

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

April 30, 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. 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 entrances of the chapels — 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: Nancy Bishop, Edith, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Jessi MacLeod, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Marcus Rarick, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John and Louisa Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Jane Tavernier, Tom, and Francine Wargo.

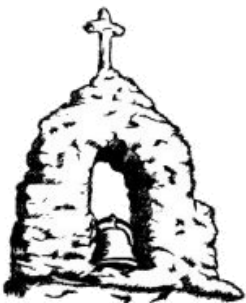
PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, John and Alice Corbett, David Craig, Steve Davis, Betty Harris, Peter and Joanne, John, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, George Rustigian, Ryan, Connie Smith, and Cecile Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Kian Macharia, Laura Good, Gordon Johnson, Mark Loach, Laura Sullivan, Jessica Turner, Tom Harris Jr., Kristi Kubista-Hovis, Linda Serabian, Briggs Burkhalter, Madison Eaton, Mark Fearer, Marjorie Glassco, Chandley McDonald, Frank Martin, Benjamin Arp, Andy Biache, Jennifer Lansing, Alisa Pereira, Michael Konvalinka, Phoebe LaMountain, Thomas Wirth, and Anne Patton.

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

Forum Hour TODAY:

“Deepening Your Faith and Connections at Shrine Mont”



Shrine Mont

Join us for the Forum Hour *today* at **11:45 a.m., Immanuel Chapel**, to hear from several parishioners about how their regular visits to Shrine Mont help to grow their faith and their connections to Immanuel.

Announcements

Weekday Worship Opportunities

MORNING PRAYER TUESDAY, MAY 2nd @ 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 the Church is commemorating.

Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist May 3rd @6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Online via Zoom: Our Weekly Bible Study Thursday, May 4th @ 10:30 a.m.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Evening Compline, Friday, May 5th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Benedictine Community Meeting, THIS TUESDAY, May 2nd @ 7:00 p.m. 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 via Zoom on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 7-8 p.m.

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. On Tuesday, April 18 we started a new book *Shaped by the End You Live For: Thomas Merton's Monastic Spirituality* by Bonnie B. Thurston -- so this would be a great time to join or visit with us. 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).

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

All women are invited to attend the Spring Meeting , Saturday, May 20, 2023

Theme: "Be Not Afraid"

Led By the Rev. Sara Palmer, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA
Michelle Trampe, Central Justice Initiative

Held at Christ Episcopal Church / 8951 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Registration and Breakfast begins at 9:00 am, Meeting starts at 10:00 am,
Lunch will be provided, please specify any dietary needs.

Registration: RSVP by Email to our ECW Treasurer, Kaaron Austin at ausink11@aol.com
Mail \$25 check payable to ECW for registration fee to Kaaron Austin/ 7319 Willson Rd, Henrico, VA 23231
Or send payment via Zelle to ausink11@aol.com / Your donations are always welcome!
Please **RSVP by May 13, 2023** so we know how many to expect for lunch!

CHOIR REHEARSAL Now Held on SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9:15a.m.

New Day and Time: Ever wanted to try singing in Immanuel's Adult Choir? Now's the time to try!

Beginning **today, choir rehearsals are scheduled for 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings, Choir Room, Immanuel Chapel.** Interested? Contact Dr Jane Tavernier at jtavernier@icoh.net.

SENIOR MINISTRY EVENTS

MAY 2 - BIKE OR RIDE TRIP TO THE BIRD HOUSE AT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL ZOO . Join us on Tuesday, May 2, to experience the wonder of the zoo's brand-new Bird House! **The Bird House** and bird plateau, under construction for six years, reopened this Spring, transforming the 1928 Bird House into a first-of-its-kind immersion into the migration journeys of western hemisphere birds. It is located just off the Panda trail.

Our van will leave Zabriskie parking lot at 10:00am, stopping at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We will have time to wander the themed, walk-through aviaries and enjoy the interactive experiences. There will also be plenty of time to visit your own favorite zoo inhabitants. Afterwards, we'll enjoy lunch on our own at the Zoo, then head back to Goodwin House and Zabriskie, arriving no later than 2pm. There is no admission fee at the Zoo, but there will be a \$20 copay to ride in the van.

Want to enjoy a May day by biking to the Zoo? A contingent of Immanuel cyclists can leave Shirlington at 9:30am. The ride is approximately 11 miles, basically flat and all on cycling paths. Riders of all levels are encouraged to join and no one will be left behind. If you've wanted to try riding into DC but didn't want to go on your own, this is a great way to start. Need a shorter option? Park at Gravelly Point where there is a Capital Bike share station and we will pick you up as we bike past.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com to reserve your seat on the van or inquire about the bike ride!

