

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
November 12, 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: Brad Ashton, Lisa Frye, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Debbie Hewson, 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, 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, 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, Brian Tolson, Graham Tomlinson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

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

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: Tom Summers, family friend of sisters Candy Levin and Kerry Kelly Wade. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Forum Hour in Honor of Veterans Day
“GOD, FAITH AND COUNTRY”
TODAY @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall



Join us for a special presentation on who veterans are, why they serve, and the critical role faith has in their motivation for action — and how best to show appreciation for their service. All are encouraged to attend.

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FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK TODAY!
Bring yourself and a dish to share to the parish hall at 5:00p.m.!
Consider inviting a friend—all are welcome!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, November 14th, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Evening Eucharist November 15th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel
Same Day, New Time: Beginning December 6th, this service moves to 12 noon.

Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, November 16th @10:30 a.m.
online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, November 17th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

FINAL DAY of Immanuel’s Boy Scout Troop Holiday Sale: Today is the last day to buy holiday evergreen wreaths and decorations from our Boy Scout Troop 131. This is one of the troop’s largest fundraisers, where proceeds from the wreath sale to support Scout activities, purchase Merit Badges and other patches for Scout uniforms, and provide scholarships to Scouts for events as needed. There are two ways you can order:

1. You can order online through the friends and family website. Please include “**BSA131**” as your FUNDRAISER CODE when ordering! Items purchased through the friends and family website: <https://my.evergreenindustries.com/bsa131> will be delivered directly to the purchaser via mail.
2. You can purchase directly from Scouts at **coffee hour after all three services today**. Items purchased through the in-person, coffee hour sales will be available for pick up in the Zabriskie parking lot on December 3 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Thank you!

Chamber Music Concert TODAY @ 3:00 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Enjoy the DC Chamber Musicians in concert today at 3:00 p.m. in Zabriskie Chapel. Under the direction of Randall Stewart, Artistic Advisor and Mark Stanga, Stage Manager, this chamber ensemble will entertain us with a full program featuring: Shostakovich Piano Quintet, Jadin Nocturne No.1, Gamaro Quatuors Concertans Nos. 1 and 2, and Ewazen’s Trio for Clarinet, Viola and Piano.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and **\$5 for Seniors (over 60 yrs.)**. You can purchase tickets at <https://dccos.org/performances/> or simply buy tickets at the door with no extra charge.



November 15th - Senior Adult Luncheon at Goodwin House Alexandria Please join us for lunch and conversation in the Fillmore Room at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which is **this Wednesday, November 15**. Please RSVP to Mother Susan (sparsons@icoh.net) if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan (skernan40@aol.com) if you are a resident.

NEW THIS YEAR: Festive Reception Following our Thanksgiving Day Eve Holy Eucharist Wednesday, November 22nd @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Let us give thanks! Immanuel’s Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship will host a festive reception in the Parish Hall immediately following our Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist in Zabriskie Chapel. All are welcome.

UPDATE ON AL AHLI HOSPITAL Run by the Diocese of Jerusalem in northern Gaza



A recent [joint letter](#) from Archbishop of Jerusalem, Hosam Nouam (a former worshiper at Immanuel) and Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, states, “*As war devastates the Holy Land, we ask where Christ is to be found amid the cries of His children. When the lives of the innocent are at risk, we strain our eyes for the light of the One who offers healing, peace, and justice. In Gaza, the Al Ahli hospital, run by the Diocese of Jerusalem, is that light.*”

We at Immanuel have supported the Diocese, worshiped in its churches and befriended its Palestinian priests and parishioners, visited its hospitals, and provided support to Al Ahli Hospital over many years. As we keep in our prayers both the Israelis killed, wounded, and taken hostage a few weeks ago, and the large and growing numbers of Palestinians in Gaza, killed, wounded, displaced and in need, Al Ahli hospital and staff have continued to provide care. This is in spite of two separate explosions, one on October 14 that significantly damaged parts of the hospital and injured four staff, and the more widely reported October 17 explosion in the hospital parking lot, injuring between 100 and 500 people seeking refuge there. (Thankfully, no hospital patients nor staff were among the dead.)

Despite widespread and contradictory reporting, the cause of that damage remains unclear. Please continue to [lift up all involved](#) in this conflict, including leaders for wisdom and compassion. Archbishop Nouam asks us: “*And so, my sisters and brothers in Christ, I appeal to you first of all to pray for our mission here, as well for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6). Secondly, advocate with your representatives for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land, so that all who dwell within these lands can live in security. Finally, if you are able, support our ministries in Gaza, Palestine, and Israel, and throughout the Diocese of Jerusalem.*”

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY [NOVEMBER 18th](#) @ 8:00 AM Held Online

via Zoom: Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, October 21st, 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 theme this year is **Freedom**; this month we will read **Jeremiah 34:8-18** “... **the Lord says: You have not obeyed me; you have not proclaimed freedom to your own people**” 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



Lay Reader Training

Want to Become a Lay Reader? **Register for Lector Training!**

Beginning today, we’ll host brief Lector Training sessions 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.



