

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

July 14, 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, 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, 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: Lily Clausen, Jan Kell, Will Patiño, Cara Swisher, Owen Biggs, Matthew Sexton, Shawn Whitman, Gretchen Thompson, Rich Ellis, Alex Hambrick, William McCann, Linda Murphy, Will Patton, Ben Dutton, Rachel Knapp, Kittie Montie, and Everett Enright.

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: Brie Whitmire. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with ***The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs***
“Meet Me in DC” This Wednesday, July 17th

For this week's Wednesday in the World, July 17, Rev. Sarah will be in the world with our EYC/Youth Group at the National Cathedral — the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul — in Washington, DC!

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!

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

JUNIOR WARDEN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE

Please take a moment to notice or appreciate all the Buildings and Grounds projects completed in **June 2024**:

- ☆ Zabriskie Grounds, installation of a water-efficient in-ground sprinkler system.
- ☆ Parish Hall, kitchen fire suppression and extinguisher safety tested, leaky faucet repaired, and historical pictures rehung.
- ☆ Vestry Upper Room, spring cleaning and organization enhancements.
- ☆ Zabriskie Sanctuary, pressure switches installed to AC to prevent any leaks.
- ☆ Garden Workdays took place June 8 and June 16 to weed, transplant, and mulch.

UPCOMING THIS SUMMER: Two Eagle Scout projects to restore a Memorial Garden seating area and the contemplative path. New windows for the Rectory. New downspouts for the Chapel. Renovation of Sexton’s closet.

Please 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 with an email request to receive the Zoom link for participation.
- ☆ **Garden Workdays.** All who are interested are welcome to come help weed, mulch, and enjoy the gardens. We have gloves and tools. Points of contact are Kathryn Jackson Haskin and Sarah Glassco. **Saturday, July 20, 8:30-11:30 a.m.** and Saturday, August 17, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY **JULY 20th** @ 8:00 AM Held Online via

Zoom: Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **this Saturday, July 20th** 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. [Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913

Calling All Immanuelites: Donations of Food and Drink Needed
for
FESTIVAL “GUEST CHOIR APPRECIATION” COFFEE HOUR
Next Sunday, July 21st @ 11:45a.m., The Welcome Center

To show our appreciation to the Royal School of Church Music Choir serving as guest choir next Sunday at our 10:30a.m. Eucharist, we will host a festive coffee hour to thank them for sharing their time and talent with Immanuel. We really need your help with food and drink donations.

Immanuelites who chose to give have three easy options to sign-up:

- (1) via the QR code at right,
- (2) click the *Guest Choir Coffee Hour* photo in the carousel on our landing page at www.icoh.net,
- (3) leave a detailed voicemail message on our RSVP line. Simply call (703) 370-6555, press 9 (or dial “205”) at the voicemail prompt, then leave your name and the item(s) that you’ll bring.

A special thanks to all donors for helping to make this coffee hour extra-special!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

July 17: THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE. Please join us for luncheon at Goodwin House-Alexandria at noon *this Wednesday*, July 17. We are catering in a variety of wrap sandwiches and a special festive cupcake dessert, so please do RSVP to Susan Kernan (Goodwin House residents) (skernan40@aol.com) or Rev. Susan Parsons (all others) (sparsons@icoh.net) NO LATER THAN TOMORROW, July 15 so we can make sure there is plenty of food for all.

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.

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](#) 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!

SPECIAL GUEST CHOIR TO VISIT IMMANUEL ***NEXT Sunday, July 21st @ 10:30 a.m.***

Join us as we welcome the Royal School of Church Music Choir, American Chapter, ***next Sunday, July 21st at the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist*** in Immanuel Chapel, followed by a festive coffee hour in the Welcome Center. (Please see announcement on [page 3 of these parish notes to signup](#) for reception food donations)

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.



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.



**A STATEMENT FROM THE DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM FOLLOWING THE FORCED
CLOSURE OF AL AHLI ANGLICAN HOSPITAL IN GAZA**

8th JULY 2024

In the midst of escalating military activity in the Old Gaza City area of the Gaza Strip we are sorry to report that the Al Ahli Arab Anglican Hospital has been compelled to close by the Israel army. Suheila Tarazi, Hospital Director, reported that on Sunday July 7, between 6pm-7pm a large amount of firing from drones occurred in the immediate vicinity of the hospital. This was immediately followed by an IDF announcement that the area had been declared a Red Zone and everyone should immediately evacuate all the buildings including everyone in the hospital. As a result, all vulnerable people sheltering in the hospital grounds, the staff and all patients had to leave the safety of the grounds of the hospital. Inevitably this placed the injured and the sick in great jeopardy.

To our great dismay, our hospital is now out of operation at a time when its services are in very significant demand and where injured and sick people have few other options for places to receive urgent medical care.

We are also deeply distressed that today, one of our ambulances was fired at en route to the hospital. We currently have no information about the condition of our driver and any patients who were being transported for treatment.

Archbishop Hosam Naoum, Anglican Archbishop of the Diocese of Jerusalem, has said: 'We protest the closure of our hospital in the strongest possible terms. In a time of warfare and great suffering it is essential that emergency healthcare services are maintained to treat the injured and the dying. We appeal to the Israeli forces to permit us to continue our sacred ministry of medical care and healing. We plead for an end to the targeting of civilians and all vulnerable people and demand all parties agree to an immediate ceasefire.'

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
 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
[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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