

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
December 19, 2021

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).

Learn more about us at www.icoh.net.

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, David Stayanoff, Diana Walker, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, John Bednar, Kathy Lloyd, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Ted Walker, Edith, Joseph, Paul, and Doug.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, Dotty Eisenhour, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Preston, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Sandy Ford, and Elizabeth.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Eve Anderson, Martha Byron, James Henry, Jo Ann Toledo, David Phillips, Hollyann Morton, Katydean Price, Valia Amiri, Jason Donahue, Tim Gildersleeve, Debbie Hewson, Candace Quinlan, and Carol Crossmire.

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: Rear Admiral Edward K. "Ted" Walker, Navy Comander Brian Bourgeois. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON SEMINARY HILL, DECEMBER 23RD, 5 - 7:00 P.M.

Join your fellow Immanuelites for singing Christmas Carols as we stroll through Seminary Hill on Thursday, December 23rd — we'll meet at 5:00 p.m. inside of Zabriskie Chapel before venturing outside. Let's spread some Christmas cheer in our neighborhood.

COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for next **Friday Compline December 30th at 8:30p.m.** via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church."

To participate, select this bulletin on our website under "Worship Service Bulletins" under the "Worship" tab, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#), and enter the following: Meeting ID: **817 3973 7116**, Password: **029619**. To join the service by phone, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592.

Announcements



*“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your **God is with you wherever you go.**” Joshua 1:9*

Awaiting God’s Love and Gift to Us

As we await the coming of our Lord, we give thanks for all the blessings we have received -- as individuals, and families, and as this parish community. And as we reflect on all we have been given, we are called to give back in gratitude for the blessings that God has gifted us.

During this Advent season, it is your opportunity to pledge generously to support God’s work through Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill.

As of December 7, 2021, we are blessed with 113 pledges representing \$604,682, forty-four percent of pledges have increased from the previous year. And, on average, those increases are by more than nine percent. Eleven pledges are new.

We constantly praise God for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment of time, talent, enthusiasm, and treasure to Immanuel and God’s work through this parish. You can return your pledge card through the mail, place it in the offering plate, send an email to our treasurer thewson@icoh.net stating your pledge amount, or [pledge online](#).

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE

2021

December 23	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling on Seminary Hill	<i>meet at</i> Zabriskie Chapel
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist II with Brass and Full Choir <i>(Brass Prelude begins at 4:50 p.m.)</i>	Immanuel Chapel
	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist II with Woodwinds, Horn and Choral Ensemble <i>(Choral Prelude begins at 8:45 p.m.)</i>	Immanuel Chapel
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	Zabriskie Chapel
December 26	9:00 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel

2022

January 2	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Parish Hall



CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Wednesday, January 5th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Please join us on January 5th at 6:30 p.m. in Zabriskie Chapel, when our regular Wednesday Holy Eucharist will be transformed into a celebration of the Feast of Epiphany, with special prayers, readings, and music.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES 2021

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. In expectation that this commitment will show itself in a strong **special collection at all three Holy Eucharists today**, the Christmas Families ministry has undertaken or will soon undertake the following at the times when it does most good.

\$5,000 to Alexandria Human Services to be used for gift cards for holiday gifts and other urgent support for families. Since Human Services does not distribute physical toys this year, this check takes the place of parishioners signing up to provide toys for a family in need.

\$1,200 to Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR, <https://www.oaronline.org/>), in support of their Project Winter Cheer for gift cards to children of incarcerated people, a joint effort of Christmas Families and our expanded social justice and criminal justice ministry.

In our long-standing collaboration with the refugee **ministry coordinated by Christ Church** (Melanie Gray), we provided 218 fleece blankets for children to cuddle with (from Kohl's with a 65% Black Friday discount). (Christ Church raised over \$30,000 to provide substantial gift cards to Target and Giant for each family). In addition, Christ Church had last-minute referrals, eight families with 16 children, for whom we will assemble physical gifts from our inventory. Linda Serabian is our point person for all this. Thank you, Linda!

We have an even longer-standing collaboration with **CFNC (Child and Family Network Centers)**. From inventory, we are giving each of the 139 children in their preschools one copy each of

- Anno's Counting Book
- 500 Words (small format pbk, for each word a picture and text in English and Spanish)
(Connie Kurz is taking care of this. *Thank you, Connie!*)

A primer on Christmas Family Finances. Immanuel has a Christmas Families Fund, which dates back to 2005, when a fire at the Soergels' house (then the Christmas Families Headquarters) destroyed or damaged a lot of toys. A report on that small disaster on News 4 resulted in many contributions to Immanuel, way more than was needed to replace the toys. Since then, each year the fund was used to buy toys on sale and have them ready for wrapping. Last year and this year we needed to get gift cards to Human Services early. We spend an amount in line with what historically could be expected from the special collection. The special collection then pays the fund back to be ready for next year. Anything left over after that will go to fill last-minute needs the same year.

The Christmas Families team makes each dollar go far. Linda got the fleece blankets for just under \$10, regular \$26.99. As part of a Kohl's promotion, these purchases earned \$500 in Kohl's cash, which Linda used before it expired to buy baby and other toys on sale to replenish our inventory. In every normal 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 ministry of adding books to the toys. Every three years or so we buy 500 copies of each, the minimum to get a 50% discount from the publisher.

Please be generous today!



CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
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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
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

PRIEST ASSOCIATES

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
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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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