THE ALMOND TREE

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

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

Being a Christian across the Life Cycle

New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward
Who would keep abreast of truth.

This phrase from the old hymn "Once to Every Man and Nation" by James Russell Lowell, says it so well--there are different lessons we must learn at different times in our lives, and there are different aspects of the Christian faith that speak uniquely to those different stages and lessons. A great parish church needs to acknowledge and celebrate this reality, and to provide resources and support for the whole journey of life as we "grow into the full stature of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

Honoring and expanding upon this truth, the Vestry recently did away with the former Growth and Education area of stewardship, substituting three areas in its place. They are: Children, Youth, and Families; Adult Formation and Discipleship; and Senior Ministry. We will be focusing more on several different aspects of the life cycle, not just one.

In the Senior Ministry area we will be looking at ways we can assist any seniors in the parish who might need rides to doctor's appointments or elsewhere, who might need a visit, as well as programming relating to retirement, financial planning, and estate and funeral planning. Opportunities for fellowship will be explored, as well. Martha Manson is the new Vestry steward in this area. Please contact her if you would like to be part of this deepened focus.

For children and youth we will see increased attention upon Church School teacher training, more activities and formation for youth, more of our children and youth serving in our parish liturgies and, hopefully, a return to mission trips. We are also in the process of defining a job description that will lead to calling a part-time staff person in this area.

Adult Formation and Discipleship will feature forums, retreats, classes and series largely asking how we grow and mature as followers of Jesus Christ in our postmodern society. It is not simply Adult *Education*, but it is really *Formation*, as we acknowledge how we are being shaped and formed by our experiences, our reflection, our prayer, even our failures and fresh starts. Our goal is to have offerings that speak to many different kinds of learners, across many different kinds of settings.

The Christian goal, across the life cycle, is the regular asking, in community, of what God would have us do, now. One of the great blessings of a parish church is that we don't have to ask these questions alone, nor do we have to remain only with those of our own age. In church we are placed squarely in the midst of every age and condition. Let's mine that that richness for all that it's worth! Let's learn more about God and ourselves in the process.

See you in Church,
Randy

PASTORAL CARE CORNER: **Please remember these parishioners in your prayers:** Jean Schnedl, Morgan, Janet Siegrist, Catherine, Mary, Duncan MacDonald, Yvonne Pover, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Bill Frye, Barbara Fornoff, Chris Stanek, Warren Phillips, Sharon Waiss, John Smucker.

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, Marjorie Glassco, Paul, Kathryn, Carol Brown, Scott, Bob Weeks, Sharon Laboditz, D. Elizabeth Peters, Patricia, Howard Sutherland, Mary Jean Anderson, Mildred, Dan Wells, Erin and Rob Schiesel, Marianne and Gerard Ennis, Bill Ennis, Jack Lewis, Linda Monzi, Elesa McFadden.

Those serving in the U.S. and overseas: Todd Bates**,** Ian Phillips, John Patrick Miller; Jon and Nicole Anderson, Noah Barker, Ryan, Will Murtha, Allen Kellogg, Keith June.

COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY OR MEET THE PASTOR AT THE PUB Following the Rector's lead of seeking times for further engagement, I'd like to offer some other ways to gather, either individually or collectively, for fellowship. Please consider making a date with me either for 'coffee with the clergy' or to meet the 'pastor at the pub' [at the seminary's 1823 Café]. Of course, gathering at table over breakfast, lunch, or frozen yogurt are wonderful avenues as well. ~ David+

SUNDAY LENTEN SERIES TO FOCUS ON TYPES OF PRAYER: Sundays during Lent will feature a series of forums on different types of prayer, their origins in Scripture and tradition, their use in our liturgy, and how we use them in our own private devotions. We will explore together: Thanksgiving, Intercession, Confession, Petition, and Adoration. We will hear from a variety of voices, and each forum will end with a time of actually praying in the way we have just discussed. More details to follow soon! The forums will begin at 10:30 on Sunday mornings.

UPCOMING YOUTH RETREAT WEEKENDS AT SHRINE MONT Parish Youth Ministries (PYM) is a committee of the Diocese of Virginia exclusively made up of about 25-30 high school students from around the diocese. The committee plans and then leads three retreat weekends for middle and high school youth. PYM members also serve at the diocesan Annual Council meeting as pages and volunteer assistants.

