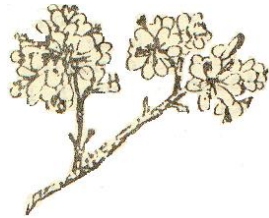


THE ALMOND TREE

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr., Rector
The Rev. David Crosby, Associate Rector
Jennifer Addington, Editor



August 30, 2013

"I said to the almond tree, 'Sister, speak to me of God.' And the almond tree blossomed." Nikos Kazantzakis



PUMPKIN SUNDAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

John C. von Senden

By now you know that Pumpkin Sunday is Sunday the 6th of October 2013. We will be celebrating Mass-on-the-Grass that morning. As soon as the service is over, we will start unloading.

The arrangement of the Patch will be very similar to last year. Our tent will be set up next to the Narthex. That will free the yard for a sea of orange. We will also be restricting automobile access to the portion of the driveway through the patch; we have "Pumpkin Parking" signs to direct customers (and volunteers) where to park. The advantage of this location for the tent is that it is better protected and the tent will have full-time power. A challenge will be to ensure workers venture out in the yard to help folks.

Yard Signs and Car Signs will be available in the Narthex Pumpkin Sunday. These are a most effective way to communicate that the patch is open for business. The yard signs will have competition from political signs this year, so place them strategically.

As you have heard, Soups and Breads provide a substantial portion of our profit. So please start cooking and baking. Don't forget the LIST OF INGREDIENTS (which helps avoid food allergy issues). And use our standard quart containers for soups; we've learned this size and container works best for both cooks and customers. Breads can be packaged as you choose. The containers will be located in the Narthex. Remember that pretty packaging (such as a ribbon or sticker) really helps our sales of these items. If you run out of freezer space at home we have a freezer at church; however, please coordinate with the Food Manager before using the church freezer.

When you show up to sell (and you have signed up already, right?) wear one of our "**Pumpkin Helper**" stickers prominently. When you see a customer, be sure to ask them if they've been to our Patch before; you'd be surprised at how many people are here year after year. Offer them a flyer (especially if they are new) explaining that all of our profits support Outreach. And be sure to explain the procedure for pricing and paying for pumpkins (they are priced by size and there is a pricing line near the tent). We will have signs to help with that. And most important (if you are at the cash-box), be sure to record any donation or purchase that isn't pumpkins.

Finally, if you have any ideas, contributions or suggestions please contact Pierre Shostal, Jim Snow, Jamie Conrad, or Martha Manson. And plan on having fun with pumpkins in October.

Have fun!

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 and Katie Lloyd, Samantha Taggart, Judy Bednar, Jessi MacLeod

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

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

RETURN TO THREE SUNDAY SERVICES

On September 15 we return to our schedule of three Sunday services, 8:00 a.m. (HEI), 9:15 a.m. (HEII) and 11:15 a.m. (HEI alternates with HEII). This will be the Sunday schedule through the end of December, when we will move to just two services through January.

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



GRACE AND GRATITUDE: Now that the painting, carpeting and general refurbishment and repair of the lower level is (mostly) complete, and we are (again "mostly) back to working order, I have to extend a fervent word of gratitude to Brooke Roberts and Stefanie Reponen. Without those two ladies I never would have survived the experience. They packed, boxed, cleaned, and unpacked, hung pictures, and generally kept me as sane as possible Thank you ladies for all you've done, and continue to do!

Jennifer Addington, Parish Administrator

**HOMECOMING POTLUCK LUNCHEON
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8:** Please plan to attend the annual Immanuel Homecoming Luncheon on Sunday September 8, in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 am service.

This is a great chance to re-connect with your parish family after the summer break, share fun and fellowship, and of course sample the culinary creations of some of Northern Virginia's best cooks and bakers! All are invited o please come!

This is a potluck event, so please bring a generous-sized dish (serving 8 to 10) -- according to the list below:

Last Names Beginning with A thru G: Main dishes
Last Names Beginning with H thru R: Side dishes, salads, or appetizers

Last Names Beginning with S thru Z: Desserts

Dishes can be dropped off in the kitchen before or after the start of services. We will have plenty of ice and cooler space to keep cold dishes chilled, and the stove going for the hot dishes.

We look forward to seeing you September 8!



