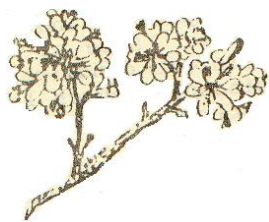


# THE ALMOND TREE

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

The Rev. Mary Sulerud, Interim Rector  
The Rev. David Crosby, Assistant Rector  
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March 27, 2013



We have been preparing for forty days for our passage into the new life in Christ. We have been on a journey of recovery and rediscovery of “what we were made through our own baptismal death and resurrection” is how Orthodox Bishop Alexander Schmemmann put it. Please join us for the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday when we first enter the Easter joy of 2013. If you cannot be with us join us wherever you are in prayer. Consecrate the time in whatever way you can that will give you the space to receive the risen Lord. Night will soon give way to the light of unending day and our ways will be ordered by God’s peace.

In these three Holy Days

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,  
The power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,  
The joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts.

Christ’s joy and blessing,

Mary

## Remaining Holy Week Schedule of Services

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Foot-Washing, Holy Eucharist, Solemn Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, 12:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Good Friday Liturgy

Good Friday, 7:30 p.m., Good Friday Liturgy, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Eucharist from Reserved Sacrament

Holy Saturday, 8:45 a.m., Liturgy for Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist followed by Reception

Easter Services: Holy Eucharists at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

(Note: 9:15 a.m. services includes Holy Baptism)

**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, 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, Anthony Christino, Jr., Dru Eckard, Elesa McFadden, Mike Hart, Jane Burton, Mike Hart, Jane Burton, Laura, Keith Green, Evelyn Rowe, Meg Clontz, Chris Moore, Lois, Steve Wells, Percy Hays, Nancy Engleman, Alex, Patrick Ogden, Laura Watt, Marian, Ray Dovell, Tom Hewson, Sr., Adrian and Bob Love..

**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.



#### BIBLES ON TAP

**BIBLES ON TAP:** Looking for a group to join to discuss the Bible, join in outreach opportunities, talk about life, or just enjoy the occasional night out with friends? Then come join us for **Bibles on**

**Tap!** “**Bibles on Tap**” is a group of adults, ages 20-39, who meet once a month at Café 1823 at VTS to discuss the upcoming gospel lessons, enjoy the Seminary Pub’s atmosphere and relax with new and old friends. Our group is a mix of singles, couples, and parents who come together for fellowship and theological discussion. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend!

Our next meeting is Wednesday April 10th, 7:30 p.m. at Café 1823 (Virginia Theological Seminary Pub). We will discuss Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> gospel lesson and readings: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19.

**DON'T FORGET SCHOOL FOR THE SPIRIT** – deadline for registrations is March 31. Flyers are available in the parish office and the narthex.

**GREAT VIGIL RECEPTION** Come break your Lenten fast with us. Following the Great Vigil of Easter service, please proceed to Immanuel's Parish Hall for a festive champagne and dessert reception to break the Lenten fast, featuring champagne, non-alcoholic drinks, desserts, and treats for the children.

**NOW PLAYING ON ICOH'S WEBSITE:** the Sunday Sermon -- Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill has begun video taping sermons for viewing on YouTube from links embedded on our website (go to: [www.icoh.net/Sermons/](http://www.icoh.net/Sermons/)). Thanks to dramatic improvements in technology, it has become practical and inexpensive to record and store sermons for viewing via the Internet on a regular basis. We are experimenting with a portable camera initially to gain experience and insights, and the Vestry will soon consider a plan for installing a permanent camera somewhere in the Sanctuary that can be operated without distracting from our worship services. Please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Vestry with your thoughts or suggestions.



#### ICOH MEN'S ANNUAL FISHING TRIP

Ahoy, men of Immanuel. The date of this year's Annual Immanuel Men's Group's rock fishing expedition is **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. As in the past, our fishing boat(s) will be departing that morning at sunup from Deale, Maryland (about one hour from D.C./Alexandria). Also as in the past, we'll be gathering the evening before (Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>) at the Herrington Harbour Inn (located nearby the boat launch site) for our traditional Amanly meal) and a good night's sleep. We have secured one of usual two boats (the “Miss Grace”) and a new boat (the “Miss Margaret”) and I have reserved a block of rooms in my name at the Herrington Harbour Inn. I am assembling a list of planned attendees and would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in going by March 31, 2013, so that I can put together a distribution list, and, if necessary, consider making more specific food and room arrangements. I will be issuing a detailed memo in early April, which will contain more information on cost, schedule, *etc.* In the meantime, you can contact me by e-mail, phone or in person at church. My phone number is 703-751-9238 and my e-mail address is [djohn@jhenergy.com](mailto:djohn@jhenergy.com). Doug John.