PYM is offering their annual spring weekend retreats at Shrine Mont, providing middle schoolers and their adult leaders a chance to come together for a time of fellowship and growth.

The 6th & 7th Grade weekend will be March 28-30, 2014.

The 8th Grade weekend will be May 16-18, 2014. Please speak to Rev. David and/or youth leaders regarding interest in attending one of these events. Registration forms are available on-line at: http://diovayouth.wordpress.com/forms-and-brochures/

FORMER REGIUS PROFESSOR OF DIVINITY AT OXFORD TO PREACH AND LEAD A FORUM The Rev. Dr. Keith Ward will be at Immanuel to preach and teach on Sunday, March 16th. He is an Anglican priest, theologian, and philosopher, and from 1991 to 2004 Dr. Ward was Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford. Among Dr. Ward's many interests are the dialogue between religions and the relationship between science and religion. The author of over 20 books on theology and philosophy, Dr. Ward's most recent publications include *Why There Almost Certainly Is a God* (2008) and *The Big Questions in Science and Religion* (2008.) He comes to Immanuel while he is in the area as a guest of Virginia Seminary. Dr. Ward has described his own Christian faith as follows:

"I am a born-again Christian. I can give a precise day when Christ came to me and began to transform my life with his power and love. He did not make me a saint. But he did make me a forgiven sinner, liberated and renewed, touched by divine power and given the immense gift of an intimate sense of the personal presence of God. I have no difficulty in saying that I wholeheartedly accept Jesus as my personal Lord and Saviour."

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE HEIFER FAIR! On Sunday, March 2 following the 9:15 a.m. service, the parish hall will be filled with lambs, ducks, llamas and even a water buffalo or two, when the **Sunday School teachers and students put on their 17th annual Heifer Project Fair**. This is a fun-raiser (fellowship, games, and food!) and a fundraiser for Heifer International, the global organization that provides livestock and agricultural training to families struggling with poverty and hunger.

This year we will have a BOGO (Buy One, Get One) sale. Come to the fair and **make a contribution toward the purchase of an animal,** and a Sunday School student will give you an animal that they have made and share with you more information about this wonderful organization.

Need a gift for someone special? A donation of a Heifer Project animal to a family in need can be a many-fold blessing, and we even have gift cards to present to your recipient. You can learn more about this wonderful organization at heifer.org. Have questions? Contact **Linda Serabian** at serabian@somaarchitects.com .

A MESSAGE FROM PARISHIOER KEITH JUNE, CURRENTLY SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN

Greetings to all!

I hope this finds everyone well. I have settled into Afghanistan. I am assigned to a NATO post in Kabul where I am serving as the senior communications officer. I am actually assigned to the International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF) which consists of 49 nations here in Afghanistan but we are subordinate to NATO so most of my work is with NATO. I haven't worked with NATO for many years so the learning curve is steep. My boss is a German 2 star General. I am really enjoying the assignment and there is, as you might imagine, quite a bit going on here. I am doing well though I managed to catch the Afghan crud within days of arrival.

Perhaps an understatement but sounds like you guys have had a rather difficult winter.

I did start the African Bible study. The US chaplain here was very familiar with the study and has been helpful and supportive. We did our second session last night. I had one other person the first week and two people this last week so the group is growing and the participants have really enjoyed the study. As you might imagine, there are many competing interest here starting with a very intense schedule and life in general but many people use this time to grow spiritually. Additionally, the congregation represents Christians from many countries and denominations so you get quite a bit of diversity of ideas and thoughts but the bible study really has been good and very welcomed by the participants.

Many thanks to the African Bible Study group as I was well prepared and confident to conduct the study.

I attend an Episcopal Service but the chaplain who leads the service is a Presbyterian Chaplain from the British Army. The chaplain, David Anderson, is from Scotland so his accent takes a bit getting used to but I love the service. (I've joked with several of my Scottish Friends that I may need to take a class in Scottish!) We've had a many great discussions ranging from Calvin and Predestination to why it's the "British" Army versus the Royal Army like the Royal Air Force or the Royal Navy…(yes, it's complicated—something about Oliver Cromwell). He really is a hoot but a wonderful pastor. He asked me where I was originally from and I told him, South Carolina. He said he had been to Savannah and had seen South Carolina. He then went on to tell me that he had preached in a "colored" church near Savannah. He said, "I was in me kilt and I was preaching away with the congregation yelling 'Preach it brother and amen, brother. I just loved it!" I could never make that up! One of the things I love about faith is the wonderful diversity in how people express their faith.

