

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

October 26, 2025

**IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST we welcome you
to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!**

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels. Please give your card to an usher or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website (www.icoh.net).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Ann MacNamara, Aster, Jim, Nancy, Spencer, and Zuzanna Wise, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Debbie Hewson, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Jane, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Mary Jane Ruhl, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Randy, Rollin Huntington, Susan Montague, Tom and Martha Shimkin, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Andrew Davis, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Cicely, Donna Becker, George Rustigian, Gerry, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackson Sirhal, Jean Couban, Jodi Wilson, Joe Micelli, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Marie, Mary Horner, Marty Childs, Mary Muniz, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Sofia, Soundary Dilan, Stacey, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Tony, Val, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Trey Hobson, Claire Campbell, Virginia Campbell, Laura Ellis, Patrick Kane. Emily Clausen, Hugo Horne, Lily Pinner, Sandhya Augustine, Tom Peabody, and Kathryn Zoeller.

Pray for those serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, Scott, and Philip Pretzinger.

JOIN THE SENIOR MINISTRY/FELLOWSHIP THIS TUESDAY: ALL ABOUT HOCKEY!

OCTOBER: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH. The professional hockey season begins in October and if you don't know the difference between a snipe and a dangle, we're not gonna put you in the penalty box!

Instead, come on **Tuesday, October 28** and hear parishioner and superfan **Agnes Soos**, who will help us learn how to follow that fast puck around the ice and maybe become a fan for life. Bring your own sandwich and we will provide dessert and drinks. There is no reservation required and no cost to this event.



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* THIS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH : Join Sarah for fellowship this Wednesday, **October 29th** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, October 28th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, October 29th, Zabriskie Chapel

Quiet Prayer, Wednesday October 29th, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

The Oratory Chapel inside Immanuel Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” Thursday, October 30^h
@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline, Friday October 31st@ 8:30 p.m, online via Zoom

ALL SAINTS’ & ALL SOULS’ COMMEMORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Saturday, November 1st Holy Eucharist Rite II with Lighting Candles @ 9:00 a.m.
Zabriskie Chapel, followed by Self-guided prayers for the Dead

Sunday, November 2nd Holy Eucharist Rite I @ 8:00 a.m. and Holy Eucharist Rite II @
10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel **featuring “Requiem” by John Rutter with 6-piece orchestra**

Would you like to lift the name of a deceased friend or relative up in prayer on All Saints’? If so, please submit names of any loved ones lost from November 1, 2024 through this year by noon on Wednesday, October 29th via email at dedications@icoh.net or by phone by calling (703) 370-6555, dialing extension “508”, and **leaving a detailed voicemail message on our Dedication Line.** Please include the year of death for your loved ones.

All names — including those previously listed in this year’s Sunday parish notes — will be in all bulletins November 1st and 2nd, and in Immanuel’s Book of Remembrance, and those who have died in the last year will be included in our prayers.

NOVEMBER 1st: During the Eucharist, parishioners will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved-one since last All Saints’ Day. Afterwards, **the chapel will remain open until 2p.m. for parishioners to lead their own self-guided prayers**, and light a candle for those close to you that you’ve lost this year.

NOVEMBER 2nd: During the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, the IMMANUEL CHOIR will sing John Rutter’s “*Requiem*”, accompanied by a 6-piece orchestra to include: *Requiem aeternam, Out of the deep, Pie Jesu,*

FINAL DAYS: IMMANUEL OUTREACH AND THE PUMPKIN PATCH'S 32ND YEAR

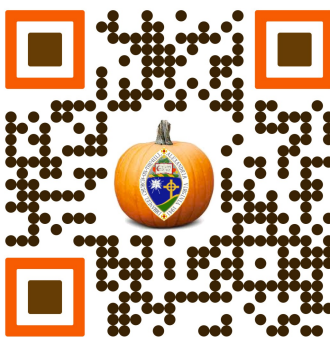
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON PATCH CLEAN-UP DAY NOVEMBER 1ST !

Pumpkin patch proceeds show our love and care for our neighbors – most years we support at least 14 local Alexandria charities, 5 regional, and 6 international charities. Since the year 2000, when we first started keeping detailed records, we have raised \$1,225,473 from the Pumpkin Patch, all of which has gone to Outreach.

We are nearing the end of the month and pumpkin sales are picking up — especially the soup sales! We have faith our wonderful bakers and soup makers and knitters will keep the Pumpkin Patch supplied with the tastes and feel of autumn – 100 % of food sales go to Outreach. We can't do this without you!

