

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### August 27, 2023

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#### **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](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** David Atwood, Edith, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Hal Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Everett Post, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Betty Wanamaker, and Francine Wargo.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Andrew, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Jean Couban, Martha Culleton, Steve Davis, Joseph Fabian, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Marcia MacDonald, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rath sack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Roger, George Rustigian, Jim Sanford, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Sally Guy Brown, Owen Larson, Sorin Marcu, Jane Tavernier, John Jones Jr., Lynn Latimer, Emma Cuddy, Vicki Dearborn, Ryan Harris, William Cook, Bette Davis, Summerson Houck, Kathryn Tatko, Becky Chill, Brandon Schnedl, Laura Snow, Pam Williard, and Ann Martens.

**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:** Victims of the Oklahoma City shooting: Cassandra Flores, Hillary Armendariz, Damaris Armendariz and Matias Armendariz. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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**FINAL DAY FOR SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY “*Listening to the Lessons*”:** The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade, one of our priest associates and author of two books on the Bible, will lead a final discussion of the appointed lessons this Sunday. Those interested will meet from **9:45 – 10:30 a.m. in the Oratory**, the small side chapel at Immanuel Chapel.

**HOME+COMING SUNDAY** is a great time to re-connect with brothers and sisters in Christ at Immanuel, to share stories from the Summer, and to envision plans for the Fall. Homecoming this year is Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Our choir will return at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, along with a brass trio. Please reach out and invite any friends, neighbors, or colleagues who might be looking for a Church home to join you. Our traditional Homecoming picnic will follow the Eucharist.

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

**Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.**

Evening Compline, Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

## UPCOMING SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENT

**August 30<sup>th</sup>: THE FUTURE IS NOW (and some of it is adorable!)** JOIN SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP on Wednesday, **August 30** to “meet” some technology that is already sharing our world and that we are likely to encounter more frequently in the future. We will start off by going to Mosaic District in Fairfax for a close encounter with an autonomous delivery robot and learn how it works, courtesy of Cartken (the robots’ owner) and Eden (the developer of Mosaic). After a Neapolitan pizza lunch at Pupatella’s, we will go on to the Pohick Branch of the Fairfax Library to see a 3D printer in action, learn how it works, and come away with a 3D souvenir.

Our van will leave Zabriskie parking lot at 11:30am, stopping at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We will plan to return to Zabriskie via Goodwin House, arriving no later than 3:30pm. There will be a \$20 copay to ride in the van and each person will pay for their own lunch in the Mosaic District.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser at [Karen.Besser@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.Besser@gmail.com) to reserve your seat on the van.



**EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: AUGUST-OCTOBER 2023**  
**Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services ONLINE**  
**via Our New SignUp Genius Button**

**Sign-up to Serve on Sundays**



**Lay Ministry**  
**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.ICOH.net) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at [www.ICOH.net](http://www.ICOH.net) and clicking on the button above at right.

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](mailto:asoos@icoh.net). Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net) or indicate so next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

# The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

## HOMECOMING

### TWELVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 FOR PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC!

4 people from 10am-12pm for set up

4 people from 12-2 to support the buffet (taking shifts so we all can eat / visit, too :))

4 people from 2-4 for clean up

Please contact Caroline ([cbergmark@yahoo.com](mailto:cbergmark@yahoo.com)). Let me know which shift you want.

### POTLUCK LUNCH PICNIC in the Zabriskie Parish Hall and Memorial Gardens

Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share that serves 8-10 people. You can choose your “signature” picnic dish -or use the guide below (**first letter of last name**):



A-L: Main: Sliced ham, fried/roasted chicken, sandwiches, casseroles, quiche, chicken/tuna salads, pasta dishes, vegetarian specialties, etc.



M-P: Appetizer: cheese & crackers, deviled eggs, vegetable trays, fruit, salsa,



Q-S: Side dish: salads, coleslaw, beans



T-Z: Dessert

(Mark your dishes to ensure their return to you!)

