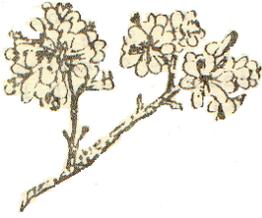


THE ALMOND TREE

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr., Rector
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October 10, 2014

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

ADULT FORUM THIS SUNDAY: "LISTENING FOR YOUR CALL", WITH NINA FROST: The whole question of vocation—what we are “called” to do by virtue of our gifts, talents and passions—arises throughout our lives: in times of transition and job search, yet also amidst more stable periods. Vocation questions are ultimately questions about living fully and authentically, and in many ways our search for vocational identity is more pilgrimage than destination. It is an ongoing pursuit of wholeness that is connected to what we do in the world, but not limited to it.

Nina H. Frost is a vocational counselor and spiritual director in private practice in New York City and Virginia. A frequent speaker at churches, she also designs retreats and workshops that help people integrate Christian spirituality with the challenges posed by career and personal transitions. She has an M.A. in Spiritual Direction from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, a Certificate in Adult Career Planning and Development from New York University, and a B.A. in English from Yale University. She is a co-author of the book Soul Mapping: An Imaginative Way to Self-Discovery.

PLEASE AND THANK YOU FROM THE PUMPKIN PATCH: Thanks to everyone who turned out to help unload pumpkins on Pumpkin Sunday. Your energy and drive are amazing! And it turned out to be a very good selling day, as folks bought pumpkins practically out of the trucks, along with soups, crafts, and baked goods. So, again, THANK YOU ALL for getting us off to a great start! Now for the “please” part of this message: PLEASE take a look at your calendar for this month and sign up to work in the Pumpkin Patch; we particularly need more volunteers in that last week of October, but there are “holes” in the schedule in other places, too. We need your help! Last, please keep cooking and baking for the Pumpkin Patch – our eager customers are happy to purchase whatever you can produce. See you in the Patch!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Please help us update the parish's 2011 pictorial directory. In response to popular demand, the 2011 pictorial directory will be updated before the annual meeting in January.

You can help by submitting a photo of yourself or your family (clear and recognizable, please!). Individual or family snapshots can be submitted to pictorial@icoh.net in digital format (please identify each person in the photo by the name as you would like it to appear, from left to right and from top row to bottom row, if applicable). We want to keep this simple and maximize your options. For example, family members may be pictured separately. Feel encouraged to submit a favorite Facebook Profile Picture (no avatars, please).

If your photo appeared in the 2011 directory and you don't object to its re-use, that's also an option in most cases. Many (but unfortunately not all) photos from the 2011 pictorial directory are available for re-use in the new directory.

If there is sufficient demand, we will schedule one or more photography sessions with volunteer photographers; however, if photography sessions can be minimized, it will streamline the production process and make it easier to publish updated versions of the pictorial directory on a consistent basis in the future. You may request the re-use of your 2011 photo (if possible) or let us know that a photography session would be helpful and appreciated by sending an email to pictorial@icoh.net.

We welcome your suggestions. Please feel free to discuss this project with any member of the Communications Committee: Brooke Roberts, Candy Levin, Connie Kurz, Hance Haney and Mark Fearer. Thank you very much!

PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Morgan, Catherine, Mary, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Bill Frye, Dana Hengst, Chris Stanek, Jacquie, Cadence, Warren Phillips, Norma and Dick Taliaferro, Dick Hobson, Marcia Murray, Kay Neer, Susan Kernan, Stephen Hansen, Grace Finne.

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., Lois, Jane Burton, Tom Hewson, Sr., Jim Clear, Ann and Larry Kaplan, Aubree Bowling, Paul, Carol Brown, Thomas Arminio, Robert Carter, Preston Atwood, Stephen Miller, Jim Rarick, Kyle Bruse, Andre Casavant, Molli, Marianne and Gerard Ennis, Bill Ennis, Donna Gray, Tina Bennett Kirkwood, Dorothy Phaneuf, Mildred, Nancy, Brian Crowley, Judy Pearson, Bill and Barbara Stafford, Miles, Eddie, Dale Smyth, Rhonda Busch, William Corbett, Kathryn, Anna, Marty Cloy, Kelly.

Those serving in the U.S. and overseas: Todd Bates, Ian Phillips, John Patrick Miller; Jon Anderson, Noah Barker, Will Murtha, Allen Kellogg, Keith June, and Carolyn Bartley, Kendra Smyth and Ed Kabay.

