

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes  
October 30, 2022

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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. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

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:** Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, Leo, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Zuzanna Wise, Danette (Dani) Gentile Kauffman (recovering from knee-replacement surgery), Rita, Betty Wannamaker, Linda and Cy Murphy, Aggie Fortune, Ken and Mia Mason.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, John, Alexandra, Hans, Jessica, Joanne, McQuade Milligan, Reagan, Waide Egener, Betsy and Dave Berry, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Jimmy Young, Ryan, Scott Allison, John Corbett, Joseph Fabian, Lydia, Breanné Barnes, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Lisle Wade, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, Amanda Arnaud, Dr. Nancy Hardison, Denise Comoli, Connie Smith, and Nadine Vipperman.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Sandhya Augustine, Tom Peabody, Huw Maltbie, Max Freeborn, Dorothy Kellogg, Kammy Hambrick, Ollie Patton, Barb Sheffer, and Debby Hepburn.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.

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**A Note from the Treasurer:** Current year pledge statements were recently sent to all pledgers. We are running a bit behind, year to date, in terms of pledge income compared to budget. Please check your pledge balances and bring any remaining balances up to date by year end. Thank you for your strong support of Immanuel and for your gratitude for God's blessings!

**ALL SAINTS' HOLY EUCHARISTS: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> @ 6:30 P.M., ZABRISKIE CHAPEL AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 8 A.M., ZABRISKIE CHAPEL & 10:30 A.M., IMMANUEL CHAPEL**

Please submit names of any loved ones who have died **by 4:00 p.m. today** via email at [dedications@icoh.net](mailto:dedications@icoh.net) or by phone, leaving a voicemail with Aleta (703) 370-6555, and enter extension 508. All names will be in both All Saints' bulletins and in Immanuel's Book of Remembrance. We will read the names of those who died from November 1, 2021 through today in all All Saints' services, and list those who died in prior years on our "Always in Our Hearts" page.



Mark your Calendar: **Immanuel's Harvest Dinner Returns!**  
Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m., Scott Lounge and Refectory  
Virginia Theological Seminary

*Look for details in upcoming weekly parish notes and eBlast.*

# Announcements

## IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL PUMPKIN PATCH 2022 WITH GOD'S GRACE AND YOURS!

FINAL SALE DAYS 2022

SUNDAY: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00. P.M

MONDAY: 12 NOON - 6:00 P.M.

## Two Worship Opportunities *This Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>*

**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 of the Church is commemorating.

### ALL SAINTS' DAY HOLY EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC 6:30 P.M., ZABRISKIE CHAPEL

Join us for a special Holy Eucharist where we will honor those who have died this year, lifting their names in prayer. To add a name, please send an email at [dedications@icoh.net](mailto:dedications@icoh.net) or by phone, leaving a voicemail with Aleta at **(703) 370-6555 and add extension 508 by 4 p.m. today.**



### Benedictine Group Meetings November 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall and 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 virtually twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7-8 pm. 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.

We are continuing to use the book *Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God*, by Rachel Srubas.

Our focus is primarily on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book. We are not a book study group, rather a Benedictine Community, gathering as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material. We are currently using Zoom for our hybrid meetings, but if you are not comfortable meeting in person in the parish hall or with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice-only via Zoom.

If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following:

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**PLEASE NOTE: Our Wednesday Evening Eucharist is cancelled for November 2nd, and will resume next week, November 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**NEW Bible Study, Thursday, November 3rd @ 10:30 a.m.  
*CONNECTING THE GREAT PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND REVELATION***

The book of Revelation is confusing and, to many, nonsensical! The great reformer John Calvin famously wrote biblical commentary, sometimes dozens of pages on a single word or verse—writing about and 'explaining' every verse in every book... except Revelation. Calvin refused to write about Revelation saying he didn't know what it meant or why it was scripture. And many Episcopalians feel the same way. We don't know what this is, we don't know why we're reading it. Let's talk about something else. But the Thursday Bible study group, hot off Karen Armstrong's book about the history of the Bible, realize that there is a lot of Revelation imagery knit into American culture and Christianity. We'd like to study it, perhaps not to understand exactly what it means, but to see where some of those images come from and what we do and do not believe was revealed to John of Patmos.

