

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes
April 11, 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 currently worships virtually online, hoping to soon resume in-person services in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Both locations will offer 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.

PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Nancy Wise, Mike Walker, Lucy, Ted Walker, Catherine Sinclair, Aggie Fortune, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Ann MacNamara, Tony, Mary Bruce Corkern, and Dick Hobson.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Maria Burke, Tyler Gehrs, Conner Parks, Anton Kubista, Montie Martin, Isabelle Young-Smith, Sarah Fite, *Gitau Mbure, Wanjison Mbure*, Sameer Augustine, Christopher Calloway, Sophia McCaslin, Map Roeung, and Carla Murray.

Please also remember in your prayers members of our extended Parish family: Charlotte Kellogg; Anthony Christino, Jr., Paul, Dorothy Phaneuf, Linda Patton, Anne Newcomb, Sydney Bailey, Narciso, Sheri, Karen and Gwen, Lelah Ann Young, Caroline, Bert Ifill, Jeanette Beckmann, Lois Blair, Amy Wallens Green, Kelly, Cameron Pattisall, Ellen Repsher, Stephen Miller, Jill, Jack Allen, Molly Grey, Kathryn Anschutz, Thomas “Neil” Walters, Luciane Helena Borges Moreira, David Westgate, Doug Carmichael, Carol Sands, George Morris, Sandy, Jakey Newcomer, Julia Dietschak, Preston Atwood, John Matthewson, Ronald King, Marta Dimetre, Mary Lou Johnston, Katie McGinn Centola, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Bill Anderson, Bob Dickson, Mildred Alexander, Dotty, Susan Thomas, Steve Davis, Natalie Terwillinger, Cecile Zitelli, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Alice Greenhall, Nancy, Edith Mead, Stephen, Louise Jackson, Charles Thurber, Arsine Oshagan, Emilie Brown, Sue Cleveland, David Johnson, Victoria Markin, Martin Stevens, Jeff Gorman, Jill Lane, Suzanne Prendergast, Howard, Alice Meyer, Ron Simar, Matthew Simar, Connie Smith, Payton, Kevin Lancaster, Jennifer Ashline, Bill Ennis, Norma MacLean, Frank, Perry, John and Alycia, Sue Rehnke, Marjean Smith, Andy MacLeod, Deacon Linda Murphy, Ben Hoge, Don Gobble; Judith Simpson, and The Simpson Family, David Kuck, Adele Barker, Martha Robison, Karl Kadish, Tamara, Daniela Samillan Celis, Joey Alphonso, Victoria Dearborn, Phyllis Crawley, and DeBora Wheeler.

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 troops wounded as casualties of war, and their caregivers.

Those who have recently died: The Rev. John Smith, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, Navy Corpsman Fantahun Woldesenbet, Police Officer Brent Nelson Hall, and Deputy Sheriff Christopher Wilson Knight. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



EYC Hosts Forum Hour TODAY!

Join us after worship today for an exciting forum hour as the EYC previews the activities they do together — and grapple with as young Christians trying to understand and live out their faith. **Everyone is encouraged to attend.**

Announcements

JOSHUA IN 3D: A Social Justice-Oriented Bible Book Study

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14TH
@ 7:00 PM**

Join us this Wednesday at 7p.m. online via Zoom for a Bible study on Chapter 24 of Joshua. We are nearing the end of our study of both Joshua and Daniel Hawk's book Joshua in 3D. This week will be for some a simple review of things that they've heard a thousand times in places like Sacred Ground. For some it will be a very philosophically challenging, perhaps even disturbing entry into a world of thought that is hidden from many people. This chapter and conversation is about the 19th century changes in the meanings and definitions of race. Hawk argues that scientific discoveries had to be twisted and intentionally misapplied, legal principles had to be upended, whole theologies had to be created from nothing to justify a growing and increasingly vicious belief in white supremacy. Hawk argues that the particular fervor of 19th century American racial beliefs are very much like parts of the ancient Joshua narrative. And Father Sam will inevitably quote both the Rev. Canon Kelly Brown Douglas (Episcopal) and M. Shawn Copeland (Catholic) who write and preach about how white supremacy stands in opposition to Eucharist.

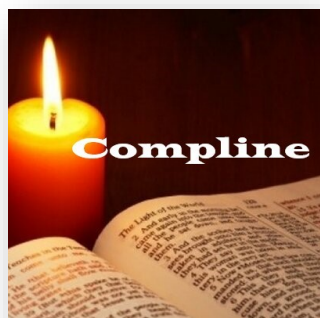
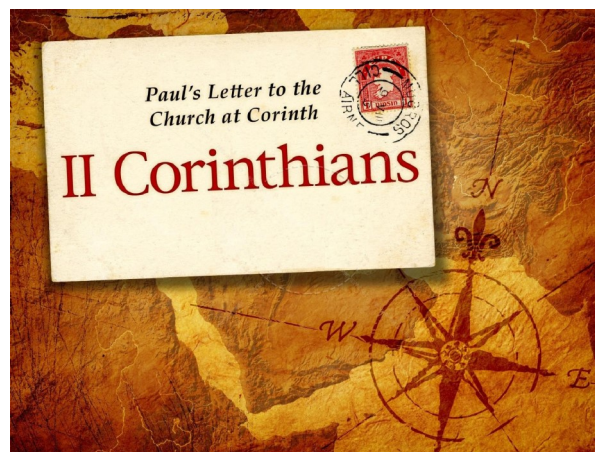
This will not be the easiest conversation to start with, but you're absolutely invited even if it's your first time. Y'all come. Look for the login and password in your weekly parish email.

