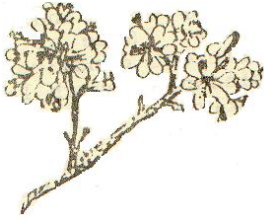


THE ALMOND TREE

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill



The Rev. Mary Sulerud, Interim Rector
May 30, 2012

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR TWO CHAPELS

Last February Immanuel-on-the-Hill opened its Joint Capital Campaign with Virginia Theological Seminary with a goal of a million dollars—\$500,000 to fund the new Seminary chapel and \$500,000 for a pressing program of repairs and improvements for our Zabriskie Chapel parish home. The good news is that we are now over halfway to our goal. Since the campaign's 'quiet phase' began in February, some 55 of Immanuel's members and friends—including all Vestry members—have pledged over \$550,000 toward the campaign's goal.

Immanuel will launch the campaign's 'public phase' at the annual Mass on the Grass, Sunday, June 10. We will then invite the entire parish family to join in this major effort to raise the rest of our million dollar goal. During the Mass on the Grass festivities we hope you will visit our campaign booth to learn how you can support this new parish venture. To succeed we need the prayers and support of every parishioner. This is a unique opportunity not only to help the Seminary build a new Immanuel Chapel to replace the 1881 chapel we have shared since 1941, but also to help our own parish restore and renew Zabriskie Chapel.

We ask each Immanuel member and family to offer a sacrificial gift in proportion to their means. In this once-in-a-lifetime campaign we ask you, if you can, to make a substantial three- to five-year commitment above and beyond your annual fall pledge support for parish operating expenses. If you are a member of the Zabriskie Society (the society for parishioners who have included Immanuel in their estate planning) you will be able to designate your existing bequest to this Immanuel capital campaign, which, if you are over 70, will allow us to count your designation toward our total raised. If you are not already a Zabriskie Society member, a planned gift for the campaign will give you membership.

You will soon receive a parish mailing, which will provide detailed information about how to support this major parish initiative. This information will include forms for both multi-year pledges and planned gifts. These forms will allow you if you wish to allocate your gifts between the Seminary's Chapel for the Ages and Immanuel's Zabriskie Chapel. When you are ready to make your commitment, we ask you to fill out the pledge form and either return it by mail to Immanuel's Treasurer, Marcus Rarick, or put it in the Sunday collection plate.

When the campaign packet arrives in your mailbox we hope you will offer a generous and early response. An ancient Roman once wrote, *Bis dat qui cito dat*, or 'He gives twice who gives soon.' During our June 12-14 Phonathon fellow parishioners will reach out by phone to those we've not heard from to answer questions and ask for support. We hope that with God's help, and yours, we can ensure the success of this campaign for the two chapels of Immanuel-on-the-Hill and Virginia Theological Seminary.

Ken McDonald, Capital Campaign Committee

PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Duncan MacDonald, Morgan, Lloyd Mostrom, Nancy Wise, Bobbie King, Janet Siegrist, Jessi Macleod, Linda Murphy, Mei-Lung DeVight, Bobbi Thomas, Will Williams, Jay Fein, Mary Goeser.

Please also remember in your prayers members of our extended Parish family: Joan Aldretti, Tom Boyd, Dean and Charlotte Kellogg, Temille Littleton, Chris Rarick, Susan Shallbetter, Tom Stasz, Bob Davies, Eleanor Booth Smith, Stephen Miller, Jim Rarick, Irv Schiff, Patricia Smith, Josie Guardipee, Helen Butler, Sam Faeth, Bill Nations, Lawrence Sanchez, Paul, Joan Cummins, Eric Reading, Sr., Cameron, Dylan Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Margaret Corbett, Laurie, Caitlin Rivers, Patricia Ryan, Chris Stanek, Dana Hengst, Karen Beattie, Lois and Don McCorvie, Anthony Christino, Jr.

Serving our country at home and abroad: Todd Bates, Paul Bednar, Yolanda Bednar, Tom and Anne Duffy, Ian Phillips, Liza Conrad, John Patrick Miller, Stephen Murphy

Pray for the search and transition process for Immanuel Church as we seek a new rector.

