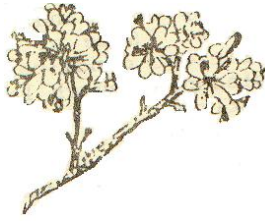


THE ALMOND TREE

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

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The Rev. David Crosby, Assistant Rector
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February 27, 2013

Vestry on the Move!

What a blessing it was to spend time with our Vestry on retreat the beginning of February. Half of the 12-member Vestry was newly elected, and during this special time of transition with Mary before the call of our next rector, it was important to consider where we are and where we're going. This is a unique time of being led by Almighty God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit which stirs in, through and among us all.

Saturday was led by Karen Salter, a diocesan facilitator and associate of Mary's. Following Morning Prayer and some time to establish group norms by which we would conduct our business in Christian community, Karen guided our day, inviting us to enter into the work of Discernment and Practical Applications. Discernment considered what seeds for new ministry might be being sown and the call, welcome and transition associated with our new rector. Practical Applications related to Vestry structure and function, what institutional memory existed in the group to aide us in the continuing business of the parish, and to identify new ministries that might be emerging. Capturing ideas on paper later helped us in small groups to identify possible next steps through goals and objectives.

We reviewed an article on church size and function which touched on parish programming, the need for leadership development, and managing expectations by identifying priorities. After a briefing on matters financial, we broke into small groups. Giving thanks for this parish which is very much lay-driven and empowered for ministry, we were reminded the Vestry serves as policy leaders and gatekeepers of resources associated with mission and ministry for Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill. The fruits of our small group work were the emerging interests in four specific areas: Newcomers and Evangelism, Stewardship and Communication. After group presentations and some final checking in with one another, we closed Day One with prayer.

Sunday, facilitated by Mary, helped us work toward establishing vestry structure and identifying the human elements that would give it life. The previous Vestry stewards' areas of Community & Nurturing, Worship, Growth & Education, Resources and Action were revised to include Evangelism/Newcomers, Stewardship and Communications. After electing wardens (SW: Connie, JW: Hance) and appointing a register (Candy), we identified who would work to guide what, taking into account areas that had able structure and order already enabling good work. Some areas need one steward overseeing activities; others had synergies which called for primary and secondary, or shared chair relationships. I felt a strong sense of the Holy Spirit guiding our hearts and minds through this process as it flowed well and gelled quickly.

We closed with Eucharist, remembering all of you as we were apart, giving thanks for one another and the entire community of Immanuel, rejoicing in God's great love for us all; this work we have is indeed shared ministry. "May our hands carry Christ's love into the world." Amen.

David+

PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Duncan MacDonald, Morgan, Lloyd and Jean Mostrom, Nancy Wise, Janet Siegrist, Mary Goeser, Catherine, Susan Kernan, Mary, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Bill Frye, Yvonne Pover, Kerry Kelly, Barbara Currie, Rick Murphy, Chris Enstrom.

Please also remember in your prayers members of our extended Parish family: : Joan Aldretti, Dean and Charlotte Kellogg, Chris Rarick, Susan Shallbetter, Tom Stasz, Eleanor Boothe Smith, Stephen Miller, Jim Rarick, Irv Schiff, Patricia Smith, Josie Guardipee, Helen Butler, Sam Faeth, Lawrence Sanchez, Paul, Joan Cummins, Eric Reading, Sr., Cameron, Sue Rehnke, Laurie, Caitlin Rivers, Patricia Ryan, Chris Stanek, Dana Hengst, Lois and Don McCorvie, Anthony Christino, Jr., Dru Eckard, Elesa McFadden, Mike Hart, Jane Burton, Marsha Porter, Laura, Keith Green, Evelyn Rowe, Meg Clontz, Chris Moore, Lois, Steve Wells, Percy Hays, Nancy Engleman, Alex, Patrick Ogden, Marian, Ray Dovell, Tom Hewson, Sr., the Rt. Rev. Coleman McGehee.

Those serving in the U.S. and overseas: Todd Bates, Paul Bednar, Yolanda Bednar, Ian Phillips, John Patrick Miller, Philip Smucker, Jon Anderson, Nicole DeBien, Noah Barker, Kendra Smyth.

CONGRATUATIONS GILMA! Our long-time devoted nursery attendant (and now part-time housekeeper) has just finished a course of study, and passed all the exams, to become a registered home-health care provider.