NEW PASSCODE FOR KEYPAD LOCKS The passcode(s) for the keypad locks at the basement door to Zabriskie Chapel and also at the door to Nelson Hall (aka Parish Hall) have not been changed for some time. From a security perspective, changing the passcode periodically reduces the possibility that the passcode will become so well-known that it can become a security liability. This has been on our to-do list for some time.

We would like to establish an email distribution list so we can change the passcode(s) periodically and notify everyone who uses a passcode to enter the building in a timely fashion. If you would like to be on the list, please send an email to passcode@icoh.net. Please don't hesitate to contact Hance Haney with questions or concerns at hancehaney@gmail.com.

We anticipate changing the passcodes in approximately two to three weeks. The exact date of the passcode change will be publicized.

APPLE CRISP MAKING TIME! One of our all time big sellers at the Pumpkin Patch is our famous apple crisps. These take many hands to put together and you have a chance to help. Baking times will be on Saturday and Sunday, the 11th-12th and the 18th-19th in the church



Apple
Crisps

kitchen (Saturday, 8-3, Sunday, 8-2). Please come help for just one or a few hours. It is fun and profitable. No experience necessary. Contact Melinda Ashton at melindashton@gmail.com or [703-549-7295](tel:703-549-7295).

BOOKKEEPER Immanuel is seeking a part-time bookkeeper to manage all accounting functions to include budgeting, monthly closing, and financial statement preparation/financial analysis. Must have excellent written and verbal communications skill; knowledge of GAAP; strong computer skills and prefer experience with non-profit accounting software. Minimum experience of 5 years working in non-profit accounting and bachelor's degree with concentration in accounting. The full job announcement can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/ICOHbookkeeper>. To apply, please send a cover letter and a resume to bookkeeperrecruit@icoh.net.



Parishioners at Mass-on-the-Grass last weekend were delighted to see out newly installed **MEMORIAL GARDEN FOUNTAIN**.

The beautiful design and installation were an anonymous gift from some generous parishioners. The fountain is located under the magnolia tree across from the terrace outside the Fairchild Room. As well as providing comfort for those who are grieving, who knows.... one day it might also be the site of baptisms!



THE HOBSON FAMILY has a long history in the Diocese of Virginia as well as at Immanuel. Dick's maternal grandfather was rector of St. Paul's Church in Richmond. His father's father was the senior warden and friend of the rector. May and Archer (Dick's parents) played together since the age of five, married, raised four children, Dick being the youngest, and shared a deep faith throughout their lives.

Dick was born in New Jersey and moved to Goochland County, VA when he was five. He started attending Immanuel as a child of six or seven when his family moved to Alexandria in 1937. Immanuel Church on the Hill had recently been established as the Immanuel Chapel of the Virginia Theological Seminary. Robert Archer and Mary Hartley Hobson were among the earliest members of the parish and quickly became very active at Immanuel. His father served on the vestry and participated in many ministries until his death in 1960. His mother was very involved in parish and diocesan women's organizations. May Hobson remained a member of the parish until her death in 1982 at age 95.

Dick's memories of Immanuel go as far back as Alexander Zabriskie, Dean of the Seminary and Immanuel's first rector. Dick first attended elementary school at Fort Belvoir. When he was nine, his family moved to Alexandria. He finished his elementary education at MacArthur School on Janney's Lane where he was in the first graduating class. He attended George Washington for middle school and one year of high school and then spent three years at Episcopal High School. He received his B.A. cum laude in history from Princeton University. After completing his undergraduate degree, he spent three years in the U.S. Navy. He was stationed out of Norfolk and served on the destroyer, USS J.F. Kennedy.

After finishing military service, he entered Harvard Law School. In 1959, while he was in the Boston area, he met Kathleen (Kay) Stanton of Grosse Ile, MI. Kay had attended the University of Colorado. After receiving a degree in literature, she moved to Boston to work in advertising and book cover design at Houghton Mifflin Publishing. They were married December 10, 1960 at St. James Episcopal Church on Grosse Ile. The first year and a half of their marriage they lived in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They attended and taught Sunday School at Christ Church, Cambridge. However, Virginia had a strong pull for Dick, and in February of 1962 he and his family returned to Alexandria where they have remained ever since.

When their first child was born a month later, Dick's mother realized that there was no nursery at Immanuel. Determined that there would be no impediment to her son and daughter-in-law attending church, she and Kay, with the help of other volunteers, founded the Immanuel nursery. The Hobsons have two sons, Rich and Lee, and two daughters, Hartley and Kathleen. All were baptized and confirmed at the Seminary Chapel and were married there as well with the exception of Lee who was married in The Church of St. John the Divine in Houston, Texas.