Bible Challenge in the Diocese of Virginia

Are you up for the Bible Challenge? This diocesan-wide initiative invites all members of the Diocese to join together in the practice of reading the Bible every day--to completion--over the course of a year.



The program follows the structure and study designed by the Center for Biblical Studies.

Each week, the Diocese will provide a list of suggested readings, along with online links to various reflections

and resources.

Some 200 people have already committed to the Challenge and you can join in too! The kickoff was on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, but you can still join. The project will use e-mail and Facebook to keep in touch and stay connected. Join your diocese and your bishop in this effort to become more familiar with the Bible and to have Holy Scripture become more a part of our daily lives. Learn more and sign up online at www.thediocese.net/biblechallenge.



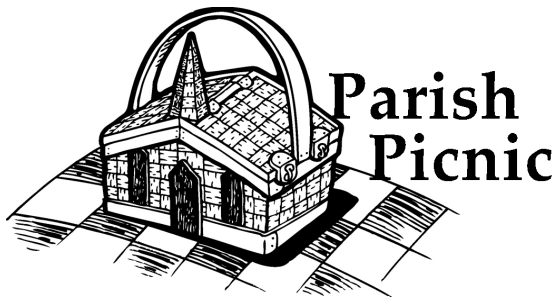
E-mail Miscellaneous

EMAIL UPDATES AND MAILING REQUEST Please remember if you change your email address (or mailing address!) to notify the parish office. When we send out our weekly “This Week at Immanuel” emails, we always get several back as being undeliverable. It takes time to track down by phone whom they belong to, and update our records.



AN INVITATION TO THE YOUNG AND THE “YOUNG AT HEART” – The Good Shepherd Players will be presenting a “Speck”-tacular show for the whole family –

Seussical the Musical – a show based on the books of non-other than the famous children’s author Dr. Seuss. Come see the Grinch, Horton the Elephant, the Whos, Jojo the Thinker, Gertrude McFuzz, Mayzie La Bird, the Sour Kangaroo, and all your favorite Dr. Seuss characters – of course not forgetting the Cat in the Hat! Shows are June 8 & 15 at 8 p.m., June 16 at 7 p.m., with matinees June 9 and 17 at 3 p.m. Tickets and on-line order information available at www.goodshepherdplayers.com. Good Shepherd is located at 9350 Braddock Road, in Burke. See Jennifer in the parish office for more information.



Parish Picnic

PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY JUNE 10

Please join the Immanuel Church on the Hill family for our annual Parish Picnic on Sunday June 10. This wonderful, family friendly event occurs rain or shine following Mass on the Grass, so please come prepared to eat, talk and share in the fellowship and fun of life at Immanuel. This is also an opportunity to meet and greet the newest members of our parish family as we celebrate Newcomers Sunday.

This is a potluck event – all the better to showcase the good eats that dwell in our hearts right next to the holy spirit! Please bring your favorite or signature “picnic” dish -- in a size to serve 8 to 10! -- according to the list below:

Last Names Beginning with A thru J: appetizers, salads, or side dish

Last Names Beginning with K thru Z: main dish or sandwiches

Desserts will be provided!

Dishes can be dropped in the kitchen before the start of the Mass on the Grass. We will have plenty of ice and cooler space to keep cold dishes chilled, and the stove going to keep hot dishes toasty and bubbly.

We look forward to seeing everyone on June 10!
 Mary Jo Cooney Susan Gilbertson

GIRL SCOUTS TO VISIT: During Mass-on-the-Grass on June 10th, Immanuel will host a group of Girl Scouts from the Deep South Girl Scout Council. They are visiting Immanuel as part of their "Rock the Mall" event on Saturday the 9th. The 32 visitors will be staying at the SpringHill Suites Marriott at 2950 Eisenhower Avenue, and will need transportation to the Church -- they are using Metro to get around town. So, we need five vehicles to help transport the girls and their chaperones from the Marriott to Immanuel -- and back. If you have a large vehicle and can help, please contact Kyrah Drasheff at (202) 257-8478. This will be the first trip for most of these girls, and certainly the first trip to the Nation's capital. Let's show them some Immanuel Hospitality!

