

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
January 9, 2022

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.

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.

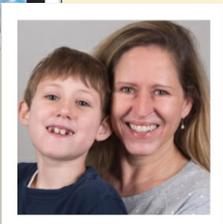
PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, David Stayanoff, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kathy Lloyd, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Edith, Joseph, Paul, Doug, and Daphne.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, Dotty Eisenhour, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Lloyd Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Sandy Ford, Elizabeth, Randy MacDonald; Mr. and Mrs. Bird, and McQuade Milligan.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Tom Shimkin, Jett Bastow, Teresa Skubel, Judie Ramgolam-Singh, Stephen Friday, Doug John, Norma Jean Lawton, Thomas John, Sudie McGahuey, Colin Swisher, Karen Walker, Anne Kilpatrick, John Kilpatrick, and Tiffany Stuck.

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 casualties and their caregivers.

Those who have recently died: Margaret Chenoweth, aunt of Susan Gilbertson; Preston Atwood, father of David Atwood; Travis Martin and Lawrence Conrad, cousins of Jamie Conrad; Army Specialist James T. Roberts; and Army Specialist Hunter Trey Stafford. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



Is Your Photo Current?

Let's Update Before It's Printed January 21st

We would like to include a photo directory in the back of the print version of next month's annual report.

In anticipation of expected high demand, we ask that everyone please review your listing in our online directory to make sure that your data -- and photo -- is current. Thank you.

Announcements



*“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your **God is with you wherever you go.**” Joshua 1:9*

Completing Your Pledge Commitment

Blessings to all in this New Year and thank you to all who have pledged for 2022! Your generosity is key to Immanuel’s mission and ministry.

As of January 6, 2022, we have received 128 pledges for a pledged amount of \$636,762. We are grateful to 55 pledgers who increased their pledge by an average amount of close to 10 percent.

We still have approximately 48 current pledgers whom we would like to hear from.

If you are one of those 48 we would like to hear from, please send an email to our treasurer today stating your pledge amount or pledge online. You can also return your pledge card through the mail. So that our vestry can make final budget decisions at its meeting on January 10, we would appreciate having your pledge decision in time for our vestry meeting.

Our Stewardship Committee will call those we have not heard from today, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Please pick up the phone and have a chat with these wonderful parishioners. They are enthusiastic about being in touch with you.

Your conversations with them and your pledge to Immanuel are blessings from the heart.

Thursday, January 13th @ 10:30 AM: Bible Study with Clergy — Hebrews: All are welcome to share in this exploration of The Epistle to the Hebrews -- no prior study or participation necessary. It’s been said “Study Hebrews and your life may never be the same.” Join us, and see if you agree! We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon online via Zoom. We will start Chapter 10 of Hebrews this Thursday — look for login information in your weekly eBlast email

Just bring your Bible (or an online version such as [Bible Gateway here](#)) and a heart open to the idea that we are meant learn from one another, that we are a people called to learn about God's love in community. You most certainly can just listen, but your witness, experience, thoughts, and beliefs are just as important and valuable as anyone else's!

ALIVE! ONE MONTH, TWO EVENTS: January 14-17: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service -Food and Reusable Grocery Bag Collection; January 1-30th: Immanuel’s Food Drive for ALIVE!

NEW for 2022.... ALIVE! will collect food in reusable bags from congregations during the MLK day of service weekend, January 14-17 and we need your help!

An ALIVE! truck will be parked in Zabriskie parking lot the weekend of January 14 and food can be placed (in REUSABLE BAGS) right into the truck from 9-5pm each day! Please invite your neighbors and friends as well to bring food (unexpired non-perishable protein, fruits, veggies; pasta/rice/oatmeal ; no glass please) to our parking lot that weekend.

Can’t make it that weekend? As in the past, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill will collect food for ALIVE! the ENTIRE month of January (one of two months a year we collect). Collection boxes will be in the narthex at both the Zabriskie Chapel and Immanuel Chapel. ALIVE! is joining the city-wide goal of moving away from plastic bags so all food donations should also be in reusable bags please! Questions? Contact Lisa.Clausen@verizon.net

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY Next Saturday, January 15th: Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning [Breakfast Bible Study will be January 15](#), the third Saturday. We will meet online via Zoom (link and info available on our webpage and via our weekly eBlast) beginning at 8 a.m. Our theme this year is Gratitude; this month we will read **Colossians 3:12-17**, using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

Benedictine Community Meetings Resume Tuesday, January 18th @ 7p.m.

