

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### August 13, 2023

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#### **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](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** David Atwood, Edith, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Hal Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Everett Post, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Betty Wanamaker, and Francine Wargo.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Andrew, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Felicia Balzano, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, Jean Couban, Martha Culleton, Steve Davis, Joseph Fabian, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Marcia MacDonald, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, George Rustigian, Jim Sanford, Connie Smith, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, and Ryan Willis.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Xiao Lu, James Byron III, Brian Chesney, Jean Raymond, Colin Maltbie, Paul Smyth, Ethan Butcher, Madeline Forrester, Kay Hobson, Bobbie King, Jennifer Jones, Scott McCann, Hilary Shostal, Marty Christino, Mark DeMulder, and William Scharnweber.

**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:** Victims of the Good Hope Road shooting in Washington, DC: Tymeia Cook, Reginald Gilbert, and Bernard Hodges. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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## **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY TODAY: *Listening to the Lessons***

The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade, one of our priest associates and author of two books on the Bible, will lead a discussion of the appointed lessons each Sunday in August. Those interested will meet from **9:45 – 10:30 a.m. in the Oratory**, the small side chapel at Immanuel Chapel.

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

**Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.**

Evening Compline, Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

**Creation Care NEWS Alert:** Visit the Creation Care website to view the *new* Clean Energy Tax Credits for Consumers (2023-2032), a benefit of the Inflation Reduction Act. These energy products and upgrades help us “reduce our climate impact and live more humbly and gently on Earth.

<https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/creation-care-ministry.html>

**MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom:** Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, the THIRD Saturday of the month. 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 theme this year is *Freedom*; this month we will read **Isaiah 42:6–9** “*I have made you a covenant of the people...to free captives who live in darkness...*”using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com).

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

**NEW EASY WAY TO SIGN UP:  
Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services ONLINE  
via Our New SignUp Genius Button**



Would you like to serve 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](http://www.ICOH.net) and clicking on the button above at right.

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](mailto:asoos@icoh.net). Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net) or indicate so next to your name on the sheet. Thank you!

*Karen Besser and I - in consultation with Susan Kernan - have decided to take a vacation from the Goodwin House lunch for August. This is just a one month vacation and we'll continue our lunches at Goodwin House in September at the same time and same place.*

*Thanks so much everyone for spreading the word!*

*Sending blessings for a glorious summer,*

*Susan+*

## UPCOMING SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12:15 p.m. - Brown Bag Lunch, Zabriskie Parish Hall:** In 2017 the Washington National Cathedral removed two stained glass windows that honored Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson and began a process of discerning what should replace those windows. In 2021, Kerry James Marshall was commissioned to design, create and install two new racial-justice themed windows and Dr. Elizabeth Alexander agreed to write a poem to be inscribed alongside the windows. The new windows and poem will be unveiled and dedicated on September 23 and Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship will be taking a van into Washington to see the new windows in the coming months. Meanwhile, join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, August 22, at 12:15 to get a bit of history behind the decision to remove and replace windows in the Cathedral and to hear Cathedral Dean Randy Hollerith and Mr. Marshall talk about this project that has been years in the making.

Luncheon will begin at 12:15pm in the parish hall and our program will start around 12:30. Don't forget to bring your own sandwich or salad and Senior Ministry will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.

**August 30<sup>th</sup>: THE FUTURE IS NOW (and some of it is adorable!)** JOIN SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP on Wednesday, **August 30** to "meet" some technology that is already sharing our world and that we are likely to encounter more frequently in the future. We will start off by going to Mosaic District in Fairfax for a close encounter with an autonomous delivery robot and learn how it works, courtesy of Cartken (the robots' owner) and Eden (the developer of Mosaic). After a Neopolitan pizza lunch at Papatella's, we will go on to the Pohick Branch of the Fairfax Library to see a 3D printer in action, learn how it works, and come away with a 3D souvenir.

Our van will leave Zabriskie parking lot at 11:30am, stopping at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We will plan to return to Zabriskie via Goodwin House, arriving no later than 3:30pm. There will be a \$20 copay to ride in the van and each person will pay for their own lunch in the Mosaic District.