Thursday, April 15: Bible Study of St. Paul's Letters to the Corinthians @ 10:30 AM

The Thursday Bible Study with clergy is studying St. Paul's Letters to the Corinthians -- lessons in how applying the lens of the Gospel can help us navigate the problems of life.

This week, we will begin 2 Corinthians.

All are welcome to share in this exploration -- no prior study or participation necessary! Just bring your Bible (or an online version such as [Bible Gateway here](#)).



COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for this **Friday Compline April 16th 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, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#). Meeting ID: *Will be sent in next week's E-Blast/* Password: *Will be sent in next week's E-Blast.*

To join the service by phone, dial: 1-(301) 715-8592.

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY ON LUKE 15:11-32 SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH AT 8:00A.M.

Join us online for Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study this **Saturday, April 17th** -- we meet the third Saturday of each month. We will meet via Zoom (link and info below) beginning at 8a.m.. Our theme this year is God's Loving Concern; we will read Luke 15:11-32, using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, contact Chrissie at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

For more information, please visit our website [HERE](#)

[CLICK HERE for Breakfast Bible Study on April 17](#)

type the following link in your browser:

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95954506553?pwd=Y05kOG1mK25abTZqUURvVk4wOTRBdz09>

Meeting ID: **959 5450 6553** Passcode: **027913** / "Friends" [By phone: **1-(301) 715-8592**]



or

SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH @ 10:00 AM OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

Join Father Sam on Saturdays at 10 a.m. for a special Bible study via Zoom, currently focused on lesser-known prophets. No previous experience or attendance necessary, just bring your questions and your Bible -- or an online version of the Bible, such as [Bible Gateway here](#).

Last week Father Sam led a study on Haggai; feel free to contact him about this week's study directly at ssheridan@icoh.net and he'll let you know when that prophet is coming up. If you need Zoom call contact information, find it in your weekly parish email, scheduled to be sent Wednesday April 14th.



Immanuel's Caregivers and Grief Support Group

Saturday, April 17 @ 10:00 AM

Join the Immanuel Caregivers and Grief Support Group, a support group for members and friends who are caring for ailing or elderly loved ones or grieving those who have died for its final meeting of the season this Saturday. The group is led by clergy or invited and trained leaders who make space for sharing experiences, offering prayerful and moral support, and sharing resources. We are looking for signs of new life and God's presence. If you wish to join, please contact Father Randy (ralexander@icoh.net) or Mother Susan (sparsons@icoh.net) for an invitation to join the Zoom-based gathering.



Social Justice Forum Hour NEXT SUNDAY, April 18



Join us after worship for an exciting forum hour next Sunday, April 18th to learn about our new Social Justice ministry started last summer. After several people offer a report on the initiative, we'll have a discussion followed by a Q & A regarding social justice, then look towards social justice plans for the next few months.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE RETURNS APRIL 21

Please join us for the service of Evening Prayer on Wednesday, April 21st at 6:30p.m. via Zoom. Look for a zoom link in your weekly eblast, then join Mother Susan in the middle of the week, just when we need some restoration and renewal.





Counting Down the Days to Spring2ACTion !

For the 11th year, Spring2ACTion, Alexandria’s day of giving , will take place. This year, it is on April 28; early giving begins on April 14. There are many charities and non-profits to support; I would like to highlight Alive!Alexandria’s oldest and largest private safety net dedicated to providing emergency and basic needs support to families and individuals living in poverty and with hunger in the City of Alexandria.

As you can imagine, since March 2020, when the pandemic began, Alive! has been and continues to be very busy! Alive is grateful to our Alexandria community for its support in helping us adapt services and expand our operating scale to meet increased calls for help. A few highlights from the past year:

- 1.5 million pounds of food distributed (compared to normal yearly average of 350,000 pounds of food (about \$1,350,000 spent on food program)
- 1500 households supported with financial /rental assistance : \$309,000 or \$8000 per week
- more recently, launched the Alexandria Eviction Prevention Partnership with other partners: responded to over 400 calls in the first few weeks

We need your help to make the Alive! campaign a success.... this year’s goal for ALIVE!'s Spring2ACTion is \$80,000. Please consider a donation to Alive for Spring2ACTion. The website to donate to Alive is :

Spring2ACTion.org/organizations/alive4alexandria

Thanks in advance for your support to help Alive! ensure that it’s services reach those who most need help in the City of Alexandria.

Lisa Clausen

Immanuel’s representative to Alive!

CLERGY AND STAFF

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ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org

[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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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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