Welcome to the Benedictine Community

Yes, we want you to join us! If you are attracted to having more contemplation and prayer in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We'd love to have you join us virtually via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7p.m-8p.m.

The Benedictine 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 (currently "How to Live; What the Rule of St Benedict Teaches Us About Happiness, Meaning, and Community" by Judith Valente). Our focus is primarily on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book. We are not a book study group, rather a Benedictine Community, gathering as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material.

We currently meet using Zoom; however, if you don't wish to use zoom or are not comfortable with the technology, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice only.

For more information, please contact Dana Hengst (dana.hengst@gmail.com), Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com) or David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com).

SEEKING: 5 VESTRY MEMBERS FOR 2022-2024 TERM

Our annual meeting will happen at the end of January, and with that, we will be electing new vestry members to begin a three-year term. If you are interested in discussing what Vestry service at Immanuel entails, or if you are feeling called to stand, please contact Father Randy or Kathryn Jackson Haskin.

"My vestry service over the past three years has been more than I ever anticipated. I stood for election because of a feeling of duty to give back to this church community for what it provides to me and my family. As I expected, this role did require an investment of time and attention on a regular basis, and because of the pandemic, that time commitment changed to meet our community's needs.

What I did not expect was the way serving on the Vestry has deepened my faith and challenged me to live into the beliefs we profess in our Baptismal Covenant more fully. Serving with my fellow parishioners, and getting to know our Clergy and Staff, has strengthened mine and my family's connection to Immanuel and our community in ways too numerous to name here. I'm happy to talk privately and honestly with any individual considering serving our community in this way".

Kathryn Jackson Haskin
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Senior Adult Ministry

BREAK FOR JANUARY

Senior Ministry and Fellowship will take a (hopefully) brief hiatus in January, as we watch the development of information on the transmission and severity of the Omicron strain of COVID-19, and best practices to ensure the safety of our senior adults and their families and loved ones.

RESUME IN FEBRUARY

If we are able to resume our events in February, Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship is sponsoring a trip to the **National Building Museum** in Washington, DC on Monday, February 21st (the President's Day holiday). This trip includes a visit to the exhibit **Play/Work/Build** and provides a special opportunity to bring grandchildren of all ages (and parents) along for a fun and educational activity. **Play/Work/Build** is designed to introduce children to the building process with a "gallery now overrun by thousands of pieces of blue foam, some sized for building models and some sized to build forts" but it is fun for all!

For folks without local grands, come along and help build, or just enjoy viewing a selection from the museum's extensive collection of building toys, from Lincoln Logs to Ringa-Majigs. To get a sense of the exhibit, enjoy the brief YouTube video at <https://www.nbm.org/exhibition/play-work-build>. The museum has several permanent and temporary exhibits including **House & Home** and the **Gun Violence Memorial Project** which may also be of interest to adults and older youth.

To join us February 21st, meet us at the van in the Zabriskie parking lot at 10:00 a.m; we plan to be back no later than 1:45 p.m. Tickets to the museum are \$5, and there will be a \$10 copay to ride in the van. A healthy snack will be available before we leave Immanuel and pizza and sandwiches will be waiting when we return. I have only 24 tickets for this event, so please RSVP as soon as possible. Masks must be worn inside the Museum at this time.

To RSVP, contact Karen Besser at: karen.besser@gmail.com or call the parish office at (703) 370-6555 and press "9" to leave your reservation via voicemail.

In the meantime, a survey will be coming your way this month. We hope to get input from all parishioners aged 60 and over to ensure that our ministry and fellowship activities are meeting the interests and schedules of as many people as possible. So, think about what you've liked and what you've missed, and be prepared to complete and return the survey. THANKS!

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net)	Associate Rector
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Tom Hewson (thewson@icoh.net)	Treasurer
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Aleta Y. Powell (apowell@icoh.net)	Parish Administrator
Gilma Balcarcel	Nursery Coordinator
John Bednar (jbednar@icoh.net)	Information Technology Specialist
Stuart Dahlinger	Sexton

THE VESTRY

Kathryn Haskin	Senior Warden, Co-steward: Social Justice
Martha Shimkin	Junior Warden: Administration
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	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)
Candy Levin	Register (nonvoting member)

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

1:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Zabriskie Chapel Parish Hall

Online

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

PRIEST ASSOCIATES

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
The Rev. Jan A. Maas
The Rev. John R. Smucker
The Rev. Canon Rosemari G. Sullivan
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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