

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

November 2, 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](http://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:** Alvin Fentress, 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:** Max Freeborn, Dorothy Kellogg, Kammy Hambrick, Ollie Patton, Debby Hepburn, Gary DeVight, Carrie Rodriguez, Liza Conrad, and Caroline Kurz.

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

**Those who have died:** Jane Pulsifer Lambert, mother of David Lambert and mother-in-law of Mollie Lambert . *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



## IMMANUEL'S STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS TODAY

### *Putting God First*

Immanuel's Every Member Pledge Campaign begins today and continues through Sunday, November 23rd, with the theme of *Putting God First*. This is our annual opportunity to consider our many blessings and to pledge what we will give back to God and towards God's purposes through Immanuel for next year. As in the past, our campaign will feature several Immanuelites sharing their testimony of what giving has meant to them in their faith journey. You may pledge by using the QR code at right, or by returning the pledge card from the stewardship mailing, or by clicking on the Give button on our website. Our annual pledge is among the many ways we strive towards *Putting God First*.



# Announcements

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## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

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Morning Prayer Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

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Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

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*Quiet Prayer*, Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

The Oratory Chapel inside Immanuel Chapel

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Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

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Compline, Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>@ 8:30 p.m, online via Zoom

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During Coffee Hour, **All Youth are invited to Pray and Play!** This time, it's **ALL about All Saints!**  
We will meet in the Fairchild Room after church until 12:00 p.m.



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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** : Join Sarah for fellowship this **Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



## *Want to be an Acolyte?*

Experience the Eucharist from a different perspective and be an important part of the service. We're looking for anyone 9 years old and up - adults are welcome to join in this ministry too!

Training for new and returning acolytes will take place Sunday, November 9 immediately following the 10:00 AM service in Immanuel Chapel. (If you are interested but not available November 9<sup>th</sup>, we can run a smaller training on November 16<sup>th</sup>.)

Questions? Please contact Francine Wargo at [wargo12@yahoo.com](mailto:wargo12@yahoo.com)



## **ALIVE! Diaper Drive: November 2025**

Two months a year (January and June) , Immanuel donates food to ALIVE! to help Alexandrians with food insecurity. This year we are adding a diaper and baby wipe drive in the month of November.

All sizes of diapers are needed, including adult-sized for older children with disabilities. Please consider adding a package of diapers or wipes to your grocery or drug store cart . We've placed collection boxes in the narthex of both chapels for drop-offs throughout the month of November.

Questions? Contact Lisa Clausen at [Lisa.clausen@verizon.net](mailto:Lisa.clausen@verizon.net)

Jim and Lisa Clausen are thrilled to announce the birth of their first grandchild. **Nile James Parker** was born October 17, in Baltimore, MD to proud parents Hillary Clausen and Ned Parker



**Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: “GOD’S PROMISES”**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams**

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. in the Welcome Center across from Immanuel Chapel.



**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](http://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!**

## Christmas Families 2025 Heads Up

When a very successful Pumpkin Patch has been completed, it is time to think about a very successful Christmas Families project. Here are the key dates, more information to follow.

**Bold:** For all parishioners, Plain: Activities for which many volunteers are needed

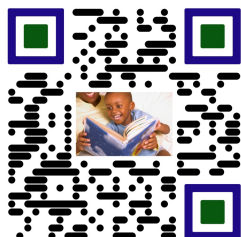
<b>Sunday Nov. 23</b>	<b>First day to sign up to provide nice, lasting, and inspiring gifts for the children in a family, Next sign-up Sundays Nov. 30 and Dec. 7</b>
Friday Dec. 05 Saturday Dec. 06	Books (Connie Kurz, Laura Snow Friday: Book set up in parish hall, starting 1 pm Saturday: Saturday Book assignment in parish hall, 9 am – 3 pm
<b>Sunday Dec. 07</b>	<b>Last day for signing up for a family</b>
Saturday Dec. 13	Tagging of gifts in Santa’s workshop (above Ross store, 112 N Washington St., (Andy and Alisa Biache) Lego sorting. (Dagobert Soergel and Biggs Family) Set up in parish hall 1pm until done (Linda Serabian)
<b>Sunday Dec. 14</b>	<b>Ingathering of gifts and blessing at the altar (all services) Wrapping forum hour in parish hall. 9 am – 4 pm Special collection to buy gifts for children not signed-up for</b>
Monday Dec. 15	Delivery to and sorting at DCHS, 4850 Mark Center Dr (Linda Serabian)

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## 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](mailto:aallmann@alexandriatutors.org)) or visit [alexandriatutors.org](http://alexandriatutors.org) to learn more. To register, simply scan the QR code at left.

## CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) .....	Rector
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Peter Kent .....	Junior Warden: Administration
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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](http://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