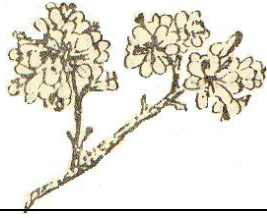


# THE ALMOND TREE

## Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

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

July 17, 2013



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Groundbreaking for the new Immanuel Chapel at Virginia Theological Seminary will be on Holy Cross Day; Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Representatives of the parish, including our new rector, The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.; a church member and a parish child, representing the continuity and future of our congregation; as well as some of our acolytes, will play a part in this liturgy. It is expected the construction phase for the new chapel will be approximately 18 months and should be completed by summer 2015.

The 1881 Immanuel Chapel ruin will be dedicated as a Memorial Garden able to host outdoor worship services and to receive the burial of ashes; that liturgy will be Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. As this will occur during Convocation at VTS, it is expected a large contingent of faculty emeriti, former VTS staff and seminary alumni will be present for this occasion.

Finally, Doug John and I are part of a committee exploring a variety of events to celebrate the new chapel throughout 2015-2016; we have suggested a Messiah Sing-a-Long with choirs from Region IV churches in December 2015, and are invited to work with VTS on a Summer Arts Festival in June 2016.

We welcome and encourage you to participate in these important events in the life of our parish. As more information comes available, we will pass it along. Thank you. ~ *David Crosby*

### MID-JULY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



It's a pleasure to report that our contractor for Immanuel's long list of construction dreams, Chamberlain, is ahead of schedule and under the original budget. In fact, our Resources Committee has found Chamberlain to be outstandingly accommodating and professional as we have confronted new issues like the "water intrusion event" (aka big rain!) earlier this month.

Thank you to those Immanuelites attending the 10 am service on July 7, who gallantly moved from Zabriskie Chapel to the Parish Hall to avoid an air-conditioning failure. The cause of the problem (a failed thermostat on a failing system) has been identified and fixed! One of our 25-year old units was replaced this past Thursday. As of this update, the Sanctuary temperature is a cool 70 degrees, and we have every reason to believe no further disruptions will occur during construction.

Next week, Chamberlain will start insulating the installed HVAC piping, and they will exchange the other air conditioning unit. At that point the Sanctuary will be on the new system (save controls).

Pricing for the architectural work should be complete by the end of July. The execution should be complete for Homecoming Sunday.

The Resources Committee has started to plan a scheduled maintenance program; we intend to have this ready for the vestry's discussions of the 2014 budget, which may commence as early as September.

*John von Senden, Vestry Steward for Resources*

**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, Arlo Lloyd, Samantha Taggart.

**Give thanks for the birth of: Tilghman Hibernia McIlwaine Pollach**, daughter of Gideon and Sarah Pollach; and of **Fisher Gray**, son of Chelsea Faeth Gray and Joe Gray (and grandson of Sam and Paul Faeth).

**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, Ross Dickerson, Diana and Iris Reeves, Cealia Robertson, Jim Clear, Lindsey Rose, Cathy and Stewart Hoskins, Laura Hudson, Ann and Larry Kaplan, Aubree Bowling, Quinn.

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



**HEALING SERVICES TO BE OFFERED IN JULY.** Beginning Sunday July 7, Assistant Rector David Crosby will offer healing prayers at the altar for those who wish to come forward for prayers and laying on of hands following the

service. Remember that you can request prayers for yourself or anyone else. These will continue through the month of July.

**SAVE THE DATE  
IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL  
ADVENT RETREAT**

Date: Beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 6, and ending at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 8  
Location: Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Virginia  
Leader: the Rev. David Crosby

**HOP ON THE WELCOME WAGON:** Our new Rector, Randy Alexander — along with wife Patty and sons William (12), Peter (10) and Andrew (7) — will move into the rectory in late July, and after unpacking and a family vacation, will report for duty Monday, August 19th. His first Sunday will be August 25th, and the Vestry hopes as many of you as possible will come to welcome the Alexanders at coffee hours following both services that day.