I have corresponded with several people in the congregation and I am delighted that Immanuel is so full of spirit. Many thanks for the prayers for me and all service members and civilians serving here in Afghanistan. Each Sunday, ISAF conducts a memorial service for members of the coalition killed during the previous week. Hearing the names of the fallen from across the coalition is sobering and a reminder of the great sacrifices and cost made by so many in defense of our nation and peace.

Yours in Christ, Keith
Keith June

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Parishioner **Marcus Rarick,** who has served as Immanuel's volunteer Treasurer since 2010, has informed the Vestry of his desire to step down in March, after nearly five years of steadfast and productive service. We all owe him our deepest gratitude for his diligent accounting skills, his unfailing discretion and his considered and patient advice in helping the Vestry keep the church on firm financial footing during a number of transitions.

A Treasurer's search committee consisting of **Sudie McGahuey, Eileen Monnin-Kirby** and **Hance Haney** will assist the Vestry in the selection of Marcus' successor as soon as possible.

"My former Bishop in New York, Bishop Richard Grein, used to say, 'Never forget that administration in the Church is also a ministry. In fact, the ministry of administration makes it possible for all of the other ministries to happen,'" says **Father Randy**. "I think of Marcus' gifts in administration, and his love and care for this Parish, as a great example of what the Bishop was saying. Marcus gives so much of his time and considerable talent to the glory of God and for the life and health of this community. We all owe Marcus deep gratitude for his loving service."

"I will miss being Treasurer, but believe it is time for someone else to take over," says Marcus. "I'm not sure what I will do next, but I'll continue to be active, though preferably not in as visible a position, and not immediately."

We will celebrate Marcus's dedication to the parish's financial health at a special coffee hour in March. Meanwhile, please offer your own thanks when you see him next.

"Marcus has set a very high standard for dedication and integrity," adds Senior Warden **Hance Haney**. "He also laid a solid foundation for us to build on."

Among other initiatives, Marcus implemented an electronic accounting system, and encouraged the Vestry to decentralize the parish's financial operations and adopt new policies and procedures to both minimize risk and streamline operations.

This past September, a part-time professional bookkeeper was hired. **Warren E. O'Hearn** is a Certified Public Accountant who has several nonprofit clients, including four Episcopal parishes in the Diocese of Washington. Warren's role at Immanuel includes entering all financial data into the accounting and donation systems—including income, payments and adjusting entries. He prepares checks and helps develop statements, reports and filings. The Treasurer reviews the bookkeeper's work and reconciles all bank accounts on a monthly basis. All checks are signed by the Treasurer, and checks exceeding $1,000 are co-signed by a warden.

Also this fall, Parish Administrator **Jennifer Addington** began processing and depositing Sunday contributions. And in 2012, the Vestry established a Finance Committee, consisting of **Tom Hewson, Brad Ashton, Tom Harris** and **Carla Murray**, to provide advice to the Rector, Vestry and Treasurer in financial matters.

"The Treasurer used to do it all," says Hance. "But there are very few people who can manage that level of volunteer time commitment, and ideally we would like to rotate treasurers every two-to-three years or so. Our goal is to free the Treasurer from many of the routine day-to-day tasks to the extent we can."

Aside from overseeing the work of others to a greater extent, the Treasurer will continue to oversee the financial operations and report on the financial status of the parish, ensure compliance with Diocesan and Church financial standards and guidelines, establish and maintain controls and procedures to prevent the unauthorized use of parish resources and assist the Rector and Vestry with financial planning and preparing the annual budget.

Hance Haney, Senior Warden

READY FOR PANCAKES? We'll be serving them up in the parish hall between **5 and 7 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th.** Don your Mardi Gras beads, and bring your friends — all are welcome! Come and enjoy the fellowship of our parish family before Lent begins.

