

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
January 31, 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: Nancy Wise, Mike Walker, Lucy, Ted Walker, Catherine Sinclair, Bruce Wanamaker, Aggie Fortune, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Ann MacNamara, Tony, Mary Bruce Corkern, and Kevin Wensing.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Karen Bastow, Charles Calloway, Greg Thompson, Caroline Conrad, Jim Luft, Josephine Forster, Nicole Veri, Gabriella Young-Smith, John Waner, Tom Cuddy, Susan Kernan, and Jean Peyton.

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 Patisall, 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, Jim and 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, The Right Rev. Susan Goff, Kevin Lancaster, Jennifer Ashline, Bill Ennis, Norma MacLean, Frank, Perry, Paul Casey, John and Alycia, Sue Rehnke, Marjean Smith, Andy MacLeod, Deacon Linda Murphy, Ben Hoge, Don Gobble; Kendra, Ed, Durham, Ellie and Family, Judith Simpson, and The Simpson Family, David Kuck, Adele Barker, Vasili Varfis, Martha Robison, Mark Roberts, and Karl Kadish.

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: David Smith; National Guard Staff Sergeant Timothy Luke, and National Guard Chief Warrant Officers Steven Skidan, Christian Koch, and Daniel Prial; and Army Warrant Officer John Wirka. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

TODAY @ 11:45a.m.:

Annual Meeting Sunday



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING via Zoom

Mark your calendars to join the clergy and vestry today immediately after the 10:30a.m. service for our annual meeting, where we'll discuss all that happened with our parish last year and vote to seat our candidates to serve on our vestry: **David Atwood, Harrison Clark, Kristi Kubista-Hovis, Brooke Roberts, and Dana Wilkie.**

Announcements

Welcome our new seminarian, Mr. Shawn Rutledge!

I am a seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary, in my Middler year of the Master of Divinity program, with a concentration in New Missional Practices. I am a postulant for the priesthood through the Diocese of Arizona.

I was born in Michigan but have spent most of my life in Arizona. I have a bachelor's degree in Public Relations from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ, and have spent the last 20+ years prior to seminary in human resources positions in the staffing industry. I would never have made it this far without the support of my loving wife, Faedra, and our children, Josh (23), Jack (14) and James (9).

I see my role in ministry as a calling to engender hope, curiosity, and passion in those around me. One of my personal role models is the kind, loving and compassionate example set by Mr. Fred Rogers, and I would be happy to talk to anyone about that further. In fact, I was published this last summer at BuildFaith.org, sharing my interest in this subject: <https://buildfaith.org/following-mrrogers-in-drafting-a-rule-of-life>. I am looking forward to getting to know the community at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13

ABOUNDING IN HOPE AND THANKS

We are grateful to all our parishioners for your spirit abounding in hope and generosity of time, talent, and treasure!

As of January 27, **157 families and individuals** have that “warm glow” of submitting their pledge for a total pledged amount to Immanuel of **\$666,663**. Thanks to your thoughtfulness, **more than half of all pledges increased**; fifteen pledges are new or reinstated.

One important thing to keep in mind as you submit your financial gifts – many employers will double or triple the value of your donation through their matching gift program. Take a moment to find out if your employer will match your donation to Immanuel, which is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. You may be able to provide an extra blessing to our parish.

NEXT SUNDAY

IMMANUEL PARENT AND YOUTH FORUM HOUR VIA ZOOM

Sunday, February 7th @ 2p.m. via Zoom



The EYC invites the parish to a **VALENTINES DAY TRIVIA NIGHT** Sunday, February 14th @ 7p.m. via Zoom

Look for details and log-on information in your weekly parish email.



JOSHUA IN 3D: A New Social Justice-Oriented Bible Book Study



Join us this Wednesday at 7p.m. online via Zoom for a Bible study on 'God on the Boundaries.' Chapters 3 and 4 of Joshua show a complex social process and ritual as God parts the waters of the Jordan for the people to pass into the promised land.