Our choir will begin rehearsing on Thursday, September 5, at 7 p.m. I will be recruiting singers and those who have not sung in a while to attend the first choir rehearsal and see if it works for them. We have a wonderful time making music and worshipping and cordially invite you to join us. Gone for the holidays, travel a great deal for work, get home late etc.? You can still sing! I am happy to work with your schedule.

Jane Tavernier, Director of Music

REPORT ON CHRISTMAS FAMILIES IN AUGUST 2013

Fifty parish families and Dorothy Kellogg's group, the Wasted Ladies, signed up to provide school supplies for 111 children. These were delivered to Human Services on or before August 19.

The special collections totaled \$4,500 and the Outreach had allocated \$750, for a total of \$5,250 which were distributed as follows:

\$1,500 to the Episcopal Church schools in the Dominican Republic

\$1,500 to our Episcopal contact in Haiti

\$1,125 to Human Services

\$1,125 to Community Lodgings, esp, for children in their afterschool program.

This is the best outcome for this program yet. Thanks to Julien Randolph for suggesting many years ago that we do this, to all who provided school supplies, and to all who contributed to the special collection.

Dagobert and Lissa Soergel, Linda Serabian, Julie Bruns

EARLY CHRISTIANS AT THE VTS 1823

CAFÉ: All Immanuelites are welcome to join us for conversation and fellowship at the 1823 Club on Tuesday, September 3 at 5 p.m. (and year-round on the first Tuesday evening of each month).

BENEDICTINES AT THE 1823 CAFÉ:

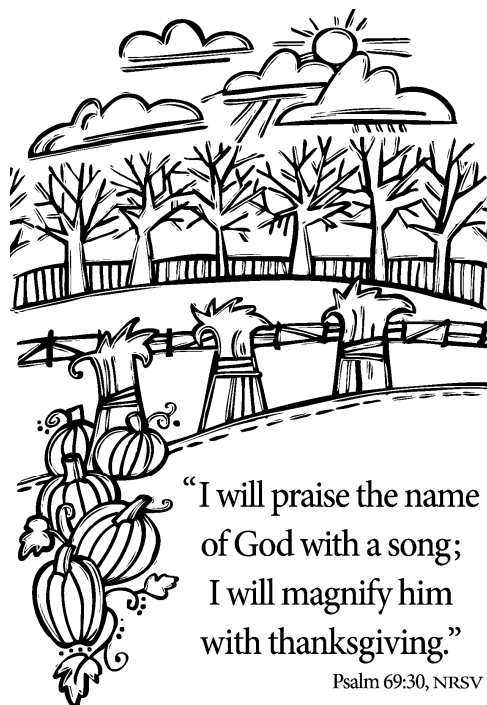
Immanuel's Benedictine Community will meet at the VTS 1823 Club on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to the social event. Our regular one hour, twice a month gatherings for prayer, study and renewal are held in Immanuel's Upper Room the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

Why are some prayers called Collects?

Collects (KAHL-ekts) are short prayers that "collect" the silent prayers of the people and consist of an invocation, a petition, and an ascription of glory to God. The collect of the day immediately precedes the reading of the lessons in the Liturgy of the Word in the Eucharist, and other collects are used at feasts days, saints' days, and other special occasions.

~ Courtesy of *A Dictionary for Episcopalians*, John N. Wall (Cowley Publications: Boston, 2000), p. 34.



“I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving.”

Psalm 69:30, NRSV



Advent Retreat

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel!”

Advent Retreat 2013

Holy Cross Abbey

December 6-8

Advent means “coming” in Latin. This first Western Christian season is a time of preparation. We can begin again to ready for the Coming of the Lord. Our time together will be devoted to preparing our hearts, minds, bodies and souls for “God with us.” We will seek

God, explore that which grounds and sustains us, and hope to discover who we are meant to be. Our retreat leader will be the Rev. David M. Crosby, associate rector of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill.

The Immanuel Advent retreat will be at Holy Cross Abbey in the foothills of the Shenandoah Mountains by the Shenandoah River on a 1200 acre farm near Berryville, Virginia. The Cistercian monks of Holy Cross Abbey have been praying on the Berryville property since 1950; retreat participants will benefit from this location steeped in prayer as they explore the retreat theme. Cistercians observe silence at all times to aid reflection, prayer, and listening to God. During the Advent Retreat, silence will be observed except in the program sessions. For more information about Holy Cross Abbey, consult the website <http://www.virginiatrappists.org/>.

