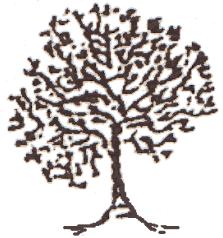
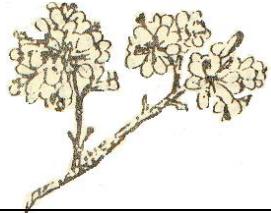


# THE ALMOND TREE

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill



The Rev. David Crosby, Assistant Rector  
Jennifer Addington, Editor

June 11, 2013

Dear Friends,

As I hope most have now heard, your Vestry called Immanuel's tenth Rector in late May. The Reverend J. Randolph Alexander comes to us from Christ Church, Pelham N.Y., a diverse and growing parish in Westchester County, where he has served as Rector since 2000. His first Sunday with us is August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Some of you may have met Randy last spring when he was one of six candidates for Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Virginia. And we have posted a short profile of Randy and his family, his C.V. and his "Philosophy & Vision of Parish Ministry" at [icoh.net](http://icoh.net) for you to read and share with others.

We announced the good news to the parish on Pentecost Sunday, a joyous day of swirling doves, soaring song, voices speaking in many tongues — and birthday cake. Once again we celebrated the birth of the Church, but we also celebrated the end of an 11-month search lead by Wendy John and her diligent committee: Caroline Bergmark, Tom Brown, Governor Burke, Jim Clausen, Carry Cuddy, Barbara Curry, Tom Harris, Doug Henry, Chandley McDonald, Eileen Monnin-Kirby and Martha Sedgwick.

Since our "Rector Wanted" sign was posted in November, the members reviewed 32 candidates, conducted 10 interviews via Skype, invited four candidates to visit. Finally, small groups visited two candidates at their home parishes. Informed by your "wish list," discerned over the summer through parish interviews and surveys, the committee sought:

- \*\* *an inspired preacher*
- \*\* *a proven leader*
- \*\* *a champion of lay ministry*
- \*\* *an advocate of Outreach ministries*
- \*\* *a personable provider of pastoral care*
- \*\* *a wise and caring spiritual leader*

At each round of decision making, the committee found Randy Alexander's name bubbling to the top. He embodies all these gifts in spades. Now our church is poised for new birth under a talented new Rector, and we plan to welcome Randy, his wife Patty and sons William, Peter and Andrew in our trademark warm and welcoming Immanuel style. ***And all of you can help:***

***Write the Alexanders a short note of welcome:*** Share with them what you love about Immanuel. Photos are great for putting names with faces. Send snail mail to Jennifer Addington in the church office or write Randy at [ralexander@icoh.net](mailto:ralexander@icoh.net).

***Help host a small get-together:*** The Alexanders say the best way to connect is around a table or in a small group. We are planning "Zipcode dinners" and other gatherings at the church or in parishioners' homes. If you can host or co-host, please see Connie Kurz.

***Recommend your favorites:*** We are pulling together a local resources guide with personal recommendations from parishioners: bike shops, babysitters, dry cleaners, auto repair, banks, takeout places and restaurants, you name it. Send to [cgkuz@aol.com](mailto:cgkuz@aol.com).

***Finally, pray for the Alexanders and your Vestry:*** We appreciate the extra support during this time of transition.

Connie Kurz, Senior Warden

**PASTORAL CARE CORNER:** Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Duncan MacDonald, Morgan, Lloyd and Jean Mostrom, Janet Siegrist, Catherine, Mary, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Bill Frye, Yvonne Pover, Chris Enstrom.

**Please also remember in your prayers** members of our extended Parish family: Dean and Charlotte Kellogg, Chris Rarick, Eleanor Boothe Smith, Jim Rarick, Sam Faeth, Anthony Christino, Jr., Jane Burton, Keith Green, Lois, Percy Hays, Alex, Marian, Ray Dovell, Adrian and Bob Love, Tom Hewson, Sr., Danny Christoffersen, Fisher Gray, Ross Dickerson, Diana Reeves, Celia Robertson, Jim Clear, Lindsey Rose, Cathy and Stewart Hoskins, Laura Hudson, Ann and Larry Kaplan, Aubree Bowling.