We're discussing the book of Joshua and a variety of ways— including using Daniel Hawk's book "Joshua in 3D: A Commentary on Biblical Conquest and Manifest Destiny" — that biblical themes can help us parse through American history and values. Look for the Zoom link and logon information in your weekly eblast email.

TWO Volunteer Opportunities for Home Cooks

COOK WITH IMMANUEL'S CARPENTER'S SHELTER TEAM. Do you like to cook? Do you worry about people suffering homelessness in Alexandria? If so, our Carpenter's Shelter team invites you to join us at the beautiful new Shelter facility at 930 North Henry Street in Old Town.

We cook and deliver a healthy dinner for Shelter residents and staff on the **second Thursday** of every month. You can help in any of three ways, depending on your schedule:

1. **You can buy and prepare ingredients** for a side dish, such as slicing cucumbers and peppers for a salad;
2. **You can cook** a side dish or dessert, serving about 12 people, from recipes and instructions we provide; and/or
3. **You can reheat and serve** the prepared meal in the Shelter's kitchen, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a great ministry for a couple of family members or friends (age 18 and over).



Volunteers receive assignments, recipes, aluminum pans, and some bulk ingredients each month. You can prep and cook the food at home, and then deliver it to organizers Connie Kurz and Laura Snow, who live a block from the church. If interested, contact Laura Snow at laurabsnow@verizon.net or Connie Kurz at cgkurz@aol.com.



CHRIST HOUSE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Six times a year, Immanuelites help Christ House fulfill its Feed the Homeless project — due to the special accommodations needed due to the international health crisis we are now in great need of volunteers. Specifically, **we need help making sandwiches and/or cooking part of a hot meal** — prepared at your home, and help delivering the food to that month's designated team leader. We provide the meal on the 3rd Wednesday of these months: February, April, June, August, October and December.

Interested in helping to feed your fellow Alexandrians in need? Please contact Eileen Monnin-Kirby at edmkirby@gmail.com or Phyllis Sims ppg1020@aol.com. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



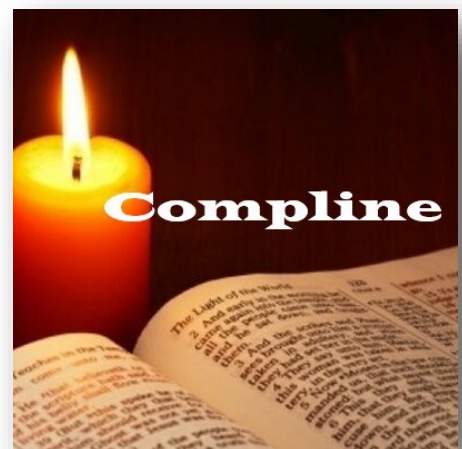
JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY FOR EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: Please join us for the service of **Evening Prayer this Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:30p.m.** via Zoom. Look for a zoom link in your weekly eblast, then join Mother Susan in the middle of the week, just when we need some restoration and renewal.



BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS : Please join the clergy for Bible study this Thursday, **February 4th** at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom to study **St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians**. This week, we will be discussing **1 Corinthians Chapters 8 and 9**. The link for this class will appear in our weekly email and on Immanuel's Facebook page. If you're interested in joining us for the first time — or the first time in a while — you're welcome to do so without any reading or preparing.

Join Father Sam on Saturdays at 10 a.m. for another Bible study via Zoom. 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](#). Zoom call contact information will be sent out on Wednesday February 3rd -- watch for your email!

COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for this **Friday Compline February 5th** 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 next week's E-Blast/* Password: *Will be sent in next week's E-Blast*. To join the service by phone, dial: 1-(301) 715-8592.



A NEW YEAR CALLS FOR A FRESH LOOK – PLANNING FOR YOUR BEST LIFE

Whatever your age, health status, or the amount of your assets, it's essential to make sure that your legal documents are current and reflect your wishes.

Now is an excellent time to take action – create or review your legal and estate planning documents to see if they fulfill your wishes.

What are Estate Planning Documents?