***Meanwhile, here are some ways everyone can help integrate the family into our community:***

**Recommend your favorites and send us your welcoming ideas:** Governor Burke ([gov.burke@gmail.com](mailto:gov.burke@gmail.com)) is pulling together a local resources guide and would like personal recommendations from parishioners. He'd also like a few volunteers to help him. The guide might include things like bike shops, babysitters, kid-friendly venues, dry cleaners, auto repair, banks, takeout places and restaurants, you name it. Got other ideas about how to welcome the family? Gov would like to hear from you, too.

**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 gathering some time this fall:** The Alexanders say the best way to connect is around a table or in a small group. We are planning “Zipcode get-togethers” — dinners, brunch, drinks-and-appetizers, dessert-and-coffee gatherings, you name it — at the church or in parishioners’ homes. These will be spaced over the fall. If you can host or co-host, please see Connie Kurz, [cgkurz@aol.com](mailto:cgkurz@aol.com).

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



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## Christmas Families in August 2013: Haiti, Dominican Republic, Alexandria

School supplies are essential tools for learning, yet many parents struggle to get the right supplies for the children. Imagine how much better a child feels starting the new school year with a backpack filled with new things to use in school. In this ministry we show our love and kindle a spirit of learning.

Thanks to the 45 parish families who have signed up to provide school supplies to children in a family in need. **Please bring the school supplies to either service on Sunday, August 18** or before that to the parish office or to the Soergel home, 504 North Quaker Lane, entrance Trinity drive (two blocks south of the church; call first, 703-869-9848 or 703-823-2840 or 703-585-2840).

You can also help by giving generously to the special offering on July 21 or August 18. The special offerings will be used to support Episcopal schools in Haiti (1/3) and the Dominican Republic (1/3) in providing school supplies for their students and in Alexandria (1/3) to provide for the families from Human Services that have not been signed up for and children in the after school program of Community Lodgings. You can also send a check to the office (made out to ICOH and marked Christmas Families or XFAM)

A good start in school is a good start in life.

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

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

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

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

**EXTRA HELP THIS SUMMER:** We are always delighted to have the Rev. Dr. Francis “Frank” Wade as a guest preacher in the pulpit. And in the coming weeks, you will see Frank more often as he has agreed to assist David Crosby preach, celebrate and generally help both the clergy and the Vestry during this interim-interim-interim time before Randy Alexander's arrival. Though we are in the slower days of summer, Immanuel is a busy place and a two-clergy church, and we are all pleased to have Frank's wisdom and experience to keep the energy up. -- Connie Kurz, Senior Warden

**WHAT'S NEW ON ICOH'S WEBSITE?:** Summertime construction at Immanuel isn't limited to bricks and copper tubing – it's going to be happening to our website, too! In the coming days, you will see a big change in the overall look of the website homepage ([www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net)) as we switch to a modern, better-organized template offered by the Diocese of Virginia. Despite the reorganization, please be assured that all the features and information you currently rely on will be kept intact and still only a click or two away. Your webmasters are working hard to minimize any periods that the website is unavailable.

**THANK YOU FROM THE ECKERTS** We would like to express our gratitude to the clergy, vestry, staff, and congregation of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill for being such an important part of our family's life for the past 21 years. You welcomed us with opened arms, put us to work quickly, supported Elizabeth and Robin as they grew from young girls to young adults, and have now demonstrated your love and care for us as we depart for a new chapter in our lives. We are forever grateful. God bless and take care. Beth and Bob Eckert



