

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

May 21, 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. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a pew card — located in display stands at entrances of the chapels — and give it 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: Nancy Bishop, Edith, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Jessi MacLeod, Ann MacNamara, Sudie McGahuey, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John and Louisa Smucker, Agnes Soos, Norma Taliaferro, and Francine Wargo.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, David Craig, Martha Culleton, Steve Davis, Betty Harris, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, George Rustigian, Connie Smith, and Ryan Willis.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Alec Braun, Samuel Wirth, Alexandra Kelley, Leif Siegrist, Agnes Soos, Elizabeth Casey, Roger Gildersleeve, Benton Powell-Switaj, David John, Rayna Johnson, Brian Latimer, Logan Marcu, Mave Milligan, Jackie Rustigian, Rachel Wilson, Donna Paul, Army Robinson, Margaret Powell, Anna Skubel, and Nancy Bishop.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson.

Those who have died: John C. Corbett, brother of Janice Corbett; Cecile Kelly Zitelli, aunt of Candy Levin and Kerry Kelly Wade; and the victims of the Farmington, NM shooting: Melody Ivie, Gwendolyn Schofield, and Shirley Volta. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

FORUM HOUR TODAY: "*Caring For Neighbors Who We Do Not See: The Culmore Clinic*"

Presented by
THE REV. DR. FRANK WADE

11:45 a.m., Immanuel Chapel

Announcements

Weekday Worship and Study Opportunities

MORNING PRAYER TUESDAY, MAY 23th @ 10 A.M., Zabriskie Chapel : All are invited to join Immanuel staff and clergy for Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in Zabriskie Chapel. This quiet, contemplative service typically lasts thirty minutes and offers each worshipper a chance to lift a person, cause, or concern in prayer while learning about any saints the Church is commemorating.

Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist May 24th @6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Online via Zoom: Our Weekly Bible Study Thursday, May 25th @ 10:30 a.m.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Evening Compline, Friday, May 26th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Bishop Gullick to be with us at Shrine Mont: Bishop Ted Gullick will be the celebrant and preacher at our Eucharist at Shrine Mont on **May 28th**, when he will also confirm his granddaughter. He wants to open this opportunity to any at Immanuel who might want to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or baptized. Please **speak with Father Randy by Tuesday, May 23rd** if any of those interest you.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH

Join experienced Immanuel birders and members of Immanuel's Creation Care Ministry Sarah Glassco and Denise Freeland at 12:15p.m. in the Zabriskie Parish Hall on **Tuesday, May 23** and learn how to start or jumpstart your own bird-watching adventures. Get the latest information on great places to observe birds in our area, the best times for watching, and some books and technology that can help you identify whose song you heard or whose flash of yellow that was! Our birders will also share tips on how to attract birds to your yard.

Birding is great for getting us out of the house and immersed in the beauty in our region and can be a great hobby to share with grandkids or with visiting family from out-of-town.

This is the first of two planned activities where Senior Adult Ministry/Fellowship will join with Creation Care Ministry during 2023.

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. Please RSVP to Karen Besser at karen.besser@gmail.com.

WANTED: A NEW HOME FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

For many years Christmas Families has used the space above Ross Dress for Less at 118 North Washington Street as a storage space for our toys. This space has been generously provided to us by Christ Church. They have decided to sell the building sometime early next year. As a result, we are currently looking for new space. We would like to have **approximately 600 SF** of somewhat conditioned space located in Alexandria in proximity to the church. If you have a space that we might be use, please contact Linda Serabian via email at serabian@somaarchitects.com. Thank you.

**Come to a Festive Thank You Reception!
Honor Parishioners Committed to Immanuel's Strong Future**

Zabriskie Society

Please come and enjoy a thank you reception on Saturday, June 3, 4-6 p.m., in Scott Lounge on the VTS campus. We will honor and thank parishioners providing for Immanuel's strong financial future through a planned gift.

You can also learn more about planned giving and how your generosity and planned gift can continue to support a strong future for Immanuel.

Enjoy refreshments including strawberry shortcake with fresh-picked strawberries! **Please RSVP by this Wednesday, May 24, 2023, to Danette (Dani) Kauffman, danettekauffman@starpower.net or you can use Immanuel's RSVP line by dialing 703-370-6555 and press "9".**



**CALL FOR CRUCIFER, ACOLYTES, AND BANNER BEARER
FOR PENTECOST *Next Sunday***



SCHEDULE FOR MAY-JULY 2023

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services ONLINE via Signup Genius: Would you like to serve 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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4A728A0FAC61-layministry) for Immanuel at the link at right: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4A728A0FAC61-layministry>.

Agnes Soos is managing all lay ministry signups and, in addition to weekly Sunday Eucharists, she's actively recruiting for those who can serve as a **Crucifer, Banner Bearer, Acolyte** and/or **Chalice Bearer** for **Pentecost, May 28th**. If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.** (extension #205), 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 next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

PENTECOST SUNDAY: ONE SERVICE AT ZABRISKIE CHAPEL
The Feast of Pentecost, May 28, 2023
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 9:30 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Thank you Note from a Parishioner

I would like to thank the members of Immanuel for your support this year as my brother fought his battle with brain cancer/ glioblastoma. Unfortunately, glioblastoma won the battle. My brother, John C. Corbett passed away on May 4.

