

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
March 5, 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: Danette “Dani” Gentile Kauffman, Edith, Joseph, Linda and Cy Murphy, John and Louisa Smucker, the Sara Fein family, Norma Taliaferro, Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Tony Rogers, Daphne, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Nancy Wise, and Mary Ann Rehnke.



PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ryan, John, McQuade Milligan, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, the Rev. Rosa Harper, John and Alice Corbett, Joseph Fabian, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, Connie Smith, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Harris, the Rev. Tracy Baker, and Joseph Fabian.



Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Thomas Cuddy, Carole Phillips, Sanjiv Augustine, Michelle Cook, Lily Hunt, Matt Haskin, Tony Rogers, Arthur Dawkins, Rob Johnson, Louisa Smucker, and Cynthia Morton.



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: Lisle Wade, brother of the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade . *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*






 **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> 



March 15th Senior Ministry Luncheon CANCELED

The Senior Ministry and Adult Fellowship Luncheon, scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th at Goodwin House Alexandria has been canceled. All seniors are encouraged to join the Clergy for a fellowship luncheon **next month on Wednesday, April 19th** at 12 noon in the Fillmore Room. For nonresidents, the cost is \$17. To RSVP, contact Mother Susan directly at sparsons@icoh.net or call the parish office and ask for extension #202.

Announcements

Weekday Worship Opportunities

MORNING PRAYER @ 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 Holy Eucharist, March 8th
@6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

Online via Zoom: Our Weekly Bible Study, Thursday, March 9th @ 10:30 a.m.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Evening Compline, Friday, March 10th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Benedictine Community Meeting, Tuesday, March 7th @ 7:00 p.m. 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, currently *Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God*, by Rachel Srubas.

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).



Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services

Would you like to serve as a lay minister? If so, sign-up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer on one of four sign-up sheets, which can be found near the main door of each chapel. During the week, these rosters live just outside of Mother Susan's office in the basement of Zabriskie Chapel.

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!

Saturday, March 18th @ 8:00 AM: MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY by Zoom

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, March 18th, the third Saturday. 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 new theme this year is ***Freedom***; this month we will read **Romans 6:13b - 23** "***...you are the slave of him you obey...now you are set free from sin and bound to the service of 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

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND COMMITTALS

Thursday, March 16th



MARGARET C. STOCKTON

Funeral @ 11:00 a.m., Immanuel Chapel
Reception @ 12:15 p.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall

Saturday, March 18th



LYNN BERGMAN DUTTON

Funeral @ 11:30 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel,
immediately followed by Committal, Zabriskie Memorial Garden
Reception @12:45 p.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall

Friday, March 24th



MARY PAGE FOX

Committal @ 2:00 p.m., Arlington National Cemetery



Would you like to read part of the Passion Reading this Palm Sunday? Few need to come to the altar, as most simply stand where they are seated and read loudly. This year, Agnes Soos created a 16pt.-font large print edition of our **April 2nd** reading from Matthew. **New members are encouraged to participate!** Simply contact the office at apowell@icoh.net, and Mother Susan will be in touch with you soon. Thank you.



"Walking the Walk"

FORUM HOUR LENTEN SERIES

February 26 - March 26, 2023

11:45 a.m., Immanuel Chapel

Walking the Walk: A Lenten Series

"Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us..." ~ Ephesians 5:2

It's clear, from both Scripture and Church tradition, that living the Christian life involves far more than gathering for worship on Sundays – vital as that is. Drawing on our historic partnership with the Virginia Theological Seminary, we will welcome five members of the faculty who will talk about living the faith and walking the walk in many different parts of our lives. Each speaker will leave room for questions and discussion after his or her presentation.

Next Speaker: March 19th



The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke, a Priest Associate of Immanuel, Dr. Hooke joined the faculty of the Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) in 2003 and currently serves as Associate Dean of Students and Associate Professor of Homiletics. Dr. Hooke published *Transforming Preaching* in 2010, which argues for the importance of engaging and training the preacher's body and voice so as to foster a fuller embodiment of the Word proclaimed, and includes interviews with notable preachers in the Episcopal Church. She is currently working on *Real Presence: Preaching as an Embodied Event*, which explores the meaning of the preacher's bodily presence in preaching in dialogue with performance theory, recent Continental philosophy, and sacramental theology.

Lenten Creation Care 2023

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and more intentional sharing. This year, our church is joining with many others in heeding the call to be stewards of God’s Creation throughout this season.

May this calendar remind us to be more mindful of the ways that our daily habits impact both our common home and all those with whom we share it.

On behalf of future generations and all living in poverty — those most harmed by our damaged climate — may we answer God’s call to be faithful stewards, speaking out for Creation care.

Compiled from many sources by...



