

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

November 19, 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: Caitlyn Becker, Francesca Gabriel, Cilla Houck, Judith Atwood, Suzanne Dawkins, Anna Braun, Tom Kerns, Brian Boynton, Meredith Robinson, Mei-Lung DeVight, and Jim 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: Sheri David, longtime girlfriend of Thom Hussey. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

Forum Hour TODAY @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall

Alexandria's NEW Composting Program: A Creation Care Opportunity

Learn what food waste does to a landfill and discover why Alexandria City's new food waste composting pilot program is so important in reducing local emissions. Join **Howard Lee**, a Recycling Analyst for the City's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, as he describes the new program. If you are a resident of Alexandria, find out if you are eligible to participate in this program and explore the other composting options available to all residents.

For more information, contact Denise Freeland: eco.voce@verizon.net.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

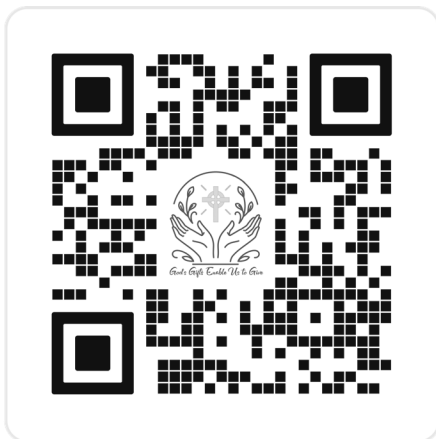
Morning Prayer @ 10:00, Tuesday, November 21st, Zabriskie Chapel

Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music
November 22nd @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Evening Compline, Friday, November 24th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

TODAY is COMMITMENT SUNDAY Immanuel's Every Member Pledge campaign

Today, Commitment Sunday, is 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.



Scan to Pledge

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.

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

You may use the QR code at left or ask an usher for a pledge card to complete your 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 –TODAY!

We have partnered with Inova Hospital for the second time to host a blood drive **today, Sunday, November 19, from noon to 4pm** in the Zabriskie parking lot.

Use the QR code at right to sign up, or contact **Katherine Maas** at katherinemaas@gmail.com.



SCAN to Schedule Donation

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 Rite II in Zabriskie Chapel. All are welcome.

Same Day, Same Place, NEW TIME

Immanuel’s Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II is moving to a new time

Beginning **Wednesday, November 29th**, our weekday evening service will move to a new time:
12 noon in Zabriskie Chapel

November 22	Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist Rite II with music , followed by a Festive Reception in the Parish Hall (<i>hosted by the Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship of Immanuel</i>)	6:30 p.m.
November 29	The Feast of Saint Andrew (<i>observed</i>) with Holy Eucharist Rite II:	12 Noon
December 6	Holy Eucharist Rite II	12 Noon

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: NOVEMBER –DECEMBER 2023



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](http://www.ICOH.net) 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!

**FORUM HOUR: *Christ Church Refugee Ministry*
with **Guest Speaker Melanie Gray**
Sunday, December 3rd @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall**

Join us for a special forum hour where **guest speaker Melanie Gray**, director of Mission and Outreach at Christ Church, will describe the Refugee Ministry’s work with some 45 families, mostly from Afghanistan, and the challenges it faces following the United States’ withdrawal from that country. Some of these families have recently entered the U.S. through our southern border, a reflection of the desperate challenges they face.

Immanuel is a major supporter of this ministry through our Outreach program, and Melanie is a former member of our parish who now lives in Fredericksburg — Julie Bruns, Linda Serabian and Pierre Shostal are volunteers with this ministry.



CHRISTMAS FAMILIES 2023 - Signing up for a family

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40)

This is the first Sunday you can sign up to buy gifts for a family, or part of one, to bring the good news of Christ's coming and God's love in a very tangible form – a toy to grow with, clothing to keep warm in – to another family, transforming a bleak Christmas into the light of Christ present.

Sign-up is before or after each service on Sunday Nov. 19 & 26 and Dec. 3 & 10, or in the Zabriskie Narthex during the week. You can also email or call Linda Serabian (see below) with a description of the kind of family you would like (number, age, and gender of children) and she will select a family for you and send you the information. We have so far 88 families, 199 children and 105 parents, 304 people in all, with more to come.

Ingathering of the gifts and blessing at the altar will be on Dec. 17, which is also the Sunday of the special collection. Or you can bring the gifts to the parish office before Dec. 17 — which is also the Sunday of the great forum hour party to wrap gifts for children and parents not "adopted".

In addition, **used computers** will find eager fingers and minds. Also very welcome are **used bicycles in any shape, good used toys and children's books, calendars you receive in the mail, and gently used clothing and blankets** (for children and adults), especially warm winter coats and clothes to wear to a new-found job. (Please label packages of clothing as to kind and size.). Bring to church on Dec. 17 or the parish office before that.

For the **bicycle program** we partner with Vélocity Bicycle Cooperative (<https://velocitycoop.org/donate-stuff/>), 2111 Mount Vernon Avenue, Tuesday. – Sat. 10 am – 4 pm. They provide beautifully refurbished bikes for many children on our list. You can take used bicycles directly to them or bring them to the church. It would be great if some Immanuelites, including young people, would volunteer for Vélocity. They will teach you bicycle repair.

Connie Kurz and Laura Snow buy children's books in quantity at very good prices, and then, with a team, assign books for each of the families, to be wrapped and united with the other gifts for the family.

Last year a post from Dorothy Kellogg to the Beverley Hills neighborhood listserv resulted in three families signing up for a family on our list. We want to expand the **social media effort to get people in surrounding neighborhoods involved**. Phyllis Sims is spearheading this effort. If you can help, let Linda know.

A vignette. Last year we received a last-minute referral of a family who was evicted and all of their stuff was moved out, but they were allowed to stay for a few more days to celebrate Christmas in the empty apartment. Another group got them a tree and decorations, and we got them nice toys and a generous gift card. The little girls didn't seem to notice they had no furniture. One of the little girls wants to become a veterinarian, so we got her an 18" doll with a collection of doll clothes, including a veterinarian outfit, expertly produced by the XFAM sewing group Candy Levin, Laura Snow, and Brooke Roberts.

Christmas Families is a small yet so big part of transforming the world and comforting God's people. We make the world new by putting a toy into a child's hands to help her grasp the world in her mind, or by giving a stuffed tiger as a huggable companion and clothes to keep warm.

There are billions of children in the world, so you might ask "What does it matter?".

It matters very much to the children and parents in the family for whom you sign up to provide gifts.

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Immanuel's Harvest Dinner
Saturday, December 2nd, 6-8:30 p.m.

Your personal invitation postcard was mailed on Friday, so make sure to reserve your ticket(s) for **Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill's Harvest Dinner**. Costs are the same: \$36 per adult, \$12 per child between 5 and 12 years of age (children under 5 are free), and a family cap of \$84 regardless of size.

Here's how to RSVP:

-  Fill-out and drop off the postcard mailer with your check at church.
-  Reserve by phone by calling (703) 370-6555 and **press "9" to leave a detailed voicemail message**, then pay online or mail your check.
-  Scan the QR code at right



Unusual request: *Could You Fulfill A Child's Christmas Wish?*

Christmas Families is starting to receive requests from social workers that include children's wish lists.

One child who would like an electric guitar and an amp. We are hoping there is someone in the congregation who might have a used one that they would be willing to donate. If so, please contact Linda Serabian, serabian@somaarchitects.com. Thank you.



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



Lay Reader 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.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 Gerry Anderson Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care
 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
[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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Ways to GIVE