

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

October 6, 2024

IN THE NAME OF 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. Both chapels offer 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. 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, Barbara Ramsdell, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Jane Flinn, Jessi MacLeod, Joseph, Kenny, Marianne Ingold, Mable Randolph, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Patsy Rogers, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Ashleighana, Austin Cox, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Fred Vipperman, George Rustigian, Gerald, Gerard Ennis, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joanne Perla, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Di Misa, Kathryn Anschutz, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Lilly Pinner, Linda Gill, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Michael, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Mark Vipperman, Marty Childs, McQuade Milligan, Mary Leonard, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, the Rev. Rosa Harper Crawford, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Shelby Ochs Owen, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Sue Rehnke, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Susan Montague, Randy Kell, Diana Walker, Charlotte Barnes, Doug Onley, Brooke Roberts, Eddie Boynton, Emily Friday, Karin MacPhail, Grace Wensing, Alouette Horne, Christina Yount, and Lisa Yount.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

NASA Astronauts on Extended Service Aboard the International Space Station: Commander Barry “Butch” Wilmore and Pilot Sunita “Suni” Williams.

Blessing of the Animals, TODAY @ 1:00 p.m. **Zabriskie Parking Lot**

Let's bring our nonhuman family members to church today for a blessing!



EXTRA KEYS IN YOUR POCKET? [Help Us Find Missing Zabriskie Keys](#): While helping out at church, could you have mistakenly placed an office key in your pocket? Two building keys are missing from the Parish Office, so please contact Amy Thomas, Father Randy, or Aleta and let us know when you'll return them so that they can access those rooms. Thank you!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, October 8th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, October 9th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Job*”

Thursday, October 10th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, October 11th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom



PUMPKIN PATCH 2024 IS UP AND RUNNING *LAST TWO TRUCKS UNLOAD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH*

Thank you – thank you – thank you to everyone who came out and helped unload pumpkins – the Patch is up and running! Many thanks to all the soup makers, bakers, knitters – sellers – Patch Preppers – so many hands have volunteered time, talent, and treasure to get us going this year. In spite of some rain, we had a great first weekend, so let’s keep the momentum going! We need your help – soups, baked goods, apple crisp makers (October 19th!) -- there’s a job for everyone! Look for “Pumpkins: Everything You Need to Know About Immanuel's Pumpkin Patch 2024” emails from Immanuel and emails from our Soup Wranglers, Baked Goods Coordinators, and Apple Crisp Coordinator. Plastic soup containers are available in the Parish Hall and Immanuel Chapel parlor– please help keep fill the Parish Kitchen Freezer with delicious soups. Please help keep our delicious baked goods supplies fresh and tempting!



Next and final Pumpkin Unloading is Saturday morning, October 19, 2024. Mark your calendars! Since the year 2000 (when we first started keeping detailed records), your Immanuel Pumpkin Patch work has raised \$1,308,000 for Outreach charities such as ALIVE!, Carpenter’s Shelter, Community Lodgings, Culmore Clinic, Five Talents, Haiti Micah Project, Christ Church Refugee Ministry, and other organizations that aid the homeless, restore dignity to offenders, assist refugees, and aid impoverished children. Immanuel’s Outreach gives every parishioner the opportunity and encouragement to become involved.

Please sign up for sales shifts by scanning the QR code at left. We especially need help on weekends! Thank you again – and see you at the Patch! With Grace and Gratitude – *Immanuel Outreach*

BRING YOUR 4-11 YEAR-OLD FOR GODLY PLAY: Godly Play meets in the Oratory Chapel in Immanuel Chapel on Sundays, beginning at 10:15 AM. Parents return to the Oratory during the Peace to gather the children for Communion with the congregation..

Godly Play is a service with prayer, music, and a way to connect to God’s stories. If you have questions, need to register your child, or are interested in volunteering, please contact the Rev. Sarah at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net.

