

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes April 24, 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:** Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia and Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Daphne, Leo, Tommy, Charles Willard, and Nancy Bishop.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Arsine Rustigian Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, John, Alexandra, Hans, Jessica, McQuade Milligan, Scott De Vight, Reagan, Waide Egener, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, Molly Grey, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Paul Holden Teske and his parents Stephen Teske and Melinda Snow Teske.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Eric Reading, Mary Ingold, Lisa Siegrist, Alexander Skubel, Jeannie Cummins-Eisenhour, Martha Shimkin, Lucas Thompson, and Kian Macharia.

**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.

**Those who we recently learned have died:** Army Sergeant Julian Christopher Francis, and Navy Petty Officers 3rd Class Mika'il Rayshawn Sharp and Natasha Huffman. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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We give thanks for the birth of Paul Holden Teske, son of Stephen and Melinda Snow Teske, and grandson of Jim and Laura Snow. We also pray for Paul, who is ill.

***Join us outside of Zabriskie Chapel at Noon TODAY*** as Bishop Goff offers a Blessing of Immanuel's new Solar Panels with City of Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson, and the Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D., Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary, and other guests.

ALL are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall to celebrate the Bishop's visit, our Confirmands and the Installation of our Solar Panels, and enjoy fellowship. An Alexandria Pastry Shop cake will be served to honor this very special occasion.

# Announcements

## SACRED GROUND STARTING THE WEEK OF APRIL 24

### *Are You Interested in Joining Others in a Faith-Based Program on Race, Identity, Family, and History?*

Please consider signing up for the next Sacred Ground dialogue circle, which will meet weekly from the week of April 24 through the week of June 27, facilitated by Chrissie Crosby. Sacred Ground is an Episcopal church film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in their own threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity, using a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific Islander American histories as they intersect with European American histories. More details are available [here](#), or from talking to past participants Katherine Smith, Mary Ann Ring, Marilyn Wilson, or Nancy Reuschel. Please contact David Atwood or [Kathryn Haskin](#) to sign up. Thank you.

Join us for a special Forum Hour "**Criminal Justice: Voices of the Incarcerated**" next Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> @ **9:15 a.m. in the parish hall** and [online via Zoom](#) by viewing this bulletin on our website ("Worship Service Bulletins" under the "Worship tab" and clicking the blue text above.



Join us for Immanuel's monthly  
**GRIEF AND SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**  
This Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5p.m. in The Fairchild Room

**Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
returns April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m, Zabriskie Chapel

**BIBLE STUDY Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.**

**FIRST AND SECOND TIMOTHY and THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TITUS**

**Evening Compline, Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom**

### **Donation and Recycling Truck on the Zabriskie Parking Lot: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 9-11:00 a.m.**

Get your spring cleaning off to a good start by stopping by our Junk Day on April 30. We've partnered with **123 Junk** to give you an easy place to dispose of all the items that you'd like to get rid of to make your spring cleaning easy this year. The best part about 123 Junk is first they look to donate the items if possible, then recycle them, and lastly properly dispose of them if they can't be donated or recycled. 123 Junk will accept pretty much anything including appliances, furniture, clothes, office supplies, and other miscellaneous household items, for a full list see their website here. The only items they will not take are paint, chemicals, gasoline/oils, propane, dirt/soil/rocks, concrete, or junk vehicles. We're happy to provide this service to our clients and community members free of charge.



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**www.Immanuel-on-the-Hill.org**



*“Behold how good and pleasant it is when God’s people dwell together in unity” (Psalm 133:1)*

## **How is God Calling Us to Care About People in Prison?**

Dear People of God at Immanuel, I invite you to join me for two special events on April 20 and May 1 to signal an expansion of Immanuel’s criminal justice initiative.

Our faith gives us many examples of how God wants us to treat incarcerated people, both the guilty and the innocent. As Jesus himself was being executed, he invited a convicted criminal to be with him in Paradise. Jesus’s first words in the Temple were to proclaim good news and release for captives. Jesus tells us that when we visit those in prison we are visiting Him, regardless of their guilt or innocence.