8/01 Lynn Dutton  
08/01 David Duncan  
08/01 Ken Mason  
08/01 Julia Hunger  
08/02 Vicki McCauley  
08/02 Susie Kelly  
08/02 Sheila Smith  
08/02 Wesley Forrester  
08/03 Lois Kling  
08/04 Jeff Cook  
08/04 Samantha Taggart  
08/05 Ruth McQuesten  
08/05 Crissy O'Donnell  
08/06 Randy Curtis  
08/06 Leef Barnes  
08/06 Wade Greiner  
08/07 Cynthia Dolvin  
08/07 Mary-Jo Cooney  
08/07 Yvonne Pover  
08/07 Cameron Conklin  
08/08 Ann Huntington  
08/09 Mimi Carter  
08/10 Betsy Perkins  
08/10 Mable Randolph  
08/10 Callie Curtis  
08/11 John Schnedl  
08/11 Mark Shaver  
08/11 Sylvia Glauster  
08/11 Cole Wirth  
08/12 Governor Burke  
08/12 Jennifer Greiner  
08/12 Ava Reiner  
08/13 Peter Bolton  
08/13 Rod Grandon  
08/13 Xiaoqing Boynton  
08/13 Cathleen Martin  
08/14 Jean Raymond  
08/14 Brian Chesney  
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08/15 Paul Smyth  
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08/16 Susan Sheets  
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08/16 Madeline Forrester  
08/16 Bethy Fein  
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08/17 Hilary Shostal  
08/17 Jennifer Jones  
08/17 Meg Rath  
08/18 Marty Christino  
08/19 Mark DeMulder  
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08/20 Jonie Eaton  
08/20 Greg Rainey  
08/20 Alex Brown  
08/21 Jacqueline Calnan  
08/21 Melissa Low  
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08/21 Chloe Maratta  
08/21 Stephen Kellogg  
08/22 Tim Moore  
08/22 Jen Kinsella  
08/22 Emma Packard  
08/23 Dodd Sims  
08/23 Harvey Palmer  
08/23 Peggy Roth  
08/23 Carol Gabriel  
08/23 Kevin Switaj  
08/23 LindsayMcGahuey-Yates  
08/24 Mary McCormack  
08/24 Catherine Sinclair  
08/24 Laura Cohn  
08/24 Christian Bowers  
08/24 Riley Larson  
08/25 Linda Donahue  
08/25 Terry Arnold  
08/25 Jennifer Addington  
08/25 Susan Dovell-Maynard  
08/25 Brooke Hall  
08/25 Levi Hall  
08/26 Jean Schnedl  
08/26 Ruth Bridges  
08/26 Brandy Scott  
08/27 Mary Wade  
08/28 Jane Tavernier  
08/28 Sally Guy Brown  
08/28 Jeff Collison  
08/28 Owen Larson  
08/29 Linda England  
08/29 John Jones  
08/29 Lynn Latimer  
08/30 Bob Murray

08/30 Vicki Dearborn  
08/30 Emma Cuddy  
08/30 Ryan Harris  
08/31 Bette Davis  
08/31 Moira Ricketts  
08/31 William Cook  
08/31 Melanie Stephens Lyman  
08/31 Summerson Houck

*O God, our times are in your hand:  
Look with favor, we pray, on your  
servants as they begin another year.  
Grant that they may grow in wisdom  
and grace, and strengthen their trust in  
your goodness all the days of their lives;  
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!

