

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### October 22, 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. 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](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Brad Ashton, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Betty Wanamaker, and Francine Wargo.

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

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Fredo Patiño, Sarah Fein, Catherine Stanish, Natalie Walker, Paul Beckmann, Susan Gilbertson, Matthew Whelpley, Amy Bertles, Beth Beardsley, Trey Hobson, Claire Campbell, Virginia Campbell, Laura Ellis, and Patrick Kane.

**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:** Freddy Storms, brother of Reggie Hayes, our Postulant Intern; Rand Sealey, family friend of Jessie MacLeod for more than 55 years; and victims of the Al-Ahli Hospital attack in Gaza City, run by the Anglican Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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## ALL SAINTS' HOLY EUCHARISTS

**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel  
and Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.; Zabriskie Chapel and 10:30 a.m., Immanuel Chapel**

Would you like to lift the name of a friend or relative up in prayer on All Saints'? If so, please submit names of any loved ones lost from November 1, 2022 through this year by noon on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> via email at [dedications@icoh.net](mailto:dedications@icoh.net) or by phone by calling (703) 370-6555, dialing extension "508", and leaving a detailed voicemail message on our Dedication Line.

All names — including those previously listed in this year's Sunday parish notes — will be in all bulletins November 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, and in Immanuel's Book of Remembrance.

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Evening Eucharist October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

### UPCOMING SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENT:

#### **October 24 — FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH with TWO GUEST SPEAKERS**

In 2019, Alexandria joined the Dementia Friendly America initiative, a national network of communities, organizations and individuals seeking to ensure that communities across the U.S. are equipped to support people living with dementia and their caregivers. Dementia friendly communities foster the ability of people living with dementia to remain in community and engage and thrive in day to day living.

**Pamela Austin, Aging & Disability Resource Coordinator for the City of Alexandria and Mary Lee Anderson, Executive Director of Senior Services of Alexandria will be joining us** to talk about what it means for Alexandria to be a dementia friendly city, what it might mean for Immanuel to be a dementia friendly parish, and what it means for us as individuals to be dementia friends.

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

#### **November 5— VIEW “NOW AND FOREVER” WINDOWS followed by CHORAL EVENSONG at WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL.**

Those of us who attended the Brown Bag Lunch in August had the opportunity to hear about the new stained-glass windows, which were installed and dedicated on September 23 in the national church. Now's our chance to see those new windows, followed by a Choral Evensong at the **Washington National Cathedral**, on Sunday, November 5th.

We will leave the Zabriskie parking lot at 2:30 p.m., then proceed to the Cathedral via a stop at Goodwin House-Alexandria. That will give us plenty of time to see the windows before the service begins at 4pm. We plan to return to Zabriskie no later than 6:30 p.m.



If you have not been able to join a Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship activity before — normally held on weekdays — this weekend daytrip will provide a perfect opportunity to take part in this fellowship ministry. The copay to ride in our van for this event is \$25. Please plan on joining us and RSVP to Karen Besser at [karen.besser@gmail.com](mailto:karen.besser@gmail.com).



The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke will guide us through writings of Thomas Merton for the **IMMANUEL ADVENT RETREAT** December 8-10 at Holy Cross Abbey near Berryville, Virginia. The retreat registration form is on the church website at <https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/2023-advent-retreat.html>. Please register before November 10<sup>th</sup>.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN! ages 5-12, grades K-6

Our first day of Sunday School will be November 5<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist at Zabriskie Chapel. Please register your child using the Google Form in our weekly e-blast or on our website — look for the carousel of rotating images on the homepage and click on slide “[Immanuel Sunday School Registration](#)” pictured at right, or scan the QR code at left with your cell phone. We can't wait to begin!



## Immanuel Outreach and the PUMPKIN PATCH’S 30<sup>TH</sup> YEAR



Pumpkin proceeds show our love and care for our neighbors – in 2022 alone **we supported 14 local Alexandria charities, 5 regional, and 6 international charities.** Since the year 2000, when we first started keeping detailed records, we have raised \$1,225,473 from the Pumpkin Patch, all of which has gone to Outreach.