Dick spent a brief year working for a computer firm. In 1963, he joined McGuire Woods, his current firm, and was made a partner in 1966. His main areas of practice were real estate, land use and development, and environmental law. Dick served two terms in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1966-1970.

Dick has been active at Immanuel since his days as a Sunday School student and later as an acolyte. Dick and Kay both taught Sunday School classes when their children were growing up, and together they ran the acolyte program for eight years from the late 1970s until 1988. Dick was elected to the Vestry three times and has served as both Junior and Senior Warden. Dick worked for several years with the Diocesan Missionary Society to support establishment of new parishes in Virginia. Both Dick and Kay have served on Search Committees for new rectors. Kay has enjoyed singing with the choir for over 25 years.

Dick and Kay were reminiscing about groups and events at Immanuel that are not now active. These include chapters of Episcopal Church Women, the St. Andrew's Society, the Women's Monthly Luncheon Group and the Christmas Bazaar. For years, a big Mardi Gras party was a regular feature on the Immanuel calendar.

The Hobsons have a tradition of spending the first week of August at Shrine Mont with their children. In years past, Dick and Kay urged Fred and Margaret Moring to join them for that first Shrine Mont week. Both had very young babies, including the Moring's children, Rich and Martha. Fred and Dick had actually been at Shrine Mont for retreats with the St. Andrew's Brotherhood so Fred knew well that Shrine Mont was a good deal. When Jim and Nan Hobson moved to Alexandria and joined the church, they too were encouraged to bring their family to the Shrine Mont week. Over the years, college friends, cousins, aunts and uncles, grandmothers and the ever increasing number of babies swelled the group. Eventually, it grew to number seven families of three generations and now a fourth. The generations continue to gather with the number of Shrine Mont attendees now close to 70, ranging in age from 10 months to the 80s.

Dick grew up on Quaker Lane on the same land where he and Kay have lived since 1966, and only steps away from Immanuel and the Seminary Community that have been a focal point for Dick all his life as well as that of his family. Dick and Kay are fortunate that Rich and his children, Trey and Ava, as well as Hartley and Kevin Wensing and their daughter Grace live nearby in Alexandria. Kathleen and Mark and their children Madeline and Anderson live in Chagrin Falls outside of Cleveland, and Lee and Ann and their children, Blake, Kathleen and Henry live in Dallas, both close enough for frequent family gatherings. They all feel a strong tie to Immanuel-Church-on-the-Hill where so much of their childhood and growing up years were spent and so many of the sacraments of their lives and their family's, from birth to death, have been celebrated.

THREE IMMANUEL PARISHIONERS RECOGNIZED: Congratulations are in order for three Immanuelites who were recently recognized for their outstanding work.



John Smucker received the Meals on Wheels Volunteer Award presented by Senior Services of Alexandria at

its Annual Volunteer Luncheon. He was one of two volunteers to be recognized for going above and beyond in his service to the program.



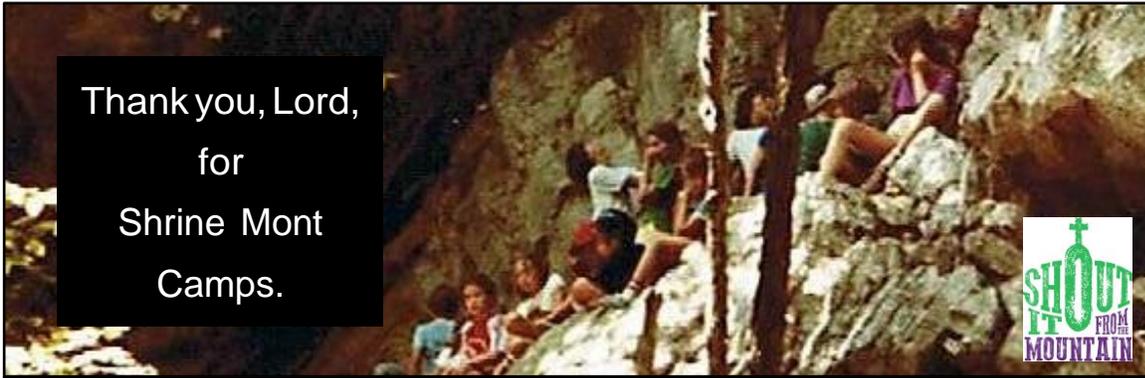
Kyrah Drasheff won third place in the 28th annual juried art show "Young at Art" sponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria and Goodwin House Foundation. More than 200 pieces of art were submitted by artists aged 55 and above in the Washington metropolitan area. Her acrylic abstract, "Heeled," is on display at the Durant Center (1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria) through November 20.