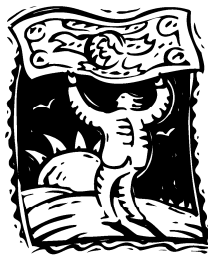
Kyrah Drasheff

ALIVE! FOOD DRIVE June is one of the two months when Immanuel is responsible for donating food to ALIVE! Please bring any non-perishable items and leave them in the box in the Narthex.

Items particularly needed are:

- Baby food
- Dried milk
- Crackers (any kind)
- Tea and instant coffee
- Tuna and canned meats
- Spaghetti sauce
- Jello
- Complete pancake mix (needs only water)
- Pancake Syrup
- Peanut butter and jelly, especially large jars

Checks are also appreciated and will be used to buy fresh meats, eggs and produce from the Capital Area Food Bank. Make checks payable to ICOH, noting the ALIVE! Food Program on the memo line. If you have any questions, please call Ginny Johnstone at 703-845-5745. Thanks!



Don't
 Forget
 Your
Pledge
 This Summer



06/01 Christian Miller
06/01 Jill Hanna
06/01 Tony Christino
06/02 Sam Latif
06/02 Chloe Campbell
06/03 Tom Murray
06/03 James Danly
06/03 Kerstin Shimkin
06/04 Nora De Stefano
06/04 Kendall Gildersleeve
06/04 Carter DeMoors
06/05 Tom Hewson
06/05 Madeleine Mitchell
06/05 Jacob Cooper
06/06 David Lindsey
06/06 Paul Barnes
06/06 Lisa Wolfe
06/07 Wayne Iskra
06/07 Linda Kapurch
06/07 Elizabeth Phillips
06/07 Kris Larson
06/07 Lori Reiner
06/07 Shannon King
06/07 Isabella Arciniegas
06/09 Byron Schrecker
06/10 Sara Latimer
06/10 Brentan Rath
06/11 Dorathea Peters
06/11 Margaret Messenger
06/11 Carol Wilkes
06/11 Betsy McWhirt
06/11 Anthony Gabriel
06/11 Addie Biache
06/12 William Packard
06/13 Frank Wade
06/13 Nina Besser
06/13 Gemma Haney
06/13 Claire Rainey
06/15 Katie Lloyd
06/15 Andrew Wilson
06/15 Laurie Clark
06/15 Aksel Nordin
06/16 Gary Campbell

06/16 Carrie Turnbull
06/17 Matthew Schnedl
06/17 David Fite
06/17 Patty MacEwan
06/17 Katherine Coleman
06/19 Marta Evans
06/19 David Forster
06/19 Katie Rhoades
06/19 Meaghan Ross
06/19 Logan Porvaznik
06/20 Thomas Brown
06/20 Jim Kurz
06/20 Kevin Wensing
06/20 Coday Cunningham
06/20 Vivian Gray
06/20 Zoe Gildersleeve
06/20 Sebastian Haney
06/20 Frank Kozuch
06/20 Jonathan MacIntosh
06/21 Elaine Davies
06/21 George Currie
06/21 David Temoshok
06/21 Marc Miller
06/21 Jonathan Mason
06/21 Rachel Williams
06/22 Maria Balcarcel
06/22 David Stayanoff
06/23 Sue Lynch
06/23 Kevin Kirby
06/23 Tina Wagner
06/23 Lindsay Friday
06/23 Rachael Turnbull
06/24 Eric Arnold
06/24 Ben Blakeslee
06/25 Wendy John
06/26 Kurt Wanamaker
06/26 Chris Boam
06/28 Taylor Brown
06/29 Keith Huffman
06/29 Katherine Werner
06/30 Nicky Anderson
06/30 Carrie Cuddy

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We hope never to miss a birthday – but there are some we don't know about. Forgive us when we do miss your birthday, and let us know so we don't do it again. Happy birthday to all!

