

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### July 7, 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:** Allen Kellogg, Elizabeth Lambert, Elizabeth Drennon, Gillian Good, Freddy Frederick, Jeff Gehrs, Sophie West, Lauren Whitman, René O'Brien, Rosi Urbine, Jenn Eckel, Erika Enright, Ava Hobson, Susan Warlick, Ashley Michaelis, and Bryant Mitchell.

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

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

We'll meet this Wednesday at the **Cameron Cafe, 4911 Brenman Park Dr, Alexandria, VA 22304**, from **10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.** All are welcome!

**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.

# Announcements

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

Morning Prayer Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study “*The Book of Wisdom*”  
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 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

### Christmas Families in August Campaign for Learning. Update Sunday July 7

We are very close to taking care of all the children on our list:

	Families	Children
Referred by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services	63	136
Signed-up for by parish families (as of Tuesday, July 2)	41	98
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>38</b>

There are three Sundays left to 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: today (July 7), July 14, and July 21, also in the Zabriskie narthex during the week. You will receive a yellow instruction sheet with names and all the information you need.

Gratifyingly, most of the large families have already been "adopted". Six large families remain (one with 4 children, five with 3 children).

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

Contacts: Linda Serabian at [serabian@somaarchitects.com](mailto:serabian@somaarchitects.com) and Dagobert Soergel [ds@dsoergel.com](mailto: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.**

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**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](#) 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!**

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

**July 17: THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE.** Please join us for luncheon and conversation at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be JULY 17. Please RSVP to the Rev. Susan ([sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net)) if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan ([skernan40@aol.com](mailto:skernan40@aol.com)) if you are a resident.

**July 23: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH, ZABRISKIE PARISH HALL.** At this month's brown bag luncheon we will review the 81<sup>st</sup> 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 28: 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.

**MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY JULY 20<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom:** Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> online 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 for 2024 is *Anxiety!* This month we will read **Mark 4:35-41** *He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!"* 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

### SPECIAL GUEST CHOIR TO VISIT IMMANUEL

Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.

Join us as we welcome the Royal School of Church Music Choir, American Chapter, on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in Immanuel Chapel.

Under the direction of Dr. Brent Erstad, Director of Music and Organist for historic St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, DC, the RSCM choir will sing a variety of classic and contemporary music — from *Anglican Chant* to the *Hymn for St. Cecilia*.

Immanuelites are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to this special service.



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**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  
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 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.  
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304  
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