We were recently notified that **COLEMAN McGEHEE**, former rector of Immanuel (1960-1971) and Bishop of Michigan (1973-1989), is gravely ill. Some parishioners have requested a mailing address to send notes and cards. We will advise further on his condition when we know something more. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Thank you.

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UPCOMING FORUM HOURS:

March 10, VTS Dean Ian Markham on living as Christians in a pluralistic society

March 17, Five Talents (micro loans, affiliated with Anglican churches) Sonia Patterson, Exec. Director

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAGOBERT AND LISSA! Dagobert Soergel is scheduled to receive the "Champion for Children" Award sponsored by the Center for Alexandria's Children at their fundraiser on Thursday, February 28 at the CAC Fourth Annual Gala, 7 – 10 pm at Virtue Feed and Grain, 106 S. Union Street in Old Town. Ticket information for the gala is available at <http://centerforalexandriaschildren.org/blog/news/>

Dagobert and Lissa Soergel's nomination is based on their decades of service to Alexandria's at risk children, principally through their efforts at the Child and Family Network Center. They were the driving force behind the creation of the CFNC and hired Barbara Mason originally to teach the first preschool class. Dagobert has since served on the CFNC Board for many years and has also been active on various Virginia preschool and early childhood education committees. In addition, each year Dagobert and Lissa spearhead the Operation Christmas Families project of Immanuel Church on the Hill.

THE INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION & LEADERSHIP AT VTS will offer a unique 'Saturday at the Seminary' program on March 16: "Christ in Holy Silence." The Rev. Dawna Wall & The Rev. Gary Erdos, D.Min. invite you to live a day in the monastic hours of prayer, contemplation, and working with the hands. This is an opportunity to explore different Christian contemplative spiritual traditions through worship, the arts, and times of reflection and creative action. The program will be 10 a.m. - 3 :00 p.m. Please see www.vts.edu/icfl for more information and to register.

EARLY CHRISTIANS 1823 GET-TOGETHER: All Immanuelites are invited to our monthly (social) meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, at the VTS 1823 Café. We'll also discuss the next Early Christians book to be read at our regular weekly 6:30 a.m. Wednesday sessions. See you there! (Note: the next 1823 meeting will be Tuesday, April 2). Questions? Call Betty Wanamaker, 703-684-5807 or Andy Biache, 703-836-6853.

HELP WANTED Do you have experience in grant writing? Do you want to make a difference? We are searching for a seasoned grant-writer to help research and write grant proposals on behalf of the Episcopal Church of Costa Rica. This person will join a small team that is forming under the leadership of The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso, Bishop of The Episcopal Church of Costa Rica. The Development Committee, with your help, will help Bishop Monterroso raise funds and management investments for the Church. You will need only commit a few hours a month to the position and be available for a monthly conference call. With your help, we will fund amazing ministries, including the rebuilding of a church and community center that works with HIV+ women, construct a new daycare center for 70 at-risk children, and support theological education programs for clergy. Please contact Liza Conrad (elizabethconrad@gmail.com) with any questions.



REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR CHRISTIAN ROCK CONCERT AT VTS! VTS and the Center for the Ministry of Teaching announce that registration has begun for the very first VTS Christian Rock

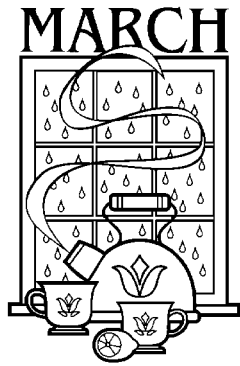
Festival on Saturday, April 13, 2013. The Festival will feature an impressive and diverse line-up of the best in Christian rock: Joel Joa (urban), The Sloan River Project (contemporary rock), Fran McKendree (singer-songwriter), The Letter Black (hard rock) and headliners: Five Iron Frenzy (third wave ska). The groups hit the stage on the campus Grove at noon, and will continue until 10 pm. "Like any great music festival there will be food – lots of it – and activities to draw the young and young-at-heart together for a day of celebration and thanksgiving" said Dr. Lisa Kimball, Interim Associate Dean of Students. "This is a moment for serious evangelism. Seize it!"

In addition to the eleven hours of music, the Rock Festival will begin with a morning Quidditch clinic and tournament at 9 a.m., as well as poetry, spoken word performance, opportunities to meet the musicians and plenty of food vendors all day.