This is a general term that can include your Will, Power of Attorney, Health Care Power of Attorney, Advance Medical Directive (or “Living Will,”) and Revocable Trust.

How to Take a Fresh Look

Review your fiduciaries. Fiduciaries are the Executor under your Will, the individuals you have identified in your Power of Attorney or Health Care Power of Attorney, and the Trustee of your Trust.

Are these individuals still the ones you want managing your estate and making important decisions for you or your beneficiaries? Are you still in close touch with them and do they know and understand your wishes? Do they know where your important documents are kept? Have you named alternates in case they cannot serve?

Ensure your documents still reflect your wishes in case your decisions have changed since you created the documents. You can make necessary changes through a Codicil to your Will or Amendment to your Trust, or you can create new documents.

Make a current list of all your accounts – such as bank accounts or brokerage accounts and store the account lists with your estate planning documents.

Doublecheck that accounts are titled correctly to show account owners accurately. Life circumstances change through marriages, births, deaths, and divorces and your accounts need to reflect what's current.

Recheck the beneficiaries and contingent beneficiaries listed for your accounts, such as your insurance policy or 401(k) plan. You can easily update them by completing a Beneficiary Designation form.

Check that your legal documents give someone control of your digital assets.

Make sure that person knows how to find your list of current passwords.

Online planning resources are available and can be a way to get started, as well as contacting your legal, financial, and estate advisors. If you decide to use an online tool to draft documents, it is very important to have those documents reviewed by an attorney to ensure they both meet your needs and comply with all legal requirements.

Leaving a Future Gift to Immanuel

As you do this important and necessary estate planning work, we hope and pray you will consider leaving a future gift to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill. The Zabriskie Society recognizes



parishioners who have made Immanuel, or one of its trust funds, a beneficiary of their will, insurance policy, financial account, or other planned giving program.

Planned gifts to Immanuel are for all of us to consider. It is not something reserved just for the wealthy. It's a loving and responsible act of hope and faith in Immanuel's future that all of us desire.

For more information about how you can become a member of the Zabriskie Society, contact Danette "Dani" Kauffman, danettekauffman@starpower.net or 202-258-9743.

Every situation is different, and this guidance is not legal advice. So be sure to work with your legal, financial, and estate advisors to determine what is best for you.

HAVE A MESSAGE FOR THE PARISH? WE CAN HELP!

Immanuel is a very active parish (even in the midst of current challenges), and we want to make sure everyone is informed about the many opportunities here for worship, education, fellowship, service, and more. To help you publicize your activities and messages in a timely, accurate, and effective way, we have developed a new Communications Request Form.

This is a "one stop shopping" form enabling you to contact all members of Immanuel's communications team at once with your request, so you don't have to send separate messages to the people working on our various vehicles for transmitting information either internally to the parish, or externally to the world. As you may know, Immanuel has a team of communicators who work with clergy, Vestry, and volunteers to draft messages and design appropriate graphics for the website, the Almond Tree monthly newsletter, the weekly e-blasts (Saturday "This Week at Immanuel," Tuesday "Friendly Reminder"), Sunday bulletins, and social media platforms such as our public and private Facebook sites, YouTube, and Twitter account. The [Communications Request Form](#) will automatically go to all members of this team to work out the publicity you need.

The form also lists the deadlines or requirements for submitting your information to Immanuel's publications. For example, articles for the Almond Tree need to be submitted by the 15th of the prior month; information for weekly e-blasts needs to be sent two days in advance of the publication; requests for stand-alone e-blasts to the parish must be vetted with the Rector first.

In the electronic version of this article, you can click here to get the Communications Request Form; otherwise, you can go to www.icoh.net and look for the [Communications Request button](#) under the "Hot Links" on the homepage.

If you have questions for the Communications Team, you can always reach all of us at communications@icoh.net.

We look forward to helping you tell everyone what's going on at Immanuel!

-- Immanuel Communicators



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ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org

[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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- The Rev. Dr. William L. Dols
- 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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