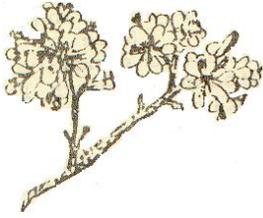


THE ALMOND TREE

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

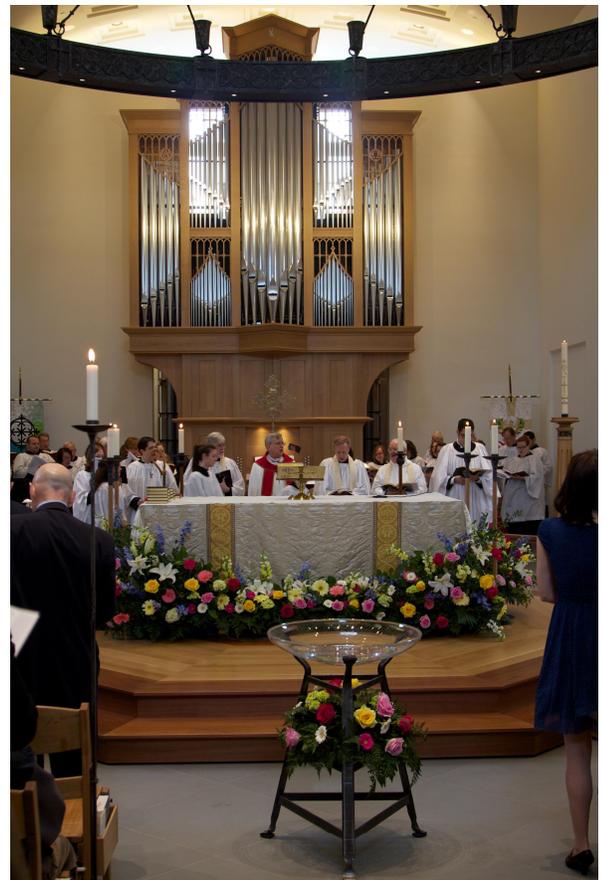
The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr., Rector
The Rev. David M. Crosby, Associate Rector
Jennifer Addington, Editor



April 24, 2015

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

PICTURES FROM EASTER SUNDAY AT THE IMMANUEL CHAPEL



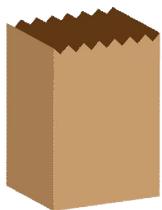
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PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers:

Kay Neer, Mary, Bill Frye, Chris Stanek, Jacquie, Warren Phillips, Morgan, Cadence, Catherine, Dana Hengst, Marcia Murray, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Stephen Hansen, Nancy Kelly, Ann MacNamara, Harry Diffendal, Betty Wanamaker, Senie Ogelsby, Christian 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, Jim Clear, Ann and Larry Kaplan, Aubree Bowling, Paul, Carol Brown, Thomas Arminio, Robert Carter, Stephen Miller, Mollie, Marianne and Gerard Ennis, Bill Ennis, Donna Gray, Tina Bennett Kirkwood, Dorothy Phaneuf, Mildred, Nancy, Brian Crowley, Bill and Barbara Stafford, Rhonda Busch, Kathryn, Anna, Kelly, Peggy Ann Stancil, Robert Barnes, Charlie Welcome, Mary Margaret, Brandon, Joe, Betty Hoover, Lyn Lubic, Leila Fortune Bell, Troy Baxley, Vincent, John S., George B., Joe, Arthur Sachs, Linda Taucher, Ralph and Loretta Grimm, Thomas Tighe, Shelva Rarick, Peter Ackerman

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



PLEASE SAVE YOUR PAPER

GROCERY BAGS! We would like to start collecting grocery store paper bags the last Sunday of every month. They will be used for the ALIVE! food distribution and, as we get closer to fall, for the pumpkin patch. Plastic

bags are acceptable but paper bags are preferred. They can be placed in the ALIVE! food collection box in the narthex. Many thanks!

OUR NEW EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY (EYC): I am increasingly amazed by the youth at Immanuel Church and how they are all bright and gifted members of the congregation. Therefore, I would like to share with you some good news about youth that involves everyone. This past Sunday during our normal meeting the youth briefly discussed creating a better group identity. It was decided that one step will be to replace the relatively generic label of *Youth Group* with the designation *Episcopal Youth Community*. Or what is more commonly known as EYC. This is a small but significant step towards giving the youth at Immanuel freedom to create their own identity without losing a connection to the parish or the Episcopal Church as part of the wider Anglican Communion.

The name EYC comes from a long and established tradition in the Episcopal Church (It originally stood for Episcopal Young Churchmen). Over the decades, EYC has evolved into a framework of ideas, concepts and teachings that focus on empowering youth to lead Christian lives. However, EYC is not a term that is applied to all church activities involving youth. Instead, EYC refers to group happenings created specifically to encourage leadership and Christian living among our youth. Many parishes throughout the Episcopal Church currently use the EYC framework, if not always the name, to successfully encourage youth to better create and lead their own programs of fellowship and formation. As someone who was raised in EYC, I am excited for our youth and the endless potential of lifelong friendships and growth I know EYC can offer to everyone at Immanuel.

THANK YOU: The incredible journey through Holy Week and Easter is always an exciting and very busy time for a parish. This year was no exception for our family ministries and the many activities that happened throughout the season. I am sure had it not been for generous gifts of time and work given by so many in our congregation we would not have had such a fantastic start to the Easter season. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, it truly was a blessing to watch and to receive all of your support. I especially want to thank Hartley Hobson Wensing for organizing and overseeing this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Its success was entirely the result of all your hard work and coordination.

