

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

January 14, 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. Both chapels offer a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels. Give your card 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: Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony and Patsy Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, David Craig, Justine Claypoole, Jean Couban, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Cynthia, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joseph Fabian, Cathy Fick, Gerald, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Laney Langtry, Marcia MacDonald, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Michael, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Lysbeth, Jessi Napolitano, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Sue Rehnke, Larry Rhoades, Roger, George Rustigian, Brian Tolson, Graham Tomlinson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Thomas John, Sudie McGahuey, Colin Swisher, Karen Walker, Charlie Biggs, Kim Cook, Leif P. Christoffersen, Katherine Maas, Hunter Marcu, and Alexis von Schoening.

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

Those who have died: Jim Rehnke, brother of Mary Ann Rehnke. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Forum Hour TODAY @ 11:45 AM, The Welcome Center (VTS Campus)

Family History: Living the Civil Rights Era, with Bryant Mitchell

Please join us after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, in The Welcome Center, for an interview with longtime parishioner Bryant Mitchell, whose civil rights experience began as a child plaintiff in a desegregation lawsuit in Charlottesville, and whose parents -- long associated with the Seminary and with Immanuel -- were actively engaged in civil rights activism, bearing witness and having impact across and beyond the State of Virginia.

DONATE FOOD TO ALIVE! JANUARY 2024

Traditionally, Immanuel has collected canned goods and non-perishable foods for Alive! two months a year. Our collections in 2023 were a huge success — we **donated nearly 1,000 pounds of food**.... Let's do it again in 2024!

Through the end of this month, please drop your donations in the collection bins in the narthex of either Immanuel Chapel or Zabriskie. Especially needed are **lentils, dried beans, pasta, and pasta sauce** (in plastic jars or cans please).



Want to Become a Lay Reader? Lector Training Postponed Until January 21st !

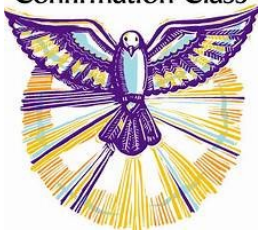


Lay Reader Training

Due to today's Forum Hour, we've postponed hosting our brief Lector Training session until next Sunday, 21st — we host trainings each Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in Immanuel Chapel. The purpose is to enhance sound quality of the service and to make sure readers are comfortable, announce, and are prepared to serve. Those who have read before but want pointers on how to project their specific voice in a slightly echo-y spacious chapel, should feel free to join us.

Send your questions and/or express your interest via email at tmartin@icoh.net, and Tamika Martin or Steven Denlinger will contact you directly. You can also sign up via the QR code at left.

Confirmation Class



UPCOMING YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR THOSE IN 7TH-12TH GRADES

Immanuel is scheduled for a **bishop's visitation and confirmation on Sunday, April 28th**. We are now forming a class for those youth who are interested in being confirmed. The Outline of Faith (the Catechism) that can be found in The Book of Common Prayer explains confirmation as "*the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. It is required of those to be confirmed that they have been baptized, are sufficiently instructed in the Christian Faith, are penitent for their sins, and are ready to affirm their confession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.*" (BCP pg. 860)

During our confirmation course, our youth will explore the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, the Sacraments, Spiritual Practices, Church History, and practice sharing stories from their own faith journeys. Each class will begin with community building, and have interactive lessons to explore the topics mentioned above. We will end with a meal shared with our Episcopal Youth Community. The EYC will then meet until 7PM in the Parish Hall. Our first class will be February 4th at 4PM in Rev. Sarah's office. We will generally meet on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Separately, we will also invite any adults who wish to be confirmed or received into the Church to gather for their own preparation.

To register, please scan the QR code above right; for questions, reach out to the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net



EYC Confirmation

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

JANUARY 2024

January 17: THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE. Please join us on January 17th for luncheon and conversation in the Fillmore Room at Goodwin House Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month. Please RSVP to Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net if you are *not* a resident of Goodwin House, and to Susan Kernan at skernan40@aol.com if you are a resident.

January 23: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH. Our brown bag lunch this month will help us start the new year off right! Join **parishioner Dr. Dodd Simms** on January 23 for “*How to Use the Healthcare System in 2024*”. Come prepared to hear some interesting information and to ask your questions!

Luncheon will begin at 12:15p.m. in the parish hall and our program will start around 12:30p.m. Don't forget to bring your own sandwich or salad, and the Senior Ministry will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.



January 31: TRIP TO SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM, Washington, DC.

