

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

December 3, 2023

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).

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

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, David Craig, Justine Claypoole, Jean Couban, 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, Marcia MacDonald, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, 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: Hannah Compton, Shannon Gehrs, Ellen Gehrs, Auggie Koch, Gerry Anderson, Preston Brown O'Neil, Martha Manson, Lindsey Martin, Sarah Glassco, Marcia MacDonald, William Albritton, Jim Evans, Kate Growth, Joy McLaughlin, and Ryan Rodriguez.

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

Those who have died: Betty Wanamaker, Anne Huntington, former First Lady of the United States Rosalynn Smith Carter, and former US Secretary of State and National Security Advisor Dr. Henry Alfred Kissinger. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

FORUM HOUR TODAY: *Christ Church Refugee Ministry* with Guest Speaker **Melanie Gray** 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall

Join us for a special forum hour today at 10:00 a.m. and hear **guest speaker Melanie Gray**, director of Mission and Outreach at Christ Church, describe the Refugee Ministry's work with some 45 families, mostly from Afghanistan, and the challenges it faces following the United States' withdrawal from that country. Some of these families have recently entered the U.S. through our southern border, a reflection of the desperate challenges they face.

Immanuel is a major supporter of this ministry through our Outreach program, and Melanie is a former member of our parish who now lives in Fredericksburg — Julie Bruns, Linda Serabian, and Pierre Shostal are volunteers with this ministry.

Announcements



The **EYC Advent Wreath-making and Pizza Party** will begin at **5:00 p.m. today** in the parish hall; the party should end around 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer @ 10:00, Tuesday, December 5th, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Feast of Saint Nicholas

December 6th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study "*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*", Thursday, December 7th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, December 8th, 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

Immanuel's Every Member Pledge Campaign is ongoing, and we need to learn your personal financial commitment before December 31st.



Your financial pledge is vital to maintain and grow this parish, its ministries, and outreach initiatives. (As of Thursday, received 99 pledges totaling \$479, 948 — **including 10 new pledgers.**)



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

You may use the QR code at left or ask an usher for a pledge card to complete your pledge, and prayerfully and intentionally give thanks for God's many gifts to you. This is your opportunity to give back to God from all you have been given.

Godly Play—schedule changes in December-January 2023






- ☆ NO GODLY PLAY December 17-January 7th
- ☆ We will have Godly Play at 9 a.m. in Zabriskie Chapel today and December 10th.
- ☆ There will be no Godly Play on December 31st, or on January 7th — the day of our *Children's Epiphany Pageant*, 10:30 a.m., Immanuel Chapel.
- ☆ On January 14th, 21st and 28th we will have Godly Play at 10:30 a.m. in Immanuel Chapel (Octagon Room).
- ☆ On February 4th we will return to our normal schedule, and Godly Play will move back to the Worship Center at 9 a.m.

Questions? Contact Sarah Glassco at glasscos@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S BOOK VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES NEEDED SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH *Food, Fun and Fellowship Provided!*

Thanks to a trip to the Green Valley Book Fair in Mt. Crawford, VA this week, Immanuel has more than 700 new books for our 2023 Christmas families. **This Saturday, December 9th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, we will match books to each child and teen (two books apiece). We also have great basic cookbooks for our parents.

We need folks to:

-  Peel off price tags (tedious but necessary and we have handy scrapers to help)
-  Bring small to medium boxes, like those Amazon boxes, from home to organize books for the larger families so the boxes are easier to wrap.
-  Chose appropriate books for each child based on the information provided by the parents/social workers and by age/grade and stated interests.
-  Help box up and inventory the remaining books.
-  Enjoy that famous Immanuel fellowship, breakfast pastries and a light lunch.

Please contact Connie Kurz (cgkurz@aol.com) or Laura Snow (laurabsnow@verizon.net) if you, a family member, a student needing community service hours or a friend/neighbor would like to help. Many hands make light work and get us all in the holiday spirit!



Advent/Epiphany Service Schedule

Beginning Sunday December 17th, Lessons and Carols, Immanuel will *temporarily* return to a two-service worship schedule. Through the end of January, we will have two Eucharists each Sunday, and our 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist will return on February 4, 2024.

