

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

November 13, 2022

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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 both entrances of the chapel — 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:** Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Tony, Daphne, Leo, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Zuzanna Wise, Danette (Dani) Gentile Kauffman, Rita, Betty Wannamaker, Linda and Cy Murphy, Ken and Mia Mason, James Henry, and Louisa Smucker.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, John, Alexandra, Hans, Jessica, Joanne, McQuade Milligan, Reagan, Waide Egener, Betsy and Dave Berry, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Jimmy Young, Ryan, Scott Allison, John Corbett, Joseph Fabian, Lydia, Breanné Barnes, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Lisle Wade, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, Amanda Arnaud, Dr. Nancy Hardison, Denise Comoli, Connie Smith, and Nadine Vipperman.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Richard Gould, Mary Ann Ring, Charlotte West, Max Miller, Sandy Becker, Alexander Bruns, Morgan Doe, Michael Hussey, Kerry Kelly Wade, Doug Henry, Rebecca Wise, and Caitlyn Becker.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.

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### **VETERANS DAY FORUM HOUR TODAY AT 12 NOON in Immanuel Chapel with US Army COL (ret)**

**Chaplain Charlie Reynolds:** How did an Army chaplain use faith to help resolve conflict between opposing groups in Bosnia? Why would a Baptist chaplain work to get liquor stores open in Baghdad? Please join us on November 13<sup>th</sup> for a special Veteran's Day forum when we welcome COL (Ret) Chaplain Charles Reynolds, AKA "Chaplain Charlie". Chaplain Charlie Reynolds is a retired Army Chaplain having deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Bosnia. He has written several books on faith and military service, and currently serves as the Endorser for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Charlie's long and distinguished military career gives him a unique perspective on faith, military chaplaincy and Veterans. Please join us for this very special Veteran's Day forum. (Livestream link: <https://vimeo.com/event/2566915>).

# Announcements

## Weekday Worship Opportunities

**MORNING PRAYER @ 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 of the Church is commemorating.

**Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

**Evening Compline, Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom**



**Immanuel's 2023 Every Member Pledge campaign concludes on November 20<sup>th</sup>**, with the receiving and blessing of all our pledges. **Pledge packets were mailed to parishioners' homes**, so watch for yours coming soon, if it hasn't already arrived.

Whether you are a cherished newcomer or one who brings years of valued experience to our parish community, we are grateful for **YOU!** We are stronger with everyone's engagement, generosity, faithfulness, and commitment of time, talent, and treasure to this parish community.

**Benedictine Group Meetings THIS TUESDAY, November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall and 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 virtually twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 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; currently ***Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God***, by Rachel Srubas. We use Zoom for our hybrid meetings, but if you are not comfortable meeting in person in the parish hall or with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice-only via Zoom. For more information, please contact one of the following: Dana Hengst ([Dana.Hengst@gmail.com](mailto:Dana.Hengst@gmail.com)), Barbara Fornoff ([cr8vweaver@gmail.com](mailto:cr8vweaver@gmail.com)), or David Atwood ([David\\_Atwood@hotmail.com](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com)).

**Bible Study, Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.**  
***CONNECTING THE GREAT PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND REVELATION***

No prior participation is necessary; ALL are invited to join in the Bible study on Thursday mornings from 10:30 - noon by Zoom. Come and see! If viewing this on our website, please click the blue text "[Join Bible Study of the Book of Revelations and Daniel via Zoom](#)".



## IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL HARVEST DINNER

**Saturday, December 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**  
**SCOTT LOUNGE and THE COFFIELD REFECTORY**  
**Virginia Theological Seminary**  
**3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA**

After a four-year hiatus, the Immanuel Harvest Dinner returns on Saturday, December 3, 2022! Please join Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill for a very special evening of grace and gratitude for God's blessings.

Immanuel's annual **HARVEST DINNER**, a family-friendly event, will begin at 6:00 p.m. with drinks and hors d'oeuvres in Scott Lounge, followed by a buffet dinner in the Coffield Refectory. Costs are \$36.00 per adult and \$12.00 per child between 5 and 11 years of age (children under 5 are free), up to a family maximum of \$84. The caterer needs your reservations **by 5:00 p.m. on November 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Making your reservations and payment is easy on the Immanuel website by following Harvest Dinner links on the Immanuel home page. You may also **RSVP by: (1) calling (703) 370-6555 and give the information listed below, (2) press the number 9** when prompted, **then (3) drop-off or mail your payment** to Immanuel's address on the front of this invitation. **Reservations must be received by November 21<sup>st</sup>**, as the caterer requires a firm number of attendees by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

Please note that scholarship assistance is available; simply contact the Rector, Father Randy, directly at [ralexander@icoh.net](mailto:ralexander@icoh.net).



### HARVEST DINNER RESERVATION FORM

*Please complete this form and leave at the parish office or slip into the mailbox at Zabriskie Chapel.*

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults : \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children between 5-11 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, November 19 @ 8:00 AM: Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study by Zoom**

Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study will be November 19, the third Saturday. We will meet via Zoom (link and info below) beginning at 8 AM. Our theme this year is Gratitude; this month we will read **James 2:1-8**, using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com)

**Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95954506553?pwd=Y05kOG1mK25abTZqUURvVk4wOTRBdz09>

Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553  
Passcode: 027913

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP**

Wednesday 11-16 at noon      **Goodwin House-Alexandria lunch**  
Preparing for Advent  
Please RSVP to the Rev. Susan Parsons

Friday 11-18 at 1:00            **Tour of Freedom House Museum**

We will carpool to the museum from the Zabriskie parking lot. The museum, located at 1315 Duke St., honors the lives and experiences of enslaved people and free Black people who lived in and were trafficked through Alexandria. We will tour for approximately 1.5 hours and then return to Zabriskie for snacks and conversation. There is no cost for this activity, but reservations are required. Call or email Karen Besser.