**MARCH 21, 2013** -- Rector candidate visits to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill are now complete. The Committee is determining who among us will make the return visits to the home parishes of the remaining applicants, and when. All committee visits should be complete by 15 April, which means, barring any unforeseen circumstances, we are on schedule to complete our task by late April. At that point, the matter of calling our next Rector will be in the hands

of the Vestry. As always, if you have any questions, please contact any member of the committee.

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

#### **FRIENDLY PHOTOGRAPHY ALERT:**

Immanuel has commissioned a photographic archive that is vitally needed for us to grow, sustain, and share our ministries. Parishioner Laura Cohn will be photographing us at worship and in fellowship over the coming days. Please know that this work will be used only for church purposes, and every effort is being made to assure sensitivity and minimal impact to the church life that is being filmed.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Brooke Roberts, 703-403-5062 or Hance Haney, 202-316-2360.

#### **ORAL RE-HYDRATION PROJECT**

**COMING SOON!** After attending any of our services on April 7, please stop by Temple Beth El, just down the street from Immanuel, to donate an hour or more of your time to help assemble packets of dry ingredients that, when mixed with local water, provide clean drinking water to people who otherwise might literally not survive disasters. Packets prepared last year were used in the Philippines where Typhoon Bopha killed 700 people and muddy waters washed out entire villages and disrupted clean water supplies.

#### **UPCOMING FORUM HOURS:**

April 14, Samaritan Ministry of Washington

The Rev. David Wolf

April 21, The Rev. Jane Dogue-is (her experiences here and in the Philippines)

April 28, Capital Caring (Hospice and palliative care), Martha Huffman

May 2, Offender Aid and Restoration,

Gail Arnall, Executive Director

**EASTER EGG HUNT AT ICOH:** An Easter egg hunt for children ages 2-8 will be held at Immanuel on Easter Sunday after the 9:15 service. No sign up is required. Families with children are invited to stay after the service for this fun event which will be in the garden in good weather or in the parish hall, in the event of rain. There will be snacks for the children as well. Please bring your own baskets. There will be 2 rounds of hunting for children 2-5 and 6-8.

#### **CHRISTIAN PARENTING FORUM**

**HOUR APRIL 7TH:** Although attending worship, Sunday School, Youth Group and Godly Play are important in developing a child's faith, the most significant opportunity for faith formation is in the home. Randi Hicks Rowe, a longtime parishioner of Immanuel, will present an adult forum on April 7th on ways in which parents, grandparents and godparents can help children grow in Christ. Randi will talk about ways to use culture and ordinary family experiences to teach about God. She will also talk about faith practices in the home. A bibliography will be provided and an opportunity will be given to examine free or reasonably priced resources that can later be ordered from various on-line publishers. While the focus is on parenting, the forum is open to anyone who hopes to be better equipped to support all our children and young people grow in Christ.



## April Birthdays

04/01 Laura Curtis  
04/01 Kathryn Haskin  
04/01 Alexander Donlon  
04/01 Samuel Donlon  
04/02 Melissa Ennis  
04/02 Sarah Corkern  
04/02 Will Ashton  
04/02 Caro Page  
04/03 Jay Hambrick  
04/03 Ian Donahue  
04/03 Woodford Pollach  
04/04 Dan Kelly  
04/04 Bonnie Fairbank  
04/04 James Rath  
04/05 David Fite  
04/06 John Henderson  
04/07 Celina Stewart  
04/07 Matt Curtis  
04/07 Elizabeth Anderson  
04/07 Amanda Eisenhower  
04/07 Anderson Davis  
04/08 Warren Phillips  
04/08 Anna Biache  
04/08 Hayden Wagner  
04/08 Jonah Wagner  
04/09 Carla Stewart  
04/09 Jim Clausen  
04/09 Chris Rodriguez  
04/09 Scott Warlick  
04/10 Peder Sulerud  
04/10 Dana Compton  
04/11 Maria Burke  
04/11 David Hurley  
04/11 Tyler Gehrs  
04/11 Conner Parks  
04/12 Michael Briggs  
04/12 Elizabeth Hussey  
04/13 Jim Martin  
04/13 Sally Hamon  
04/13 Montie Martin  
04/13 Isabelle Young-Smith  
04/14 Sarah Fite  
04/15 Edith Bradbury  
04/15 Map Roeung  
04/15 Ginny Graef  
04/15 Christopher Calloway  
04/16 Larry Hamon

