

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### June 30, 2024

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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. Both chapels offer a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

**Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels.** Give your card 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:** Gilma Balcarcel, Cynthia Dolvin, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Wendy Hoge, Marianne Ingold, Jessi, Joseph, Kenny, Lisa, Ann MacNamara, Kitty Montie, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Daryl Ott, Barbara Ramsdale, Mable Randolph, Catherine Sinclair, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer Wise.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Ashleighana, Betsy Fox Berry, Peter Blackledge, Jean Couban, Dana DeCecco, Joyce Di Missa, Joseph Fabian, Gerald, Dorothy Gerhart, Linda Gill, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Joanne, Brian and Joyce, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Lillian Kozuma, Ann Langdon-Days, Lysbeth, Marge McGoff, Joe Micelli, Michael, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Mary Muniz, Jessi Naolitano, Carol Ording, Shelby Ochs Owen, Pamela, Paul, Joanne Perla, Lilly Pinner, Jennie Rae, Sue Rehnke, the Rev. Marcia Richardson, Roger, Emily Rogers, Bridget Rice Rose, Shawn Rush, George Rustigian, Barbara Sagan, Brother Efrain Sosu, Stephen Spurlock, Brian Tolson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Jean Williams, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Veronique Anderson, Carrie Cuddy, James Clausen, Ellen Hawkins, Avery McCaslin, Beth McGahuey, Stefanie Reponen, Heather Benjamin, Scott Manson, Peter Maratta, Izayiel Patiño, Beatriz Richter, Chris Ring, and Emily Kell.

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

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**FORUM HOUR *TODAY*: Five Talents@ 11:45 AM**  
**The Welcome Center**

***Helping Those In Some Of The Lowest Income Countries***  
**presented by Dale Stanton-Hoyle**



Join us in The Welcome Center for a forum hour immediately following today's 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. Guest speaker Dale Stanton-Hoyle, Senior Advisor, Five Talents, will discuss ***Five Talents'*** work providing small business training to prospective entrepreneurs living in some of the world's lowest income countries. ***Five Talents*** is one of the charities that Immanuel supports through our Outreach Ministry. We look forward to your attendance!

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES *All are welcome to participate*

Morning Prayer Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study “*The Book of Wisdom*”  
Resumes Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.  
*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

Evening Compline, Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

## Christmas Families in August Campaign for Learning Update Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>

We are off to a very successful start. Of 63 families with 136 children referred by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services (twice as many as last year), 36 families with 82 children were "adopted", **leaving 27 families with 54 children**. You can sign up to provide a backpack filled with school supplies for the children in one family to give them the tools for learning, lift their spirits, and send them off to a good start in the new school year. Sign-up continues before or after each service between today and Sunday, July 21 or in the Zabriskie narthex during the week. Some children also need back-to-school clothing as indicated on the sign-up boards.

We will give you a yellow instruction sheet with names and all the information you need. There are some large families, some already "adopted"; perhaps two parish families can team up to provide for the large families that remain.

You can also email Linda Serabian at [serabian@somaarchitects.com](mailto:serabian@somaarchitects.com) to arrange for selecting a family.

The **special collection** goes to the Haiti MICAH project and Community Lodgings to help them get school supplies for the children they serve and for buying backpacks and supplies for children not "adopted". You can contribute any time between now and Sunday, August 4.

Ingathering of backpacks to be blessed at the altar and second special collection on Sunday, August 4.

**Let us give the gift of learning, a gift for life.**

**Youth Led Service *NEXT* Sunday is July 7<sup>th</sup>! Youth can still Sign-up to serve!**

Usher † Acolyte † Crucifer † Reader † Intercessor † Flower Guild (*meets on Saturday*)  
† Altar guild † AV support

PLEASE SIGN UP by replying to Kathryn Jackson Haskin at [kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) **by July 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We'll be sure to confirm roles ahead of time and will meet before the service to prepare.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

**Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bus Trip to Seven Oaks Lavender Farm, Catlett, VA:** Join Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> as we travel to **Provence** via *Seven Oaks Lavender Farm*, in Catlett, VA (which is much, much closer at just over an hour away!) Bring your camera or just enjoy wandering the fields of lavender and other flowers. As part of your admission, you are provided with a basket, scissors and rubber bands to pick your own lavender to take home. There is also a shop selling their lavender-based products: soaps and teas, sachets and oils, so plan on picking up some gifts! We will picnic there on the grounds and then return to Zabriskie Chapel.

The van will be leaving the parish hall parking lot around 9:30a.m, and we will plan to return no later than 2:30p.m. As always, we will offer pick up at either Goodwin House Alexandria or at The View. The co-pay to ride in our van is \$20. Admission to the farm is \$8 per person, and you can buy a box lunch for \$15.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>** at [Karen.Besser@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.Besser@gmail.com).