Tuesday 11-22 at 12:15pm      **Brown Bag lunch at Zabriskie**  
Preparing for Advent  
No cost. No reservation required.

Saturday 12-10 (concert  
is at 2:00pm)                    **Joy of Christmas concert by the  
Cathedral Choral Society**

We will go by van to the Cathedral, leaving Zabriskie at 12:30pm, stopping at Goodwin House for pick up, and we will be returning via Goodwin House, arriving at Zabriskie no later than 5:30. Concert tickets are \$20 and there is a \$20 copay to ride on the bus. Reservations are required and there are only 14 tickets for this event. Call or email Karen Besser.

Tuesday 12-20 at noon      **Festive lunch and carol sing with Dr. Jane Tavernier at the Parish Hall**  
There is no cost for this activity, but reservations are required. Call or email Karen Besser

Wednesday 12-21 at noon      **Goodwin House lunch and carol sing  
with members of the Immanuel choir**

## UPCOMING FORUM HOUR IN NOVEMBER:

★ **THE REV. RANDY ALEXANDER: “PUTTING THE SABBATH IN SABBATICAL”, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 12 NOON, IMMANUEL CHAPEL:** Learn about our rector's sabbatical journey of encounter, spiritual growth, and rest.

### CHRISTMAS FAMILIES DATES

This Christmas we will bring again a bright ray of hope to many families. Christmas Families is back to pre-pandemic operation. The dates are very early this year:

Sun Nov. 20, Nov 27, Dec. 4: Sign-up to buy presents for a family

Sun Dec. 11 Ingathering and blessing of gifts, wrapping at forum hour, and special collection

Christmas Families takes a lot of work behind the scenes. Helpers are needed specially

Sat Dec. 10 Labeling gifts in Santa's workshop, preparing the Parish Hall

Sun Dec. 11, after the service at Immanuel Chapel and early afternoon: Loading the truck with gifts

Mon Dec. 12, unloading the truck at the Department of Community and Human Services.

Let Linda Serabian know if you can help. [serabian@somaarchitects.com](mailto:serabian@somaarchitects.com)

Connie Kurz needs help with books, dates to be announced. [cgkurz@aol.com](mailto:cgkurz@aol.com)

Helpers urgently needed for the William Fry Bicycle Ministry, let Linda know if you can help.



**CHRISTMAS FAMILIES BIKE MINISTRY:** An integral part of the Christmas Families program has always been the William Frye bicycle ministry. Good used bikes are collected and repaired, if necessary, to be given to the children that were referred to us through a program with the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services. This ministry was started many, many years ago by our parishioner, the late Bill Frye. We have bikes that have been donated (with more to come) and we have a workshop where the bikes are stored and the work can be completed but we do not have someone to lead the program or enough team members to work on repairing the bikes (knowledgeable team members will teach you how). If this is something that you feel called to do, please contact Dagobert Soergel ([ds@dsoergel.com](mailto:ds@dsoergel.com)), Linda Serabian ([serabian@somaarchitects.com](mailto:serabian@somaarchitects.com)) or Dorothy Kellogg ([djaskellogg@gmail.com](mailto:djaskellogg@gmail.com))

**A Note from the Treasurer:** Current year pledge statements were recently sent to all pledgers. We are running a bit behind, year to date, in terms of pledge income compared to budget. Please check your pledge balances and bring any remaining balances up to date by year end. Thank you for your strong support of Immanuel and for your gratitude for God's blessings!

Ordination and Consecration of Our New Bishop, **THE REVEREND CANON E. MARK STEPHENSON**, Chief Consecrator The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, SATURDAY, DEC. 3, 2022 AT 11:00 AM, Arrive by 10:30 for seating. The Saint Paul's Baptist Church, 4247 Creighton Road, Henrico, VA. All members of the diocesan family are encouraged to join in this joyful celebration. Full event details are available here. There is no limit to how many people from a parish may attend, however, all attendees are required to register online at [www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net).

**Receptions coming up to honor the Rev. Sam Sheridan**

As announced, Assistant Rector Sam Sheridan will be leaving Immanuel to become Rector of St. Paul's Church in Petersburg, VA. His last Sunday with us will be December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will honor Fr. Sam at festive coffee hours after both the 8AM Eucharist — in the Parish Hall, and 10:30 AM Eucharist in the Parlor that day. Please do come and bid him a fond farewell, and Godspeed!

## CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net)	Associate Rector
The Rev. Sam Sheridan (ssheridan@icoh.net)	Assistant Rector
Dr. Jane Tavernier (jtavernier@icoh.net)	Director of Music
Janettarose Greene (JGreene@vts.edu)	Seminarian
Tom Hewson (thewson@icoh.net)	Treasurer
Sughra Bakhtiari (sbakhtiari@icoh.net)	Bookkeeper
Aleta Y. Powell (apowell@icoh.net)	Parish Administrator
Gilma Balcarcel	Nursery Coordinator
Stuart Dahlinger	Sexton

## THE VESTRY

Darrell Wilson	Senior Warden
Kristi Kubista-Hovis	Junior Warden: Administration
Shawn Whitman	Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care Committees
David Atwood	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Social Justice
Brad Ashton	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Mollie Lambert	Outreach
Kathy Lloyd	Senior Ministry
Brooke Roberts	Communications
Phyllis Sims	Evangelism and New Members
Julie Bruns	Pastoral Care
Gabriella Young-Smith	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

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel, 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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