

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
January 16, 2022

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.

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.

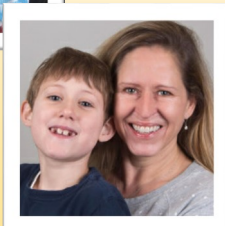
PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, David Stayanoff, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kathy Lloyd, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Doug, and Daphne.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, Dotty Eisenhour, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Ben Hoge, Louise Jackson, Lloyd Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, Sandy Ford, Elizabeth, Randy MacDonald; Mr. and Mrs. Bird, John, McQuade Milligan, and Jen Orvis.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Kim Cook, Katherine Maas, Alexis von Schoening, Anna Akins, Kiana Macharia, Jessi MacLeod, and Walter Richter.

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 casualties and their caregivers.

Those who have recently died: Anthony Christino Jr., father of Tony Christino, Paul Allers, The Rev. Canon J. Robert Wright, and Trooper John Sumter Horton. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



Is Your Photo Current?

Let's Update Before It's Printed January 21st

We would like to include a photo directory in the back of the print version of next month's annual report.

In anticipation of expected high demand, we ask that everyone please review your listing in our online directory to make sure that your data -- and photo -- is current. Thank you.

Announcements



*“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your **God is with you wherever you go.**” Joshua 1:9*

Abundantly Thankful For You

Blessings and thanks to all our parishioners for your steadfast commitment and generosity of giving your time, talent, enthusiasm, and treasure.

Even during uncertain times as these, you proved your steadfast faith and devotion to **“Be strong and courageous for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”**

You showed your faith, hope, and love for God and for God’s work through Immanuel. You are the greatest blessing.

As of January 13, 2022, we have received 146 pledges for a pledged amount of \$670, 978. We are blessed by all who made their generous pledge commitment. We are thankful for the 14 new pledging individuals and families, as well as all those who generously increased their pledge amount.

Every pledge, no matter how large or small, is important to God’s work happening every day in and through this parish and its parishioners. Please be part of this promise.

We have 25 pledgers whom we would like to hear from. If you are one of those 25 we would like to hear from, please send an email or call our treasurer today stating your pledge amount. Or, you can pledge [online](#).

We also give thanks to our Stewardship Committee members and other key volunteers who have served this parish faithfully in support of our 2022 Every Member Pledge campaign: Tom Brown, Jamie Conrad, Kathryn Jackson Haskin, Taylor Houck, Doug John, Danette (Dani) Kauffman, Allison Powell-Switaj, Kerry Kelly Wade, Hartley Hobson Wensing, and Kristin Whitman. They received crucial support and guidance from Tom Hewson, Treasurer; Aleta Powell, Parish Administrator; Brooke Roberts, Communications and Website Steward; and The Rev. Randy Alexander.

ALIVE! ONE MONTH, TWO EVENTS: Tomorrow, January 17th: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service -Food and Reusable Grocery Bag Collection; January 1-30th: Immanuel’s Food Drive for ALIVE!

NEW for 2022.... ALIVE! will collect food in reusable bags from congregations during the MLK day of service weekend, and we need your help tomorrow, January 17th!

An ALIVE! truck will be parked in Zabriskie parking lot tomorrow and food can be placed (in REUSABLE BAGS) right into the truck from 9-5pm! Please invite your neighbors and friends as well to bring food (unexpired non-perishable protein, fruits, veggies; pasta/rice/oatmeal ; no glass please) to our parking lot.

Can’t make it tomorrow? As in the past, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill will collect food for ALIVE! the ENTIRE month of January (one of two months a year we collect). Collection boxes will be in the narthex at both the Zabriskie Chapel and Immanuel Chapel. ALIVE! is joining the city-wide goal of moving away from plastic bags so all food donations should also be in reusable bags please! Questions? Contact

Benedictine Community Meetings Resume Tuesday, January 18th @ 7p.m.

Welcome to the Benedictine Community

Yes, we want you to join us! If you are attracted to having more contemplation and prayer in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We'd love to have you join us virtually via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7p.m-8p.m.

The Benedictine 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 "How to Live; What the Rule of St Benedict Teaches Us About Happiness, Meaning, and Community" by Judith Valente). Our focus is primarily on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book. We are not a book study group, rather a Benedictine Community, gathering as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material.

We currently meet using Zoom; however, if you don't wish to use zoom or are not comfortable with the technology, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice only.

For more information, please contact Dana Hengst (dana.hengst@gmail.com), Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com) or David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com).

Thursday, January 20th @ 10:30 AM: Bible Study with Clergy — Hebrews: All are welcome to share in this exploration of The Epistle to the Hebrews -- no prior study or participation necessary. It's been said "Study Hebrews and your life may never be the same." Join us, and see if you agree! We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon online via Zoom. We will start Chapter 11 of Hebrews this Thursday — look for login information in your weekly eBlast email

Just bring your Bible (or an online version such as [Bible Gateway here](#)) and a heart open to the idea that we are meant learn from one another, that we are a people called to learn about God's love in community. You most certainly can just listen, but your witness, experience, thoughts, and beliefs are just as important and valuable as anyone else's!

