

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

December 18, 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, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Rita, Betty Wanamaker, Edith, Joseph, Linda and Cy Murphy, John and Louisa Smucker, Ann MacNamara, the Sara Fein family, Norma Taliaferro, Jim Wise, and Margaret Stockton.

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, Ryan, John, McQuade Milligan, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, the Rev. Rosa Harper, John Corbett, Joseph Fabian, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Lisle Wade, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, Connie Smith; and Salih, Zeyneb, and Elif Sayilgan.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Owen Malone, Mike Michaelis, Kameran Onley, David Peabody, Nikki Perry, Kendra Smyth, Eve Anderson, Martha Byron, James Henry, Jo Ann Toledo, David Phillips, Holly Morton, Katydean Price, Valia Amiri, Jason Donahue, Tim Gildersleeve, Debbie Hewson, and Candace Quinlan.

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: Robert “Bob” Young, father of Brian Young, and father-in-law of Katherine Smith. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

YOUR CHILD/TEEN CAN STILL PARTICIPATE IN TODAY’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

Immanuel’s annual Christmas Pageant returns **today**, beginning **at 5:00 p.m.**, 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!

For all non-costumed participants, **just show up by 4:00 p.m. today at Immanuel Chapel**, and we’ll make it work!

Christmas Caroling on Seminary Hill, December 21st, 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.: Our regular Wednesday evening 6:30 PM Eucharist continues on Wednesday the 21st. Any present will then be asked, purely optionally, if they would like to go caroling around our immediate neighborhood. Obviously, one may attend the Eucharist and not carol afterwards, but we will just see how the weather is and how the people in attendance feel about the possibility.

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.

We will hold **our last Wednesday Evening Eucharist *for the year*** this Wednesday, December 21st, followed by caroling on Seminary Hill. Do **join us when our weekday service resumes on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel.**

Our Weekly Bible Study Returns, Thursday, January 5, 2023 @ 10:30 a.m.
CONNECTING THE GREAT PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND REVELATION

Evening Compline, Friday, December 23rd, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship is hosting a Christmas festive lunch in the Zabriskie parish hall on **Tuesday, December 20 at noon**. No brown bags this month; enjoy a delicious lunch and yummy sweet treats. Afterwards we will adjourn to the chapel for Christmas hymns and carols accompanied by Dr. Jane Tavernier on organ and Rick Glassco on bell chimes. There is no cost for this activity, but reservations are required. Email Karen at Karen.Besser@gmail.com.



We will also host a Christmas luncheon at Goodwin House-Alexandria on **Wednesday, December 21 at noon**. We will be joined by members of the Immanuel choir for a Christmas hymn and carol sing after lunch, accompanied by Rick Glassco on bell chimes. RSVP to Mother Susan by Monday at sparsons@icoh.net.

Benedictine Community Meeting, Tuesday, December 20th @ 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 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), or David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com).



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 15th, we have 106 pledges totaling \$531,000.

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.

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 Father Randy at ralextander@icoh.net, or Senior Warden Darrell Wilson at dlwilson729@gmail.com.

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2022			
December 18	5:00 p.m.	Children’s Christmas Pageant	Immanuel Chapel
December 21	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II followed by Christmas Caroling (<i>weather permitting</i>)	Seminary Hill Neighborhood
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass (<i>musical prelude begins at 4:30 p.m.</i>)	Immanuel Chapel (<i>and livestreamed via YouTube</i>)
	10:30 p.m.	Midnight Mass Rite II with Brass (<i>musical prelude begins at 10:00 p.m.</i>)	Immanuel Chapel
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel
2023			
January 1	11:00 a.m.	The Feast of the Holy Name 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 featuring the Handbell Choir of Immanuel	Immanuel Chapel (<i>and livestreamed via YouTube</i>)

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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 Gilma Balcarcel Nursery Coordinator
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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)

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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