As the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement, we believe we can draw positive lessons for life and spiritual development from any scripture. We approach it all with charity, trying to imagine why so many Christians of each generation have thought this book had something to say about God's deep love and mercy revealed in Jesus. We want to see if we can tease out how and why this is a fitting end to a story of salvation that begins in Genesis, is sung of in the Psalms, and foretold by every prophet. In that spirit, we are embarking on a new study of Revelation that will explore connections with Daniel, the great prophetic book of the Old Testament—which is also a story of a man who has confusing and terrifying visions and does not know what they mean... but surely hopes that they herald the Justice and Mercy of a Loving, Saving, God.

No prior participation is necessary; ALL are invited to join in the Bible study on Thursday mornings from 10:30 - noon by Zoom. Come and see! If viewing this on our website, please click the blue text [\*\*“Join Bible Study of the Book of Revelations and Daniel via Zoom .\*\*](#)

**Evening Compline, Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom**

**CHRISTMAS FAMILIES BIKE MINISTRY:** An integral part of the Christmas Families program has always been the William Frye bicycle ministry. Good used bikes are collected and repaired, if necessary, to be given to the children that were referred to us through a program with the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services. This ministry was started many, many years ago by our parishioner, the late Bill Frye. We have bikes that have been donated (with more to come) and we have a workshop where the bikes are stored and the work can be completed but we do not have someone to lead the program or enough team members to work on repairing the bikes (knowledgeable team members will teach you how). If this is something that you feel called to do, please contact Dagobert Soergel ([ds@dsoergel.com](mailto:ds@dsoergel.com)), Linda Serabian ([serabian@somaarchitects.com](mailto:serabian@somaarchitects.com)) or Dorothy Kellogg ([djaskellogg@gmail.com](mailto:djaskellogg@gmail.com))

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:00 PM: FAMILY DINNER AND GAME NIGHT**

The whole Children, Youth, and Family team, including people who are just young at heart, is invited to join us in the Parish Hall on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> for a potluck dinner and game night. Bring your friends, family, neighbors, strangers. Anyone. Signups to come so we know the potluck doesn't mean 45 people bring desserts. Father Sam doesn't even eat desserts.

## Considering Returning to our Three-Service Schedule: A Note from the Rector

I am wondering, along with quite a few folks from the parish, if we could now return to our full three-service schedule. The reason we changed our schedule was, of course, COVID. We would likely return to something like 8AM and 9AM or (9:15AM) in Zabriskie, followed often by coffee hour and regular forum hours in the Parish Hall, followed by the 11:15 AM in Immanuel, or possibly 8AM and 9AM in Zabriskie and 10:30 AM in Immanuel, although this would make finding a good time for forum hours more difficult. All of our services might look a bit smaller as we first re-start this schedule, but the hope would be that more options would help in bringing more people back to Church. It would also be a move back towards a more “normal” Immanuel schedule. We would still join together as before for major holidays and for Summer. The logistics and various considerations are many: choirs, lectors, Altar Guild, ushers, chaliceists, acolytes, two coffee hours, etc., etc., but we should still remember how to do all of this! I invite you to mull this over, pray about it, and be in touch with me with your thoughts and questions. I just wanted you to know that this is an active question, and the secondary question is when to re-start this schedule. Thanks, all!

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**Immanuel’s blood drive: We Need to Fill Our Appointment Slots:** Our blood drive sign-up link is now open, and we are about halfway to our committed goal of 34 appointment slots!! Please visit [<https://bit.ly/ICOTH1112>] to **make an appointment** for Immanuel’s blood drive, hosted in partnership with Inova Hospital, on Saturday, November 12, from 9am to 1pm in the Zabriskie parking lot. Please note: Inova has **loosened eligibility restrictions** around European travel/residence due to the Mad Cow scare, so if you were previously ineligible due to travel during that time period, please visit [<https://www.inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/>] to read their **eligibility guidance** and see if you are now eligible.

NOW Accepting Reservations for Immanuel's **Advent Retreat December 9-11, 2022**

### *Watching, Waiting, Hoping: Advent in a Changed World* Advent Retreat at Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Virginia

Join us on this Advent retreat, as we reflect on life in the in-between—between an old ‘normal’ and a new ‘normal’, between Christ’s first coming and second coming, between this world and the next. Using the wisdom of Julian of Norwich, we will explore what it means to live in hope in an ever-changing world.

This retreat will include a mixture of silence and time for quiet conversation. There will be ample time for worship, prayer, and exploring the outdoors as weather permits. Our retreat leader, the **Rev. Amanda Bourne**, will be available for one-on-one conversations, the rite of reconciliation, and will also lead the group in several teaching sessions on the theme throughout our weekend together.

