

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### July 30, 2023

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#### **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](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** David Atwood, Edith, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Hal Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Everett Post, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, Agnes Soos, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Jane Tavernier, and Francine Wargo.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Andrew, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Jean Couban, Martha Culleton, Steve Davis, Joseph Fabian, Betty Harris, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Marcia MacDonald, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, George Rustigian, Jim Sanford, Connie Smith, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, and Ryan Willis.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Byron Hepburn, Martin Sullivan, Christopher Henry, John Lansing, Nancy Wise, Kenneth Gerhart, Julia Hunger, Kenneth Mason, Ben Wilson, Wesley Forrester, Sheila Smith, Vickie McCauley, Jeff Cook, Samantha Taggart, and Chrissy O'Donnell.

**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:** The Rev. Dr. Barbara LaToisan, Pastor, Alleyne AME Church and partner with Immanuel's prison ministry. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

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**NEW EASY WAY TO SIGNUP:**  
**Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services ONLINE**  
**via Our New Signup Genius Button**



Would you like to serve 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](http://www.ICOH.net) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at [www.ICOH.net](http://www.ICOH.net) and clicking on the button above at right.

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 next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

# Announcements

## Weekday Worship Opportunities

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

Evening Compline, Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

### LET US CELEBRATE! A YEAR OF SOLAR POWER AT IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL *The Gift that Keeps on Giving!*

On June 7, 2023, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill passed our 1-Year Solar Anniversary, a year of public commitment to Creation Care and reducing our carbon emissions—letting our neighbors know we are true and faithful stewards of “this fragile earth, our island home” (Eucharistic Prayer C – The Great Thanksgiving- The Book of Common Prayer).

Many thanks to Doug John for leading the funding drive and to all who contributed to the purchase and installation of the solar panels. Many thanks also to our 2021 Vestry who, with the support and encouragement of Father Randy and Immanuel’s Buildings, Grounds and Creation Care group, voted to move forward with the project. There were many different reasons to vote “Yes” and to contribute that year. Some were motivated by the need to take an active and public step to reduce carbon emissions that have already drastically changed earth’s climate and accelerated dangerous weather events; others saw a chance to save money on electricity bills and to shield the church from unexpected and unwelcome electricity rate hikes. But no matter the reason, that Yes vote and the contributions of so many parishioners resulted in a gift of the solar panels to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill. The bullets below highlight the key findings for Immanuel’s first complete year of solar generation.

#### Our solar panels

- ✍ Generated 64,750 kWh of clean sustainable electricity, coming in at 99.6% of the estimated generation figure our installer, SES, gave us for the first year of operation!
- ✍ Prevented sending over 100,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions into God’s atmosphere, equivalent to
- ✍ Planting 760 new trees or
- ✍ Supplying a year of carbon-emissions-free electricity for six houses (per U.S. Energy Information Administration, average annual electricity consumption for an American household in 2021 was 10,632 kWh)
- ✍ Generated 73% of the electricity Zabriskie Chapel-Parish Hall’s needed for the year!

**Cost Savings:** Because our panels generated 73 percent of the electricity the building needed, Immanuel only spent \$4,118.33 – a savings of \$5,596.29 over what we spent on electricity in 2021 (\$9,714.62) and where building kWh consumption was similar for both years. Note: That savings would be even greater had not Virginia’s average electricity rates increased 20% between December 2021 and December 2022, per U.S. Energy Information Agency, (mostly due to 2022 price spikes in methane gas and coal).

**Bonus – SREC Payments:** In addition to electricity bill savings, by going solar, Immanuel receives approximately \$3,150/year from the Virginia Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) program. We have

already received \$2,091.00 for the solar electricity generated by our panels during the first nine months and expect an additional \$1,100 for March/April/May '23 generation. When SREC earnings are applied to electricity bill .

To help illustrate annual cost savings, the chart below shows Zabriskie Parish Hall’s electricity use in kWh and Cost for 2021 and some previous years. Note that kWh consumption in 2019 is roughly similar to prior years. kWh consumption plummeted in 2020 after the March 2020 Pandemic shut-down. The building’s kWh consumption increased in 2021 and has remained roughly similar in 2022 and 2023, but still significantly under pre-Pandemic levels, probably due to less building use (fewer services and events in Zabriskie than in 2019 and prior years).

Year	kWh Used	Cost Electricity Bills	Cost with SREC Payments
First Solar 12 Months (Jun – Dec '22 and Jan-May '23)	89,380	<b>\$4,118.33</b>	<b>\$968.33</b>
2021	85,040	\$9,714.62	
2020	76,000	\$7,821.61	
2019	111,360	\$11,067.27	
2013	106,960	\$10,342.82	
2012	111,600	\$10,749.78	
2011	126,800	\$11,468.41	

Let us celebrate and cut our carbon emissions wherever and whenever we can!!!

***NEW DATES* FOR VIRTUAL TOURS**

**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. Find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, click on the blue text above and register for one of the following online virtual tours:

- August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon
- *More dates to come!*

OAR serves Alexandria, Arlington and Falls Church. For more information contact, David Atwood [atwooddavid@gmail.com](mailto:atwooddavid@gmail.com) or Jim Snow [jamesbsnow@verizon.net](mailto:jamesbsnow@verizon.net).

**MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY [AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>](#) @ 8:00 AM Held**

**Online via Zoom:** Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, the THIRD Saturday of the month. 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 theme this year is *Freedom*; this month we will read **Isaiah 42:6–9** *“I have made you a covenant of the people...to free captives who live in darkness...”* using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com).

[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913

## **TWO WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY SERIES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>**: Join for our new Bible Study: *The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah* beginning Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. We'll meet each Thursday online, and invite everyone to participate.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**: *An August Offering: Listening to the Lessons*

The Rev Dr. Frank Wade, one of our priest associates and author of two books on the Bible, will lead a discussion of the appointed lessons each Sunday in August. Those interested will meet from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. in the Oratory, the small side chapel at Immanuel Chapel.

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### **Do you know what to do in the event of a HEALTH EMERGENCY at church?**

After calling 911 as a first step, it is very important that parishioners know where the defibrillators are located — in both Zabriskie and Immanuel chapels — and the first aid kits. At Immanuel Chapel, the defibrillator (AED) is located across from the elevator. The first aid kit is in the floral kitchen. At Zabriskie, the AED is located along the small stairwell going from the chapel (near the organ) up to the parish hall. The first aid kit is in the kitchen.

We hope to reschedule the CPR instruction classes that were cancelled due to the COVID-19 lockdown... Stay tuned!

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) ..... Rector  
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**THE VESTRY**

Kristi Kubista-Hovis..... Senior Warden  
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 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  
 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](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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