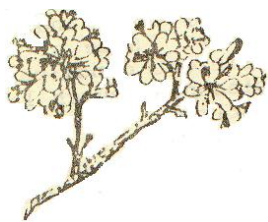


# THE ALMOND TREE

## Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

The Rev. Mary Sulerud, Interim Rector  
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October 10, 2012

**SAINTS SUSTAIN US...**Join us weekdays for Morning Prayer, and you'd chuckle over all the books staff and clergy bring to the table. 'Going with the Spirit' for who leads prayers or reads scripture, we'll each have our personal tools of the faith: the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, *The Holy Bible*, *Forward Day By Day*, and the parish directory. Intercessions now include praying for Immanuel families by name, using the directory.

The *Book of Common Prayer* recognizes saints such as the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles, Evangelists, Mary Magdalene and the first martyr of the church, Stephen. Yet, the Episcopal Church also imagined a supplement highlighting Days of Optional Observances to remember heroes of the faith. So we also have *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*, the new replacement authorized by the 2009 General Convention for books formerly known as *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*.

*Holy Women, Holy Men* is the first major revision of the Episcopal Church's liturgical calendar in more than 40 years! All commemorations in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* were retained, with many new ones added. Three scripture readings (instead of current two) are provided for all minor holy days. There is additional new material including a votive mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, many more ecumenical commemorations of lay and ordained individuals, plus a proper for space exploration.

One intention of *Holy Women, Holy Men* is to show us examples of heroic faith and devotion. For a long while, I strongly resonated with the fisherman Peter when he was called to become a disciple of Jesus. Leaving Visa USA after 26.5 years, that was me 'dropping my net' to follow Christ. I followed, not knowing where or to what it would take me. I knew God was calling me into something new, but never imagined that ministry of a different kind, shape, and way lay ahead for me.

Like Peter, I struggle with my humanity while exploring what it means to be pastoral to others. I am not perfect, and like Peter, I fail often. But I've learned to trust more in God's infinite power and mercy. Like Peter, I am a simple man who desires to follow Christ's example. Like Peter, I was thrust into positions of leadership which sometimes surprised me or invoked panic within me. Like Peter, I often said the first thing that came to mind (which is not always helpful when you're really trying to be pastoral).

Attending a seminar from the Episcopal Church Foundation, the opening guided meditation on Barnabas, "Son of Encouragement," struck a chord deep within me. Offering support, confidence, or hope to someone else; Providing assistance and advice to others so they are moved to action; Helping stimulating activities, states, or views to develop; To encourage, embolden, hearten, to foster, and even to instigate (in a positive manner). I was caught by surprise. Later, my field Ed supervisor shared that his experience of me was less like Peter, and more like Barnabas. He handed me copied pages for St. Barnabas the Apostle (HWHM 420-21, Feast Day: June 11) while he noted many instances where I had encouraged him.

So maybe I'm less like Peter and more like Barnabas. I wonder which saint might be an example for you.

David Crosby

**PASTORAL CARE CORNER:** Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Duncan MacDonald, Morgan, Lloyd Mostrom, Nancy Wise, Janet Siegrist, Linda Murphy, Mary Goeser, Catherine, Susan Kernan, Mary, Tom Hewson, Senie Oglesby, Jan Maas, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Jean Mostrom, Bill Frye, Emma King, Arlo Lloyd...

**Give thanks for the birth of** Emma King on Oct. 1.

**Please also remember in your prayers** members of our extended Parish family: Joan Aldretti, Tim Boyd, Dean and Charlotte Kellogg, Tennille Littleton, Chris Rarick, Susan Shallbetter, Tom Stasz, Bob Davies, Eleanor Boothe 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, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Laurie, Caitlin Rivers, Patricia Ryan, Chris Stanek, Dana Hengst, Lois and Don McCorvie, Anthony Christino, Jr., Dru Eckard, Grafton and Elesa McFadden, Mike Hart, Jane Burton, Marsha Porter, Liz McLeod, Laura, Keith Green, Evelyn Rowe, Meg Clontz, Chris Moore, June Lephien, Joey DeCesare, Lois.

**Serving our country at home and abroad:** Todd Bates, Paul Bednar, Yolanda Bednar, Tom and Anne Duffy, John Patrick Miller, Ian Phillips.

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



**ALL SAINTS' SERVICE:** We will celebrate All Saints' at an Evensong service on Saturday, November 3. Please send the names of all those whom you wish to be remembered to the office no later than Tuesday, October 30.

**ALMOND TREE NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE!** We have a new and updated website (with all kinds of bells and whistles!) and one click access to the current Almond Tree and past ones as well. Click on [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net), and the button that says "Almond Tree" and it will take you directly there. Hopefully this will eliminate the problem we had last week of many of the Almond Trees floating around in cyberspace! We will no longer be mailing the Almond Tree by email but hope you find this an easy way to keep up-to-date with all our activities! We will continue to "snail mail" it to those who receive it that way.