SCHEDULE CHANGE: MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY **MAY 13th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom**

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, April 15th, the **SECOND** Saturday of the month, instead of the third. We will meet via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our new theme this year is ***Freedom***; this month we will read **Luke 4:16–22** "*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free...*" using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913

Father Suresh in Need of House for *One Week* for His Female Cousin, Future VTS Student

Father Suresh Shanthakumar, who served as a priest at Immanuel in 2019/2020, will return to VTS to complete his Doctorate in Ministry. His cousin will also be visiting the U.S. as she will attend the seminary in 2024. Would there be a parishioner who can open their home to Suresh's female cousin **for just 9 days**, June 15-23, 2023? Please contact Rosi Urbine at rosi.urbine@gmail.com who can give you more details.

Thank you so much. We are trying to move on this quickly to secure housing.

Best to all,

Rosi

Coming Soon - Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont May 27-29th

We're just over a month away from Immanuel's annual weekend away at Shrine Mont. Email Kathryn Haskin at kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com to let her know if you are planning to come to Shrine Mont this year. No money down yet, but we're looking to get a sense of numbers to ensure we have space for everyone!

If you are new to Immanuel, Shrine Mont is an Episcopal retreat center in Orkney Springs, VA -- it's about a 2 1/2 hour drive from Alexandria. It holds the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, the outdoor Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Immanuelites go to the mountain for fellowship and rest, music and games, worship and reconnection. If you want to learn more — or need more information — call Kathryn Jackson Haskin.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: ONE SERVICE AT ZABRISKIE

The Feast of Pentecost, May 28, 2023
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 9:30 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

NEW SCHEDULE FOR MAY-JULY 2023

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services: ONLINE via Signup Genius



Would you like to serve as a lay minister? If so, you can now sign-up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [Signup Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4A728A0FAC61-layministry) for Immanuel at the link at right: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4A728A0FAC61-layministry>.

Agnes Soos is managing all lay ministry signups and, in addition to weekly Sunday Eucharists, she's actively recruiting for those who can read a foreign language for **Pentecost, May 28th**. If interested, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.** (extension #205), 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 next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

Garden Helpers Unite!

Spring is here and the gardens are growing wild. Early sprouting weeds are crowding in. We need your help to stay ahead of them! The abundant rains of March are over. April's weather has been dry and warm, so watering the trees and gardens is again a priority. This is also a beautiful time of year to spend working in the garden. Flowers are blooming, the birds are singing joyfully and the bees and butterflies are emerging.

Go to Sign Up Genius at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BADAC29ABF49-2023> to reserve spots for watering and/or weeding in the garden. On Saturday, **May 6th** from **8:00 a.m. to noon(ish)** we will have a workday for weeding, watering, and general ground work. If you can't make it to the work session we will arrange to train you individually.

Thank you all,
Sarah Glassco (glasscos@gmail.com)
Kathryn Jackson Haskin (kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com)



www.SWIC.ORG

Our Church in Iraq

Our mission partner, Stand with Iraqi Christians (SWIC), will be hosting visitors from Iraq in Washington, DC from May 7–14. The Rev. Canon Faiz Basheer Jerjes is the priest of Saint George's Episcopal Church in Baghdad. He has been a leader in raising awareness of the threat of religious extremism and encouraging interfaith dialogue, reconciliation, and religious freedom. At Saint George's Church, Canon Faiz also hosts The School of the Redeemer, a K–6 elementary school serving an interfaith community in the heart of Baghdad. His assistant, Sinan Hanna Kakarash, supports SWIC's work of enabling Christian families to return to Iraq—following the devastation caused by ISIS—by managing the SWIC Small Business Redevelopment Grant Initiative.

Father Faiz and Sinan will be speaking at the Forum of the National Cathedral following the 11:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 7th, and following the 10:30 a.m. service at Church of the Ascension and Saint Agnes on Sunday, May 14th. Parishioners from Immanuel Church are welcome to attend and learn more about our church in Iraq. For those not able to attend either of those services and forums, The Episcopal Church Office of Global Partnerships is offering a free Global Mission Networking call on May 17th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm Eastern Time. The link to attend is —

<https://tinyurl.com/StGeorgesBaghdad>

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 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
 Gabriella Young-Smith 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. Godly Play, 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](#)

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



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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