Please RSVP to Karen Besser at [Karen.Besser@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.Besser@gmail.com) to reserve your seat on the van.

**Do you know what to do in the event of a HEALTH EMERGENCY at church?:** After calling 911 as a first step, it is very important that parishioners know where the defibrillators are located — in both Zabriskie and Immanuel chapels — and the first aid kits. At Immanuel Chapel, the defibrillator (AED) is located across from the elevator. The first aid kit is in the floral kitchen. At Zabriskie, the AED is located along the small stairwell going from the chapel (near the organ) up to the parish hall. The first aid kit is in the kitchen.

We hope to reschedule the CPR instruction classes that were cancelled due to the COVID-19 lockdown... Stay tuned!



## *Come Visit or Join* **IMMANUEL'S SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

All are welcome to join, or simply visit, the parish social justice committee meeting the fourth Tuesday of most months, usually via Zoom and sometimes in person. So far we have organized a range of events and sessions on racial history and reconciliation, incarceration, and other topics; partnered with various other churches and synagogues on these activities as well as on voter registration; and provided support to people in prison or coming out of jail or prison as well as educating ourselves and talking to Virginia legislators about the national Episcopal church's positions on solitary confinement. We would love for you to visit us or join us.

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 7:30-9:00 PM — look for log on information in your weekly eBlast email. Please direct any questions or comments to [Kathryn Jackson Haskin](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) at [kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) or [David Atwood](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com) at [David\\_Atwood@hotmail.com](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com). Thank you.

## Creation Care Tip: Watering Right in Extreme Heat

This summer, our planet has experienced unprecedented heat waves all across the globe. As creation stewards, how can we keep our gardens surviving during these droughts? Are there sustainable watering practices? Turns out, there are. In a recent Washington Post article, Lauren David said best practices include watering around the base of plants (not all over the foliage); watering deeply and without excessive water pressure; watering early in the morning for optimal water absorption; watering with efficient tools such as hand-held nozzles or soaker hoses (ideally, not sprinklers); and adding more mulch around plants to protect the soil from overheating and drying out. There are also important steps to avoid when watering during extreme heat, according to sustainability news source Treehugger. With these helpful watering hints, may your garden grow resilient and thrive!

Click the links below to read more.

<https://www.treehugger.com/dos-and-donts-for-gardening-heatwave-7569760>

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/home/2023/08/03/water-efficient-summer-heat-garden/?utm\\_campaign=wp\\_the7&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl\\_the7](https://www.washingtonpost.com/home/2023/08/03/water-efficient-summer-heat-garden/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl_the7)

## COME LISTEN TO EACH OTHER AS CHRISTIANS BURDENED BY THE ISSUES OF VIOLENCE, GUN SAFETY, AND MENTAL ILLNESS

The Rev. Randy Alexander and a handful of parishioners – with widely varied experiences, perspectives, and policy concerns – have been listening to each other regarding these related issues this spring and summer. Mass shootings, less newsworthy but more prevalent violent crime, including gun-related violence, as well as more local issues of violence, and the related issues of mental illness and loneliness, have been on our minds and hearts.

We don't have an "agenda" for a parish conversation, just a sense - as Christian believers - that God calls us out of doing nothing to explore what we as followers of Jesus are called to do in the face of crisis, pain and evil. We don't know what to do, what the role of a church is in the face of this kind of protracted crisis, but we do know that we are to listen when we hear the Lord tugging at our hearts. And we also know that within our parish, perspectives on these issues vary widely, so that as a first step it makes sense to listen to each other and discern what we can learn, as a Christian community called to love and peace, from each other as we try to face, rather than ignore, these complex and difficult issues.

Please join one of two upcoming listening sessions on these issues on either **Wednesday, August 30** (7:30-9:00pm) or **Tuesday, October 3** (7:00-8:30pm) in the Fairchild Room.

For questions, concerns, or further information, please contact David Atwood ([David\\_Atwood@hotmail.com](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com)), Sanjiv Augustine ([sanjiv.augustine@gmail.com](mailto:sanjiv.augustine@gmail.com)), or Father Randy ([ralexander@icoh.net](mailto:ralexander@icoh.net)).





**CLERGY AND STAFF**

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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](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)  
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
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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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