December 6	12 Noon	Holy Eucharist Rite II	
December 10	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
December 17	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Lessons and Carols</i> and Holy Eucharist Rite II Blessing of the Christmas Families' Gifts	Immanuel Chapel
December 24	10:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent with Holy Eucharist Rite II	
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass</i>	Immanuel Chapel
	9:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass</i>	
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist with Music	Zabriskie Chapel
December 31	8:00 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas with Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas with Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
January 7, 2024	8:00 a.m.	The First Sunday After Epiphany with Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Epiphany Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel



CHRISTMAS FAMILIES Update #2

A good start, but we still have a way to go

The table below shows the families referred to us from Alexandria’s Community and Human Services, but there are still more to come from DCHS, the Lazarus Ministry (Episcopal Region IV) and New Hope Housing:

	Families	Parents	Children	All people
On our list from DCHS	90	107	203	310
Signed up for	34	39	72	111
Remaining	56	68	131	199

Keep in mind that we are still expecting referrals, especially at the last minute. **We really need more sign-ups today and on December 10, before or after each service or in the Zabriskie Narthex.** Remember, large families are divided; **you can sign up for *part of a family*** or perhaps team up with another parishioner to take on an entire large family.

It is a great experience for children to help select gifts for their less fortunate peers.

As a reminder, used bicycles in any shape are also welcome. Take to: Vélocity Bicycle Cooperative (<https://velocitycoop.org/donate-stuff/>), 2111 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA

Good used items will find a new life: computers, toys, children’s books, calendars, gently used clothing, blankets (for children and adults), warm winter coats, and clothes for parents to wear to a new-found job. You can include good used items unwrapped with your gifts or just bring them to church (please label packages of clothing as to kind and size) to be displayed at our boutique at Human Services where social workers can pick them up for their client families.

Please bring your donated gifts to a service **on Sunday, December 17th** — you can leave them at the parish office prior to that date.

As the date draws closer, let us redouble our efforts to manifest the good news of Christmas through toys that lift children's spirits on the day and help them learn throughout the year.

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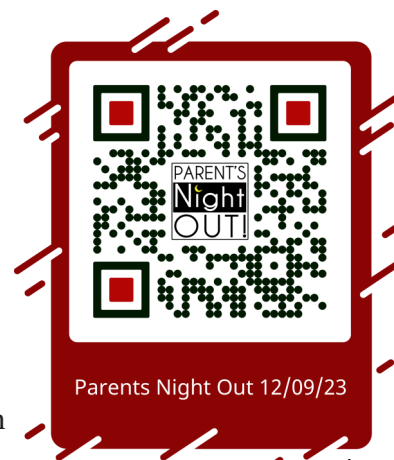
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Parents Night Out: *Calling our kids ages 5-12* Saturday, December 9th from 4:30pm to 8:00pm!

Parents, would you like free childcare? If so, bring your kids to Zabriskie Parish Hall for a Parents Night Out this Saturday, 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.! We'll make Christmas projects, sing, have a simple dinner, watch a video and play games, all while parents go out for dinner, shop, or take a much-needed rest.

This event is exclusively for children ages 5 to 12 years old, and we need EYC, older teen and adult volunteers to help make this Parents’ Night Out special. Participants and volunteers are encouraged to register with the link below so we can prepare for a night of fun!



EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: [DECEMBER 2023 - JANUARY 2024](#)

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services [Through Advent and Christmastide](#) 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 and clicking on the red button at left. *We especially need people to serve during Advent, Chistmas, and Epiphany.*

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. Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so in the comments box under your name on the online form. Thank you!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS: TWO Luncheons in ONE WEEK

We're hosting two luncheons this month. **Come to either or come to both!**

DECEMBER 19: CHRISTMAS HYMN AND CAROL SING, ZABRISKIE CHAPEL

Join us Tuesday, December 19th at 12:15 P.M. for a festive Christmas luncheon in the Parish Hall. Don't bring a brown bag for this one. After luncheon we will adjourn to the Chapel for a hymn/carol sing, with Dr. Jane Tavernier at the organ and fellow senior Rick Glassco with his bell chimes. **Please RSVP to Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com,** so that there will be plenty of food and yummy desserts.

DECEMBER 20: GOODWIN HOUSE LUNCHEON

Join us at Goodwin House-Alexandria for lunch on Wednesday, December 20th at noon. **Please RSVP to Susan Kernan skernan40@aol.com or the Rev. Susan Parsons sparsons@icoh.net.**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

EYC Shrine Mont Weekend! January 12th-15th

The EYC has reserved the Saint Andrews House at Shrine Mont during The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend, January 12–15th for a fun youth program of skiing, tubing, and fellowship. We'll also offer hiking, relaxation, games, puzzles and more.

Episcopal Youth Community youths (6th – 12th graders) and families (depending on space availability) are welcome to join us for all three nights, come for one or two days, or just visit for the day.

For all interested in this trip, please scan the QR code at right to register or contact Brian Rush at james.b.rush2@uscg.mil.

Scan to Register



CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 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
 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, 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
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
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 The Rev. Jan A. Maas
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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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