SEEKING: 5 VESTRY MEMBERS FOR 2022-2024 TERM

Our annual meeting will happen at the end of January, and with that, we will be electing new vestry members to begin a three-year term. If you are interested in discussing what Vestry service at Immanuel entails, or if you are feeling called to stand, please contact Father Randy or Kathryn Jackson Haskin.

"My vestry service over the past three years has been more than I ever anticipated. I stood for election because of a feeling of duty to give back to this church community for what it provides to me and my family. As I expected, this role did require an investment of time and attention on a regular basis, and because of the pandemic, that time commitment changed to meet our community's needs.

What I did not expect was the way serving on the Vestry has deepened my faith and challenged me to live into the beliefs we profess in our Baptismal Covenant more fully. Serving with my fellow parishioners, and getting to know our Clergy and Staff, has strengthened mine and my family's connection to Immanuel and our community in ways too numerous to name here. I'm happy to talk privately and honestly with any individual considering serving our community in this way".

Kathryn Jackson Haskin
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Senior Adult Ministry

Dear Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill parishioner,

Here at Immanuel, we have been striving to help senior adults (those of us who are 60 years and older) forge and maintain strong connections with others in the parish. With this goal in mind, we have social luncheons together, entertain speakers in Zabriskie Parish Hall, and undertake trips together to various local attractions. The focus of events varies; some are focused on things in the Episcopal tradition (a visit to the Washington National Cathedral or lunch with a speaker from the Episcopal Public Policy Network) whilst others are enjoyment of the arts (Glenstone Museum trip or lunch with the director of the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic), gardens (Hillwood Estate), history (the Museum of the US Army). And some are just plain fun, like a picnic on the Anacostia River with a pontoon boat cruise or a wine tasting and apple buying tour. We aim for things that are accessible and inclusive, and form memories together.

In the year before the pandemic, over 100 people participated in the offerings of Senior Adult Ministry/ Fellowship, and since restarting our activities in mid-2021, over 70 people have attended trips and/or lunches. It would be great if we could reach more interested senior adults with offerings that are appealing and advertise our offerings in the way that reaches the most people with clear information on what we'll be doing and when it will happen.

To that end, above is a link to a simple survey that will help us improve our programs and communication. Just click on the button to be taken to the survey. If there is more than one senior adult in your household, please complete the survey for both.

And please remember, Immanuel senior adults may be 62 or 88, working full-time or long-retired, using a walker or biking everywhere, gardeners, singers, readers, lecturers, artists, long-time parishioners or Immanuel newcomers. There is a place for you in the group (and room for your friends or neighbors who are not members of Immanuel as well). If you have questions or feedback about specific Senior Adult Ministry/ Fellowship events or the program in general, please feel free to contact me (karen.besser@gmail.com) or Phyllis Sims (Vestry Steward for Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship).

And thanks for taking the time to complete our quick, seven-question survey online.

Best wishes for the New Year,

Karen Besser

Quick SURVEY FOR SENIORS top of page 16.

Senior Adult Ministry Quick Survey Online

Seniors, your opinion matters!

Click on image below to take the 7-question survey.



Seven Question Survey for Seniors 60+
Senior Adult Ministry at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, Alexandria

I am a senior in my *

- 60s
- 70s
- 80s
- 90s
- 100+

I missed an event/lunch because I didn't know about it in advance

Yes
 No

I learn about Senior events from (check the BEST source) *

- "This Week at Immanuel" email
- Immanuel's website
- live announcements during service
- Sunday bulletin (Announcements and Parish Notes)



SENIOR MINISTRY EVENTS RESUME IN FEBRUARY

If we are able to resume our events in February, Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship is sponsoring a trip to the **National Building Museum** in Washington, DC on Monday, February 21st (the President's Day holiday). This trip includes a visit to the exhibit **Play/Work/Build** and provides a special opportunity to bring grandchildren of all ages (and parents) along for a fun and educational activity. **Play/Work/Build** is designed to introduce children to the building process with a "gallery now overrun by thousands of pieces of blue foam, some sized for building models and some sized to build forts" but it is fun for all!

For folks without local grands, come along and help build, or just enjoy viewing a selection from the museum's extensive collection of building toys, from Lincoln Logs to Ringa-Majigs. To get a sense of the exhibit, enjoy the brief YouTube video at <https://www.nbm.org/exhibition/play-work-build>. The museum has several permanent and temporary exhibits including **House & Home** and the **Gun Violence Memorial Project** which may also be of interest to adults and older youth.

To join us February 21st, meet us at the van in the Zabriskie parking lot at 10:00 a.m; we plan to be back no later than 1:45 p.m. Tickets to the museum are \$5, and there will be a \$10 copy to ride in the van. A healthy snack will be available before we leave Immanuel and pizza and sandwiches will be waiting when we return. I have only 24 tickets for this event, so please RSVP as soon as possible. Masks must be worn inside the Museum at this time.

To RSVP, contact Karen Besser at: karen.besser@gmail.com or call the parish office at (703) 370-6555 and press "9" to leave your reservation via voicemail.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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THE VESTRY

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| 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 | 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) |
| Candy Levin | Register (nonvoting member) |

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

1:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Zabriskie Chapel Parish Hall

Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

PRIEST ASSOCIATES

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
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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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