We are nearing the end of the month and pumpkin sales are picking up — especially the **soup sales!** The last truck arrived yesterday. We have faith our wonderful bakers and soup makers and knitters will keep the Pumpkin Patch supplied with the tastes and feel of autumn – 100 % of food sales go to Outreach. **We can’t do this without you!**

Please commit to two or three sales shifts. Shifts are 3 hours each—we close every day at 6pm. Please volunteer for sales shifts by finding this bulletin on our website [www.ICOH.net](http://www.ICOH.net) and selecting “Worship Service Bulletins” under the “Worship” tab. Once on the worship bulletins page, simply click the orange “Volunteer for the Patch” button pictured below.



**Come Visit or Join Immanuel’s Social Justice Committee:** All are welcome to join, or simply visit, the parish social justice committee meeting the fourth Tuesday of most months, usually via Zoom and sometimes in person. So far we have organized a range of events and sessions on racial history and reconciliation, incarceration, and other topics; partnered with various other churches and synagogues on these activities as well as on voter registration; and provided support to people in prison or coming out of jail or prison as well as educating ourselves and talking to Virginia legislators about the national Episcopal church’s positions on solitary confinement. We would love for you to visit us or join us. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-9:00 PM at this link. (Meeting ID: 867 4727 3557 Passcode: 872377) Please direct any questions or comments to Kathryn Jackson Haskin or David Atwood. Thank you.

## EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: OCTOBER –NOVEMBER 2023

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services 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](http://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 [asooos@icoh.net](mailto:asooos@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 in the comments box under your name on the online form. Thank you!

**Jazz Concert to Benefit INOVA Alexandria Hospital's Pastoral Care Program, October 26<sup>th</sup> at The Lyceum Museum:** In keeping with years of tradition, on October 26, 2023, the Board of Lady Managers will host a Jazz Concert fundraiser — featuring **Becky Livas** — from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Lyceum Museum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA. All proceeds from the concert will go toward two goals: (1) funding a **Brevera Breast Biopsy System**, and (2) expanding **INOVA Alexandria Hospital's Pastoral Care Program**.

Please join us in continuing this tradition of caring for the health of our Alexandria community. The cost of \$75/person and any donation of \$100 or more is designated as a Supporter. We hope that you will work with us to advance INOVA Alexandria's extraordinary contributions to our community's health and welfare.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact **Barbara Ramsdell** or board President, Barbara Wells, at [bawells@verizon.net](mailto:bawells@verizon.net). Thank you for your support.

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*If you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life, Join the **BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY** via Zoom*

If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. **Join us November 1<sup>st</sup>** — we meet (virtually) twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7-8 pm.

Our Benedictine Community gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material and the ancient traditions and wisdom of Benedictine practice and prayer. As a community, we reflect on how the tenets of St. Benedict, such as humility, silence, and prayer, can guide us in practical ways in our spiritual lives and our day to day endeavors. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book. We are currently reading Bonnie Thurston's *Shaped by the End You Live For*. We focus on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book.

With half or more of our current members residing outside of the area, we use Zoom for our meetings; however, if you are not comfortable with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call us and participate by voice-only via the telephone. On rare occasions we host hybrid meetings using Zoom with simultaneous gathering in-person in the parish hall.

For more information, please contact 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)).

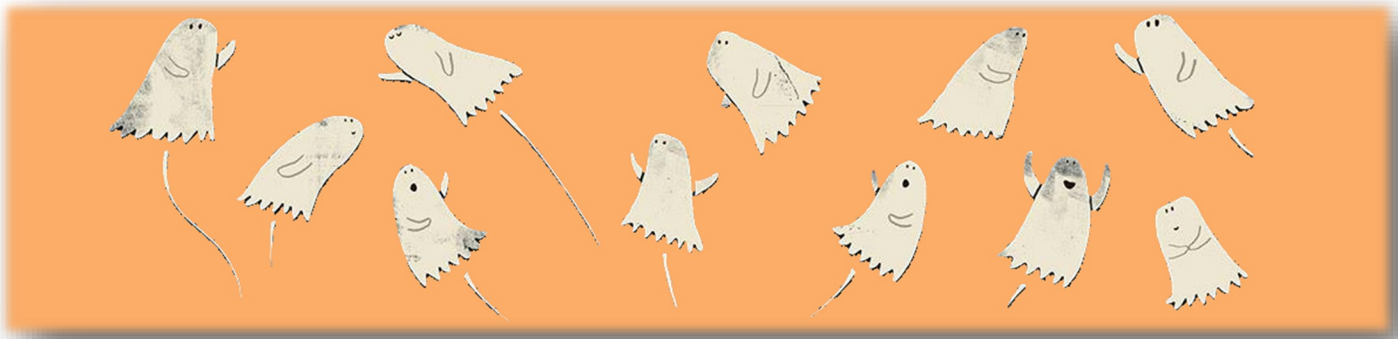
**IMMANUEL'S SECOND ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>—SIGN UP NOW!**