Beth McGahuey will receive a Service Excellence Award on Oct 23 at a banquet given by her employer, Service Source, for her work this year at her job site, the mail room of the Dept. of Transportation. She has been working there for thirteen years and thoroughly enjoys her work. Everyone she works with enjoys her smile.

THE ANNUAL FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON to benefit Alexandria Hospital will be held Friday, October 31, 2014 at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. For information and tickets please call Barbara Ramsdell at 703/379/1516.

Thank you, Lord,
for
Shrine Mont
Camps.



You are cordially invited to an

Orkney Dinner

in support of the *Shout It From the Mountain* campaign
to renovate camp facilities and endow scholarships

Saturday, November 1, 2014

6:30 to 10pm

Refectory • Virginia Theological Seminary
3720 Bishop Walker Circle, Alexandria

\$50/person

Attire: Mountain dressy

Drinks ~ 6:30pm • **Dinner** ~ 7:30pm

Dessert • Program ~ 8:30pm

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Live music! • Moomaws! • Bishop Ted Gulick!

Spontaneous giving opportunities

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To **reserve your seat(s)**, click [here](#) & pay by Wed., October 22. Questions? Email [Sarah Pollach](#)
or find the event on [Facebook](#).

If you can't join us, you can still [give to the campaign!](#)

VTS is graciously underwriting this event. All proceeds benefit the campaign.

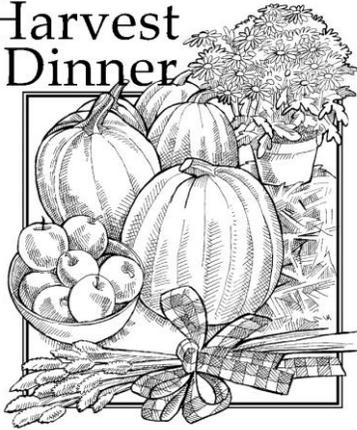
Event Committee: Valerie Burke, Mimi Carter, Carrie Pinkney Cuddy, Jeannie Cummins,
Amanda Eisenhour, Kathleen Hobson, Sally Coombs Masri, Janet Peyton, Sarah Broaddus Pollach,
Katherine Smith, Lori Arrasmith Quill, Hartley Hobson Wensing

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God loves the world! • God loves us! • God loves you! • I love you!

God loves me! • I love me! • Thanks be to God! • Amen!

Harvest Dinner



We Gather Together To Ask The Lord's Blessing

November 8, 2014: Choral Evensong and Harvest Dinner

Please join Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill on Saturday November 8, 2014 for a very special evening of grace and gratitude for God's blessings.

Beginning at 5:30 pm at the Lettie Pate Evans Interim Chapel at the Virginia Theological Seminary, the Immanuel Choir, under the direction of Dr. Jane Tavernier, will sing Choral Evensong.

Immediately following Evensong, Immanuel's annual Harvest Dinner will begin with drinks and hors d'oeuvres in Scott Lounge, followed by a buffet dinner in

the Refectory.

Prices for the Harvest Dinner are \$25.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child between 12 and 5 years of age (children under 5 -- no charge). The family maximum is \$70.00. Confidential assistance is available; please see the Rector.

Once again this is a family friendly event – a children's movie event is being planned in Scott Lounge

Please RSVP, along with your payment, to Jennifer Addington in the Parish Office no later than Monday October 27. RSVPs cannot be accepted after this date as we must provide VTS with a firm number of attendees by October 27.

Also – please note – RSVPs are capped at 200 as this is the maximum number of occupants allowed in the Refectory per the orders of the Fire Marshall.



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Harvest Dinner
November 8, 2014
The Refectory
Virginia Theological Seminary

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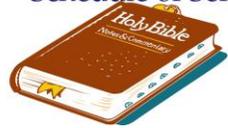
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Link to the November calendar
<http://tinyurl.com/ICOHnovember>

Lectionary Readings and
Schedule of Services



October 12, The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII; 11:15 a.m., HEI

October 19, the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII; 11:15 a.m., HEII

October 26, The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII, 11:15 a.m., HEI