marjean Smith, Deacon Linda Murphy, Ben Hoge, Don Gobble; Judith Simpson, and The Simpson Family, David Kuck, Adele Barker, Martha Robison, Karl Kadish, Tamara, Daniela Samillan Celis, Joey Alphonso, Victoria Dearborn, Phyllis Crawley, DeBora Wheeler, the Rev. Dr. M. Sam Faeth, Rick Manning and his parents Joyce and Richard Manning, Claude, and Carl.

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 troops wounded as casualties of war, and their caregivers.

Those who have recently died: Stacie Willis, niece-in-law of Marcus Rarick; Trooper John Harris, Police Officer Ginarro New, and Police Sergeant Dominic Vaca. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



CREATION CARE UPDATE: The City of Alexandria is committed to recovering resources sustainably and has launched a Reuse Map and Directory. Reusing items is an effective way to save natural resources, protect the environment, and reduce costs. Immanuel’s Good Samaritan collection bin for gently used clothing is now listed in the Alexandria Reuse Directory under “Donate or Drop Off.” Our bin is located just off the Zabriskie parking area.

Announcements

Immanuel's Social Justice Ministry and Committee: In the wake of the murder of George Floyd a year ago, the Vestry initiated a new social justice ministry, focused initially on racial justice and on looking inward, learning and dialogue. We have now formed a social justice committee that meets monthly, deepened our learning and dialogue through two small group dialogue circles or studies (Sacred Ground and Rev. Sam's Joshua study), initiated discussions on possible social justice partnership with Alleyne AME Zion church in Old Town, held and/or planned several forum hours, put together a grant proposal to the national church on criminal justice and incarceration, and are exploring other activities and issues, as well as additional volunteer, ministry, learning and dialogue opportunities.



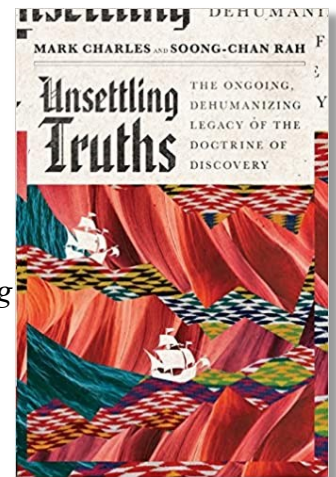
If you can make a commitment to a monthly meeting and want to be part of this ministry, please join us on the fourth Tuesday of the month and contact [David Atwood](#) or [Kathryn Jackson Haskin](#) for details.



**Join us for Holy Eucharist each Wednesday
at 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK/BIBLE STUDY: For our new book study, we look at the Doctrine of Discovery and the ways some theology had to be invented in order to justify Christianity participating in imperial conquering of inhabited lands, the horrors of chattel slavery, and sometimes the wholesale genocide of peoples across the globe. As we've changed our ethics concerning other peoples, where did those theologies go? Can we see any whispers of them now?

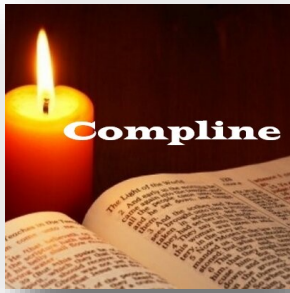
After the Wednesday Evening Eucharist, join us for a weekly discussion of *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*, by Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah (<https://www.ivpress.com/unsettling-truths>). The meetings will take place via Zoom, but you'd be welcome to bring a laptop and participate from Zabriskie Chapel after Eucharist!



THURSDAY, JUNE 10: BIBLE STUDY OF ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Thursday Bible Study with clergy will review St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. Martin Luther claimed the Book of Romans was "the purest Gospel" and went on to say "It is well worth a Christian's while not only to memorize it word for word but also to occupy himself with it daily, as though it were the daily bread of the soul. It is impossible to read or to meditate on this letter too much or too well. The more one deals with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes."

Won't you try some 'daily bread for the soul' with us on Thursdays as we read Paul's breathtaking and profound Letter to the Romans? All are welcome to share in this exploration -- no prior study or participation necessary! Just bring your Bible (or an online version such as [Bible Gateway here](#)).



COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for this **Friday Compline June 11th 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, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#). Meeting ID: *Will be sent in this week's E-Blast/* Password: *Will be sent in this week's E-Blast.* To join the service by phone, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH @ 10:00 AM: **OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY**

Join Father Sam on Saturdays at 10 a.m. for a special Bible study via Zoom, currently focused on the Song of Songs. Among the most difficult and problematic books of scripture for any exegete (person who interprets scripture) of any age. What are we meant to find in the waters of the Song of Songs? How and why did this book shape our culture, our laws, and even our ideas about the meaning of love? Come find out. No previous experience or attendance necessary, just bring your questions and your Bible -- or an online version of the Bible, such as [Bible Gateway here](#).



For more information, please email Father Sam at ssheridan@icoh.net! We hope you'll join us. If you need Zoom call information, find it in your weekly parish email, scheduled to be sent Wednesday June 9th.

THIS THURSDAY: DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TOUR ON SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH:



Please consider joining fellow Immanuelites on **Saturday June 12, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** for **The Underground Railroad Tour**. Our guide is local Alexandrian, John Chapman, founder of **Manumission Tours**, who will take us on a 90-min all-outdoor walking tour along downtown King Street corridor. The tour highlights stories of enslaved men and women and the Underground Railroad in Alexandria, taken from an 1872 non-fiction book *The Underground Railroad* by abolitionist William Still. [If you saw the movie *Harriet*, Leslie Odom Jr. played William Still!).

This is a terrific opportunity, right in our own back yard, to revisit – or learn for the first time – the reality of urban slavery in Alexandriahow it was the basis of the city's economy, about enslaved Alexandrians like the Ball brothers who escaped to freedom, of local Quaker abolitionists who provided Underground Railroad stops, and the notorious Franklin and Armfield Co, largest slave-trading company in the US in the 1820s/1830s, operating from offices on Duke St (now the Freedom House Museum). You'll come away with new knowledge,

greater empathy, and above all admiration for so many people whose courage, intelligence, and resilience should be celebrated forever -- and give us all hope for the future and inspiration to repair injustice.

To join the group taking The Underground Railroad Tour — or if you have any questions — please email Julie Bruns at drbruns@verizon.net by evening, Thursday 10 June. Cost is \$20/person – bring cash that day or write a check to Martha Manson – (Martha has kindly offered to handle payment to Manumission Tours). We can meet in Immanuel Parking Lot ahead of the tour and carpool to where it starts; or you can drive/park separately. Also – we hope to have lunch together, afterward, near where the tour ends. More on that once we have final count.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
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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	Register, 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)

SUMMER 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
6:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Zabriskie Chapel Memorial Garden

Online

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

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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