Apple Crisps

**APPLE CRISPS!** On the weekends of October 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, please come help make apple crisps for the Pumpkin Patch. **Hours are 9-2 on Saturdays, 9-1 on Sundays** in the Church kitchen. No experience necessary- just an hour or

two of your time to peel and slice 20 boxes each weekend. If you wish, bring your own apron and favorite paring knife. It is a great way for newcomers to make new friends, and for teens to earn community service hours. (Because of sharp knives, please no younger children.) Contact Melinda Ashton at [melindashton@gmail.com](mailto:melindashton@gmail.com), 703 549-7295

**ICOH YOUTH CLAY CLASS THIS FALL!** Are you a 6th, 7th or 8th grader? Did you know there are many cultures around the world who make pottery as a part of their spirituality? Come find out! Class will begin at the same time as Sunday school-- **10am**-- in the **Parish Hall** and run until **11:30am**. (We need a little extra time for cleanup!) On the 14th, we will be making spoon rests to sell at the pumpkin patch and glazing them on the 21st. Come get messy with us!

Maria Burke & Mike Eaton, ICOH Youth Clay Class Teachers



**ARTIST MICHAEL PODESTA** returns to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Burke (9324 Braddock Road) with his gallery of framed

scripture, poetry and philosophy on Sunday, Oct. 28, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Michael will share the inspiration behind his new pieces at a Wine and Cheese Reception between 4:30 and 5:30 that afternoon, and all are invited. To view Michael's work in advance, go to his website: [michaelpodesta.com](http://michaelpodesta.com). He can customize your selection by adding a personalized inscription. If the framed design is not available that day, he guarantees delivery before Christmas. As a special gift, Michael will give you a copy of his hard cover book, *JOY*, for purchases over \$125, a \$29.95 value. This is a great place to start shopping for Christmas, so please invite your friends and neighbors.



## DISCERNMENT PROCESS UPDATE:

Your ICOH Discernment Committee met on September 26<sup>th</sup> to collate all the good work performed by members, and continue discussion on the vast

amount of information gleaned from you all via the Listening Sessions and the on-line survey. Plans were made for exposing this valuable data to all parishioners in a clear, effective manner, with appropriate introductory narrative. The draft parish profile that this data supports will be shared with the Vestry in time for their meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. In conjunction with the finalized parish profile, great digital photos of ICOH activities are needed to provide a rich browsing experience for prospective rector applicants who peruse our website! If you can [share pictures of ICOH events or members please with one of us](#), please do so at your earliest convenience. Also on September 26<sup>th</sup> your Interim Rector, The Reverend Mary Sulerud, led the Committee in an enlightening discussion of diversity and racism based on the [2003 news article](#) "The Global Hierarchy of Race". The next Discernment Committee meeting is November 4<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to bring any questions and/or concerns to [the attention of one of the members](#) listed below:

Wendy John, Caroline Bergmark, Tom Brown, Governor Burke, Jim Clausen, Carrie Cuddy, Barbara Currie, Tom Harris, Doug Henry, Eileen Monnin-Kirby, Chandley McDonald, Martha Sedgwick

**BIBLE CHALLENGE.** This year, over 800 members of the Diocese of Virginia signed up to participate in the Bible Challenge, the year-long, diocesan-wide initiative to read the Bible to completion in one year. Each week the diocese sends out a list of readings, along with accompanying reflections, meditations, prayers and questions. There is open discussion and resource sharing on the Bible Challenge Facebook page at [facebook.com/virginiabiblechallenge](http://facebook.com/virginiabiblechallenge).

Cycle One of Virginia's Challenge started on Pentecost – but 2013 will bring two more opportunities to join. Cycle Two will start on New Year's Day and Cycle Three will start at Advent 2013. Learn more and sign up online at [thediocese.net/biblechallenge](http://thediocese.net/biblechallenge).

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## WELCOMING LGBTs INTO THE FAITH COMMUNITY: Isn't it time?

Come join People of Faith for Equality in Virginia and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax at this interfaith conference to discuss how faith calls us to grow in inclusiveness and love for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, their families and friends.

Friday, October 19

7 p.m. Screening of the movie: *An Ordinary Family*

Saturday, October 20

1 p.m. Welcome, followed by 3 sets of workshops

4:30 p.m. Worship

6 p.m. Fellowship Dinner

7:30 p.m., Guest Speaker, Zach Wahls, author of the book *My Two Moms*, will share his insights on an inclusive faith.