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>A prayer from Psalm 51:</p> <p><i>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Creator God, we begin this Lenten season asking for Your renewal. Through prayer, fasting, and sharing over these 40 days, we ask that our eyes be opened to the ways we can do better; in our relationships with You, Your Creation, and all those with whom we share this, our common home. Lord, help us to restore what has been damaged through our sinful overconsumption and the systemic injustices that surround us, returning to You with renewed spirits.</i></p>			<p>FEBRUARY 22</p> <p>Ash Wednesday <i>“All are from the dust, and to dust all return.”</i> - Ecclesiastes 3:20</p> <p>Reflect with gratitude on the reality that we all are made of and fed by the earth.</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>“Make me to know your ways, oh Lord; teach me your paths.”</i> - Psalm 25:4</p> <p>The path to climate justice passes through every other struggle we face. Learn more at Intersectional Environmentalists.com</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Turn down your thermostat by at least 1 degree. In cold weather, aim for 68° during the day and 60° at night. Buy a programmable thermostat if you can. Always turn the heat off when you leave home.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Join the Center for Spirituality in Nature at 1 pm for a contemplative walk in Turkey Run Park along the Potomac River today, or take your own walk with their guide: centerforspiritualityinnature.org</p>
<p>Talk with your church about ordering “eco palms” for Palm Sunday. They help improve workers’ living standards and protect forests in Mexico and Guatemala. Order by 3/10: EcoPalms.org</p> <p>26</p>	<p>We are called to care for all Creation. Learn how native plants can bless our local ecosystems and heal the natural world: bit.ly/nativeplants-dougtallamy</p> <p>27</p>	<p>The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 offers new incentives for energy efficiency. Use Rewiring America’s IRA savings tool to see how much your household can save: bit.ly/ra-ira-calculator</p> <p>28</p>	<p>MARCH 1</p> <p>Neighbors are advocating for climate action locally through Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions hubs in several Northern Virginia counties. Join them: faithforclimate.org</p>	<p>The Inflation Reduction Act provides new funding for houses of worship to become more energy efficient. Use National IPL’s resource page to learn what your congregation is eligible for! bit.ly/ipl_iraresources</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Christians have fasted from meat during Lent for generations. Try eating vegetarian today and check out Oxfam’s Eat for Good resource online for other ways to use your fast to bless others: bit.ly/eat4good</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Learn about the Indigenous peoples of the land where you live, work, and pray (native-land.ca) and practice acknowledging whose land you’re on: creationjustice.org/indigenous</p> <p>4</p>
<p>Weatherize your home and prevent heat (and money) from being wasted! Find project ideas and how-tos: bit.ly/weatherizehome or sign up for a home energy check-up: Leap-VA.org/services</p> <p>5</p>	<p>How can your church community help repair our climate? Join with other communities called by many traditions to this sacred work & flock together with other “green sheep” through IPL-DMV: bit.ly/iplsignup</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Reduce your food waste by planning well and eating leftovers. Consider composting what’s left at home or get table scraps picked up: CompostCrew.com, VeteranCompost.com, KeyCompost.com</p> <p>7</p>	<p>International Women’s Day 8</p> <p>Too often, women aren’t part of critical climate decisions. On this International Women’s Day, reflect on the necessity of gender equality to solving the climate crisis: bit.ly/womenclimateequality</p>	<p>On average, a family of four in the US uses 40 gallons of water per day just in the shower! Set a timer for 5 minutes and consider installing a low-flow shower head: bit.ly/epashowerheads</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Get your energy from above! See if your home is a good candidate for solar and install panels together with neighbors through Solar United Neighbors: ipldmv.org/solarcoops</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Purchase locally-grown food this weekend. Walk to a farmers’ market or join a community-supported agriculture group: LocalHarvest.org, or sign up to receive rescued produce weekly: HungryHarvest.net</p> <p>11</p>