## AUGUST 2013

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| <b>28</b><br><b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel<br><b>9:20 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Undercroft<br><b>10:00 AM</b> HE, Chapel<br><b>10:30 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Muslim Ramadan Worship, Parish Hall   | <b>29</b><br><b>11:00 AM</b> Tai Chi, Yoga, Parish Hall<br><b>10:30 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Muslim Ramadan Worship, Parish Hall | <b>30</b><br><b>10:30 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Muslim Ramadan Worship, Parish Hall   | <b>31</b><br><b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians<br><b>8:20 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist-II<br><b>10:30 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Muslim Ramadan Worship, Parish Hall       | <b>1</b><br><b>10:30 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Muslim Ramadan Worship, Parish Hall | <b>2</b><br><b>8:20 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall<br><b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall<br><b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild<br><b>10:30 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Muslim Ramadan Worship, Parish Hall | <b>3</b><br><b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie<br><b>10:30 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Muslim Ramadan Worship, Parish Hall |
| <b>4</b><br><b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel<br><b>9:20 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Undercroft<br><b>10:00 AM</b> HE, Chapel<br><b>6:20 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Prayer Group, Fairchild Room<br><b>10:30 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Muslim Ramadan Worship, Parish Hall | <b>5</b><br><b>11:00 AM</b> Tai Chi, Yoga, Parish Hall<br><b>10:30 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Muslim Ramadan Worship, Parish Hall  | <b>6</b><br><b>5:00 PM</b> Early Christians, VTS<br>1823 Cafe<br><b>10:30 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Muslim Ramadan Worship, Parish Hall | <b>7</b><br><b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians<br><b>8:20 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist-II<br><b>10:30 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Muslim Ramadan Worship, Parish Hall        | <b>8</b><br><b>10:30 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Muslim Ramadan Worship, Parish Hall | <b>9</b><br>TAT deadline<br><b>8:20 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall<br><b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall<br><b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild   | <b>10</b><br><b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie  |
| <b>11</b><br><b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel<br><b>9:20 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Undercroft<br><b>10:00 AM</b> HE, Chapel   | <b>12</b><br><b>11:00 AM</b> Tai Chi, Yoga, Parish Hall   | <b>13</b><br><b>6:30 PM</b> Vestry Meeting, Upper Room  | <b>14</b><br>TAT mailing<br><b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians<br><b>8:20 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist-II<br><b>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Bibles on Tap, Cafe 1823 VTS | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b><br><b>8:20 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall<br><b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall<br><b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild  | <b>17</b><br><b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie  |
| <b>18</b><br><b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel<br><b>9:20 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Undercroft<br><b>10:00 AM</b> HE, Chapel   | <b>19</b><br><b>11:00 AM</b> Tai Chi, Yoga, Parish Hall   | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b><br><b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist-II   | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br>TAT deadline<br><b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall<br><b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild  | <b>24</b><br><b>3:00 PM - 10:00 PM</b> Dovell-Maynard party in Parish Hall<br><b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie |
| <b>25</b><br>Randy Alexander's first Sunday<br><b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel<br><b>9:20 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Undercroft<br><b>10:00 AM</b> HE, Chapel   | <b>26</b><br><b>11:00 AM</b> Tai Chi, Yoga, Parish Hall<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Knitting Group, 1823 Pub/VTS                    | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b><br>TAT mailing<br><b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians  | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br><b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall<br><b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild  | <b>31</b><br><b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie  |

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Lectionary Readings and  
Schedule of Services