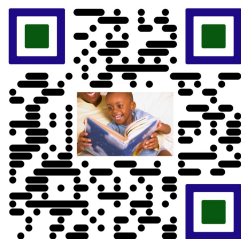
Finally, we have a **huge clean-up day on November 1st**, so please use the QR code below to signup as part of the crew.

Thanks to all who have helped in each and every way with this year's patch! **You're the best!**



HELP A CHILD LEARN TO READ! BECOME A BOOK BUDDY!

Do you or someone you know have an hour a week to help a child learn to read? **The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (ATC)** needs volunteer reading tutors in Alexandria's public elementary schools, with the most openings at Ferdinand Day, Patrick Henry, and John Adams schools. Tutors work one-on-one with a kindergarten, first, or second grade student in 35-minute sessions, once or twice a week, during the school day, October through May.

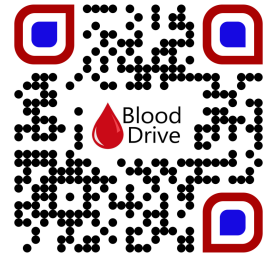


You do not need to be a teacher to do this - ATC provides training, materials and support - and you will make a huge difference for a child. It is important, though, to honor the schedule as your Book Buddy will look forward to seeing you.

Contact ATC's Alexa Allmann (aallmann@alexandriatutors.org) or visit alexandriatutors.org to learn more. To register, simply scan the QR code at left.

IMMANUEL'S 4TH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE—SIGN UP NOW FOR NOVEMBER 2!

We are partnering with Inova Hospital for the fourth time to host a blood drive on **Sunday, November 2, from noon to 4pm in the Zabriskie parking lot.** The link to sign up is now LIVE! Scan the QR code at right to pick a time, or you can reach out to Katherine Maas at katherinemaas@gmail.com. Blood drives are a meaningful way to help our community—one in seven people entering the hospital need blood and a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. The blood from our drive will likely be used within 48 hours after it ends. Please see recently updated eligibility guidance on Inova's site inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/. If you are considering donating blood for the first time, Inova has some helpful information at inovablood.org/donate-blood/prepare-for-your-donation/first-time-donors/.



If you are not eligible to donate, you can still help at the registration table—even an hour would help! Please contact Katherine with any questions or to express interest in volunteering at the registration table.

Thank you!



VESTRY UPDATES: Vestry completed, and submitted to the Diocese of Virginia, Immanuel's annual financial audit. Grace and gratitude to finance team of Tom Hewson, Mollie Lambert and Mike Morgan for their excellent work in following church policies and procedures for an overall strong rating.

In September, Immanuel hired a new IT contractor to replace our previous IT contractor Focus Data Solutions. In the past month, Proactive Systems Solutions has upgraded clergy and staff computers and operating systems. Any questions about this new vendor may go to Warden for Administration Peter Kent.

For the November 6 to 8 Annual Convention, Immanuel's delegates will be Sanjiv Augustine, Mark Fearer, and Doug Onley.

Next Vestry meeting is November 11.

TWO CHALICE BEARERS NEEDED 2ND AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH

We now offer healing prayers on the second Sunday of each month at both services, and we need to have two Chalice Bearers at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharists. Please consider signing up to serve.



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2025
IT'S EASY AND ONLINE

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through December\ 2025* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at left. If you're a student planning to spend occasional weekends home, feel free to **sign-up for only a Sunday or two**. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU for your participation!**



Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: **"GOD'S PROMISES"** **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams**

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, November 15th** online via *Microsoft Teams* (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 a.m. Our new theme for 2025 is *God's Promises*. This month we will read **Isaiah 46:3-11** "*I have spoken, I will bring it to pass; I have planned, and I will do it*" using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

[Join MSTeams Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913



FORUM HOUR **"BEING FAITHFUL ON TUESDAY"** **Sunday November 16, 2025, The Welcome Center**

Following the fall retreat at Holy Cross Abbey, come hear the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade's reflections at a forum hour Sunday November 16th at 11:45 a.m. in the Welcome Center across from Immanuel Chapel.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
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Peter Kent	Junior Warden: Administration
Mark Fearer	Social Justice
Matt Haskin	Worship
Rich Hobson	Outreach
Taylor Houck.....	Adult Formation and Discipleship
Dave John	Fellowship
Doug Onley	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Mary Ann Ring.....	Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brian Rush.....	Senior Ministry, Pastoral Care
Kristin Whitman	Newcomers and Communications
Sydney Onley	Youth Representative

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 10:00 a.m. *First Sunday in October, November & December 2025*
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online
www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley
 The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
 The Rev. Jan A. Maas
 The Rev. John R. Smucker
 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

RECTOR EMERITA

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

MISSION STATEMENT: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God’s plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.



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Ways to GIVE