JUNE 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 SHRINEMONT WEEKEND 8:00 AM HE-I, Zabriskie 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:05 AM Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room 9:55 AM Godly Play, Godly Plan room 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist I, Chapel	28 MEMORIAL DAY, OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Yoga, Parish Hall	29	30 6:30 AM Early Christians, Fairchild 9:00 AM TAT mailing	31 7:00 PM Choir, Choir Room	1 12:30 PM Muslim Worship, Parish Hall 8:30 PM AA, Fairchild	2 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dignity, Zabriskie
3 YOUTH SUNDAY 8:00 AM HE-I, Zabriskie 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:05 AM Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room 10:00 AM HE-II, Chapel 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Youth Sunday reception, Parish Hall 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Worship Committee luncheon, Vestry Room 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Randi Rowe discernment group, Fairchild Room	4 11:00 AM Qi gong, Parish Hall 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Yoga, Parish Hall	5 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Benedictine Community, Vestry Room, Undercroft	6 6:30 AM Early Christians, Fairchild	7 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Discernment Group, Vestry Room 7:30 PM Pastoral Care, Fairchild Room	8 TAT deadline 12:30 PM Muslim Worship, Parish Hall 6:00 PM Wedding rehearsal (off-site) 8:30 PM AA, Fairchild	9 6:00 PM Alyssa Johnson wedding (off site) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dignity, Zabriskie
10 NEWCOMERS' SUNDAY 8:00 AM HE-I, Zabriskie 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:05 AM Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room 9:55 AM Godly Play, Godly Plan room 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II, Mass on the Grass 11:00 AM Newcomers luncheon, Parish Hall	11 11:00 AM Qi gong, Parish Hall 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Yoga, Parish Hall	12 12:00 PM Goodwin House luncheon 6:30 PM Vestry, Vestry Room	13 6:30 AM Early Christians, Fairchild 9:00 AM TAT mailing	14 7:30 PM Seminary Hill Association, Parish Hall	15 12:30 PM Muslim Worship, Parish Hall 8:30 PM AA, Fairchild	16 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dignity, Zabriskie
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Christmas Families in August: Alexandria, Dominican Republic, Haiti

Sign on to help children with school supplies!

Every fall some Alexandria school children go off to school without the supplies they need. They don't have backpacks, notebooks, crayons, pencils, scissors, or the money for gym uniforms and fees. Maybe not having school supplies doesn't seem like such a terrible hardship. But take a moment to think back to your own childhood. Remember how excited you were to pick out your supplies, making sure to get just the right color of notebook, Now picture the hurt on a child's face when he or she learns their family can't afford to buy all the school materials they need.

We can alleviate that problem for many children through our "Christmas Families in August" project. Families in need are identified by Alexandria Child Protective Services. At any time between Sunday, June 10 through Sunday, August 5, you can sign up to help a family with some or all of the needed school supplies; several Immanuel families may want to sign up together to help one large family. The sign-up boards are in the Narthex of Zabriskie Chapel (please put your name and phone number with the family you choose and take from the manila folder the corresponding sheet with the names and a list of items suggested for each grade level). Please bring the school supplies to church on or before Sunday, August 12. (For students for whom Mt Vernon or Tucker Elementary School is noted, the deadline is **Sunday, July 22**, because they start on August 1.) We will also have a box for collecting any additional school supplies, especially backpacks (new or used and in good shape).

You can also donate money for this project, at the special collections on July 15 and August 19 (or anytime between now and August 19). Checks should be made out to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill and marked "XFAM". One third of the money will be given to Child Protective Services and Community Lodgings (for children in their after-school program) to help even more children, **the other two-thirds will go to Episcopal schools in the Dominican Republic and Haiti**, where, as Immanuel's mission group reports, the lack of school supplies seriously impedes learning.

Let us give all children a good start in the new school year!

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UPCOMING ALMOND TREE SCHEDULE

June 13, 27 (second and fourth Wednesdays in June)
July and August only one issue the middle of each month

Lectionary Readings and Schedule of Services



June 3, Trinity Sunday, Youth Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17
8:00 a.m., HE I, 10:00 a.m., HEII

June 10, Second Sunday after Pentecost, Newcomers Sunday

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 104:25-37; James 1:17-27; Matthew 6:19-24
8:00 a.m., HEI, 10:00 a.m., HEII/Mass on the Grass

June 17, Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34—16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
8:00 a.m., HEI, 10:00 a.m., HEII