Rain or shine this family-friendly, ecumenical event is free and open to the public, including youth groups. Pre-registration is required: www.vts.edu/rockconcert.

EPISCOPAL WORD OF THE DAY: Minister
One who shares in the ministry of the church. The ministers of the church are lay people, bishops, priests and deacons (BCP, p. 855). Christian ministry is based in baptism, and the promises of the baptismal covenant. All Christian ministers are to represent Christ and his church. Each order of ministry has a distinctive role in the church's ministry. Each minister of the church is called to use his or her own distinctive gifts to share in the work of ministry. In the Prayer Book rubrics, the term indicates a person who leads liturgical prayer. A liturgical minister in the Episcopal Church may be a lay person or a member of the clergy. At the Holy Eucharist, after the bidding to confession is said by the deacon or celebrant, and after a period of silence, the "Minister and People" say the general confession. This may be a lay person or a member of the clergy. Note that there are usually far more "Lay" ministers than there are clergy. *(Taken from An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, published by Church Publishing Inc., NY)*

REGION IV LENTEN SERIES: Don't forget the Region IV Lenten series on Wednesday nights hosted by the churches of Region IV. The basic theme of the series is "Science and Faith". There was an insert in the Almond Tree of January 23 outlining the entire series, but we especially wanted to bring your attention to the March 20 session, which will be hosted here at Immanuel. The topic will be "What will our bodies be like in heaven?" and will be presented by Dr. Sonderegger, Professor of Theology at VTS. As Christians we believe that we will have "life everlasting" not just as spiritual beings, but also that our bodies will be resurrected to new life as well. Dr. Sonderegger will talk about the various theories of how this could be possible, and share what our post-resurrection bodies might be like. The evening begins with Holy Eucharist at 6:30, followed by a light soup supper at 7 and the program itself runs from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping out with the soup supper, please contact Connie Kurz at Cgkurz@aol.com.






03/01 Sharon Waiss
 03/02 Barney Hawkins
 03/02 April Toman
 03/03 Cecile Phillips
 03/03 Owen Davies
 03/03 Carson Arp
 03/03 Tyler Harris
 03/04 Kathy Conrad
 03/04 Katja Shimkin
 03/04 Hayden Arp
 03/05 Carole Phillips
 03/05 Carol Sparhawk
 03/05 Thomas Cuddy
 03/06 Michelle Cook
 03/06 Lily Hunt
 03/07 Tony Rogers
 03/07 Rebecca Rainey
 03/07 Matt Haskin
 03/08 Arthur Dawkins
 03/08 Patrick Bellinger
 03/08 Rob Johnson
 03/09 Louisa Smucker
 03/09 Annie Maynard
 03/11 Bob Bates
 03/11 Cynthia Morton
 03/11 Karyn Moran
 03/11 Reese Goldsmith
 03/12 Chris Karlsen
 03/12 Richard Hobson
 03/12 Melinda Snow
 03/13 Albert Burgess
 03/13 Jenifer Larson
 03/14 Jake Cohn
 03/15 Jackie Phillips
 03/16 Constance Casey
 03/16 Waide Egner
 03/16 Margaret Stockton
 03/16 Harry Diffendal
 03/16 Hillary Clausen
 03/17 Patrick Tribe
 03/17 Marcus Rarick
 03/17 Peter Albritton

03/17 Jack Hambrick
 03/18 Danie Barrows
 03/18 Joella Rhoades
 03/19 Kerry Perkins
 03/20 Lizzie Peabody
 03/20 Ruthie Christino
 03/21 Michael Pawlukiewicz
 03/21 Marianne Ingold
 03/21 Keith Jerdan
 03/22 Katie Elberfeld
 03/22 Jahi Stockton
 03/23 Deborah Peetz
 03/23 Jean Mostrom
 03/23 Peter Phillips
 03/23 Sarah Friday
 03/23 Tyler Conklin
 03/23 Nicky Vassev
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 03/24 Wendy Hoge
 03/24 Mary Jane Ruhl
 03/24 Janice Corbett
 03/24 Eleanor Whitaker
 03/25 Page Fox
 03/25 Bobbi Thomas
 03/25 Jackson O'Donnell
 03/25 Bethany O'Donnell
 03/26 Zachary Eisenhour
 03/27 Beverlee Bolton
 03/27 Terri LaGoe
 03/27 Christine Michaelis
 03/27 Christa Knight
 03/27 Miles Malone
 03/27 Zachary Thompson
 03/28 Susan Gildersleeve
 03/28 Suzanne Conklin
 03/29 Gavin Baltes
 03/30 Kyrah Drasheff
 03/30 David Atwood
 03/30 Jessie Riposo
 03/31 Billie Tyler
 03/31 Matthew Shallbetter
 03/31 Ashlei Pujara
 03/31 Joseph Sullivan