Christmas Families 2023 Dates and Report for Christmas Families 2022



For forty years a strong and faithful commitment of bringing the good news of Christmas in a very tangible form that manifests God's inclusive love for all and raises hope has been woven into the fabric of Immanuel. Christmas Families has evolved into a multi-pronged program of several activities all serving one purpose: To bring Christ's transformative and comforting presence into the world, letting God's people know that somebody cares through giving toys and science kits and books to learn and grow with and blankets to keep warm.

Sun Nov. 19 & 26, Dec. 3 & 10: Sign-up to buy presents for a family (Th Nov. 23 is Thanksgiving)

Sun Dec. 17: Ingathering and blessing of gifts at all services, **wrapping & special collection**

Christmas Families 2022 Report and Christmas Families Finances

Christmas Families in August

We provided backpacks filled with school supplies for all 70 children on our list. Thanks to the generous contributions to the special collections of approx. \$4,000 we could send checks earmarked for school supplies:

- Haiti Micah Project** \$2,000 to help them provide an oasis to children in a dysfunctional state
- Community Lodgings** \$1,000 and **Human Services** \$1,000 (Alexandria total \$2,000)

Christmas Families in Christmas times. This is what we provided:

Gifts for 84 families (98 parents, 223 children, 321 people in all) referred by Alexandria Human Services (73), New Hope Housing (6), and the Lazarus Refugee Ministry administered by Christ Church for Region IV (5). Half of the families were "adopted" by 32 parishioners, 2 Beverly Hills neighborhood families responding to Dorothy Kellogg's listserv post, and the Valley Drive Cooperative Preschool. The other half was provided for by the special collection and many parishioners efforts to buy, assign, and wrap gifts.

Books: 600 to the 84 families, 50 to the **Community Lodgings** after-school program, and to the 150 children in the **CFNC** free preschools: *Anno's Counting Book* and *500 Words / 500 Palabras* (for each word a picture).

37 bicycles: 33 beautifully refurbished by the Velocity Bicycle Cooperative, Alexandria who graciously agreed to work with us and 4 from a parishioner.

Through the **Lazarus Refugee Ministry** we provided 240 fleece blankets for children to cuddle with.

In a joint effort with our expanded social & criminal justice ministry, we gave \$1,500 to the **Offender Aid and Restoration** (OAR, www.oaronline.org) for gift cards to children of incarcerated people.

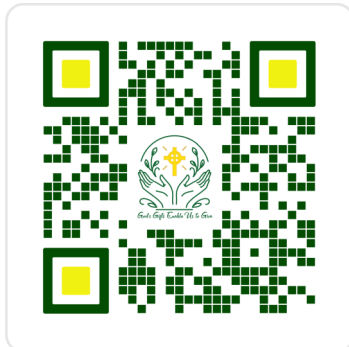
Below is a broad summary of expenses and income. We had to draw on the Christmas Families Fund, which is intended as a cushion and not to cover major current expenses. We will need to adapt the size of the program to the amount of annual income. This may reflect that in the post-pandemic world parish membership has declined.

Expenses		Income	
Toys	6,100	Special collection (6,750 less than exp.)	8,200
Books	4,600	Drawn down from the XFAM Fund	6,750
Bicycle helmets	350		14,950
240 Fleece blankets (bought on sale)	2,400		
Gift cards for OAR	1,500	Christmas Families Fund (est. 2005 with \$25,000)	
	14,950	Start of 2022	17,250
		Start of 2023	10,500

Immanuel's Every Member Pledge campaign runs from November 5-19, 2023

Commitment Sunday, on November 19, will be a time to celebrate both the gifts we can give back to God and our promise to support with our financial pledge the strong and vibrant life, ministry, and joys of Christian fellowship of our parish life together.

Your financial pledge is incredibly important, and we invite you to give generously to support our life and ministry together. Your pledge is vital because it allows Immanuel's vestry to prepare a realistic financial plan and budget that supports our work and ministry in our parish community and throughout the world.



2024 Pledge Card

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

You may use this QR code or the pledge card you have received as you make a pledge and prayerfully and intentionally give thanks for God's many gifts to you. This is your opportunity to give back to God from all you have been given.



IMMANUEL'S SECOND ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 19TH—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. 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.

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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EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: NOVEMBER –DECEMBER 2023

Sign-up to Serve on Sundays



**Lay Ministry
SignUp Genius**

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services *Through Advent*
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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 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
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
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 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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