

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

June 4, 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: Gerry Anderson, Nancy Bishop, Edith, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Jessi MacLeod, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Joan Raybold, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John and Louisa Smucker, Agnes Soos, Norma Taliaferro, and Francine Wargo. We also pray for the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry.

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, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Shelby Ochs Owen, 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: Kendall Gildersleeve, Tom Hewson, Madeleine Mitchell, James Goodyear, Danette (Dani) Gentile Kauffman, David Lindsey, Aurora Maltbie, Linda Kapurch, William Alexander, Sara Latimer, and Timothy Martin.

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: The Rev. Joachim Huse, brother-in-law of Chris von Schoening and uncle of Alexis von Schoening; victims of the Mesa, Arizona shooting: Nicholas Arnstad, Julian Cox, John Swain, and Stephen Young. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Solar Panel Savings

Thanks to our solar panels on Zabriskie Chapel, our electric bill for the month of April totaled **\$16.09**.

Join us at FORUM HOUR, 11:45 A.M., IMMANUEL CHAPEL:

Five Talents CEO Dale Stanton-Hoyle "***Transforming Lives Through Economic Empowerment: Five Talents' Ministry Around the World***",
with an introduction from Jim Snow.

Announcements

Weekday Worship and Study Opportunities

MORNING PRAYER TUESDAY, JUNE 6th @ 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 June 7th @6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Online via Zoom: Our Weekly Bible Study Thursday, June 8th @ 10:30 a.m.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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

Benedictine Community Meetings: TWO HYBRID Meetings - June 6th and June 20th @ 7:00 p.m. Zabriskie Parish Hall and online via Zoom: If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We currently meet twice a month virtually via Zoom on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 7-8 p.m.

The Community reflects on the tenets of St. Benedict such as humility, silence, and prayer. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book. We are currently using *Shaped by the End You Live For: Thomas Merton's Monastic Spirituality* by Bonnie B. Thurston -- so this would be a great time to join or visit with us. As a Benedictine Community, we gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from a few pages from selected reading material.

If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following: Dana Hengst (Dana.Hengst@gmail.com), Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com), or David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.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.

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY JUNE 17th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, June 17th, 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 **Isaiah 45:1-7** "*I myself shall go before you...I shall shatter the bronze gateways...give you secret treasures...I am Yahweh, who call you by your name.*" 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

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE-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>.

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 #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 next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

Food Drive for ALIVE!

Traditionally, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill has collected canned goods and non-perishable foods for Alive! two months a year. Our last collection in January was a huge success! Let's do it again in JUNE!

When packing groceries for our neediest neighbors, the items that run out the most frequently are:

-  **Jams**
-  **Jellies**
-  **100% fruit juice**

So please buy extras of these in June and bring to the collection boxes in the narthex in either Immanuel Chapel or Zabriskie. Food drive ends June 30th.

If possible, bring your donations in recyclable, reusable bags. Additional non-perishable, non-expired food items — **proteins, fruits, veggies; pasta/rice/oatmeal; no glass containers, please** — are greatly appreciated.

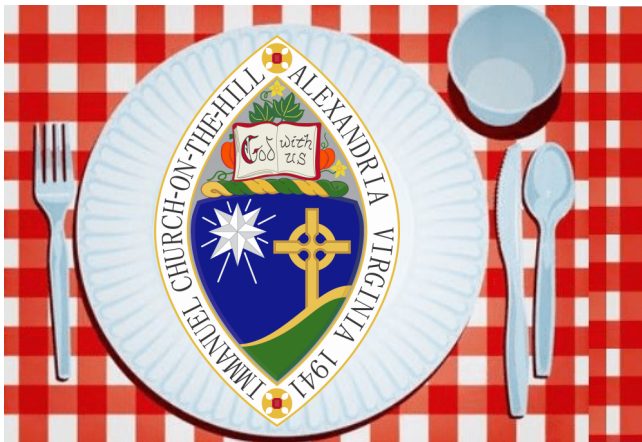
Thanks in advance! Questions? Contact Lisa.Clausen@verizon.net

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

LUNCHEON AT GOODWIN HOUSE-ALEXANDRIA: Please join us for lively conversation over lunch in the Fillmore Room at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday, which is June 21st. Please RSVP to Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net.

FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH :Bring your sandwich or salad to our monthly Senior Ministry Bag Lunch on Tuesday, June 27th at 12:15 p.m. for fun and fellowship. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required. We will provide beverages and dessert.

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.

GROUNDS AND GARDEN WORKDAY - JUNE 10TH - 8AM START TIME - 1PM (ISH) END TIME.

The next workday for the Gardens and Grounds is on June 10th, and we will aim to beat the heat and start at 8am. All ages and ability levels welcome - we've got some specific needs for help with tasks that require limited to no bending. And, we've got great tasks for young hands and helpers (Kathryn confirms this with her 8-year-old regularly!)

Anticipated tasks include:

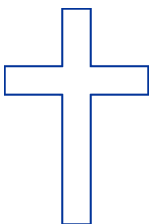
- ⊗ The standards: Raking, Weeding, Watering, Branch pick ups, Trimming, and Mulching
- ⊗ Preventing tree downing: Vine patrol (particularly ivy on trees)
- ⊗ Knowing what we've got: Creating new plant ID tags and placing them (new and old plantings and trees)
- ⊗ Cataloging: Creating/Updating the files of the plants and any in-honor-of or in-memory-of plantings

Please note: we recommend long pants, long sleeve shirts, gloves, a hat, and BYOWB (Bring Your Own Water Bottle). Poison Ivy can pop up, anywhere, although we do our best to keep people away from it when we see it!

If you know you plan to come - email or call Kathryn Jackson Haskin (kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com or 412.726.5510) to help us plan our sustenance purchasing. If you decide to come at the last minute - also totally fine and you will be welcomed with open arms!

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/>.

SUMMER HIATUS FOR OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT HOLY EUCHARIST



Our last weekday Eucharist before summer break is scheduled for **June 28th**. We'll resume our weekday worship on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel.

If able, we encourage everyone to attend one of the four remaining services this month.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
 The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net) Associate Rector
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 Aleta Y. Powell (apowell@icoh.net)..... Parish Administrator
 Tamika Martin (photosbyt@icloud.com) Audio Visual Technician
 Gilma Balcarcel Nursery Coordinator
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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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