Our retreat will begin Friday afternoon, December 9, shortly before the evening meal and will end after the noon meal on Sunday, December 11. The retreat will be at Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Virginia, which is an hour and fifteen-minute drive from our church. For more information on the monastery, see their website <https://www.virginiatrappists.org/about/>. The \$350.00 registration fee includes all materials, comfortable accommodations, individual rooms each with a bathroom, and all meals. Following Holy Cross Abbey policy, we may not be able to accommodate retreat reservations received after **November 9**.

Registration is limited to **15 persons**; please reserve your space on the Immanuel website.

If you have questions about retreat logistics, please contact Mary Ann Rehnke, [mfrb2695@gmail.com](mailto:mfrb2695@gmail.com) and look for full details in your weekly eBlast email.

**UPCOMING FORUM HOURS IN NOVEMBER:**

We are revamping Forum Hour times and locations. Our three November forum hours will begin after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist at Immanuel Chapel. Be on the lookout for exciting forum hours in the next month and a half, including:

**★ COME HEAR ABOUT THE FAITHFULNESS AND MINISTRY OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6 AT 12 NOON, IMMANUEL CHAPEL.**

John Lent, longtime (and retiring) Executive Director of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) and incoming Executive Director Eileen Spencer are our speakers November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. They will speak on the faithfulness, witness, and education and social ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem in the midst of continued challenges; and how the support of partner parishes, including Immanuel, enables churches, schools and hospitals in the Diocese of Jerusalem to show God’s love to hurting people and to youth – regardless of their faith – in the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, and Jordan. John and Eileen just returned from a ten-day visit to the Diocese of Jerusalem ministries in Jordan, Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel. They’ll share videos and photos from their visits and update us on the latest challenges facing our Palestinian sisters and brothers in the Holy Land — and how the Christian witness of the diocese brings healing and hope to the region every day. (*Livestream link and precise Seminary location to be announced.*)

**★ VETERANS DAY FORUM HOUR, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 12 NOON, IMMANUEL CHAPEL with US Army COL (ret) Chaplain Charlie Reynolds:** How did an Army chaplain use faith to help resolve conflict between opposing groups in Bosnia? Why would a Baptist chaplain work to get liquor stores open in Baghdad? Please join us on November 13<sup>th</sup> for a special Veteran’s Day forum when we welcome COL (Ret) Chaplain Charles Reynolds, AKA “Chaplain Charlie”. Chaplain Charlie Reynolds is a retired Army Chaplain having deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Bosnia. He has written several books on faith and military service, and currently serves as the Endorser for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Charlie’s long and distinguished military career gives him a unique perspective on faith, military chaplaincy and Veterans. Please join us for this very special Veteran’s Day forum. (*Livestream link and precise Seminary location to be announced.*)

**★ READING THE NAMES OF THE FALLEN ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS’ MEMORIAL:** As we approach Veterans’ Day, please remember all those who have served in our armed forces, and especially those who have made the final sacrifice. Consider joining (online or in person) for the Reading of the Names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This year is the 40th anniversary of the Memorial, and this is only the seventh time that all the names have been read. You can join for part of the reading of the names which has been taking place all year on YouTube and Facebook and ends on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>, or participate in part of the in-person reading of the names that starts at 3 PM Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>, and continues through midnight on Veterans’ Day, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Information available at <https://www.vvmf.org/rotn/> or contact Keith June.

**★ THE REV. RANDY ALEXANDER: “PUTTING THE SABBATH IN SABBATICAL” (date TBD).** Learn about our rector's sabbatical journey of encounter, spiritual growth, and rest.

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) ..... Rector  
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Stuart Dahlinger ..... Sexton

**THE VESTRY**

Darrell Wilson .....Senior Warden  
Kristi Kubista-Hovis .....Junior Warden: Administration  
Shawn Whitman .....Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care Committees  
David Atwood ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship, Social Justice  
Brad Ashton..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
Mollie Lambert..... Outreach  
Kathy Lloyd..... Senior Ministry  
Brooke Roberts..... Communications  
Phyllis Sims ..... Evangelism and New Members  
Julie Bruns ..... Pastoral Care  
Gabriella Young-Smith ..... Youth Representative (nonvoting member)  
The Rev. Sam Sheridan .....Register (nonvoting member)

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
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

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 a.m. Children’s Chapel, Side Oratory Chapel  
inside of Immanuel Chapel

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](#)



**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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