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### MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM

**Held Online via Zoom:** Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 **Galatians 5:16–26** “...*be guided by the Spirit, and you will no longer yield to self-indulgence...All who belong to Christ have crucified self...*” using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com).

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



## TROOP 131 CAR WASH FUNDRAISER AT ZABRISKIE SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

Please help support Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill's own Scout BSA Troop 131!  
Troop 131 Car Wash Fundraiser  
Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
9 AM to 2 PM  
In the Zabriskie Chapel parking lot

**Do you know what to do in the event of a HEALTH EMERGENCY at church?:** After calling 911 as a first step, it is very important that parishioners know where the defibrillators are located — in both Zabriskie and Immanuel chapels — and the first aid kits. At Immanuel Chapel, the defibrillator (AED) is located across from the elevator. The first aid kit is in the floral kitchen. At Zabriskie, the AED is located along the small stairwell going from the chapel (near the organ) up to the parish hall. The first aid kit is in the kitchen.

We hope to reschedule the CPR instruction classes that were cancelled due to the COVID-19 lockdown... Stay tuned!

**Creation Care NEWS Alert:** Visit the Creation Care website to view the *new* Clean Energy Tax Credits for Consumers (2023-2032), a benefit of the Inflation Reduction Act. These energy products and upgrades help us “reduce our climate impact and live more humbly and gently on Earth.

<https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/creation-care-ministry.html>



## Creation Care Tip: Watering Right in Extreme Heat

This summer, our planet has experienced unprecedented heat waves all across the globe. As creation stewards, how can we keep our gardens surviving during these droughts? Are there sustainable watering practices? Turns out, there are. In a recent Washington Post article, Lauren David said best practices include watering around the base of plants (not all over the foliage); watering deeply and without excessive water pressure; watering early in the morning for optimal water absorption; watering with efficient tools such as hand-held nozzles or soaker hoses (ideally, not sprinklers); and adding more mulch around plants to protect the soil from overheating and drying out. There are also important steps to avoid when watering during extreme heat, according to sustainability news source Treehugger. With these helpful watering hints, may your garden grow resilient and thrive!

Click the links below to read more.

<https://www.treehugger.com/dos-and-donts-for-gardening-heatwave-7569760>

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/home/2023/08/03/water-efficient-summer-heat-garden/?utm\\_campaign=wp\\_the7&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl\\_the7](https://www.washingtonpost.com/home/2023/08/03/water-efficient-summer-heat-garden/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl_the7)

## COME LISTEN TO EACH OTHER AS CHRISTIANS BURDENED BY THE ISSUES OF **VIOLENCE, GUN SAFETY, AND MENTAL ILLNESS**

The Rev. Randy Alexander and a handful of parishioners – with widely varied experiences, perspectives, and policy concerns – have been listening to each other regarding these related issues this spring and summer. Mass shootings, less newsworthy but more prevalent violent crime, including gun-related violence, as well as more local issues of violence, and the related issues of mental illness and loneliness, have been on our minds and hearts.

We don't have an "agenda" for a parish conversation, just a sense - as Christian believers - that God calls us out of doing nothing to explore what we as followers of Jesus are called to do in the face of crisis, pain and evil. We don't know what to do, what the role of a church is in the face of this kind of protracted crisis, but we do know that we are to listen when we hear the Lord tugging at our hearts. And we also know that within our parish, perspectives on these issues vary widely, so that as a first step it makes sense to listen to each other and discern what we can learn, as a Christian community called to love and peace, from each other as we try to face, rather than ignore, these complex and difficult issues.

Please join one of two upcoming listening sessions on these issues on either *this Wednesday, August 30* (7:30-9:00pm) or **Tuesday, October 3** (7:00-8:30pm) in the Fairchild Room.

It's fine to just show up, but also helpful to let [David Atwood \(David\\_Atwood@hotmail.com\)](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com), [Sanjiv Augustine \(sanjiv.augustine@gmail.com\)](mailto:sanjiv.augustine@gmail.com), or [Father Randy \(ralexander@icoh.net\)](mailto:ralexander@icoh.net) know that you plan to attend.

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) ..... Rector  
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 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](http://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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