**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, Ryan.

**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. Checks are also appreciated and will be used to buy fresh meat, eggs and produce from the Capital Area Food Bank. Make check payable to ICOH, noting the ALIVE! Food program. Questions? Please call Ginny Johnstone at 703-845-5745. **ALIVE! Food items needed:** Baby food, dried milk, crackers, tea, instant coffee, tuna, canned meat, canned spaghetti sauce, Jello, complete pancake mix( needing only water) , pancake syrup, peanut butter and jelly (especially large jars).

**GREETINGS FROM AN OLD FRIEND:** Rev. Hosam Naoum, Dean of St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem sends his greetings to all ICOH members. Rev. Hosam, who graduated from VTS and participated in Immanuel, shared his very fond memories of the members of the ICOH parish with Janice Corbett right after Evening Prayer services at St. George's on May 26.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Due to the construction throughout the building this summer (your capital campaign dollars at work), summer office hours will begin June 10. The office will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. through Labor Day.



**SCHOOL BOOKS NEEDED.** Your book donations can help Alexandria's Cora Kelly

Elementary School students. If you have pre-k to 8th grade books in good used condition taking up valuable bookshelf space, consider donating to Cora Kelly's June 18 book swap so the teachers can send students home for the summer with as many good fit books as possible. Cora Kelly PTA is doing this in conjunction with the ACPS FACE Center and Wright to Read, and you can help too! Email Ashley Chappell at [ash22301@yahoo.com](mailto:ash22301@yahoo.com) if you have books or funds to donate, thanks!

**NOW PLAYING ON ICOH'S WEBSITE:** You! Check out the News Room on Immanuel's website homepage ([www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net)) for the hilarious YouTube video of the choir and congregation singing adieu to former Interim Rector Mary Sulerud after her final worship service on June 2. Want more? That story has a link to the photographic tribute to Mary ([http://www.icoh.net/History/sulerud\\_tribute/](http://www.icoh.net/History/sulerud_tribute/)). And you can always review the sermons that touched you at [www.icoh.net/Sermons/](http://www.icoh.net/Sermons/)

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL CONCERT ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, AT 7:45 PM IN THE CHAPEL:** Come hear ICOH's Dr. Jane Tavernier sing a concert preview of "*The Music of Italy*" in preparation for a vocal recital she has been asked to perform at the Assisi Music Festival in Italy in July. Music will include favorite arias by Italian composers such as Scarlatti, Tosti, and Verdi. Join us for light Italian appetizers at 7:15 p.m. in the narthex (so you can come directly from work) and stay for dessert following the concert. This is a unique opportunity not only to hear Dr. Tavernier perform, but also to send "Tanti auguri" as she prepares for her concert trip. For more information, contact Denise Freeland: 703-683-0322 or [eco.voce@verizon.net](mailto:eco.voce@verizon.net).

## **Christmas Families in August: Dominican Republic, Haiti, Alexandria**

### **Help children with school supplies – critical tools for learning!**

Every fall children in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Alexandria go off to school without the critical tools for learning. They do not have backpacks, notebooks, crayons, pencils, scissors, calculators, 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. These children need our help.

### **There are three ways you can help**

**1) Alexandria Child Protective Services identified families in need (many of them are families we helped last Christmas). You can sign up to provide school supplies for the children in one family any time between Sunday, June 9, through Sunday, August 4, on the sign-up boards in the narthex of Zabriskie Chapel. Several Immanuel families may want to sign up together to help one large family, and that is okay! 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 18. (For students for whom Mt Vernon or Tucker Elementary School is noted, the deadline is Sunday, July 21, because they start on August 1.)**

**2) You can donate money** at the special collections during Immanuel's services on July 21 and August 18 (or by mail or delivery to the church office anytime between now and August 18). Please make checks out to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill and mark them XFAM. The money will be allocated as follows:

One third to Episcopal schools in the Dominican Republic

One third to Episcopal schools in Haiti

One third to Alexandria (1/6 to Child Protective Services and 1/6 to Community Lodgings)

**3) You can donate additional school supplies – especially backpacks** (new or used and in good shape). Please look for the box in the narthex of Zabriskie Chapel to deposit your donations.