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<p>What can you do about climate change? Talk about it. Listen to Dr. Katharine Hayhoe's talk to New York Ave Presbyterian Church about the power of opening climate conversations: bit.ly/HayhoeInterview 12</p>	<p>Is your local stream clean enough for baptism? mywaterway.epa.gov Pray: "God of sacred waters, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. May we be a blessing to Your waters." 13</p>	<p>"God took the human and put them in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." - Gen. 2:15 14</p> <p>Plan a garden today and start some seeds to germinate indoors: bit.ly/gavictorygardens</p>	<p>Care for Creation and support clean energy by divesting from fossil fuels: GreenAmerica.org/divest-reinvest and choosing a bank that aligns with your values: greenamerica.org/better-banking 15</p>	<p>How can you and your community shift to reusables, compost, and reduce waste? Take Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions' #ZeroWasteCampaign pledge today, and check out ZeroWasteChurch.org 16</p>	<p>Annunciation 17 Over a hundred local faith communities are getting their energy from above! Check out this map of solar congregations across our region, and find resources to help your church join them: ipldmv.org/solar</p>	<p>We are called to care for all creation. Learn how native plants can bless our local ecosystems and heal the natural world: bit.ly/nativeplants-dougallamy 18</p>
<p>"There is a new creation!" - 2 Corinthians 5:17 19</p> <p>Look outside for signs of regeneration in the natural world today. We too can be made new.</p>	<p>Faith leaders are calling for climate justice across the country. Check out the Climate Justice Y'all podcast to learn how our siblings in the south are taking action in their communities. climatejusticeyall.com 20</p>	<p>Wash laundry in cold water this week and hang it up to dry to save energy and money. Read more here: bit.ly/DitchYourDryer 21</p>	<p>God's children are coming together to care for Creation. As our Muslim neighbors begin the holy month of Ramadan tonight, learn how Muslim communities are taking action for our common home: greenmuslims.org 22</p>	<p>"You will be called the repairer of the breach ..." - Isaiah 58:12b 23</p> <p>Take time to repair something that you might otherwise have discarded and replaced. Learn about right to repair campaigns: repair.org</p>	<p>As you fast from meat today, consider celebrating Easter and beyond with plant-based meals: StFrancisAlliance.com/recipes BeCreatureKind.org 24</p>	<p>At 8:30 pm, join hundreds of millions of people around the world who will be switching off all lights for one hour to commit to global climate action and more mindful energy use: EarthHour.org 25</p>
<p>"God of grace and salvation, today we open our hearts to the pain of our planet." 26</p> <p>Reflect on the role the church has played in the degradation of Creation; consider reciting this litany: bit.ly/envconfession</p>	<p>Green grass lawns are not so "green." Learn how to cultivate grounds that are good for people, plants, and creatures at home: bit.ly/greenergrounds and at church: bit.ly/sacredchurchgrounds 27</p>	<p>How can we minimize our plane and car travel, and the pollution it causes? Fund a project that helps offset: NativeEnergy.com 28</p>	<p>How will your church celebrate Earth Day on April 22? Invite a guest speaker: IPLdmv.org/speakers and find worship resources: InterfaithChesapeake.org/materials, bit.ly/cjmeearthday 29</p>	<p>No community is disposable. Learn about how environmental racism has enabled "sacrifice zones," and how we can stand with our neighbors fighting for their rights: bit.ly/ted_sacrificezones 30</p>	<p>All are called to repair our climate. In April, our Jewish neighbors will gather for Passover seders to retell their story. Listen to these Jewish climate songs for the journey: dayenu.org/songs 31</p>	<p>APRIL 1 Is your stove burning methane gas? With more evidence that gas stoves pollute our air and climate, it's time to turn away from burning: bit.ly/gasstoves</p>
<p>Palm Sunday 2 "God of wilderness and water, guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance ..." - Revised Common Lectionary</p>	<p>Caring for creation includes responsibly disposing of electronics. Organize "E-cycling" for your congregation to dispose of old phones, tablets, computers, and TVs responsibly: e-stewards.org/find-a-recycler 3</p>	<p>Consider the gifts given to you. Pray about how you are called to use your time, talent, passion, and treasure to care for our neighbors and our common home. 4</p>	<p>Talk with your family and community about your Lenten Creation care journey. What ideas do you have to continue your stewardship into the Easter season? 5</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday 6 Today we remember Jesus's last supper with his disciples and his prayers in the garden of Gethsemane. Following Jesus' example, take time today to pray outdoors, remembering all who suffer.</p>	<p>Good Friday 7 "At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two ... the earth shook, and the rocks were split." - Matt 27:51 Contemplate the destruction already caused by climate change through wildfires, floods, and stronger storms.</p>	<p>Holy Saturday 8 "Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through! They are renewed every morning." - Lam 3:22-23a Take a walk and notice signs of new life and resurrection in your neighborhood.</p>

9 Easter Sunday "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to Godself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace by the blood of his cross." - Colossians 1:19-20

"The New Testament does not only tell us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout Creation by his universal Lordship" - Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

Trusting in the words of Philippians 1:6, "that the One who began a good work in you will bring it to completion," take time to give thanks for the changes of heart and habit you have taken on since Lent began, and continue to live out your call to Creation stewardship with the hope of the resurrection always in your heart!



Take some time today to reflect on all of the activities that you have performed during Lent, and how they have brought you into greater harmony with the earth and with all life. Conclude your Lenten Creation care practice by making a personal pledge to serve God and serve others by pursuing a more sustainable way of life.

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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

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[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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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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