The retreat will begin on Friday afternoon, December 6, shortly before the evening meal and will end after the noon meal on Sunday, December 8. The \$300.00 registration fee includes all materials, comfortable accommodations, individual rooms each with a bathroom, and all meals.

Two scholarships given in memory of Charles Willis are available; please contact the assistant rector for scholarship assistance.

Registration is limited to 15 persons; please reserve your space now using the form in the *Almond Tree*.

**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Advent Retreat
Holy Cross Abbey Retreat House
December 6-8, 2013**

1. First person registering for retreat

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Telephone _____ Evening Telephone _____

E-mail _____

2. Second person registering for retreat

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Telephone _____ Evening Telephone _____

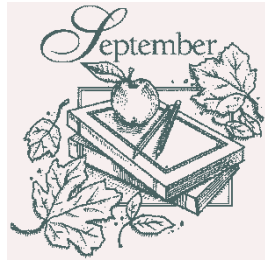
E-mail _____

Number of registrants _____ x \$300 = _____ Total registration fee

Please make check payable to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill and label it Advent Retreat. Return this form and your check to the Immanuel Church office, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22304. Please put Advent retreat on the envelope.

If you need to cancel your registration and there is no one on the waiting list who can take your place, Holy Cross Abbey retains the \$50.00 per room deposit. All but \$50.00 of your registration fee would be returned to you.

09/01 Pam Willard
09/01 Laura Snow
09/01 Becky Chill
09/01 Brandon Schnedl
09/02 Duncan MacDonald
09/02 Nick Brown
09/03 Shirley McKinley
09/03 Andy Biache
09/03 Ginger Peabody
09/03 Kevin O'Donnell
09/03 Stephanie Harris
09/04 Casey Kane
09/05 Ralph Fairbank
09/05 Steve Gasparek
09/05 Casey Konvalinka
09/05 Carroll Phillips
09/06 Jonathan Anderson
09/08 Toni Ross
09/08 Jessica Collison
09/09 Brian Moran
09/09 Melanie Gray
09/09 Jarrett Arp
09/09 Logan Conklin
09/11 Bob Eckert
09/12 Katherine Smith
09/12 Paul Atwood
09/12 Amy Dawkins
09/13 Jim Hobson
09/13 John Huebner
09/13 Frankie Danly
09/14 Leah Wilson
09/14 Ally Powell-Switaj
09/15 Chip Calloway
09/15 Khary Stockton
09/15 Benjamin Hewson
09/15 Kent Kachejian
09/16 Janice Newman
09/16 Leif Christoffersen
09/16 Teri Suri
09/16 Wendy Lane John
09/17 Tracey Friday
09/17 Kate Snow
09/17 Megan Eklund
09/18 Ginny Johnstone
09/19 Bruce Becker
09/19 Frances Johnson




09/19 Alfie Waite
09/19 Wilton Corkern
09/19 Jimmy Moore
09/19 Kathryne Gould
09/20 Alan Becker
09/20 Celia Ochs
09/20 Fiona MacDonald
09/21 Georgia Maas
09/21 Clay Burke
09/21 Rachel Becker
09/23 Doreen Williams
09/23 Bill Kerekes
09/23 Chris Stanek
09/23 Benjamin Richter
09/23 Lorelai Low
09/24 Martha Sedgwick
09/25 Gilma Balcarcel
09/25 Mike Eaton
09/25 Seth Low
09/26 The Rev. Patricia Alexander
09/26 Jean Jackson-Mason
09/26 Nicole de los Reyes
09/27 Taylor Houck
09/28 Margaret Moring
09/28 Tom Rowe
09/28 Dennis Bruns
09/28 Mondy Carter
09/28 Catherine Konvalinka
09/29 Lawrence Wilkes
09/29 Michael Michaelis
09/30 Allison Biache

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!

SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM HE-I, Chapel 9:20 AM Circle of Quiet, Undercroft 10:00 AM HE, Chapel 6:20 PM - 9:00 PM Prayer Group, Fairchild Room	2  Labor Day, Office Closed	3 5:00 PM Early Christians, VTS 1823 Cafe 7:00 PM Benedictine Community, Upper Room	4 6:30 AM Early Christians 8:20 AM - 11:30 AM Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist-II	5 7:00 PM Choir, Choir Room	6 TAT deadline 8:20 AM - 11:30 AM Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall 12:30 PM Muslim Worship, Parish Hall 8:30 PM AA, Fairchild	7 Sunday School Teachers retreat, Fairchild Room 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dignity, Zabriskie
8 HOMECOMING SUNDAY 8:00 AM HE-I, Chapel 10:00 AM HE, Chapel 11:00 AM Homecoming lunch, Parish Hall	9 11:00 AM Tai Chi, Yoga, Parish Hall	10 Homecoming rehearsals and set up, Parish Hall, Fairchild Room 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting, Upper Room	11 Homecoming rehearsals and set up, Parish Hall, Fairchild Room TAT mailing 6:30 AM Early Christians 8:20 AM - 11:30 AM Senior Exercise classes, cancelled 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist-II 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Bibles on Tap, Cafe 1823 VTS	12 Homecoming rehearsals and set up, Parish Hall, Fairchild Room 7:00 PM Choir, Choir Room 7:30 PM Seminary Hill Assoc., Upper Room	13 Dinner for Chapel ground-breaking Homecoming rehearsals and set up, Parish Hall, Fairchild Room 8:20 AM - 11:30 AM Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall 12:30 PM Muslim Worship, cancelled 8:30 PM AA, Fairchild	14 11:00 AM Immanuel Chapel groundbreaking 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dignity, Zabriskie 6:00 PM Homecoming Show, Parish Hall
15 Ministries Fair, Parish Hall 8:00 AM HE-I, Chapel 9:15 AM HE-II, Chapel 11:15 AM HE, Chapel	16 11:00 AM Tai Chi, Yoga, Parish Hall	17 6:00 PM Outreach Pumpkin Dinner, Parish Hall 12:00 pm Goodwin House luncheon 7:00 PM Benedictine Community, Upper Room	18 6:30 AM Early Christians 8:20 AM - 11:30 AM Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist-II	19 7:00 PM Choir, Choir Room	20 TAT deadline 8:20 AM - 11:30 AM Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall 12:30 PM Muslim Worship, Parish Hall 4:30 PM wedding rehearsal 8:30 PM AA, Fairchild	21 Puppet Show rehearsal, Parish Hall 4:00 PM Eric Arnold/Devon McKenzie wedding 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dignity, Zabriskie
22 8:00 AM HE-I, Chapel 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Puppet Show, Parish Hall 9:15 AM HE-II, Chapel 11:15 AM HE, Chapel	23 11:00 AM Tai Chi, Yoga, Parish Hall 6:30 PM Knitting Group, 1823 Pub/VTS	24	25 TAT mailing 6:30 AM Early Christians 8:20 AM - 11:30 AM Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist-II	26 7:00 PM Choir, Choir Room	27 8:20 AM - 11:30 AM Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall 12:30 PM Muslim Worship, Parish Hall 8:30 PM AA, Fairchild	28 9:00 AM Haiti Micah Project, Upper Room 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dignity, Zabriskie
29 8:00 AM HE-I, Chapel 9:15 AM HE-II, Chapel 10:15 AM Education Hour 11:15 AM HE, Chapel 1:30 PM Blessing of the Animals 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group, Kitchen and Fairchild Room	30 11:00 AM Tai Chi, Yoga, Parish Hall	1 5:00 PM Early Christians, VTS 1823 Cafe 7:00 PM Benedictine Community, Upper Room	2 6:30 AM Early Christians 8:20 AM - 11:30 AM Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist-II	3 7:00 PM Choir, Choir Room	4 TAT deadline 8:20 AM - 11:30 AM Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall 12:30 PM Muslim Worship, Parish Hall 8:30 PM AA, Fairchild	5 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dignity, Zabriskie

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Lectionary Readings and
Schedule of Services



September 1, The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8; 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14
8 a.m., HEI, 10:00 a.m., HEII

September 8, The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33
8:00 a.m., HEI; 10:00 a.m., HEII

September 15, The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII; 11:15 a.m., HEI (NOTE: Return to 3 services)