## *WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD* with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* July 10<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday in the World with Sarah will not meet on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, as she'll be in Ohio visiting her Father. She plans to meet again **July 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.** Be on the lookout for where in the world we'll meet that Wednesday!

**Do you know of a good accountant?** Immanuel is searching for a part-time Finance Manager, who will work directly with our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer on all of the financial operations of the parish. We are filling the position left vacant when our former bookkeeper left for another position, while taking this opportunity to strengthen operations and support the Treasurer's office.

Candidates must *not* be parishioners, the position is part-time, and we are happy to pass along a position description to any interested candidates. Please contact Tom Hewson, Treasurer, at [thewson@icoh.net](mailto:thewson@icoh.net) if you have any names to suggest.

The Parish Office will be **closed July 4-5<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Independence Day.

**EASY WAY TO SIGN UP SUMMER 2024:** Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through August* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at [www.ICOH.net](http://www.ICOH.net) via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**: We've uploaded our *entire summer*, so please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild Server, Crucifer and/or Coffee Hour Host online via [SignUp Genius](http://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 red button](#) .

If you need training for a particular ministry, please contact Mother Susan at [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net) .  
**THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!**

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 2024-2025 Immanuel spiritual retreat will be led by the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade, Immanuel Priest Associate, at Holy Cross Abbey November 8-10.

## **JUNIOR WARDEN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE**

We are very grateful for parishioner feedback that requested more regular updates for buildings and grounds projects. To that end, beginning in July, we will provide monthly updates. In the meantime, please take a moment to notice and appreciate all the projects completed from January to May 2024:

### **BUILDINGS INTERIOR**

- Zabriskie Chapel painting of trim, balcony, stairwell and railing, and repair of blinds, balcony pillars and balcony ceiling.
- Narthex ordination plaque addition of names, painting of trim, and painting of stairwell and railing.
- Parish Hall repairs of broken piano leg, speaker, AV floor outlet, and women's bathroom.
- Buildings Exterior
- Roof repair of squirrel guards and sky light.

### **GROUNDS**

- Spring Workdays on March 9 and April 27 to weed, transplant, trim and mulch the Memorial Garden, Parish Hall front garden, and crape myrtle circle, to repair one of the sheds, and to remove stumps in the Rectory garden and the Chapel front circle.
- Eagle Scout Project installation of a stone path to calm rainwater run off behind Zabriskie Chapel "Mass on the Grass" area.
- Arborist Assessment and Tree and Shrub Care Plan to identify and provide the health status of 135 trees on the grounds of Zabriskie Chapel and the Rectory.
- Parking lot branch pruning and a repair request to Dominion Energy to correct the street light that never turns off.
- Planted the native wildflowers (16 pots) that were donated in honor of Jack Scarlett's baptism and for Creation Care Sunday.
- Northern Virginia Property Services (Manuel Ortiz) applied two herbicide treatments to invasive Lesser Celandine and Chameleon Plant recurrences.

### **JOIN US:**

- 1st Monday of the month, Buildings and Grounds meeting at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Interested parishioners may contact Tom Kerns.
- 1st Tuesday of the month, Creation Care meeting at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Interested parishioners may contact Denise Freeland at [eco.voce@verizon.net](mailto:eco.voce@verizon.net) with an email request to receive the Zoom link for participation.
- Garden Workdays: All who are interested are welcome to come help weed and mulch.

◆ **Saturday, July 20, 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

◆ **Saturday, August 17, 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) ..... Rector  
 The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net) ..... Associate Rector  
 The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs (sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net) ..... Assistant Rector  
 Dr. Jane Tavernier (jtavernier@icoh.net) ..... Director of Music  
 Tom Hewson (thewson@icoh.net) ..... Treasurer  
 Mollie Lambert (mlambert@icoh.net) ..... Assistant Treasurer  
 Aleta Y. Powell (apowell@icoh.net) ..... Parish Administrator  
 Tamika Martin (tmartin@icoh.net) ..... Audio Visual Technician  
 Gilma Balcarcel ..... Nursery Coordinator  
 Stuart Dahlinger ..... Sexton

**THE VESTRY**

Gerry Anderson ..... Senior Warden and Senior Ministry  
 Amy Thomas ..... Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care  
 Peter Kent ..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 Taylor Houck ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship  
 Brad Ashton and Philip Brown ..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
 Julie Bruns ..... Outreach  
 Kathy Lloyd ..... Children, Youth, and Family Ministries  
 Mark Fearer ..... Social Justice and Pastoral Care  
 Brian Rush ..... Evangelism and Newcomers  
 Matt Haskin ..... Worship  
 Philip Brown ..... Fellowship  
 Caroline Bergmark ..... Registrar, Communications  
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, and Isabelle Young-Smith ..... Youth Representatives

**SCHEDULE OF SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, 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](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)  
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

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.



**PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

Weekdays 9:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
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