**July 21, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42  
8:00 a.m., HEI; 10:00 a.m., HEII

**July 28, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19), Luke 11:1-13  
8:00 a.m., HEI; 10:00 a.m., HEII

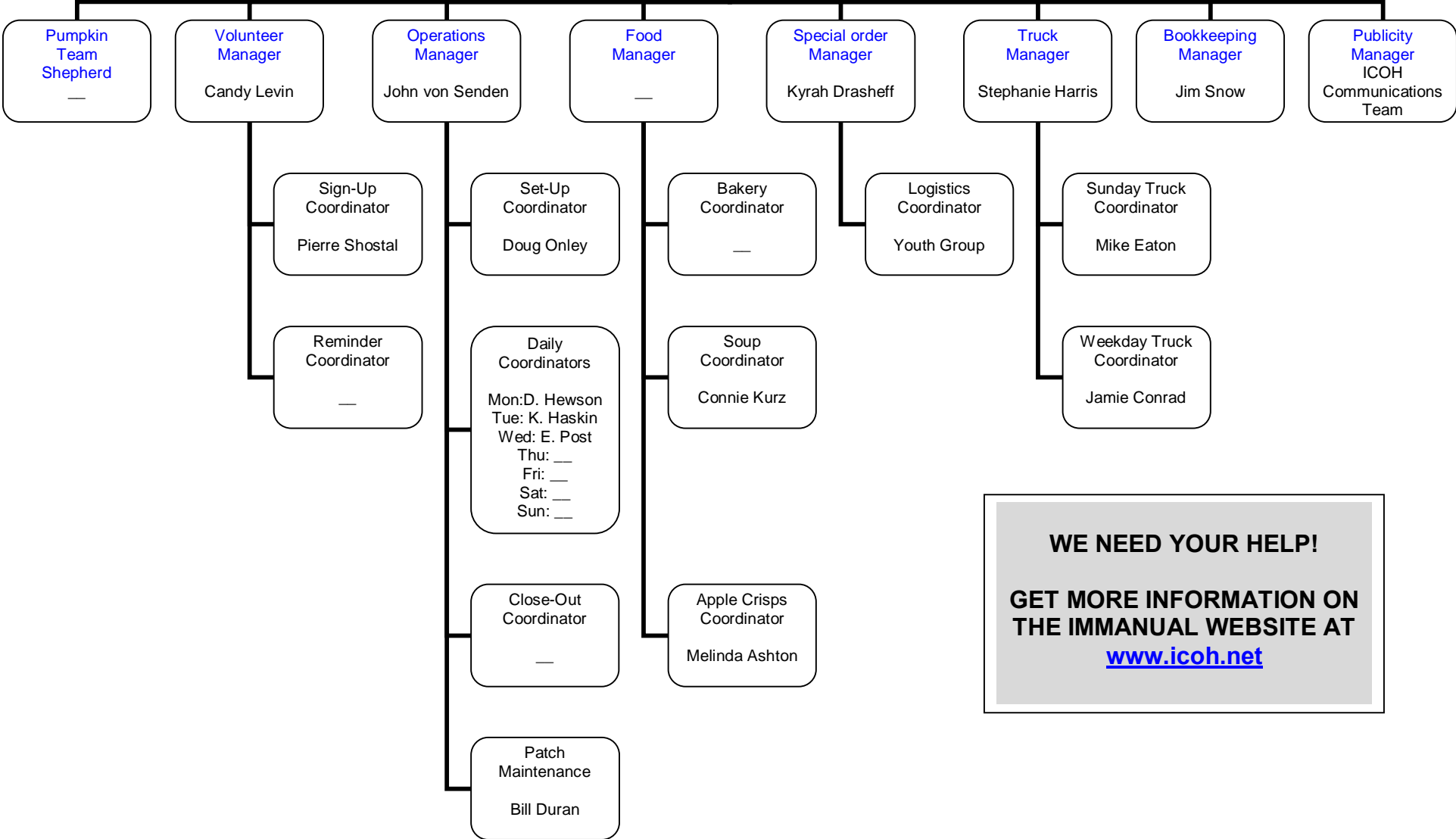
**August 4, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21  
8 a.m., HEI, 10:00 a.m., HEII



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

Vestry  
Liaison  
Martha Manson



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
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**PUMPKIN PATCH 2013 – YOUR HELP STILL NEEDED!!** We are still looking for volunteer managers and coordinators in this year's Pumpkin Patch, as you can see by the holes in the updated organizational chart that follows.

This is a great opportunity to support the outreach programs at Immanuel that make a difference in our community and the world. You will not work alone! You will be part of a team supported by trainers, co-managers, and others in this worthwhile, fun, short-term responsibility.

Following is an updated organizational chart. As you can see, we still have an urgent need for volunteers to serve as coordinators in the following critical roles:

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

**Food Manager:** Food sales are 100% profit for the church, and contributed to 35% of last year's total profits. The Food Manager will work with Crisps coordinator Melinda Ashton, Soup coordinator Connie Kurz, and a Bakery coordinator (we need a **Bakery coordinator**, too!!) to 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.

**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.

**We need you now.** Please consider volunteering. Contact Jamie Conrad to volunteer, or John von Senden for more information about the roles described in the chart. They can both be reached at [pumpkins@icoh.net](mailto:pumpkins@icoh.net).