

**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
**Parish Notes**  
**January 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)).

*Learn more about us at [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net).*

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Doug, and Daphne.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Ben Hoge, Louise Jackson, Lloyd Chenoweth, 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, Sandy Ford, Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, John, McQuade Milligan, Jen Orvis, Bea Paine, Phyllis Crawley, Jim Paine, Jack Haberle, and Nancy Adams.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Lynn Gas, Susan Post, Karen Bastow, Charles Calloway, Caroline Conrad, Jim Luft, Josephine Forester, Matthew McCann, Nicole Veri, Gabriella Young-Smith, and John Wagner.

**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 have recently died:** Clister Means Lyles, residents of Malawi and Mozambique who perished as a result of Cyclone Ana, Marine Lance Corporal Jonathan E. Gierke, Marine Private First Class Zachary W. Riffle, Police Officer Tyler Lenehan, Police Officer Jason Rivera, Special Agent Anthony Salas, Police Corporal Charles Galloway, Police Sergeant Ramon Gutierrez, and Police Officer Wilbert Mora. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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**Immanuel's ALIVE! Food Drive thru January 30<sup>th</sup>**

As in the past, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is collecting food for ALIVE! the ENTIRE month of January (one of two months a year we collect). Collection boxes are located in the narthex at both the Zabriskie Chapel and Immanuel Chapel. ALIVE! is joining the city-wide goal of moving away from plastic bags so all food donations should also be in reusable bags please! Questions? Contact [Lisa.Clausen@verizon.net](mailto:Lisa.Clausen@verizon.net)

# Announcements

## Welcome Scouts BSA Troop 131!

We are pleased to announce that Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill has become the charter organization for Scouts BSA Troop 131. Troop 131 was founded in 1936 and is Alexandria's oldest troop - more than 86 years old! There are a few Troop 131 members among our parishioners, and Immanuel is the beneficiary of two Eagle Scout projects from Troop 131 - the sidewalk from the parking lot to the deck of the Parish Hall, and a storage shed for the EYC.

Troop 131 is an extremely active, boy-led troop with approximately 40 Scouts ages 11-17. Troop meetings are held every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Scouts plan monthly camping weekends for the troop and participate regularly in service activities - such as *Scouting for Food, which benefits the ALIVE! Food Bank*.

Adult leaders for Scouts BSA Troop 131 include Scoutmaster Mark Ramirez and Committee Chair Kevin Jahns. Francine Wargo will serve as the Charter Organization Representative from Immanuel.

We enthusiastically welcome Troop 131 to Immanuel and look forward to a great relationship! You can find out more about the Troop's mission and activities on their site: <https://t131.org/>.

## Benedictine Community Meetings Resume **Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7p.m.**

### *Welcome to the Benedictine Community*

Yes, we want you to join us! If you are attracted to having more contemplation and prayer in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We'd love to have you join us virtually via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7p.m-8p.m.

The Benedictine 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 "How to Live; What the Rule of St Benedict Teaches Us About Happiness, Meaning, and Community" by Judith Valente). 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 currently meet using Zoom; however, if you don't wish to use zoom or are not comfortable with the technology, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice only.

For more information, please contact Dana Hengst ([dana.hengst@gmail.com](mailto:dana.hengst@gmail.com)), Barbara Fornoff ([cr8vweaver@gmail.com](mailto:cr8vweaver@gmail.com)) or David Atwood ([David\\_Atwood@hotmail.com](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com)).

# Opportunities for Weekday Worship and Bible Study

*All are Welcome to Morning Prayer*  
Each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Join us for

**Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**February 2nd at 6:30p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> @ 6:30 PM: SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK STUDY: *Just Mercy***

We have officially begun our 9-10 week conversation on [Just Mercy](#) by Bryan Stephenson as the next book to help tie our Social Justice discussions with Immanuel's Criminal Justice Initiative. If you missed our introductory conversation that's 100% okay! We're reading Chapters 2 and 3 for this week. We'll try to do two chapters a week unless the consensus is that it's going either much too fast or much too slow.

We'd love for you to join us as we explore building a vocabulary and theology around the idea that what happens to incarcerated people should matter to us as Christians. This particular book is largely a story about a man who was ultimately exonerated and rescued from Death Row, but it is also a launching point for some hard discussions about how our society treats people in prison—and how imprisonment impacts the families and communities of the incarcerated.

**Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:30 AM: Bible Study with Clergy — Hebrews**

All are welcome to share in this exploration of The Epistle to the Hebrews -- no prior study or participation necessary. It's been said "Study Hebrews and your life may never be the same." Join us, and see if you agree! We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon online via Zoom — look for login information in your weekly eBlast email

Just bring your Bible (or an online version such as [Bible Gateway here](#)) and a heart open to the idea that we are meant learn from one another, that we are a people called to learn about God's love in community. You most certainly can just listen, but your witness, experience, thoughts, and beliefs are just as important and valuable as anyone else's!

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

**Holy Eucharist Rite II @ 1p.m.**  
**Returns Next Sunday, February 6, 2022**

**SENIOR MINISTRY EVENTS RESUME IN FEBRUARY:** If we are able to resume our events in February, Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship is sponsoring a trip to the *National Building Museum* in Washington, DC on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> (the President’s Day holiday). This trip includes a visit to the exhibit *Play/Work/Build* and provides a special opportunity to bring grandchildren of all ages (and parents) along for a fun and educational activity. To get a sense of the exhibit, enjoy the brief YouTube video at <https://www.nbm.org/exhibition/play-work-build>. The museum has several permanent and temporary exhibits including *House & Home* and the *Gun Violence Memorial Project*.

To join us February 21<sup>st</sup>, meet us at the van in the Zabriskie parking lot at 10:00 a.m; we plan to be back no later than 1:45 p.m. Tickets to the museum are \$5, and there will be a \$10 copay to ride in the van. A healthy snack will be available before we leave Immanuel and pizza and sandwiches will be waiting when we return. I have only 24 tickets for this event, so please RSVP as soon as possible. Masks must be worn inside the Museum at this time.

To RSVP, contact Karen Besser at: [karen.besser@gmail.com](mailto:karen.besser@gmail.com) or call the parish office at (703) 370-6555 and press “9” to leave your reservation via voicemail.


Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of our ongoing, and sometimes overlooked, responses to the pandemic is that your clergy and seminarians are available to make house calls. We live in well-founded hope that this surge may be the last time we need to go online-only again. However, that doesn't mean that the surge will dissipate and everyone will immediately want to go out in public, everything normal and hunky-dory. At this time of particular high transmissibility, and as the whole world moves navigates new and different phases of mitigating and living with this virus, we want to be as flexible and available to you as possible. If you cannot make it to church, we can schedule a time to bring some church to you. If your living arrangements don't allow visitors we can come to windows and doors, make phone calls, text messages, and zoom meetings. If you want some time during the week to pray in your church, we can probably help navigate that.

There are, in short, options. Now, or in the months to come, if there is any reason you are unable to come to church or want to participate in the eucharist in some way or need someone to talk to: we are here for you. We invite you to reach out to us. We want you to know, in all the ways, that you are a member of this community.

In Christ,  
Your clergy; *Randy, Susan and Sam*

## Seniors, Have You Answered Our Senior Adult Ministry Survey Yet?



**Seven Question Survey for Seniors 60+**  
Senior Adult Ministry at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, Alexandria

I am a senior in my \*  
 60s  
 70s  
 80s  
 90s  
 100+

I missed an event/lunch because I didn't know about it in advance  
 Yes  
 No

I learn about Senior events from (check the BEST source) \*  
 "This Week at Immanuel" email  
 Immanuel's website  
 Live announcements during service  
 Sunday bulletin (Announcements and Parish Note)

***Seniors, your opinion matters!***

Print copies are with ushers in the Narthex.

You can complete the 7-question survey online by selecting “[Worship Service Bulletins](#)” under the “Worship tab”, select “parish notes” and click the image at left.

***Thank you.***

## 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. Sam Sheridan (ssheridan@icoh.net) .....	Assistant Rector
Dr. Jane Tavernier (jtavernier@icoh.net) .....	Director of Music
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John Bednar (jbednar@icoh.net).....	Information Technology Specialist
Stuart Dahlinger .....	Sexton

## THE VESTRY

Kathryn Haskin .....	Senior Warden, Co-steward: Social Justice
Martha Shimkin .....	Junior Warden: Administration
Darrell Wilson .....	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds
David Atwood .....	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Co-steward: Social Justice
Harrison Clark .....	Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Danette “Dani” Gentile Kauffman .....	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Kristi Kubista-Hovis .....	Outreach, and Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brooke Roberts.....	Communications
Phyllis Sims .....	Fellowship, Senior Ministry
Francine Wargo .....	Worship
Shawn Whitman .....	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson .....	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
Candy Levin .....	Register (nonvoting member)

### SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel  
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

1:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Zabriskie Chapel Parish Hall

#### *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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