In addition, I want to express my deep gratitude for those who orchestrated the performance of our children's choir: The Angels. Thank you to Dr. Jane Tavernier and Rebecca Cooper for all that you did to prepare them and for helping to lead them in the service. It was truly wonderful to see them perform on Easter Morning and they did a fabulous job. Finally, I feel I need to mention that the performance may have not come together on such short notice without the considerable amount of time, motivation and organization given by Hilary Scholten. Thank you Hilary for all that you did to help create such a memorable moment.

SHRINE MONT ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT



The annual Immanuel Church-on-the Hill parish retreat at Shrine Mont retreat center in Orkney Springs, VA (about 2 hours away) will be *Saturday, May 23 (noon) through*

Breakfast Monday, May 25, 2015. What better way to start your summer than with ICOH friends in a beautiful and relaxing setting? There will be time for fun, food, swimming, singing, relaxation, spiritual reflection, worship, hiking, yoga, porch entertaining, and spending time with clergy, family, and friends.

Cost: \$165 per adult, \$90 for children 8-12, \$40 for children 4-7, free for children 3 and under. There is also a ceiling on the overall rate for families of 4 or more. For those wanting to come up Friday, the cost is \$50 per person (includes Saturday Breakfast). Please contact our rector, Randy Alexander, to discuss scholarship options – full or partial. We would like to collect money before the weekend so please bring checks, payable to "ICOH", with a notation saying "Shrine Mont" to the church office before the weekend or you can also pay with credit card.

For more information or to **register**, contact Lisa Frye at wlifrye@comcast.net or 703-548-8591 (h) 571-214-4735 (c)

DC WALK TO END GENOCIDE: “Do not stand idly by...” Calling on people of **conscience, compassion, and justice!** Join the first DC Walk to End Genocide on Sunday, April 26 from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. The Walk is being organized by Darfur Interfaith Network (D.I.N.), a local, interfaith group, in partnership with Jewish World Watch and is co-sponsored by Immanuel. Parishioner Rebecca Cooper is a member of D.I.N. and is organizing arts and crafts activities for children and families at the Walk. The 2-mile walk route begins on the field behind the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and goes by the MLK, Jr. Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and World War II Memorial. In addition to bearing witness and raising awareness, Darfur Interfaith Network and Jewish World Watch are seeking to raise funds to assist victims of genocide and mass atrocities in Sudan, South Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Six other walks will be conducted around the country during the spring of 2015. For more information and/or to join as a walker, team member, team leader, or virtual walker, visit DC.WalktoEndGenocide.org. or contact Rebecca at rcooper@ssas.org.

THE 8TH ANNUAL ORAL RE-HYDRATION JOINT PROJECT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thanks are due to all of you, and to all the people who volunteered to assist in this joint endeavor with Temple Beth El.

The Pumpkin Patch funded the purchase of the dental packets. On two cold winter evenings, Immanuelites came out and prepped packets. **Then, on March 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Immanuelites, their neighbors at Temple Beth El, and volunteers from across the community came out in unprecedented numbers to fill 19,970 packets!**

(This grand total does not include “spoiled items,” i.e., packets which had to be discarded due to not being sealed properly. Some spoilage is inevitable and the incidence of it was much less this year.) The attainment of this grand total was due to there being more persons in attendance throughout the entire day than can be remembered in the 8 years of its history.

It is anticipated that the packets will be shipped to Liberia. As soon as their destination is known for certain, it will be shared.

Thank YOU-ALL: Clergy, Vestry, Parishioners (Youth Group, Members & Friends from all three of our services), Church Staff, and your families and friends. ALL of YOU should congratulate yourselves. We joined with our good neighbor, Temple Beth El, to make a difference.

Another photo from John von Senden of Bishop Gulick



Report from the Treasurer

Operating Year 2014 is now final and closed. Of particular note, Immanuel received \$505,485 in pledges, exceeding our beginning commitment of \$499,800 in pledge income. This is very good news, and is similar to what we saw in 2013 as well. Our rental income also increased significantly in 2014, due primarily to our new tenant, Valley Drive Cooperative PreSchool. Our expenses were \$13,773 under budget overall.

The full set of financials are available in the office or by email (email me at sgilbertson@icoh.net).

Susan Gilbertson
Treasurer

2014 Year End Budget Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>
Income - General Fund	\$619,287	\$609,002	(\$10,285)
Total Salaries	\$262,100	\$273,108	\$11,007
Total Benefits	\$79,238	\$77,336	(\$1,902)
Total Staff Expenses	\$341,338	\$350,444	\$9,105
Total Admin Expenses	\$51,886	\$49,319	(\$2,567)
Total Land and Buildings Expenses	\$70,914	\$76,705	\$5,790
Total Worship Expenses	\$44,701	\$42,647	(\$2,054)
Total Growth & Ed Expenses	\$8,915	\$8,815	(\$100)
Total Community & Nurturing Exp.	\$12,446	\$14,875	\$2,428
Total Diocese & Region 4 Pledge	\$75,930	\$76,050	\$120
Total Communications Expenses	\$286	\$1,200	\$913
Total Evangelism & Newcomers	\$1,358	\$1,500	\$141
Expenses - General Fund	\$607,782	\$621,555	\$13,773

PHOTOS FROM SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Thanks to Marianne Ingold



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Lectionary Readings and
Schedule of Services



April 26, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:4-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII; 11:15 a.m., Holy Baptism and HEII

May 3, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:24-30; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII; 11:15 a.m., HEI

May 10, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
8:00 a.m., HEI; 9:15 a.m., HEII; 11:15 a.m., HEII