### Workshop Topics:

- Questioning Congregations: Inclusive Faith and LGBT Equality
- Raising our LGBT Children
- Religious Response to Bullying
- "It Gets Better" Panel Discussion
- Faith-based Advocacy
- What the "Sacred Texts" Say

### Register

Childcare available for age 12 and younger  
Please register by October 12 for childcare

### Register on-line at

[www.uucf.org/content/equality](http://www.uucf.org/content/equality)

Or email: [rc@uucf.org](mailto:rc@uucf.org)

### Location:

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax  
2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, VA 22124

***All are welcome! Help us to create connections with people of faith as we Stand on the Side of Love! Donations gratefully accepted.***

## THE HAITI MICAH PROJECT AND THE

**CFC** Did you know that the Haiti Micah Project is one of the organizations that participate in the Combined Federal Campaign? If you wish to contribute to the project in that way, its CFC number is #86354.

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#### ALMOND TREE DEADLINES AND MAILINGS

Deadline, October 5, mailing October 10, Deadline, October 19, mailing October 24

Deadline, November 9, mailing November 14, Deadline, November 23, mailing November 28

Deadline, December 7, mailing December 12 – ONLY ONE NEWSLETTER IN DECEMBER

#### Lectionary Readings and Schedule of Services



**October 14, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

8:00 a.m., HEI, 9:00 a.m., HEII, 11:15 a.m., HEI

**October 21, Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24**

Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

8:00 a.m., HEI, 9:00 a.m., HEII, 11:15 a.m., HEII

**October 28, Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 25**

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

8:00 a.m., HEI, 9:00 a.m., HEII, 11:15 a.m., HEI

**We need 2 sellers per slot – 3 on weekends.**

**Current as of Oct. 7**

**2012 PUMPKIN PATCH SCHEDULE**

**TO FILL A VACANT SPOT, call Kyrah Drasheff ((703-751-9674) or Candy Levin (703-698-6195). TO CHANGE a spot, PLEASE MAKE THE CHANGE YOURSELF, then call Kyrah and leave a message about the switch you made. Instructions to sellers are enclosed. They also are in the daily pumpkin notebook. PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. If you are a first-shift seller, go to the Parish Office for the cash box and other opening supplies. Have fun with this annual fund-raiser!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7 PUMPKIN SUNDAY</b> 1-4 Jane Dogue-is Nancy Wise 7/642-8225 Jim Wise 7/642-8225  4-6 Mary Sulerud 7/370-6555 Sarah Glassco 7/823-1214 Rick Glassco 7/823-1214  6-8 F. Johnson 7/370-2364 M. Sulerud 7/370-6555	<b>8 (Columbus Day)</b> 10-1 Tony Rogers 7/622-9685 Candy Levin Chris Thurber 1-4 Nancy Wise 7/642-8225 Jim Wise 7/642-8225 Regan Ralph 7/836-1516 Sam Honoura 7/836-1516 4-6 Sudie & Beth McGahuey 7/820-2363 Jan Campbell 7/823-2320 6-8 Rick Glassco 7/823-1214 Francine Wargo	<b>9</b> 10-1 S. Wiard 7/845-7472 S. Reponen 7/845-9212  1-4 Nancy Wise 7/642-8225 John Wise 7/407-1709  4-6 Rosi Stewart 7/647-9218 Wendy John 7/751-9238  6-8 Sheila Iskra 7/941-8353 Wayne Iskra (same #)	<b>10</b> 10-1 Joan Raybold 7/573-7279 Gary DeVight 7/768-0764  1-4 Barbara Currie 7/379-2423 George Currie 7/379-2423  4-6 Liam Kirby 571-432-6626 MaryAnn Rehnke 7/836-7142  6-8 Jim Wise 7/642-8225 Nancy Wise (same #)	<b>11</b> 10-1 M. Sedgwick 7/751-4983 Suzanne Lamb 7/683-4634  1-4 Tricia Calloway 7/927-5762 Pierre Shostall 7/461-3196  4-6 Melissa Ennis 7/845-5764 Jessi MacLeod 7/683-2545  6-8 Dorothea Peters 7/399-5654 Ros (?) 7/633-1532	<b>12</b> 10-1 Beth Eckert 7/598-4129 *  1-4 Aggie Fortune 7/824-8116 *  4-6 Norma Taliaferro 7/931-3739 Dick Taliaferro 7/931-3739 Lisa Frye 7/548-8591 Dana & Ellie Wilkie 202/286-2768 6-8 Nellie Vega 7/863-4616 *	<b>13</b> 10-1 Nancy Wise 7/642-8225 Jim Wise (same #) Jeannie Cummins 7/851-5257 Amanda Eisenhour (same #) 1-4 Taylor Houck 7/929-3600 Margaret Messenger and Bill Kerekes 7/751-4039 4-6 Jamie Conrad 7/836-0655 Kathy Conrad (same #) Liza Conrad (same #) 6-8 Jackie & Greg Bednarz 571/257-5426 K Drashaff/J von Senden
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