We are partnering with Inova Hospital for the second time to host a blood drive on **Sunday, November 19, from noon to 4pm** in the Zabriskie parking lot. The link to sign up is now LIVE!! Please scan the QR code below to pick a time, or you can reach out to **Katherine Maas** at [katherinemaas@gmail.com](mailto:katherinemaas@gmail.com). Please express your interest by filling out your name, email, and phone number in this form, or by contacting Katherine Maas at [katherinemaas@gmail.com](mailto:katherinemaas@gmail.com).



Blood drives are a meaningful way to help our community—one in seven people entering the hospital need blood and a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. The blood from our drive will likely be used within 48 hours after it ends. Please see recently updated eligibility guidance [on Inova's site here](#) and [on the FDA's site here](#). If you are not eligible to donate, please consider [volunteering at the registration table](#)—even helping out for an hour would help! If you are considering donating for the first time, Inova has some helpful information [here](#). Please contact Katherine with any questions or to express interest in volunteering. Thank you!!

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# EYC Guided Ghost Tour of Old Town

Sunday, October 29, 6 p.m. - for our 6th-12th graders

*(No School for Alexandria City Schools on Monday, October 30)*

Join us on the evening of Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> Our Guided Ghost Tour of Old Town Alexandria! The tour begins at 6:00 p.m. at Market Square -- where we'll meet up with youth groups from Christ Church, Grace, St. Paul's and Emmanuel Episcopal! The tour ends with our Episcopal Halloween Liturgy in the Christ Church Graveyard by 8:00 p.m.

 **DROP-OFF:** We'll meet at the bus-unloading zone on King Street in front of City Hall, 301 King Street. No pets please.

 **PICK-UP:** Christ Church Graveyard at 8 p.m.

Any questions? Email Rev. Sarah at [sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net](mailto:sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net)

Please **scan the QR code below to register online** or find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab and [click the ghost graphic above](#).



*Scan to Register*



Sunday

School

Teachers

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# Call for Sunday School Teachers!

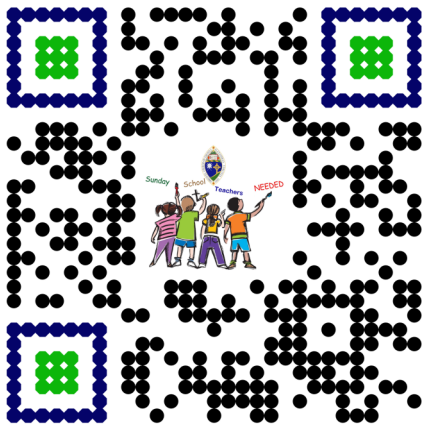
Join Immanuel's Christian Formation crew-teach Sunday School!

Our first season of **Sunday School** will run **November 5<sup>th</sup> - December 10<sup>th</sup>** during formation hour at **10 AM**.

*\*No Sunday School November 26*

The hope is that we would have enough volunteers so each instructor would be scheduled once a month to teach and once a month to support. Invite a friend to team up with you—simply complete the form online by scanning — and sharing — **the QR code below**, or find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab and click on the [Volunteer for Sunday School](#) graphic below.

Any questions, please contact Rev. Sarah at [sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net](mailto:sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net)



Sunday School Volunteers



*Volunteer for*  
**Children &  
Family Ministry**  
*Sunday School*

*Just scroll to the bottom of the form.*

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) ..... Rector  
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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  
 Sydney Onley ..... Youth Representative (nonvoting member)  
 Caroline Bergmark ..... Registrar

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, 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](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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