To read his obituary, please visit <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/springfield-va/john-corbett-11280375>

Janice Corbett

SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE - APRIL 30, 2023

Since our church's solar panels went live on **June 7, 2022**, they have produced over **54,000 kWh of clean, sustainable electricity**. This represents **83 percent** of the electricity our solar vendor, SES, estimates the system to generate annually. It also represents over 84,000 pounds of carbon dioxide not emitted into the atmosphere and is the equivalent of **635 trees being planted!** The Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill solar panels daily show a public and visible commitment to Creation Care and an example to our children and our community to reduce carbon emissions—that we are true and faithful stewards of “this fragile earth, our island home”.

The solar panels are also saving us money. Immanuel has received ten months of Dominion Energy electricity bills since our solar panels went live. See the **weekly e-Blast** for more details, but here's the bottom line on cost savings:


- Zabriskie/Parish Hall used roughly the same amount of electricity (measured in kWh) for the past ten “solar months” (June – Dec 2022 and January – March 2023) as used during same ten pre-solar months in 2021. However, because **our solar panels generated 64 percent of the electricity the building used**, the cost of power purchased from Dominion was \$ **4,085.48** versus **\$8,264.69** – a **savings to date of \$4,179.21** (over 2021 costs for same ten months).
- In addition to electricity bill savings, Immanuel expects to receive approximately \$3000/year from the Virginia Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) program. The first two checks totaling **\$1,785.00** arrived in December 2022 and February 2023. When you apply Immanuel's SREC income so far, actual cost for electricity for the ten “solar months” is \$2,300.48 – a savings of nearly \$6,000 (over 2021 pre-solar electricity costs for same ten months).

The solar panels generate the most electricity during March through October. It will take a complete year of monitoring both the solar electricity production and checking our Dominion bills for annual generation and dollar numbers.

Many thanks to all who believed in the solar project! Some donated to take direct action to reduce carbon emissions; others to help the church save money. Most probably saw both as reasons to make it happen. If you haven't already done so, consider making the same kind of solar investment in your own home!

UPDATE ON THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM IN LIGHT OF VIOLENCE IN GAZA AND ISRAEL: As Stand with Iraqi Christians noted last week in their presentations in the DC area, being a Christian in the Middle East is increasingly challenging, and support from US partners is both important and encouraging. With violence expanding in Gaza over the past few weeks, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem has provided updates to its supporting parishes about the situation there, with an interview with the faithful head of Al Ahli hospital in Gaza, a hospital that does not shut its doors to anyone under any circumstances, despite the dangers and challenges. Former Immanuel parishioner Most Rev. Hosam Naoum, now Archbishop of Jerusalem, recently said, “Throughout this emergency, the dedicated staff of our Ahli Hospital in Gaza, at great personal risk, have been working around the clock, tending to the wounded and accepting urgent surgical cases that other overburdened hospitals have been unable to take. This flood of patients has taxed their limited resources, leading to shortages of medicines, medical supplies, and fuel for their generators that must run for extended hours due to electrical black-outs.” You can see a short interview with the hospital’s director Suhaila Tarazi at <https://afedj.org/gaza-2023/>. While we did not publicize the annual Good Friday appeal of the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem this year because of their appeal for help to earthquake victims in Syria during Lent, you can provide support to the Diocese’s ministry of healing in Gaza by visiting <https://afedj.org/give/give-online/>.

It’s All About Love: A Festival for the Jesus Movement - July 9-12, Baltimore, MD: Are you interested in participating in part or all of this exciting July 9-12 event in Baltimore, bringing together Episcopalians and others from across the country to focus on evangelism, creation care, and racial reconciliation? A series of plenary sessions, eucharistic worship services, and small group presentations and discussions will take participants deep into these topics. Immanuel’s social justice budget will defray the registration costs of any Immanuel participants. Visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/its-all-about-love/> to learn more. Because the event is in nearby Baltimore, it would be relatively easy to participate in parts of the event without committing to the full three days. If you are interested please contact atwooddavid@gmail.com or kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com.



PARISH POTLUCK LUNCH
Sunday, June 11th, 12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Zabriskie Parish Hall and Memorial Gardens

Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share, which will serve 8-10 people. This can be your “signature” picnic dish **-or-** use this guide (first letter of last name):

- A-K:** Main course dish: Sliced ham, fried/roasted chicken, sandwiches, casseroles, quiche, chicken/tuna salads, pasta dishes, vegetarian specialties, etc.
- L-P:** Appetizer: cheese & crackers, deviled eggs, vegetable trays, fruit, salsa,
- Q-S:** Side dish: salads, coleslaw, beans
- T-Z:** Dessert

Please bring your dishes (marked with your name to ensure their return to you) to the kitchen before the service.

Volunteers! Please contact Caroline Bergmark (cbergmark@yahoo.com). Volunteers are needed Sunday at 11 AM for set up and at 2 PM for clean-up. Let me know which shift you want.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
 The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net) Associate Rector
 Dr. Jane Tavernier (jtavernier@icoh.net) Director of Music
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 Aleta Y. Powell (apowell@icoh.net)..... Parish Administrator
 Tamika Martin (photosbyt@icloud.com) Audio Visual Technician
 Gilma Balcarcel Nursery Coordinator
 Stuart Dahlinger Sexton

THE VESTRY

Kristi Kubista-Hovis..... Senior Warden
 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
 Gabriella Young-Smith Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:30 a.m. Godly Play, Side Oratory Chapel
 inside of Immanuel Chapel

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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