### **Why Criminal Justice?**

- Major racial disparities in arrest/sentencing
- Harsher outcomes for poor people
- US global leader in numbers of incarcerated
- Prisons training ground for crime
- 1 in 3 adults in the US have a criminal record - excluding them from key aspects of citizenship -

Immanuel’s criminal justice/incarceration initiative is a bridge between issues of racial justice and larger social justice issues, examining where we can be the hands of Jesus for all people caught up in the system, whether police officers, incarcerated people, or those reentering society after prison. We have already done a lot – learning together, starting relationships on these issues with two Black churches, meeting with local representatives during Virginia’s January

legislative session in Richmond, providing Christmas Families support to children of inmates, and starting a chaplaincy with the Alexandria police while reaching out to local jails.

We invite you to pray for us, and also to consider prayerfully different ways to get involved. The first way we participated was a group showing of the moving film, *Just Mercy*, last Wednesday, April 20. We will host a Forum Hour on criminal justice next Sunday, May 1. Next, consider getting involved by befriending and mentoring someone coming out of jail or prison or advocating for a more just and effective criminal justice system here in Virginia. There are easy ways to get involved and trained, and Immanuel partner organizations to help, on the website.

We are on this journey together. I have no doubt that Jesus is with us as we explore how to support those affected by the criminal justice system. We will no doubt make mistakes. But our baptismal covenant is not a mistake, to “work for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being,” I look forward to seeing you on May 1!

Respectfully,

*Randy*

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.  
Rector

*David*

David Atwood  
Vestry Steward for Adult Formation  
and Discipleship, Social Justice

*Kathryn*

Kathryn Jackson Haskin  
Social Justice

# Hill Happenings at VTS

**April 27 | A Woman's Love: The Life of Mary Through Song and Scripture**  
7:30 p.m. in Immanuel Chapel

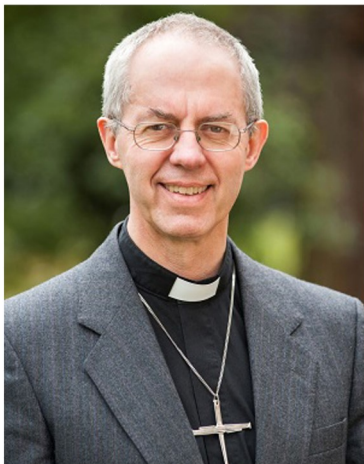
*Free and open to the public*

The concert features soprano Corey Raquel Lovelace, pianist Sophia Pavlenko Chandley, and speaker Donna Arrendell '22, and moves between song and scripture telling the life story of Mary. It has been made possible by the support of DC-based arts organization [Mixtape Recital Series](#).



**April 28 | Sung Morning Prayer and the Albert T. Mollegen Forum with the Most. Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury**  
8:15 – 10:30 a.m. Immanuel Chapel

VTS Facebook and via Zoom [Click here to register](#)



Virginia Theological Seminary welcomes the Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England, as the Albert T. Mollegen Forum speaker. Please register on our [Eventbrite](#) page to reserve your seat for the service and forum, which will follow the service immediately.

**April 28 | Holy Eucharist with the Most Rev. Justin Welby presiding, 5:15 p.m. Immanuel Chapel**  
*and VTS Facebook page*

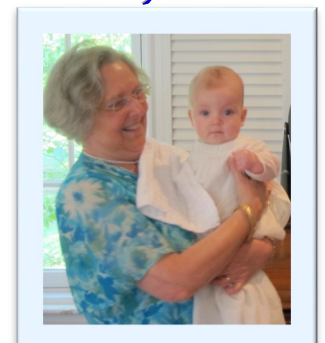
Archbishop Welby will be presiding at Holy Eucharist on Thursday, April 28, with Dean Markham preaching. You are not required to sign up, but you are encouraged to attend.

