

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
December 4, 2022

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.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a pew card — located in display stands at both entrances of the chapel — and give it 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: Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Tony, Daphne, Leo, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Zuzanna Wise, Rita, Betty Wanamaker, Edith, Joseph, Linda and Cy Murphy, James Henry, John and Louisa Smucker, Ann MacNamara, the Sara Fein family, Norma Taliaferro, and Jim Wise.

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, 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, Dr. Nancy Hardison, Denise Comoli, and Connie Smith.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Ellen Gehrs, Auggie Koch, Gerry Anderson, Preston Brown O'Neil, Martha Manson, Lindsey Martin, Ethan Papish, Sarah Glassco, William Albritton, Jim Evans, Kate Groth, Joy McLaughlin, Ryan Rodriguez, Annie Goldsmith, and Liam Kirby.

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

Those who we recently learned have died: Debbie Johnstone Knott, daughter of Ginny Johnstone; victims of the Walmart shooting in Chesapeake, VA: Randy Blevins, Fernando Chavez-Barron, Lorenzo Gamble Tyneka Johnson, Brian Pendleton, and Kellie Pyle. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Find **CHRISTMAS FAMILIES SIGN-UPS TODAY** in the narthex of Zabriskie and Immanuel Chapels.



TODAY is the final day for our Assistant Rector, the Rev. Sam Sheridan, worked for Immanuel.

Next week he starts as Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul's Church in Petersburg, VA.

Let's pray for him as he, his wife the Rev. Mary Margaret Winn, and their newborn son, Mac, make this transition to new jobs in a new city.

Announcements

Weekday Worship Opportunities

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.

Wednesday, December 7th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Evening Compline, Friday, December 9th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

SEEKING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the end of January, and with that, we will elect new Vestry members to begin three-year terms. If you are interested in discussing what Vestry service at Immanuel entails, or if you are feeling called to stand, please contact Father Randy at ralexander@icoh.net, or Senior Warden Darrell Wilson at dlwilson729@gmail.com.

Christmas Families Countdown

DECEMBER 4 is a Sunday bursting with activities, all expressing the spirit of Immanuel.

We are sending off our highly respected and beloved Assistant Rector Sam Sheridan to new adventures on the wings of his faith and the Immanuel Spirit.

Helpers needed for assigning books between 10 am and 4:30 pm, Parish Hall. Please come for as long as you can during that time. Kids and teens welcome. Connie Kurz and Laura Snow will lead a whirlwind tour of assigning books to 80+ families in this very limited time (end of the reception for Sam and a sharp stop at 4:30 pm for the Washington Philharmonic practice.) **A light lunch will be served.**

This is the **last day to sign up for a family to provide meaningful gifts for the children.**

In short: 72+ families **192+ children**, 67 signed up, **125+ remaining**. 20 more families coming.

We need a surge in sign-ups and a strong special collection to take care of all.

DECEMBER 10 Sat 9 am - 2 pm Labeling gifts in Santa's Workshop. 3:30 Preparing the Parish Hall.

DECEMBER 11 Sun. Services at 8 and 10:30: **Ingathering and blessing of gifts, Special Collection**

Starting after the 8a service to 3p, Parish Hall. **Wrapping and sorting gifts,**

Ingathering of good used items (clothing, especially warm coats, toys, books, bicycles).

Loading the truck that will take things to Human Services on Monday morning.

DECEMBER 12 Mon. 9am - 1pm: Unloading the truck at Human Services (2525 Mt. Vernon Avenue, side entrance on Mt Ida Ave). Checking and arranging bags for the social workers.

Any time you can give helps.

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Benedictine Community Meeting, Tuesday, December 6th @ 7:00 p.m. 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 twice a month: virtually on the 1st Tuesday online via Zoom, and host a hybrid meeting in the Parish Hall (and online) on the 3rd Tuesday — both days we meet 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, currently *Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God*, by Rachel Srubas.

As a Benedictine Community, we gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from a few pages from selected reading material. If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following: Dana Hengst (Dana.Hengst@gmail.com)

Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com)

David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com).

Bible Study, Thursday, December 8th @ 10:30 a.m.

CONNECTING THE GREAT PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND REVELATION

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](#)".

NEEDED: SHEEP, ANGELS, COWS, SHEPHERDS, WISE PEOPLE, ELIZABETH, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Immanuel's annual Christmas Pageant returns on Sunday, December 18th, beginning at 5:30pm, and we need to fill our tableau! Kids of all ages are invited to participate in this special Sunday night service at Immanuel Chapel, which will include a Eucharist, and all parishioners are invited to join us for the service. We will have a cookie reception following the Pageant!