The menu includes both plain and blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, applesauce, coffee and juice — and maybe a New Orleans King's Cake. **Cost is $5 for adults, $2.50 for children under 12, and a maximum of $15 for a family.**

We need volunteers: a cashier, some table bussers, batter makers and pancake flippers, and a few people to come early (about 2 p.m.) to start cooking the bacon and sausage. If you can help, please contact **Tom and Roz Kerns** at rtkerns@cox.net or 703-768-3971. Hope to see you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN ADDED In addition to our schedule of 12 Noon and 7:30 p.m. services on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, there will be an Ash Wednesday service directed intentionally towards children and younger members of our parish, at 6pm. Parents are, of course, very welcome! This service will also include the imposition of ashes for all who desire them.

FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH: Anyone can learn CPR, and everyone should: You could save a life! Sadly 70% of Americans feel helpless to act in a cardiac emergency because they either do not know how to administer CPR or their training has significantly lapsed. This alarming statistic could hit close to home, because the majority of cardiac arrests occur in the home. Put simply, the life you might save with CPR is most likely to be someone you love.

The Parish Nursing Committee is continuing to offer free CPR classes (aimed at assisting adults, children and infants in distress) as well as training on the automated external defibrillator (AED) Immanuel recently acquired. Fourteen parishioners have been trained so far. You first take a 90-minute interactive online class (interested persons will need an email address in order to log in). Then you will meet with instructors in the parish hall to practice on the equipment and see a demonstration. You receive a two-year certification after the successful completion of the class. Contact **Lisa Clausen** at 703-684-3936 or Lisa.Clausen@verizon.net and let her know of your interest.

PHOTOS FROM THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

(Photos courtesy of John Roberts)

ORAL RE-HYDRATION THERAPY—7th ANNUAL OUTREACH PROJECT WITH TEMPLE BETH EI AND IMMANUEL CHURCH ON THE HILL

When? March 6th and **March 20th,** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. we need about 30 volunteers to insert directions in the ORT packets. **Please call parishioner David Ingold,** who is coordinating this phase: 703-751-8635 or davidingold@comcast.net.

On **March 30th,** any time between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., we need all hands on deck! This is the BIG EVENT! No need to sign up, just show up.

Where? All events take place at Temple Beth EI, 3830 Seminary Road. Enter the building through the rear parking lot.

What? We assemble packets of dry ingredients (sugars & salts) that are shipped under the auspices of the United Nations & other relief agencies to scenes of natural or man-made disasters (war, famine, floods, & earthquakes). **Our goal is 20,000 packets.**

Packets prepared in past years were used in Haiti, after the 2009 earthquake, and in the Philippines where first Typhoon Bopha in 2012 and then the devastating Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013 killed more than 6,000 people, & muddy waters washed out entire villages & disrupted clean water supplies.

After church, **on March 30th, donate one hour or more of your time.** Sit at a table with old or new friends. Measure a dry ingredient; pour it in bowl which is passed to others doing the same, with the last person pouring all the ingredients into a packet. It's easy and a great way to serve God's people globally!

IMMANUEL MIGHT BE GETTING A SCHOOL We are in very serious negotiations with the Valley Drive Cooperative Nursery School, a long-established nursery school in Alexandria, about the possibility of their moving to Immanuel. Currently located at Commonwealth Baptist Church, Valley Drive has to re-locate from that facility in June. After being initially approached by the leadership of Valley Drive, it became clear to more and more of us at Immanuel that this might be a win-win for both the school and the parish. The City has been quite cooperative thus far, the Board of Valley Drive has expressed their desire to re-locate, and we are now discussing specifics.

If this move works out we believe it will deepen the involvement of the parish in the community, while also attracting more and more people who might be looking for a parish home. It would also provide a new revenue stream for Immanuel, and it would be better stewardship of the many classrooms which currently sit empty during the week. Valley Drive also has a scholarship program for students who might not otherwise be able to attend nursery school and, as nursery school spaces are sparse in the West End of Alexandria, there might be many opportunities for expansion of the scholarship program and deeper outreach in this area.