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days
 increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may
 be, keeping *him* unspotted from the world.
 Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him*
 when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if
he fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which
 passeth understanding abide all the days of *his*
 life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Heifer Fair 8:00 AM HE-I, Chapel 9:15 AM HE-II, Chapel 10:00 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room 11:15 AM HE-I, Chapel	25 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Qi gong, Parish Hall 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Tai Chi, Parish Hall 6:15 PM - 8:45 PM Yoga Classes, Parish Hall 6:30 PM Knitting Group, 1823 Pub/VTS	26	27 TAT mailing 6:30 AM Early Christians, Fairchild 8:30 AM - 11:20 AM Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall 6:30 PM Weekday Eucharist, Chapel	28 7:00 PM Choir, Choir Room	1 8:30 AM - 11:20 AM Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall 12:30 PM Muslim Worship, Parish Hall 8:30 PM AA, Fairchild	2 9:30 AM Growth & Education Committee, Fairchild Room 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dignity, Zabriskie
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24  8:00 AM HE-I, with reading of Passion Gospel 9:30 AM Liturgy of Palms with Donkey Procession 10:00 AM HE-II with reading of Passion Gospel	25 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Chapel 6:30 PM Knitting Group, 1823 Pub/VTS	26 5:45 PM Children's Choir 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Chapel	27 TAT mailing 6:30 AM Early Christians, Fairchild 6:30 PM Tenebrae, Chapel	28  MAUNDY THURSDAY Flower preparation, Parish Hall, Chapel 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy with foot washing and solemn stripping of altar	29  GOOD FRIDAY Flower preparation, Parish Hall, Chapel Good Friday Liturgy noon and 7:30 pm OFFICE CLOSED Prayer vigil begins at 9 pm 8:30 PM AA, Fairchild	30 GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 8:45 AM Holy Saturday service 6:30 PM HE-II, followed by reception

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Resurrection Day

7:30 AM HE-I, Chapel
9:15 AM HE-II/Baptism, Chapel
10:15 AM Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room
10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt, Parish Gardens
11:15 AM HE-II, Chapel

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6:30 AM Early Christians, Fairchild

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7:00 PM Choir, Choir Room
7:30 PM Pastoral Care, Fairchild Room

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TAT deadline
12:30 PM
Muslim Worship, Parish Hall
8:30 PM AA, Fairchild

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6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Dignity, Zabriskie



DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE The Discernment Committee has completed the first week of Skype interviews and this is the final week of Skyping. We are excited about the ability to put a face and voice to those candidates we are considering. At the conclusion of the Skype conversations, we will meet and further distill the list of applicants to those to whom we will extend an invitation to visit ICOH. At the same time, we will request the

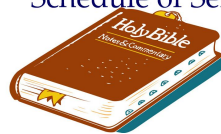
Diocese begin the vetting process for those applicants under consideration. Once the ICOH visits are complete, the Committee will meet again and select 2-3 candidates whom we will visit at their home parishes. In order to minimize costs, the ICOH delegation in these cases will consist of 2 committee members. Once the home parish visits are complete, the Committee will meet again and consider the totality of submitted materials, including sermon videos and web sites, Skype interview conclusions, impressions from individual visits, results from reference checking, and Diocesan inputs and apply them against the filters of our Parish Profile and Ministry Portfolio. Out of this discernment, one preferred candidate will emerge, whose name will be submitted to the Vestry for them to make the “Call”. We estimate that happy event will occur in late April.

As always, if you have questions for the Committee, please contact any of the folks below: Wendy John, Caroline Bergmark, Tom Brown, Governor Burke, Jim Clausen, Carrie Cuddy, Barbara Currie, Tom Harris, Doug Henry, Chandley McDonald, Eileen Monnin-Kirby, Martha Sedgwick.

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Lectionary Readings and
Schedule of Services



March 3, 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII; 11:15 a.m., HEII

March 10, 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII; 11:15 a.m., HEI

March 17, 5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII; 11:15 a.m., Service of Healing with HEII