IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL Parish Notes November 14, 2021

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. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

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).

Learn more about us at www.icoh.net.

PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners and their friends and family in your prayers: Eloise Payne, Kenny, Francine Wargo, Tony, Ann MacNamara, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Aggie Fortune, Catherine Sinclair, Ted Walker, Lucy, Barbara, Susan Wiard, Diane Walker, Jessi MacLeod, Betty Wanamaker, Mildred Alexander; Margaret and Lloyd Chenowith; Bruce Morton, Rowena and Dan Lynch; and Louise Jackson.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Mary Ann Ring, Charlotte West, Kerry Kelly Wade, Alexander Bruns, Michael Hussey, Sandy Becker, Morgan Doe, Dana Hengst, Doug Henry, Rebecca Wise, Caitlyn Becker, Cilla Houck, and Francesca Gabriel.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.

PASTORAL CARE AND THE PRAYER LIST: As you may know, the Pastoral Care Committee prays continually for those who have died as well as for those who are ill. We do this as a meditation as well as an answer to our call to love and serve God. This year, on All Saints and all Souls Day, after verbally remembering each of the people on our lists, we will refresh the prayer lists by retiring all the names and begin anew. Please help us renew our prayer lists with the names of those you wish to be included – which may be yourself.

Please email me with names to be included in our prayers at sparsons@icoh.net It is helpful if you tell us your relationship to the person, (my friend, my brother in law) as well as what you are asking God to hear - healing, comfort, a miracle, peace, employment - whatever is on your heart.

Thank you so much for working with the committee as we continue praying with our beloved church.

Those who have recently died: Alice Olds Beiro, cousin of Dorothy Kellogg; Joyce Ann Barnes, birth mother of John Bednar; Jim Sampson, husband of Rosi Urbine's close friend Connie; Eleanore Tighe, mother of Carla Murray; Chuck Divine, friend of Kristi and Scott Kubista-Hovis; Army Sergeant Joe Haflei, and Army Specialist Luis Taveras. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them*.

The Next Family Service is THIS SATURDAY, November 20th 5:30 p.m., Immanuel Chapel

In September, the Children, Youth, and Family ministry began holding monthly Saturday Eucharists with partners from different ministry teams. So far, we've had services with Creation Care, with Outreach, and now with Senior Adult Ministry! Come join us, the Senior Ministry leaders, and the Shrinemonters for a big, fun, relaxed gathering. Nursery Open. Children's Homily with Holy Eucharist. Masks and Social Distancing for everyone's comfort and safety.

Announcements

BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY MEETING, Tuesday, November 2nd @ 7p.m., online via Zoom: If you are attracted to having more contemplation and prayer in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We'd love to have you join us virtually via Zoom thus Tuesday. For more information, please contact Dana Hengst (dana.hengst@gmail.com), Barbara Fornoff (cr8vweaver@gmail.com) or David Atwood (David Atwood@hotmail.com).



Pledging With Grateful Hearts

Immanuel's 2022 Every Member Pledge campaign is our opportunity to give back to support the mission and ministries of our parish from the abundant blessings God has given us. We make our pledge generously and out of gratitude for all that God has gifted to us.

We give thanks for Immanuel's programs that serve our community; for the ways we make an impact on social justice issues; for our support to the needy and those seeking education around the world; for raising up our children, youth, and teens to be ambassadors for Christ; and for all the pastoral care and other ministries that Immanuel offers its parishioners and friends.

Our message even during uncertain times is this blessing – **God is with you wherever you go**. This scripture fortifies our faith and strengthens our trust in God.

God guides us, inspires us, and protects us. Now is our opportunity to be especially generous. You can return your pledge card confidentially – through the mail, place it in the offering plate, <u>pledge online</u> quickly and easily, or send an email to the church treasurer thewson@icoh.net stating your pledge amount.

All parishioners are invited to make a pledge – whether you have been involved at Immanuel for a long time or are newly attending our parish. Each pledge helps the vestry to know its budget and set us on a bold course for the coming year. It allows for a journey that serves all who worship and learn here and who stand up for those in need in our community and the world.

We are grateful for your many gifts of your presence, of your time and talent, and for your financial gifts. We ask you to give back in the spirit of joy and thanksgiving and in the firm belief and blessing that God is with you wherever you go.