--The Rev. Randy Alexander

PHOTOS FROM THE CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

(Photos courtesy of John Roberts)

March Birthdays

03/01 Waiss, Sharon
03/02 Hawkins IV, Barney
03/02 Toman, April
03/03 Phillips, Cecile
03/03 Bastow, Matthew
03/03 Davies, Owen
03/03 Arp, Carson
03/03 Harris, Tyler
03/04 Conrad, Kathy
03/04 Arp, Hayden
03/04 Shimkin, Katja
03/05 Sparhawk, Carol
03/05 Cuddy, Thomas
03/06 Cook, Michelle
03/06 Hunt, Lily
03/07 Rogers, Tony
03/07 Rainey, Rebecca
03/07 Haskin, Matt
03/08 Dawkins, Arthur
03/08 Bellinger, Patrick
03/08 Johnson, Rob
03/08 Larsen, Evan
03/09 Smucker, Louisa
03/09 Maynard, Annie
03/11 Bates, Bob
03/11 Morton, Cynthia
03/11 Moran, Karyn
03/11 Goldsmith, Reese
03/12 Hobson Jr., Richard
03/12 Waite Jr., Al
03/12 Snow, Lindy
03/13 Burgess, Albert
03/13 Larson, Jenifer
03/14 Cohn, Jake
03/15 Phillips, Jackie
03/16 Casey, Constance
03/16 Egener, Waide
03/16 Stockton, Margaret
03/16 Diffendal, Harry
03/16 Clausen, Hillary
03/17 Tribe, Patrick
03/17 Rarick, Marcus
03/17 Albritton, Peter
03/17 Hambrick, Jack
03/17 McCaslin, Cassidy
03/18 Barrows, Danie
03/20 Peabody, Lizzie
03/20 Christino, Ruthie
03/21 Ingold, Marianne
03/21 Jerdan, Keith
03/22 Elberfeld, Katie
03/22 Stockton, Jahi
03/23 Peetz, Deborah
03/23 Mostrom, Jean
03/23 Phillips, Peter
03/23 Friday, Sarah
03/23 Conklin, Tyler
03/23 Vassev, Nicky
03/23 Vasseva, Isabella
03/24 Hoge, Wendy
03/24 Ruhl, Mary Jane
03/24 Corbett, Janice
03/24 Whitaker, Eleanor
03/25 Fox, Page
03/25 Thomas, Bobbi
03/25 O'Donnell, Bethany
03/25 O'Donnell, Jackson
03/26 Eisenhour, Zachary
03/27 LaGoe, Terri
03/27 Bolton, Beverlee
03/27 Michaelis, Christine
03/27 Knight, Christa
03/27 Malone, Miles
03/27 Thompson, Zachary
03/28 Ridao, Beatrice
03/28 Hardy, Kate
03/28 Gildersleeve, Susan
03/28 Conklin, Michele
03/29 Baltes, Gavin
03/30 Ramsdell, Barbara
03/30 Drasheff, Kyrah
03/30 Atwood, David
03/30 Riposo, Jessie
03/31 Tyler, Billie
03/31 Shallbetter, Matthew
03/31 Pujara, Ashlei
03/31 Sullivan, Joseph

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!

MARCH 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 **8:00 AM** HE-I, Chapel **9:15 AM** HE-II, Chapel **10:30 AM** Circle of Quiet, Upper Room **10:30 AM** Clay Class **10:30 AM** Education Hour **11:15 AM** HE-I, HE-II alternating **5:00 PM - 8:00 PM** Youth Group, Kitchen and Fairchild Room	**24** **11:00 AM** Tai Chi, Yoga, Parish Hall **6:30 PM** Knitting Group, 1823 Pub/VTS	**25** **10:30 AM - 11:30 AM** SD, Upper Room **6:15 PM - 7:15 PM** Jaci exercise class, Parish Hall	**26** **6:30 AM** Early Christians **8:20 AM** Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall **6:30 PM** Holy Eucharist II	**27** **6:15 PM - 7:15 PM** Jaci exercise class, Parish Hall **7:00 PM** Choir, Choir Room	**28** **8:20 AM** Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall **12:30 PM** Muslim Worship, Parish Hall **8:30 PM** AA, Fairchild	**1** Heifer Fair Set up, Parish Hall **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** Dignity, Zabriskie
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Lectionary Readings and
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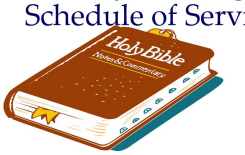

March 2, The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII; 11:15 am., HEI

March 9, The First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
8 a.m., HEI, 9:15 a.m., HEII; 11:15 a.m., HEII

March 16, The Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII, 11:15 a.m., HEI