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

Lissa Soergel (703-823-2840, 703-869-9848, <lissa@whollygenes.com>)

Dagobert Soergel (703-823-2840, 703-585-2840, dsoergel@umd.edu)

Julie Bruns (703-534-7913, <drbruns@bellatlantic.net>)

Linda Serabian (703-836-4670, <serabian@somaarchitects.com>)

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in many ways epitomizes who we are and what we do. For a month, we all pitch in as a Christian community in a common endeavor. The results speak for themselves. Last year, we had a profit of \$56,772 all going to outreach. Since the year 2000, your efforts have raised over **half a million dollars**. The effects of that money are far-reaching. Because of your efforts at the Pumpkin Patch:

- children in Mirebalais, Haiti, have access to clean water in a region where cholera is endemic.
- a priest in Guerra, Dominican Republic, is better able to see and communicate with his parishioners.
- homeless shelters in Alexandria serve wholesome nutritious meals.
- victims of AIDS and their families get vital services and support.
- homeless street persons in our region get vital counseling, health and job services.
- The list goes on and on.

All this doesn't just happen. The Pumpkin Patch requires the efforts of the entire parish in organizing, advertisement, baking, and selling. Though it may seem far off, we are organizing now for October, when we will have four truck deliveries: two on October 6<sup>th</sup>, and one each on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We need **everyone** to help sell pumpkins. However, right now we **need managers and coordinators** for the various tasks. The attached list shows the current staff organization and numerous vacancies. Several jobs need to be filled immediately.

**Pumpkin Team Shepherd:** This person networks with all managers. We need somebody with organizational skills who has had prior experience at the Patch. The Shepherd's job is not to do the various tasks, but to assure that those tasks are properly identified and assigned to the right managers and coordinators. It is *not* (necessarily) a multi-year commitment.

**Food Manager:** Food sales are 100% profit for the church, and contributed to 35% of last year's total profits. The Food Manager and three coordinators will organize among dozens of parishioners the making of soups, apple crisps, and baked goods. The objective is to provide a steady stream of foods to sell, particularly on weekends.

**Volunteer Manager and Sign-Up Coordinator:** The patch has to be staffed from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day from October 6<sup>th</sup> through Halloween. The Volunteer Manager and the Sign-Up Coordinator will arrange for parishioners to fill time slots for each day.

