

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
May 2, 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.

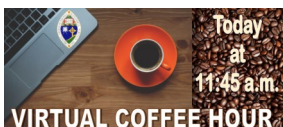
Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Tom Harris, Kristi Kubista-Hovis, Linda Serabian, Briggs Burkhalter, Madison Eaton, Mark Fearer, Marjorie Glassco, Frank Martin, Chandley McDonald, Benjamin Arp, Andy Biache, Jennifer Lansing, Michael Konvalinka, Thomas Wirth, Wjeri Mbure, and Anne Patton.

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, 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, DeBora Wheeler, and The Rev. Dr. M. Sam Faeth, BettyAnne Christino, and Stuart Dahlinger.

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: Roland Cuellar, Air Force Specialist Abigail Jenks, Police Officer Anastasio Tsakos, and Andrew Brown, Jr. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Join us for a [Virtual Sunday Coffee Hour](#) immediately after today’s 10:30 a.m. online service via Zoom. To log-in on your computer: Visit our website www.icoh.net, at the top menu select “Worship”, then “Worship Service Bulletin” from the pull-down menu. Click on this bulletin, then:



- click the blue text: [Join Zoom Coffee Hour Now](#)
- enter Meeting ID: **853 9092 9796** , followed by the Password: **352917**.

To join by phone, dial: **1 (301) 715-8592**, then enter the meeting ID and password above using the keypad of your telephone.

Announcements

When should the Social Justice Bible Study / Book Group Meet?! TAKE A MINUTE TO TELL US VIA OUR [ONLINE POLL](#)

Joshua in 3D is now concluded. We have made it to the promised land! And it just so happens that our first Social Justice oriented Bible Study came to a close at very nearly the time when we're starting to hope Pandemic restrictions, and COVID cases dropping, and vaccines will allow us to soon begin at least our small in-person Eucharist on Wednesday nights. We don't officially have a next book yet (although Father Sam is reading *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery* by Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah [which so far looks promisingly in the wheelhouse of our Joshua conversations]), but we don't officially have a start date for in-person Wednesday Eucharist either!

The confluence of these timing factors begs the question... Is there a better time in the week to do Social Justice Bible Study/Book Group?!*

It takes all of ONE MINUTE to participate:

- Visit our website www.icoh.net,
- at the top menu select "Worship", then "Worship Service Bulletin" from the pull-down menu.
- Click on Announcements and Parish Notes
- Click on the blue text "[ONLINE POLL](#)" and complete the poll in three easy steps (see below).

Thank you!

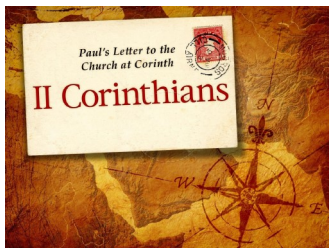
(1)Enter your first name, (2)mouse click on one box, (3)click "Send" and you're done!

Only you and Sam Sheridan can see your vote and comments.

	Tuesday Evenings (Not the second Tues of the month)	Tuesday Evenings, but Only Every Other Week	Wednesday Evenings (After Eucharist)	Wednesday Evenings (After Eucharist), but Only Every Other Week	Thursday Evenings (Not the fourth Thurs of the month)	Thursday Evenings, but Only Every Other Week	Friday Evenings, but Only Every Other Week	Saturday Mornings, Very Early	Saturday Mornings, More Like Lunch
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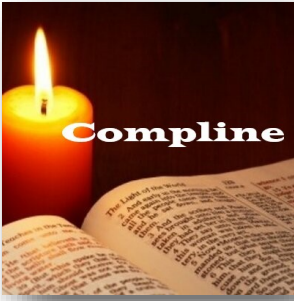
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Thursday, May 6: Bible Study of St. Paul's Letters to the Corinthians @ 10:30 AM



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.

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](#)).

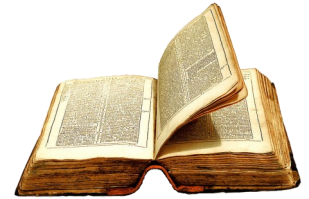


COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for this **Friday Compline May 7th at 8:30p.m.** via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church." To participate, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#). Meeting ID: *Will be sent in this week's E-Blast/* Password: *Will be sent in this week's E-Blast*.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 8TH @ 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](#).



The Book of Job explores the difficult question of God's relationship to human suffering and invites us to trust God's wisdom and character. The book questions God's Justice. Why do bad things happen to good people? Will, or should, Job continue to serve God if bad things continue to happen to him? Job's friends believe in God, and don't believe in Job. Job trusts God but also trusts in Job!

The experiment ends when Job finally demands God answer for the nature of the universe as equals. But, alas, they are not equals. God asks, "Where were you when I created the heavens and the earth?" Job does repent (of only the part where he demanded equality with God), and God lavishes wealth and praise on Job's latter days. But it's not a happy ending. Job's children had died. There aren't enough camels in the whole world to undo what has been done. We live in a world of consequences. What happens to us matters. Even if you've never joined us on Saturday mornings before... you are more than welcome to join us to talk about the Job!

For more information, feel free to email Father Sam at ssheridan@icoh.net). If you need Zoom call contact information, find it in your weekly parish email, scheduled to be sent Wednesday May 5th.

Caregivers and Grief Support Group Saturday, May 8 @ 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 (ralextander@icoh.net) or Mother Susan (sparsons@icoh.net) for an invitation to join the Zoom-based gathering.

Forum Hour "Sacred Spaces" on May 16

Join Mother Susan for a special Forum Hour on *Sacred Spaces* Sunday, May 16th immediately after Eucharist at 11:45a.m. — look for details in next week's parish email.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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Darrell Wilson	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds
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	Register, 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)

ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org

[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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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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