Ready to sign up now? Send an email to Kathryn Jackson Haskin at Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com with your children's names and ages.

Costumes will be available before the 10:30am service on December 11th and the day of the pageant, and we will have one rehearsal for readers/speaking roles before the 18th. For all other participants, just show up by 4:00pm on December 18th at Immanuel Chapel, and we'll make it work!

If you're interested in helping to organize the pageant or the reception afterwards, please contact Kathryn Jackson Haskin (Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) to volunteer.

MEALS ON WHEELS (MOW) UPDATE

Now that the pandemic has subsided, just to let you know the Immanuel MOW ministry has been up and running for the past 3 months. We are in need of additional volunteers as some of our veterans have left the rolls of drivers and deliverers. The mission of MOW is simple, to deliver wholesome meals to seniors and other homebound folks in Alexandria who are otherwise unable to venture out and shop or are resource-limited. The effort is sponsored by the Senior Services Center of Alexandria; the meals are provided by Jeffrey's Catering on Wheeler Avenue. This ministry requires 2 hours a month; Immanuel participates on the third Friday of every month. Typically, MOW Teams consist of a driver and a deliverer. If you are interested, please contact Doug Henry at ddhenry1@gmail.com or capture his attention after church.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

Saturday 12-10 (concert
is at 2:00pm)

**Joy of Christmas concert by the
Cathedral Choral Society**

We will go by van to the Cathedral, leaving Zabriskie at 12:30pm, stopping at Goodwin House for pick up, and we will be returning via Goodwin House, arriving at Zabriskie no later than 5:30. Concert tickets are \$20 and there is a \$20 copay to ride on the bus. Reservations are required and there are only 14 tickets for this event. Call or email Karen Besser.

Tuesday 12-20 at noon

**Festive lunch and carol sing
with Dr. Jane Tavernier at the Parish Hall**

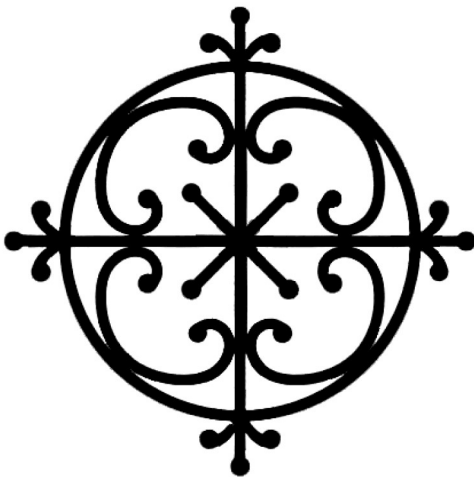
There is no cost for this activity, but reservations are required. Call or email Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com

Wednesday 12-21 at noon

**Goodwin House lunch and carol sing
with members of the Immanuel choir**

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), Linda Serabian (serabian@somaarchitects.com) or Dorothy Kellogg (djaskellogg@gmail.com).



You are Cordially Invited to the
Service of Lessons & Carols
with Presentation of the
Dean's Cross for Servant Leadership
Sunday, December 11, 2022
Service, 4:30 p.m., Immanuel Chapel

Please join

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

for

a presentation of a service of

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 11th at the 10:30a.m. Eucharist

Lessons and Carols are offered for Advent or Christmas with a combination of scripture, hymns and special music for the season. This year the choir is singing music by Waddell, Andre Thomas, and Bainton among others. The carols are interspersed with hymns and scripture readings which reflect the joy and anticipation of Christmas.

Listen to and sing favorite hymns and anthems for the season as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ.



CHRISTMAS FAMILIES SPECIAL COLLECTION December 11th

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40)

For a long time a strong and faithful commitment of bringing the good news of Christmas in a very tangible form that manifests God's inclusive love for all and raises hope has been woven into the fabric of Immanuel. Christmas Families has evolved into a multi-pronged program of several activities all serving one purpose: To bring Christ's transformative and comforting presence into the world, letting God's people know that somebody cares, and giving toys and science kits and books to learn and grow with.

First is the opportunity for **parishioners to sign up to provide toys for a family in need**. The families are referred to us by the **Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services** (72 families with 192 children, more to come). The Christmas Families team, acting for the whole parish, buys gifts for the families who are not "adopted" and some additional families referred to us by the **Lazarus** refugee ministry and by the **New Hope Housing** organization that resettles families after a shelter stay. These gifts will be wrapped and sorted in the Parish Hall on Dec. 11. We will help families referred to us until close to Christmas.

