

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
September 10, 2023

HOMECOMING

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: Brad Ashton, 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: Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Bogumil Knypinski, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Jean Couban, Steve Davis, Joseph Fabian, Cathy Fick, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Robin-Shanté Lewis, Marcia MacDonald, Joe Miceli, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Roger, George Rustigian, Jim Sanford, Brian Tolson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Paul Atwood, Jim Hobson, Jonathan Boynton, Amy Dawkins, Katherine Smith, Nick Lansing, Ally Powell-Switaj, Leah Wilson, Lillia Scharnweber, Chip Calloway Jr., Benjamin Hewson, Khary Stockton, Leif Christoffersen, Wendy Lane John, Janice Newman, and Artie Suri.

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

FUNERAL AND COMMITTAL for **ROBERTA SHAW “BOBBIE” THOMAS**

Monday, September 18, 2023, ZABRISKIE CHAPEL

Funeral at **11:00 a.m.**, followed by Committal *in the Memorial Garden,*
and Reception *in the Parish Hall*



Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, September 12th, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Evening Eucharist September 13th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, September 14th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, September 15th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY SEPTEMBER 16th @ 8:00 AM

Held Online via Zoom: Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, September 16th, 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.

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

Welcome to our new Intern! Reggie Hayes, M.Div.

Brother Reggie Hayes grew up in the “Bible belt,” in Greensboro, NC, where his religion was greatly influenced by his two great-grandmothers and godfather. Attending a multitude of churches such as Hayes Memorial Pentecostal, New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, and Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, the exposure across Christian denominational borders has helped form and articulate the ecumenical theme of his theology. Additionally, being a well-traveled student, he experienced the many faces of God being embraced by the Muslim and monastic communities as well as worshipped in Jewish Communities and celebrated mass in the Catholic faith.



Bro. Reggie Hayes was confirmed in the Episcopal Church on September 18, 2021, and now sojourns the path to ordination as a postulant in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Informing his ministry, God continues to initiate inter-faith relationships through the exposure of intercultural/faith theological foundations. For fun, Reggie likes to travel, read, and go hiking with his family. As a warm human being who cares about the well-being of others, Bro. Reggie brings a wealth of personal experience to the ministry which has helped him solidify his call to Chaplaincy. Indeed, he is now serving as lay chaplain and religion instructor at the Bishop Walker School for Boys in Washington, an outreach partner of Immanuel.

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2023

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services ONLINE
via Our New SignUp Genius Button

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](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and clicking on the red button at right.

Sign-up to Serve on Sundays



Lay Ministry
SignUp Genius

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 next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

UPCOMING SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

September 14 - TRIP TO BARREL OAK WINERY: Join us on Thursday, September 14 for a jaunt into the beautiful Virginia countryside and a taste of the fermented grape. We will be going to Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane to enjoy a flight of wine and a light lunch in the scenic foothills of the Shenandoah Valley. (Barrel Oak was kindly recommended by Sally Guy Brown, and seconded by Karen and Jim Besser!)



Our van will leave Zabriskie parking lot at 11:00am, stopping at Goodwin House Alexandria. We will plan to return to Zabriskie via Goodwin House, arriving no later than 3:00pm. There will be a \$20 copay to ride in the van. A “flight” of wine, which includes a sample of 6 wines, costs \$18 and food is extra. They offer cold charcuterie items, and sell pizza made on the premises.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com to reserve your seat on the van.

September 20 - THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH 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 September 20th. Please RSVP to Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net.

September 26 - FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH with Guest Speaker Pierre Shostal:

Join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, September 26, at 12:15 p.m. to hear from fellow parishioner Pierre Shostal about his experience ministering to refugees here in Alexandria. Pierre works with other Immanuel folks in conjunction with the refugee ministry of Christ Church, Alexandria.

Luncheon will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall and our program will start around 12:30. 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.



Immanuel's New SUNDAY Worship Schedule

Beginning Next Sunday, September 17, 2023

- 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist Rite I, a contemplative service without music, Zabriskie Chapel
 - 9:00 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with choir and nursery care, Zabriskie Chapel
 - 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist Rite II, with choir and nursery care, Immanuel Chapel
- Feast Days, Sunday School, Forums, and Coffee Hours as announced



Weekday Worship Schedule

- Wednesday, 6:30 PM | Holy Eucharist Rite II, at Zabriskie Chapel
- Tuesday 10:00 AM | Morning Prayer, at Zabriskie Chapel

For questions or more information, please contact
The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Rector
Email: ralexander@icoh.net

Immanuel Outreach and the PUMPKIN PATCH'S 30TH YEAR

Fall at Immanuel is synonymous with the Pumpkin Patch, now in our 30th year. No other activity in the Parish involves so many people contributing so much effort in so many ways. For many of us, it is a month-long enterprise that leaves us tired but happy by Halloween. So, in anticipation of the work ahead, perhaps it's appropriate to remind ourselves that these efforts are all about Outreach.

Outreach is how we act on our faith in our daily lives – it's the money we contribute to others, it's the hours of volunteer service, and it's the people and worthwhile projects that we enable. At Immanuel, Outreach isn't just a category of activities - it's how we try to live our lives individually and collectively. As a faith community working together, Outreach is a force multiplier of good works. We see it in the hours of cooking and serving meals at Carpenter's Shelter and Christ House or the volunteers at ALIVE or in refugee ministries and in so many other ways.

Since the year 2000, when we first started keeping detailed records, we have raised \$1,225,473 from the Pumpkin Patch, all of which has gone to Outreach.

These pumpkin proceeds have enabled us to do the Lord's work in a wide array of ministries. For example, proceeds from last year (2022) amounted to \$96,000 and helped us support 14 local Alexandria charities, 5 regional charities, and 6 international charities. Included were local grants to ALIVE!, Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, Culmore Clinic, and Refugee Ministries. Among many things, Outreach funds help support our efforts to aid the homeless, restore dignity to offenders, assist refugees, and aid impoverished children in Haiti and Africa. Usually, some Outreach funds are held in reserve to respond to emergency needs.

Outreach at Immanuel is also about giving every parishioner the opportunity and encouragement to become involved. The Outreach Committee wants to follow where parishioners lead; an important criterion for funding any charity is direct parishioner involvement. Any parishioner can participate in the Outreach Committee.

Pumpkin proceeds are divided 60/40 between the consignor of the pumpkins and Immanuel Church (we keep 100% from the sale of food and crafts). The consignor of the pumpkins supports Navajo farmers who grow the pumpkins on Navajo Nation lands in Farmington, New Mexico. When you think about it, so much good comes from a simple pumpkin. A pumpkin delights a child, a family, a school group; they get painted and bobbed for and carved. God grows a pumpkin, and everyone benefits.

We need a lot of volunteers for the Patch this October. There's a job available for everyone from making soups, baking tasty treats, making crafts to sell, to manning the sales tables. PLEASE GO TO www.ICOH.net AND USE THE SIGNUP GENIUS TO VOLUNTEER. Our first two pumpkin trucks arrive Saturday, September 30th.

See you at the Patch!

Parish Directory Print Copies Available by Request

Do you need a printed copy of Immanuel's Parish Directory? Aleta updated it on Friday, so feel free to send her an email at apowell@icoh.net with "Directory" in the subject line and she'll make sure you receive one. In addition, you can drop-off your old copies outside of the parish office and she'll shred them for you. Finally, if you don't have internet access, you can leave her a voicemail on extension x200.

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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 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
 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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