## Magazine Story Call: *Sentimental Sacraments at Old Seminary*

Send in all of your favorite photos of **Baptisms, Weddings, Confirmations** and Homecoming Services taken at Seminary Chapel, Seminary Memorial Garden Chapel, and Zabriskie Chapel. We'll take a look back at how Seminary Chapel is still with us and how that sacred space is still used today; along with a nostalgic look at special sacraments, and events that took place at Zabriskie.

Deadline for entries is May 15, 2022.

(The late Georgia Maas with her granddaughter Caroline Hicks on the day of her baptism in Zabriskie Chapel on Sunday, July 29, 2012.)





# Senior Adult Ministry EVENTS

## LUNCHEONS

Our monthly luncheon at **Goodwin House-Alexandria** is the third Wednesday of each month at noon in the Fillmore Room. Please join us on May 18 to enjoy lunch and socialize with other Immanuel folks. All Immanuel seniors are invited and welcome to attend. For those who do not live at Goodwin House, the luncheon costs \$17. Reservations should be made with Rev. Susan by calling the parish office.

Our monthly luncheon at **Zabriskie parish hall** is the fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15pm. On May 24, we will be viewing the movie **Mission: Joy**. This movie chronicles the meeting between Archbishop Desmond Tutu and His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The movie runs about 1 ½ hours, so we will be watching during lunch. Bring your sandwich or salad lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided by Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship. All Immanuel seniors are invited and welcome to attend. There is no cost for this event. Reservations should be made with Karen Besser by emailing [karen.besser@gmail.com](mailto:karen.besser@gmail.com).

## TOUR THE **FUTURES** EXHIBIT AT THE SMITHSONIAN ARTS AND INDUSTRIES BUILDING

Senior Ministry and Fellowship will be going to the **Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building** (AIB) to tour the **Futures** exhibit on Saturday, May 21. For its 175th birthday, the Smithsonian dedicated the AIB to a building-wide “exploration of the future that includes interactives, artworks, technologies and ideas that are a glimpse into humanity’s next chapter.” To learn more about the exhibit, which closes on July 6, go to <https://aib.si.edu/futures>.

There will be a van leaving the parish hall parking lot at 10:00am. Our tour starts at 10:30 and lasts approximately one hour. We will have time to look at this exhibit further after the tour and to eat lunch, either at the Castle Café next door or across the Mall at the Art Sculpture Garden. We will plan to arrive back at the parish hall no later than 2:00pm.

In addition, this event can be accessed by METRO or by bicycle. A leader will be guiding any interesting seniors who wish to bike to this activity. The trip is approximately 7.5 miles each way, basically flat and all on bike paths or separate, dedicated bike lanes. You may use your own bike or pick up one from Capital Bike Shares. The cyclists will leave from Shirlington at 9:30am.

There are 20 tickets available for this event, so please RSPV as early as possible. Tickets are free, but there is a \$10 copay to ride in the van. Questions or RSVPs to Karen Besser via email [karen.besser@gmail.com](mailto:karen.besser@gmail.com).

## Register for Shrine Mont Camps by June 1st!

For details and to register, visit <https://www.shrinemontcamps.net/registration>  
If viewing online, click on the logo at right. See you there!





## CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) .....	Rector
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Darrell Wilson .....	Senior Warden
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Shawn Whitman .....	Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care Committees
David Atwood .....	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Social Justice
Harrison Clark .....	Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brad Ashton .....	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Mollie Lambert .....	Outreach
Kathy Lloyd .....	Senior Ministry
Brooke Roberts .....	Communications
Phyllis Sims .....	Evangelism and New Members
Bob Murray .....	Worship
Julie Bruns .....	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson .....	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
The Rev. Sam Sheridan .....	Register (nonvoting member)

### SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA  
9:00 a.m. Family Holy Eucharist, Zabriskie 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](#)

### PRIEST ASSOCIATES

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke  
The Rev. Jan A. Maas  
The Rev. John R. Smucker  
The Rev. Canon Rosemari G. Sullivan  
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.

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