As of November 11, 2021, we have received 44 pledges totaling \$248,455. Thanks be to God and thanks to those parishioners who have responded.

Sixth Annual Virginia Climate Crisis Forum: Our Children's Future November 17, 7 PM

Dear Friend,

What is our moral obligation to current and future generations to repair our damaged climate? How can we take action now to protect the rights of children to a safe environment?

Join with people of faith and residents from across Virginia at our Sixth Annual Virginia Climate Crisis Forum: Our Children's Future on November 17, 7 PM EST. This live, online panel discussion about climate solutions needed now to safeguard our families' futures will feature Fairfax County Board Chair Jeff McKay, Arlington County Board Chair Matt de Ferranti, and guest speakers - including Senior Staff Attorney Nate Bellinger - from Our Children's Trust, the world's only non-profit public interest law firm

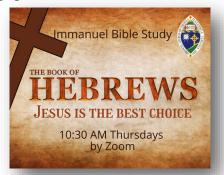
dedicated exclusively to securing the legal rights of youth to a healthy atmosphere and safe climate, based on the best available science, with moderator Andrea McGimsey, Executive Director of Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions. Attendance is open to the public and free of charge.

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK/BIBLE STUDY: After the Wednesday Evening Eucharist, join us for a weekly discussion of our latest social justice book *With Oil In Their Lamps: Faith, Feminism, and the Future* by Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M (available on Amazon.com). The meetings will take place via Zoom, but you'd be welcome to bring a laptop and participate from Zabriskie Chapel after Eucharist!

Thursday Morning Bible Study: The Letter to the Hebrews: Now is the perfect time to try out the Thursday Bible Study with clergy, because we are beginning a new book: The Letter to the Hebrews. It's been said that, more than any other book of the Bible, Hebrews connects the dots between the Old Testament and the New – and no book does a better job of keeping the spotlight directly on Jesus, giving us a magnificent view of our Lord and Savior. It has been called "strong spiritual meat"; one commentator

even observed "Study Hebrews and your life may never be the same." Join us, and see if you agree! We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon, by Zoom.

To log-in on your computer: 1. Visit our website www.icoh.net, at the top menu select "Worship", then "Worship Service Bulletin" from the pull-down menu., 2. Click on this bulletin, then click the blue text: Thursday Morning Bible Study via Zoom NOW, 3. Enter Meeting ID: 825 5204 5029, then Password: 312018. For more information, contact one of the clergy.



COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for this **Friday Compline November 19**th at 8:30p.m. via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church."

To participate, select this bulletin on our website under "Worship Service Bulletins" under the "Worship" tab, click the link: <u>Join Friday Night Compline Service</u>, and enter the following: Meeting ID: **817 3973 7116**, Password: **029619**. To join the service by phone, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592.

Breakfast Bible Study on Luke 17:11-19

Join us for Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study on **Saturday**, **November 20**th -- we meet the third Saturday of each month. We will meet via Zoom (link and info below) beginning at 8a.m.. Our theme this year is Gratitude; we will read Luke 17:11-19, using the African Model of Reflection.

For more information, contact Chrissie at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com. For more information, please visit our website HERE

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To join by phone, dial:1 (301) 715-8592, then enter the Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553, then the Passcode: 027913.

Mark Your Calendar for a **Special Forum Hour**.

Story Corps Recording Immanuel Seniors' Stories of Bearing Witness During the Pandemic Sunday, November 21, 2021 @ 9:15 a.m., Parish Hall

CLERGY AND STAFF

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David Atwood	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Co-steward: Social Justice
Harrison Clark	Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Danette "Dani" Gentile Kauffman	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Kristi Kubista-Hovis	Outreach, and Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brooke Roberts	
Phyllis Sims	Fellowship, Senior Ministry
Francine Wargo	
Shawn Whitman	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson	
Candy Levin	

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 1:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II Zabriskie Chapel Memorial Garden

Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org Immanuel's YouTube channel

PRIEST ASSOCIATES

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
The Rev. Jan A. Maas
The Rev. John R. Smucker
The Rev. Canon Rosemari G. Sullivan
The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30pm, Immanuel Chapel on the following dates: **November 20**, and December 18.

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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