Join us for a special trip on Wednesday January 31st to see this newly renovated museum. Located on the national mall, this museum was closed for a renovation in 2018, and just reopened to the public in October 2023 — featuring 8 new and renovated galleries in the west wing, plus the planetarium, the gift shop and the new Mars Café. So, let's soar together into 2024!

Our van will leave Zabriskie parking lot at 10:30a.m, stopping at Goodwin House Alexandria. We plan to return to Zabriskie via Goodwin House, arriving no later than 2:30p.m.

Given that it's the Smithsonian, there is no cost for admission to the museum; however, they **are using timed admission only at this time and I have 16 tickets.** There will be a \$20 copay to ride in the van and lunch will be on your own. RSVP to Karen Besser at karen.besser@gmail.com.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer @ 10:00, Tuesday, January 16th, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II

“Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle” January 17th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study *“The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah”*, Thursday, January 18th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, January 19th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Come Join Us, and Pray for Us as Immanuel’s Social Justice Committee travels to Richmond on January 17, 2024 to **Ask The General Assembly to LIMIT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT in Virginia**

Jesus calls on us to care for those in prison. Last year, the Social Justice Committee consulted extensively with the Alexandria Sheriff, the Commonwealth’s Attorney, a public defender and Immanuel’s Outreach partners to see what more decisive action we could take on the issue of solitary confinement in our state. Based on that consultation, the Vestry encouraged us to engage with Virginia’s legislature to prohibit solitary confinement for more than two weeks, something the national Episcopal Church and many other denominations have formally condemned as a form of torture. Over the course of 2023, we joined with the Interfaith Center and many houses of worship throughout the State, and our efforts produced two of the most bipartisan pieces of legislation to emerge from the General Assembly this year. The legislation didn’t put a time limit on solitary confinement, but the first bill created several procedural safeguards, and the second bill funded an Ombudsman’s office to oversee the Department of Corrections’ compliance with those safeguards.

We are going to Richmond again on January 17 to get the office of the Ombudsman formally authorized, and to see what other improvements we might be able to make on this issue. Please consider joining us in Richmond for a day of criminal justice dialogue and visits with our state representatives. Once again we’ve chartered a very comfortable bus, which will depart the Immanuel parking lot at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, January 17 and return that evening. Please contact [Kathryn Haskin](#), [Jamie Conrad](#), or [David Atwood](#).



**Immanuel's
VESTRY**

SEEKING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS: Our annual meeting is scheduled for the end of January, when we will elect new Vestry members to begin three-year terms. If you are interested in discussing what Vestry service at Immanuel entails, or if you are feeling called to stand, please contact our Rector, Father Randy at ralexander@icoh.net, or Senior Warden Kristi Kubista-Hovis at kristi_kubista@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY JANUARY 20th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom: Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, January 20th, 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 new theme for 2024 is *Anxiety!* This month we will read **1 Peter 5:1-11** *“Cast all your anxiety on God because God cares for you”* 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

Have you made your 2024 pledge?
THERE'S STILL TIME, JUST GO ONLINE!
Immanuel's **Every Member Pledge campaign**



Your financial pledge is vital to maintain and grow this parish, its ministries, and outreach initiatives. As of Thursday January 11th, we had received 134 pledges for \$626,182.

You may pledge on our website, by using the QR code at left, or by asking an usher for a blank pledge card and envelope.

Together, we make a difference by giving back to God from the gifts that God has first given us.



Come Join the Social Justice Committee for a One-Day-Only Showing of Bishop Curry's Documentary *A Case for Love* at the Hoffman Center, Tuesday 7 PM January 23

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's vision of God's love conquering hatred, division and isolation has now been put into a full-length, exciting commercial [documentary](#) (sponsored in part by Virginia Episcopal Seminary) which is being shown in theaters one day only, Tuesday, January 23.

The social justice committee is using our monthly fourth Tuesday meeting to attend the film and we would love you to join us! We will meet at 6:45pm, in front of the Theater, in order to get to the 7PM showing of the film at Hoffman Center. **Please contact [Kathryn Jackson Haskin](#) to reserve your ticket - limited tickets available!**

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: [JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2024](#)

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services [for January and February](#) ONLINE via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**



Would consider serving 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](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and [clicking on the red button at left.](#)

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. Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so in the comments box under your name on the online form. Thank you!

CLERGY AND STAFF

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

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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
 Sydney Onley 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. 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. 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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Ways to GIVE