

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
February 6, 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, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, and Daphne.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Ben Hoge, 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, Edith and Joseph, Ryan, Sandy Ford, Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, John, McQuade Milligan, Jen Orvis, Bea Paine, Phyllis Crawley, Jim Paine, Jack Haberle, and Nancy Adams.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Tom Cuddy, Susan Kernan, Diana Page, Aggie Fortune, Scott Hovis, Susan Kilpatrick, Karen Besser, Jane Flinn, and Sophia Johnson.

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: Army Specialist Karolina Ferrer-Padilla, Deputy Sheriff Noah Rainey, Jail Deputy Dane Northcutt, Deputy Sheriff Lorin Marie Readmond, Police Officer Donald Sahota, Bridgewater Police Officer John Painter, and civilian Bridgewater College Campus Safety Officer J.J. Jefferson. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

NEW FAMILY SERVICE
Next Sunday, February 13th
9:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Initially this brief eucharistic service is intended for *families with children who may be too young to be vaccinated*, or even too young to wear masks. The homily and music will be designed for children, and will not replace or conflict with Godly Play or online Sunday School videos.

At first we'll try it like this, and if we need to add a reservation system to make sure we maintain social distancing we will be happy to do so.

Announcements

Today is Boy Scout
Troop 131 Sunday



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We welcome Troop 131 who are now sponsored by Immanuel and in residence here.

**Join us for the Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II
February 9th at 6:30p.m, Zabriskie Chapel**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH @ 6:30 PM: SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK STUDY: *Just Mercy*

We have officially begun our 9-10 week conversation on [Just Mercy](#) by Bryan Stephenson as the next book to help tie our Social Justice discussions with Immanuel's Criminal Justice Initiative. If you missed our introductory conversation that's 100% okay! We're reading Chapters 4 and 5 for this week. We'll try to do two chapters a week unless the consensus is that it's going either much too fast or much too slow.

We'd love for you to join us as we explore building a vocabulary and theology around the idea that what happens to incarcerated people should matter to us as Christians. This particular book is largely a story about a man who was ultimately exonerated and rescued from Death Row, but it is also a launching point for some hard discussions about how our society treats people in prison—and how imprisonment impacts the families and communities of the incarcerated.

**BIBLE STUDY this Thursday, February 10th @ 10:30 a.m.
Beginning The Epistle of James**

All are welcome to share in this exploration of James -- no prior study or participation necessary. We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon online via Zoom -- 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!

Evening Compline, Friday, February 11th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY Next Saturday, February 19th: Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning [Breakfast Bible Study will be February 19](#), 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 **Psalm 100**, using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com .

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of our ongoing, and sometimes overlooked, responses to the pandemic is that your clergy and seminarians are available to make house calls. We live in well-founded hope that this surge may be the last time we need to go online-only again. However, that doesn't mean that the surge will dissipate and everyone will immediately want to go out in public, everything normal and hunky-dory. At this time of particular high transmissibility, and as the whole world moves navigates new and different phases of mitigating and living with this virus, we want to be as flexible and available to you as possible. If you cannot make it to church, we can schedule a time to bring some church to you. If your living arrangements don't allow visitors we can come to windows and doors, make phone calls, text messages, and zoom meetings. If you want some time during the week to pray in your church, we can probably help navigate that.

There are, in short, options. Now, or in the months to come, if there is any reason you are unable to come to church or want to participate in the eucharist in some way or need someone to talk to: we are here for you. We invite you to reach out to us. We want you to know, in all the ways, that you are a member of this community.

In Christ,
Your clergy; *Randy, Susan and Sam*

SENIOR MINISTRY EVENTS 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. 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*.

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.

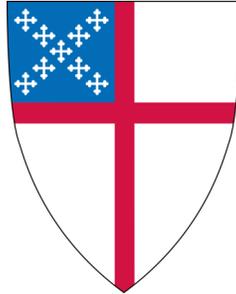
Creation Care Forum Hour: Sunday, February 27th at 9:00 a.m.

"There's No Place Like Home" features author Gary Gardner on how faith communities are uniquely positioned to meet the challenges of sustainability on our planet. Zabriskie Parish Hall in person and on Zoom. Questions? Contact Denise Freeland, eco.voce@verizon.net

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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

Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
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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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