

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

February 4, 2024

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: Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Doug John, Joseph, Kenny, Susan Kernan, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony and Patsy Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer Wise.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Peter Blackledge, David Craig, Justine Claypoole, Jean Couban, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Cynthia, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joseph Fabian, Cathy Fick, Gerald, Linda Gill, Gladys, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Lillian Kozuma, Mike Krieger, Ann Langdon-Days, Marcia MacDonald, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Michael, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Lysbeth, Jessi Napolitano, Carol Ording, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, 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: John Wagner III, Tom Cuddy Jr., Susan Kernan, Diana Page, and Aggie Fortune.

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: Frances Johnson, wife of Gordon Johnson and mother of Susan J. Gildersleeve; and Geraldine Johns, mother of Kevin Johns (Committee Chair of Scout Troop 131); and the U.S. Army soldiers killed in Jordan: Sergeants William Jerome Rivers, Kennedy Ladon Sanders, and Breonna Alexsondria Moffett. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



JOIN US AT 10:00 A.M. TODAY IN THE ZABRISKIE PARISH HALL
FOR A SPECIAL FORUM HOUR : *The Culmore Clinic*
Special Guest Presenter Lynette Sappe-Watkins, Executive Director

Culmore Clinic is a story of faith in action. The Immanuel community is part of that story. Come and enjoy this opportunity to hear Lynette Sappe-Watkins share the Culmore Clinic story and celebrate how the support of Immanuel Parish is touching and changing the lives of so many.

All children are invited to attend Children's Chapel, 10:00 a.m., the Oratory, the side chapel in Immanuel Chapel. The service ends at 10:25, so that the children can join their parents for the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. This will be a great opportunity for children's Christian formation, while also giving parents a few quiet minutes to socialize with other parents and to prepare for worship.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer @ 10:00, Tuesday, February 6th, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II , February 7th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study *“The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah”*, Thursday, February 8th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, February 9th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Lenten Forum Hour Series Begins: *“Praying Day by Day”*

February 11th, 11:45 a.m., The Welcome Center

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14



12 Noon	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Imposition of Ashes	Zabriskie Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir and Imposition of Ashes	Zabriskie Chapel

TODAY: YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

FOR THOSE IN 7TH-12TH GRADES, 4:00 P.M., THE FAIRCHILD ROOM

All interested in being confirmed are invited to attend our first confirmation class this afternoon from 4-5:30 p.m., in the Fairchild Room, Zabriskie Chapel. Those in EYC are encouraged to stay for dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by fellowship. To register, please scan the QR code at right; for questions, reach out to the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net.



EYC Confirmation

ALIVE! Food Drive Extended for SOUP-ER Bowl: Thanks to all who have contributed to the January food drive for Alive! If you haven't had a chance to donate, it's not too late! We will continue the drive for 2 weeks for the SOUP-er Bowl!

The collection bins will be separated into two sides-one for the San Francisco 49'ers and the other for the Kansas City Chiefs. Who will win the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 11th? Let's see if we can accurately predict the winner! A Grand Total of donated pounds will be announced after our Soup-er Bowl!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS -FEBRUARY

February 12: FORD's THEATER on PRESIDENT LINOLN'S BIRTHDAY Washington, DC:

For Lincoln's birthday we will visit historic Ford's Theater, where the President and his wife went to watch Our American Cousin. We will have time in the theater's museum, a ranger presentation in the theater, and entry to Peterson House, where Lincoln was taken after being shot and where he died.

Our van will leave Zabriskie parking lot at 9:30am, stopping at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We will plan to return to the Parish Hall to have lunch together and then folks who boarded the bus at Goodwin House will head home on the van, arriving by 1:30pm. The copy to ride in the van is \$20. Tickets for the museum are \$3.50, so a \$5 contribution towards ticket and lunch will be gratefully accepted. RSVP to Karen Besser at karen.besser@gmail.com or SeniorMinistry@icoh.net.

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: FEBRUARY –MARCH

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services for February and March — through Lent and Easter — ONLINE via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**

Sign-up to Serve on Sundays



Lay Ministry
SignUp Genius

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're a student — or planning Summer travel — feel free to sign-up for the Lenten season and Easter only.

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 Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so in the comments box under your name on the online form. Thank you!

ALL ARE INVITED to Immanuel's SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER Tuesday, February 13th, Zabriskie Parish Hall: We are planning a choice of blueberry or plain pancakes, sausage and bacon with a side of applesauce! All served on warm plates. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$12.00 per family.



MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY FEBRUARY 17th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom: Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, January 20th online via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our new theme for 2024 is *Anxiety!* This month we will read **Psalm 43 "Send out your light and your truth; they shall be my guide...Why so downcast, why all these sighs? Hope in God!"** using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

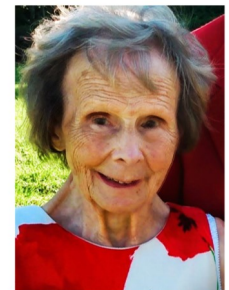
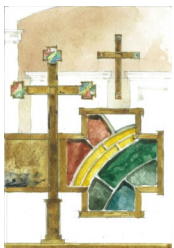
[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913

A Liturgy in Thanksgiving for the Life of

FRANCES JOHNSON

Saturday, February 24, 2024
12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Funeral immediately followed by reception in the Parish Hall.



CPR TRAINING CLASS MARCH 9th : From teens needing a CPR card for summer jobs to ushers at church to grandparents watching their grandchildren! Actually, great for everyone and anyone over the age of 15! Immanuel will offer an in-person CPR class in the Zabriskie Parish Hall on March 9, from 1-5pm . We need a minimum of six participants. Suggested cost is \$100 but partial scholarships are available. Contact Lisa Clausen at Lisa.clausen@verizon.net to sign up.

Christmas Families 2023 Final Report

We brought the love of Christ to many families

We provided a small gift for 123 parents and a substantial gift, a stocking stuffer, and 2 – 3 books (for a **record total 900 books**) for each of 237 children and a bicycle for some (total 40 provided by the Velocity cooperative and parishioners). Behind every one of these numbers is a child or youth engaged in building a castle or an airplane, or painting a flower, or practicing social skills while playing with a doll, or doing a science experiment, or gaining self-esteem from looking good in a new jacket or costume jewelry, or getting exercise and getting places riding a bicycle, and in reading books.

In addition, we gave **250 blankets** for children who received holiday gifts through the Lazarus ministry and **300 books to Child and Family Network Centers** (CFNC, started by Immanuel in 1985). Each of the 150 preschool children received *Anno's Counting Book* and *500 Palabras (Spanish and English)*.

We also endeavor to **find a home for good used items** — clothing, books, toys — which we organize in a "boutique" so social workers can pick up things for their clients. We match larger items with the right person. A teenager wished for an electric guitar, a parishioner had a used one to give that the teenager now plays. A parent needed bunkbeds and a dresser. A parishioner donated the bunkbeds, so now the children have a comfortable place to sleep. **ALIVE!** provided a dresser.

The office received this message from a social worker:

Subject: Grateful heart

I work for CPS [Child Protective Services] in Alexandria. I want to thank you for the gifts you gave to my clients. Thanks for the detail of wrapping them. Thanks for every detail. My heart rejoices to know that there are people who follow our Lord's commandment and put it into practice "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." I could see with each gift that there was someone who chose it and wrapped it saying, "I do it as if it were for myself." My families are so happy for the help you gave them in this difficult time they are experiencing.

Thank you very much from all my heart. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Here is how we got there

Parishioners signing up

of families referred by the Dept. of Community and Human Services, the Lazarus Ministry (Episcopal Region IV), and New Hope Housing. Strong sign-up, exceeding last year.

Special collection

The special collection came close to matching expenses, better than last year. Also the toy expense includes Lego sets for next year, sets normally beyond our price range but available this year with a 40% discount.

Income		Expenses	
Special Collection	13,300	Toys and other gifts	11,000
Withdrawn from Christmas Families Fund	2,400	Bicycle helmets and locks	700
		Books	4,000
Total	15,700	Total	15,700

There is a lot of work behind the scenes.

This is a whole-parish effort. Thanks to all! Special thanks go to the core team. For many years Connie Kurz and Laura Snow have been buying excellent books at excellent discounts of 50% - 80% and have managed the assignment of books to children. Linda Serabian has brought a systematic team approach, dividing up the work of dealing with toys and parent gifts as follows: Modernizing the software: Dennis Bruns.

Collecting family data and preparing sign-up boards	Dorothy Kellogg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main XFAM weekend: • setting up the parish hall, • tagging the gifts at the workshop • transporting gifts to the church, • wrapping, organizing and delivering the gifts to Human Services on Monday. 	Andy and Alisa Biache with so many helpers
Shopping for gifts	Katherine Maas and Kathryn Jackson Haskin		
Assigning gifts	Phyllis Sims, Diana Walker and Linda Donohue		

For the whole team Dagobert Soergel <ds@dsoergel.com> and Linda Serabian <serabian@somaarchitects.com>

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 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

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

PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

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