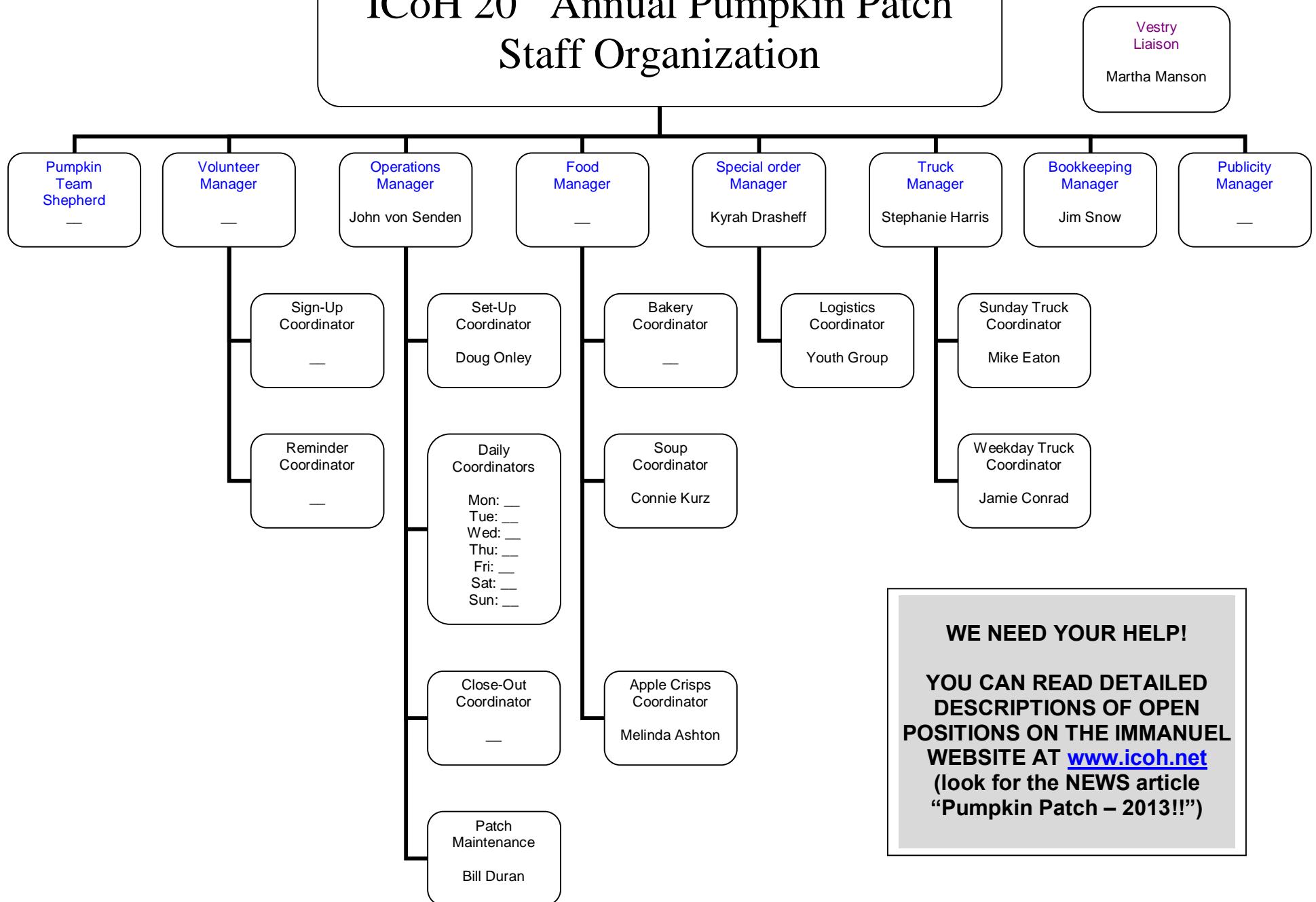
**Daily Coordinators:** These persons assist the Volunteer Manager and Operations Manager for a particular day of the week to assure the patch is properly opened, closed and staffed.

**Publicity Manager:** Publicity involves contacting local press, radio and TV outlets, as well as the writing and distribution of flyers in the community.

**We need you now.** Please consider volunteering. Contact Jamie Conrad to volunteer; if you have questions about the roles described in the chart, contact John von Senden, our immediate past Team Leader. They can both be reached at [pumpkins@icoh.net](mailto:pumpkins@icoh.net).

**Pumpkin Patch – 2013!!** To many in Alexandria and Arlington, Immanuel is simply known as the "Pumpkin Church" -- and for good reason. Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, the Pumpkin Patch

# ICoH 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Patch Staff Organization



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**YOU CAN READ DETAILED  
DESCRIPTIONS OF OPEN  
POSITIONS ON THE IMMANUEL  
WEBSITE AT [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net)  
(look for the NEWS article  
“Pumpkin Patch – 2013!!”)**



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**Lectionary Readings and  
Schedule of Services**



**June 16, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 21:1-21a; Psalm 5:1-8; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36—8:3  
8:00 a.m., HEI; 10:00 a.m., HEII

**June 23, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42 and 43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39  
8 a.m., HEI, 10:00 a.m., HEII

**June 30, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62  
8:00 a.m., HEI; 10:00 a.m., HEII