

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### January 7, 2023

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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. 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](http://www.icoh.net)).

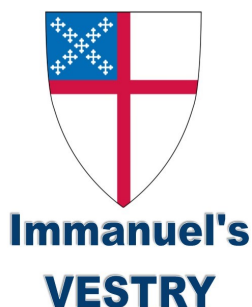
**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony and Patsy Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Alice, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, David Craig, Justine Claypoole, Jean Couban, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Cynthia, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joseph Fabian, Cathy Fick, Gerald, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Laney Langtry, Marcia MacDonald, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Lysbeth, Jessi Napolitano, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Larry Rhoades, Roger, George Rustigian, Brian Tolson, Graham Tomlinson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Leo Horne, Dagobert Soergel, Leslie Williams, Anne Hunger, Tom Shimkin, Teresa Skubel, Stephen Friday, Doug John, and Norma Jean Lawton.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

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### SEEKING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the end of January, when 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 our Rector, Father Randy at [ralexander@icoh.net](mailto:ralexander@icoh.net), or Senior Warden Kristi Kubista-Hovis at [kristi\\_kubista@yahoo.com](mailto:kristi_kubista@yahoo.com).

**THANK YOU BOY SCOUTS!** A huge thank you to the five scouts and two adults from Boy Scout Troop 131 who helped move furniture for ALIVE! Members of Troop 131, the scout troop that meets at Immanuel, picked up donations and delivered needed furniture to five families in Alexandria on a Saturday morning earlier this month. Truly appreciated!

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer @ 10:00, Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II  
January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study "*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*", Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m.  
online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

### Have you made your 2024 pledge? ***THERE'S STILL TIME, JUST GO ONLINE!*** Immanuel's Every Member Pledge campaign

We are trying to conclude Immanuel's [Every Member Pledge Campaign](#), as the Treasurer and Vestry are hard at work preparing this year's budget.



Your financial pledge is vital to maintain and grow this parish, its ministries, and outreach initiatives. As of Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup>, we had received 128 pledges for \$586,200.

You may pledge on our website, by using the QR code at left, or by asking an usher for a blank pledge card and envelope.

Together, we make a difference by giving back to God from the gifts that God has first given us.



First Forum Hour of 2024: Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45 AM, The Welcome Center (VTS Campus)

### ***Family History: Living the Civil Rights Era, with Bryant Mitchell***

Please join us on January 14, right after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, in The Welcome Center, for an interview with longtime parishioner Bryant Mitchell, whose civil rights experience began as a child plaintiff in a desegregation lawsuit in Charlottesville, and whose parents -- long associated with the Seminary and with Immanuel -- were actively engaged in civil rights activism, bearing witness and having impact across and beyond the State of Virginia.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS: JANUARY 2024

**January 17: THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE.** Please join us on January 17<sup>th</sup> for luncheon and conversation in the Filmore Room at Goodwin House Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month. Please RSVP to Mother Susan at [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net) if you are *not* a resident of Goodwin House, and to Susan Kernan at [skernan40@aol.com](mailto:skernan40@aol.com) if you are a resident.

**January 23: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH.** Our brown bag lunch this month will help us start the new year off right! Join **parishioner Dr. Dodd Simms** on January 23 for “*How to Use the Healthcare System in 2024*”. Come prepared to hear some interesting information and to ask your questions!

Luncheon will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall and our program will start around 12:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring your own sandwich or salad, and the Senior Ministry will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.

***Come Join Us, and Pray for Us*** as Immanuel's Social Justice Committee travels to Richmond on January 17, 2024 to **Ask The General Assembly to LIMIT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT in Virginia**

Jesus calls on us to care for those in prison. Last year, the Social Justice Committee consulted extensively with the Alexandria Sheriff, the Commonwealth's Attorney, a public defender and Immanuel's Outreach partners to see what more decisive action we could take on the issue of solitary confinement in our state. Based on that consultation, the Vestry encouraged us to engage with Virginia's legislature to prohibit solitary confinement for more than two weeks, something the national Episcopal Church and many other denominations have formally condemned as a form of torture. Over the course of 2023, we joined with the Interfaith Center and many houses of worship throughout the State, and our efforts produced two of the most bipartisan pieces of legislation to emerge from the General Assembly this year. The legislation didn't put a time limit on solitary confinement, but the first bill created several procedural safeguards, and the second bill funded an Ombudsman's office to oversee the Department of Corrections' compliance with those safeguards.

We are going to Richmond again on January 17 to get the office of the Ombudsman formally authorized, and to see what other improvements we might be able to make on this issue. Please consider joining us in Richmond for a day of criminal justice dialogue and visits with our state representatives. Once again we've chartered a very comfortable bus, which will depart the Immanuel parking lot at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, January 17 and return that evening. Please contact [Kathryn Haskin](#), [Jamie Conrad](#), or [David Atwood](#).

### EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: [JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2024](#)

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services *for January and February* ONLINE via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**



Would consider serving as a lay minister? If so, please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at [www.ICOH.net](http://www.ICOH.net) and [clicking on the red button at left.](#)

If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (ext. #206), or via email at [asoos@icoh.net](mailto:asoos@icoh.net). Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net) or indicate so in the comments box under your name on the online form. 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  
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 Stuart Dahlinger ..... Sexton

**THE VESTRY**

Kristi Kubista-Hovis ..... Senior Warden  
 Gerry Anderson ..... Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care  
 Peter Kent ..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 Amy Thomas ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship  
 Brad Ashton ..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
 Mollie Lambert ..... Outreach  
 Kathy Lloyd ..... Senior Ministry  
 Kristi Kubista-Hovis and Kathy Lloyd ..... Children Youth and Family Ministries  
 Julie Bruns ..... Pastoral Care  
 David Atwood ..... Social Justice  
 Taylor Houck ..... Communications  
 Caroline Bergmark ..... Evangelism and Newcomers  
 Matt Haskin ..... Worship  
 Caroline Bergmark and Taylor Houck ..... Fellowship  
 Sydney Onley ..... Youth Representative (nonvoting member)  
 Caroline Bergmark ..... Registrar

**SCHEDULE OF 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](http://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.

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