

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

July 21, 2024

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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Gilma Balcarcel, Cynthia Dolvin, Jane Flinn, Rollin Huntington, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Wendy Hoge, Marianne Ingold, Jessi, Joseph, Kenny, Susan Kernan, Lisa, Ann MacNamara, Kitty Montie, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, Daryl Ott, Barbara Ramsdale, Mable Randolph, Catherine Sinclair, the Rev. John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer Wise.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Ashleighana, Lucie Bauer, Betsy Fox Berry, Peter Blackledge, Marty Childs, Jean Couban, Dana DeCecco, Joyce Di Missa, Joseph Fabian, Gerald, Linda Gill, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Brian and Joyce, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Lillian Kozuma, Ann Langdon-Days, Jill Lane, Susan Little, Lysbeth, 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, Kathy Porter, Jennie Rae, Sue Rehnke, the Rev. Marcia Richardson, Shawn Rush, George Rustigian, Barbara Sagan, Rebecca Smith, Brother Efrain Sosu, Stephen Spurlock, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Jean Williams, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Lanai Bea, Bear Burkhalter, Nancy Reuschel, Win Huffman, Drew Low, Zan Gifford, Suzanne Heckenberg, Will Henry, Edward King, Biz Van Gelder, Paige Packard, Alison Rhoades, Eliza Fite, Diana Beckmann, and Steve Brown.

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: The Rev. Deacon Linda Murphy. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

In reference to the death announcement above, please note that Deacon Linda served Immanuel as a Vocational Deacon in 2011 and 2012. Linda's husband Cy wanted Immanuelites to know that his late wife loved bringing pastoral care to parishioners - it was her *favorite* ministry. She brought communion to many Immanuelites at their homes — and on multiple occasions — when a family member was ill.

Her funeral is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 30th at 9:30 a.m. at Saint James Church in Montross, VA** (<https://www.stjamesmontross.com/>). Internment and reception follow - all are invited. Bishop Susan Goff will celebrate the Eucharist.

Last week we announced, with sadness, the death of Brie Whitmire, daughter of Dr. Mark and Virginia Whitmire, former music director and organist for Immanuel. A memorial service for Brie is scheduled for **Friday, August 9th at 11a.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 1205 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA.**

If you are interested in carpooling or sharing the cost of a van or bus to attend this service, please contact Dorothy Kellogg djaskellogg@gmail.com or Karen Besser karen.besser@gmail.com ASAP and we will investigate the logistics.

Announcements

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

Morning Prayer Tuesday, July 16th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, July 17th, Zabriskie Chapel

NEW Weekly Bible Study “*The Song of Solomon*”

Thursday, July 18th @ 10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, July 19th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Immanuel's Children's Chapel meets each Sunday, 10:00 -10:25a.m, The Oratory at Immanuel Chapel: (The Oratory is a small chapel on the other end of the hallway—opposite the parlor/ coffee hour). Our Children's Chapel is a 25-minute service rich with prayer, Bible stories, music, and reflections to teach our children about God's love. **All are welcome!**

Christmas Families in August Campaign for Learning. Last Sunday to sign up

We are very close to taking care of all the children on our list. We got one more referral and many more sign-ups last Sunday. So here are the new numbers:

	Families	Children
Referred by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services	64	140
Signed-up for by parish families (as of Sunday, July 14)	59	126
Remaining	5	14

Wouldn't it be lovely to get the last 5 families "adopted" this Sunday to provide backpacks filled with school supplies for the children and give them the tools for learning, lift their spirits, and send them off to a good start in the new school year. You will receive a yellow instruction sheet with names and all the information you need.

Some children also need back-to-school clothing as indicated on the sign-up boards.

A big part of Christmas Families is for parish children and youth getting involved in helping their less fortunate peers and experiencing how charity contributes to achieving equity.

It is amazing how the parish came through to provide for twice as many of God's beloved children as last year.

Contact: Linda Serabian serabian@somaarchitects.com, or Dagobert Soergel ds@dsoergel.com

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.

SUSTAINABILITY TIP FROM THE CREATION CARE MINISTRY

Sign up to "Build Your Own Rain Barrel" Workshop at the Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library (5005 Duke Street) on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The City recommends using rain barrels to collect and store runoff from roofs that would otherwise flow into the storm sewer network. The use of residential rain barrels provides several benefits, including:

- Reducing your municipal water bill by using saved water from rain barrels instead of tap water for home landscaping and car washing.
- Protecting the Chesapeake Bay by using stored rainwater in the garden which will absorb slowly into the ground, replenishing precious groundwater supplies.

Qualifying your residence for credits towards your [Stormwater Utility Fee \(SWU\)](#) if rain barrels are installed and properly used. Click on the link for more information on how to apply for the [SWU Credit Program](#).

To attend the workshop, residents must first register on the [Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation website](#). Space is limited.

CREATION CARE NEWS

Immanuel's Ministry Team invites you to visit [Immanuel's Creation Care Website](#) for some very hopeful and helpful information reflecting our actions in caring for our fragile island home, planet Earth.

To visit our webpage, please click the bold text above or scan the code below.



Thanks to all who donated canned goods and non-perishable foods to the ALIVE! drive in June. It was a smashing success! In June, 597 pounds of food was donated; add this to our January total and **we have donated 1,098 pounds in 2024... way to go Immanuel!**

If you have some foods you wish to donate, just let me know and I will collect and take any further donations to the ALIVE! warehouse — Lisa Clausen (Lisa.clausen@verizon.net)

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 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 and [clicking on the red button](#).

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

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs
This Wednesday, July 24th

Join Rev. Sarah again on **July 24th 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**, at the Alexandria Pastry Shop on King Street.

All are welcome!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

July 23: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH, ZABRISKIE PARISH HALL. At this month's brown bag luncheon we will review the 81st General Convention held June 23-28, 2024 in Louisville, KY, which included the election of Bishop Sean Rowe as the next Presiding Bishop. We can talk about some big issues in the national church and how we as people of faith consider, discuss, debate, and ultimately reach agreements on defining issues of our time and our faith.

Luncheon will begin at 12:15pm in the parish hall. 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.

*Mark your
calendar*

August 27: END-OF-SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL & HYMN SING. All seniors are invited to a brown bag lunch and end-of-summer ice cream social in the Zabriskie Parish Hall, followed by a hymn sing in the Chapel led by Dr. Jane Tavernier on organ. Let's sing out the summer and welcome the fall — look for details to follow in our upcoming bulletins and weekly eBlast.

GODLY PLAY FOR AGES 4-11, STARTING SEPTEMBER 8!

Starting September 8, please bring your children ages 4-11 to the Oratory Chapel in Immanuel Chapel by 10:15 a.m. on Sunday Morning; then return to the Oratory during the Peace to pick them up to join you for Communion.

Godly Play is a service with prayer, music, and a way to connect to God's stories. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net.

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.

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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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
[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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