But there is much more. **Books are so important**. Under the leadership of Connie Kurz and Laura Snow, we get books for all the families referred to us and the **Community Lodgings** after-school programs. And we give to each of the 140 children in the **CFNC (Child and Family Network Centers)** preschools one copy of Anno's Counting Book and one of 500 Words / 500 Palabras (small format paperback, for each word a picture and text in English and Spanish).

In our long-standing collaboration with the **Lazarus** refugee ministry coordinated by Christ Church (Melanie Gray), we provided 240 fleece blankets for children to cuddle with. (Christ Church raised over \$30,000 to provide substantial gift cards to Target and Giant for each family). In addition, Christ Church will have last-minute referrals of approximately 10 families.

In a joint effort of Christmas Families and our expanded social justice and criminal justice ministry, we support the **Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR, <https://www.oaronline.org/>)** with their Project Winter Cheer for gift cards to children of incarcerated people, with \$1,500.

We cannot do all of this on a dime. Please be generous on December 11!

Checks can be made out to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, marked XFAM, in the collection plate or sent to the office.

The Christmas Families team makes each dollar go far. Linda got the fleece blankets for just under \$10, regular \$26.99. These purchases earned \$500 in Kohl's cash for more baby and other toys. Every year, Connie Kurz and Laura Snow make a trip to the Green Valley Bookfair to buy good books at a steep discount. Anno's Counting Book and 500 Words are staples in our book ministry. Every three years or so we buy 500 copies of each, the minimum to get a 50% discount from the publisher. Whenever we find an exceptional bargain, we buy enough for two or three years. Laura Snow, Candy Levine, and Brooke Roberts make beautiful outfits for purchased dolls. Others restore used bicycles. So many people contribute their talents to spreading God's love.

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We are off to a good start in collecting commitments in our Every Member Pledge Campaign. If you have not yet pledged you may do so easily through a number of options:

- 1) dropping your pledge card in the offering plate,
- 2) mailing it back to the office,
- 3) pledging online through our website, or
- 4) contacting our Treasurer, Tom Hewson, at 703.370.6555 ext. 208, or thewson@icoh.net.

As of December 1st, we have 88 pledges totaling \$472,212.

In this season of thanksgiving, may we be eager to return a measure of the gifts with which we have been blessed towards God's service and for the life and ministry of our beloved Church.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE AT IMMANUEL



2022

	8:00 a.m.	Gaudete Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
December 11	10:30 a.m.	Gaudete Sunday with Advent Lessons and Carols, and Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
December 18	5:30 p.m.	Children's Christmas Pageant	Immanuel Chapel
December 21	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Caroling, followed by refreshments at VTS	Seminary Hill Neighborhood
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass	Immanuel Chapel <i>(and livestreamed via YouTube)</i>
	10:30 p.m.	Midnight Mass Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel

2023

January 1	11:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel
January 8	8:00 a.m.	The Feast of the Epiphany (<i>transferred</i>) Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	The Feast of the Epiphany (<i>transferred</i>) Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Immanuel Chapel <i>(and livestreamed via YouTube)</i>

CHRISTMAS GREENS, FLOWERS and SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC DEDICATIONS

This Christmas season you are invited to make a donation to help offset the cost of our Christmas greens and flowers, and/or the special music at our Christmas Eucharists. To make a memorial or thanksgiving donation for a loved one, or to make a thanksgiving dedication for some blessing, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms box in the narthex. Names will be printed in our Christmas bulletins for all donations received **by noon on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to **DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET**. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



GREENS/FLOWERS: \$ _____

Given by:

Phone Number: () _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC: GENERAL \$ _____

Given by:

Phone Number: () _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____

Christmas Brass Quartet at Immanuel

Please indicate your special gift below with a checkmark .

Brass **SPONSOR \$100**

Brass **PATRON \$200**



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THE CHURCH OF SAINT CLEMENT'S

Christmas Tree Stand

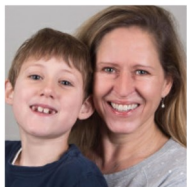
November 26 until sold out

Fridays 5 pm - 8 pm

Saturdays 10 am - 6 pm

Sundays 12 pm - 6 pm

1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria



Is Your Photo Current? **Let's Update Our Parish Directory!**

If you and your family took photos over the Thanksgiving holiday, we'd love for you to share them with us — especially if your current photo in our parish directory is out of date.

In addition, please review your listing in our online directory to make sure that your data is current — especially telephone numbers and addresses. Thank you all!

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 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 SheridanRegister (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
[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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