THE BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU, TUESDAY OCTOBER 15TH

*If you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life,
come to our biweekly Benedictine Community via Zoom*

If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We regather for reflection **beginning Tuesday, October 15** and meet (virtually) twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7 pm-8 pm.

As a community, we reflect on how the tenets of St. Benedict, such as humility, silence, and prayer, can guide us in practical ways in our spiritual lives and our day to day endeavors. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book. We are currently reading and reflecting on Kathleen Norris's book, *Cloister Walk*. Our focus each week is primarily on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book.

Our Benedictine Community gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material and the ancient traditions and wisdom of Benedictine practice and prayer. With half or more of our current members residing outside of the area, we are using Zoom for our meetings, but if you are not comfortable with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice-only via Zoom. We may very occasionally have hybrid meetings using Zoom with simultaneous gathering in the parish hall for those nearby.

If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following:

Dana Hengst (dana.hengst@gmail.com), Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com)
or David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD *with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* *We will gather again this Wednesday, October 9th.*

Join her this Wednesday from **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**, at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

TWO THINGS TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION FROM ALIVE!

1. Immanuel is again a sponsor for the StepALIVE! walkathon . The walkathon supports ALIVE's efforts to provide food, shelter and emergency financial assistance for rent and other basic needs. The date of the **walkathon this year is Sunday, Oct 20**; walkers are invited to gather in the parking lot of First Christian Church at 2pm for a kick off , walk or run 5 miles through Old Town and finally , enjoy a post-walk celebration. You can register at www.stepalive.org joining team "Immanuel Walks"! Can't walk? Consider visiting the StepALIVE site to donate — scan code at left — supporting our team at Immanuel!



We will also have a mini-walk in October for the children of Immanuel to walk and accept donations for ALIVE!

2. The ALIVE! furniture delivery program is getting back into full swing with two trucks each Saturday, picking up and delivering furniture to those who need it. Historically , congregations have adopted one or two Saturdays (8am-1pm) a year to pick up and deliver furniture to those in need . This year, our congregation had been asked to deliver furniture on Saturday, November 9th. If you can help with this effort, please contact Lisa Clausen [at Lisa.clausen@verizon.net](mailto:Lisa.clausen@verizon.net).

SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER 2024 - IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP ONLINE

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through November* ONLINE — including The Feast of All Saints' and Thanksgiving Eve —by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**: We're entering our busiest season, so please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild Server, Crucifer and/or Coffee Hour Host online via [SignUp Genius](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and [clicking on the red button](#).

THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!

***SATURDAY*: Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study** **OCTOBER 19th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom**

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, October 19th** online via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our new theme for 2024 is *Anxiety!* This month we will read **Joshua 1:7-9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"** 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 Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, VOTER REGISTRATION, AND VOTER INFORMATION

Volunteers for voter registration in the Pumpkin Patch: Immanuel's Social Justice Committee will once more be partnering with other parishes to offer Virginia-sponsored non-partisan voter registration the first three weekends of the Pumpkin Patch, as well as additional days at Northern Virginia Community College in September. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kathryn Haskin and complete the short Virginia state-required training available completely online at the QR code below. October 15 is the final day voter registration can occur before the November election.

Voter information for Virginia: Election day is November 5, but there are several simple things you are able to do before election day:

- ✓ Verify or update your voter registration status or address at the user-friendly Virginia elections website
- ✓ Locate your neighborhood voting location at the same website
- ✓ Apply for a mail-in ballot (deadline for application: October 25) at the same website
- ✓ Early voting in-person begins in Virginia on September 20 through November 2.

Voter registration for residents of other states: If you want to check your status, or register, to vote in another state where you reside, you can locate appropriate dates and information on the VA elections website.



Voter Registration Training



CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
 Taylor Houck Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Brad Ashton and Philip Brown Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Julie Bruns Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
 Mark Fearer Social Justice and Pastoral Care
 Brian Rush Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, and Isabelle Young-Smith Youth Representatives

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:30 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. 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.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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