04/16 Carla Murray  
04/16 Chandler Kourtesis  
04/16 Madeleine Compton  
04/17 William Dols  
04/17 Thomas Curtis  
04/18 Stephen Hansen  
04/18 Harrison Barnes  
04/19 Pam Hunt  
04/19 Rebecca Cooper  
04/19 Lila Greiner  
04/19 Timo Kirby  
04/19 Nicholas King  
04/19 Sofia Richter  
04/20 John Smucker  
04/20 Jim Stewart  
04/20 Dylan Brown  
04/21 Joan Raybold  
04/21 Joanna Baltes  
04/22 William Davidson  
04/22 Barb Bassett  
04/22 Pat Bassett  
04/22 Elizabeth MacIntosh  
04/23 Roz Kerns  
04/23 David Tinkle  
04/23 Chris Hagan  
04/24 Eric Reading  
04/25 Mark Peterson  
04/25 Mary Ingold  
04/25 Hayden Stewart  
04/26 Martha Blakeslee  
04/26 Lisa Siegrist  
04/26 Pete Toman  
04/26 Alexander Skubel  
04/26 Hunter Davies  
04/27 Virginia Guild  
04/27 Douglas Coleman  
04/27 Martha Shimkin  
04/27 Lucas Thompson  
04/28 Janet Siegrist  
04/30 Catherine Guzzi

*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!

## APRIL 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>9:15 AM</b> Baptism, Holy Eucharist II <b>10:15 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room <b>10:30 AM</b> Easter Egg Hunt <b>11:15 AM</b> HE-II, Chapel	<b>1</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>11:00 AM</b> Qi gong, Parish Hall	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes <b>6:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist-II <b>7:00 PM</b> Seminary Hill Board, Fairchild Room	<b>4</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Pastoral Care, Fairchild Room	<b>5</b> TAT deadline <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes <b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall <b>4:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> VTS Group, Parish Hall <b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild	<b>6</b> <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie
<b>7</b> Oral Rehydration Project <b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>9:15 AM</b> HE-II, Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:15 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room <b>10:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Youth Group <b>11:15 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>6:20 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Prayer Group, Fairchild Room	<b>8</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Qi gong, Parish Hall	<b>9</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Goodwin House luncheon <b>5:45 PM</b> Children's Choir <b>6:30 PM</b> Vestry Meeting, Upper Room	<b>10</b> TAT mailing <b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes <b>11:00 AM - 1:30 PM</b> Ecco Voce, Choir Room <b>6:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist-II <b>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Bibles on Tap, Cafe 1823 VTS	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir, Choir Room <b>7:30 PM</b> Seminary Hill Assoc., Parish Hall	<b>12</b> <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes <b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall <b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild	<b>13</b> VTS overflow parking <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie
<b>14</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>9:15 AM</b> HE-II, Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:15 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room <b>10:15 AM</b> Clay Class <b>10:15 AM</b> Forum Hour, Samaritan Ministry <b>11:15 AM</b> HE-II, Chapel <b>6:00 PM</b> School for the Spirit	<b>15</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Qi gong, Parish Hall	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes <b>6:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist-II	<b>18</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Mom's Group, Fairchild Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir, Choir Room	<b>19</b> TAT deadline <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes <b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall <b>4:30 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Brownie Troop, Parish Hall <b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild	<b>20</b> <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie
<b>21</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>9:15 AM</b> HE-II, Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:15 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room <b>10:15 AM</b> Forum Hour, The Rev. Jane Dogue-is <b>11:15 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Youth Group, movie <b>6:00 PM</b> School for the Spirit	<b>22</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Qi gong, Parish Hall <b>6:30 PM</b> Knitting Group, 1823 Pub/VTS	<b>23</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> Children's Choir	<b>24</b> TAT mailing <b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes <b>6:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist-II	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir, Choir Room	<b>26</b> <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes <b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall <b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild	<b>27</b> <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie
<b>28</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>9:15 AM</b> HE-II, Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:15 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room <b>10:15 AM</b> Forum Hour, Capital Caring <b>11:15 AM</b> HE-II, Chapel <b>6:00 PM</b> School for the Spirit	<b>29</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Qi gong, Parish Hall	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes <b>6:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist-II	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir, Choir Room	<b>3</b> TAT deadline <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes <b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall <b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild	<b>4</b> Crosby event, Fairchild Room <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie

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Lectionary Readings and  
Schedule of Services



**April 7, Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31  
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII; 11:15 a.m., HEI

**April 14, Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19  
8 a.m., HEI, 9:15 a.m., HEII, 11:15 a.m., HEII

**April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30