

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
November 21, 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: Judith Atwood, Suzanne Dawkins, Anna Braun, Barbara Currie, Tom Kerns, Meredith Robinson, Brian Boynton, Jim Wise, Mei-Lung DeVight, Anne Ross, and Alexander Temoshok.

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: The Rev. Michael Hinson, Middle School Chaplain at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Thanksgiving
Service



Thanksgiving Day Service *One Day Early*

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, November 24th at 6:30p.m. in Zabriskie Chapel — with music!

Announcements



*“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your **God is with you wherever you go.**” Joshua 1:9*

Our Commitment – Giving Back To God

TODAY is Immanuel’s Commitment Sunday for our 2022 Every Member Pledge campaign. All pledges – paper and electronic – received as of now will be blessed at our altar at each service. This is a special Immanuel tradition we cherish.

If you have not already submitted your 2022 pledge, we hope you will consider making a financial commitment now to God and God’s work through Immanuel. You can place your pledge card in the offering plate, return it through the mail, send an email to our treasurer thewson@icoh.net stating your pledge amount, or [pledge online](#).

If you have not pledged in a previous year, we hope you will thoughtfully consider the important role of Immanuel at this time in your life. If you are newly attending Immanuel, in person or virtually, we hope you will join us in supporting Immanuel’s mission and ministry.

As of November 17, 2021, we are blessed with 60 pledges representing \$332,497. Twenty-seven pledgers have made a strong statement by increasing their pledge from the previous year. Thanks be to God, five of our pledges are new ones. God bless each of you for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment of time, talent, and treasure to Immanuel and God’s work through this parish.

You May Be Able to Double or Triple Your Gift to Immanuel

Many employers have matching gift programs that could double or triple the value of your donation to Immanuel. Check with your employer now to learn about their matching gift program and how to submit your matching gift request.

**Grief and Support Group Meeting: Wednesday, November 24th @ 7:15 p.m.
The Fairchild Room**

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](https://www.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!

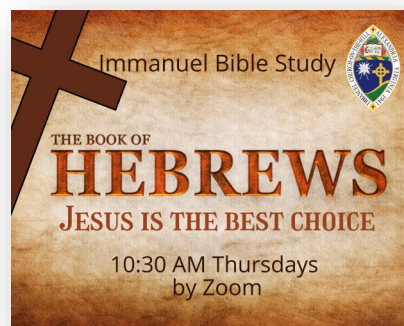
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING FOOD DELIVERY: Senior Services of Alexandria, a nonprofit organization supports seniors within the city of Alexandria, is seeking volunteers to distribute meals to a number of families with children in the city of Alexandria during the week of the Thanksgiving holiday.

This year, thanksgiving will fall on November 25, which is this Thursday.

The meals need to be distributed on Monday, November 22 and Wednesday, November 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will pick up the meals from Alexandria City High School at 3330 King St. and deliver them to families of students in the city.

To volunteer and deliver meals, ask a question or more information please email: mealsonwheels@seniorservicesalex.org.

Thursday Morning Bible Study, **The Letter to the Hebrews, Next Thursday, December 2nd:** 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 the Friday after Thanksgiving Day for **Friday Compline November 26th 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: **Join Friday Night Compline Service**, and enter the following: Meeting ID: **817 3973 7116**, Password: **029619**. To join the service by phone, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592.



In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th.

Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net)	Associate Rector
The Rev. Sam Sheridan (ssheridan@icoh.net)	Assistant Rector
Dr. Jane Tavernier (jtavernier@icoh.net)	Director of Music
The Rev. Shawn Rutledge (srutledge@vts.edu)	Seminarian
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Laura Snow (lsnow@icoh.net)	Assistant Treasurer
Sughra Bakhtiari (sbakhtiari@icoh.net)	Bookkeeper
Aleta Y. Powell (apowell@icoh.net)	Parish Administrator
Gilma Balcarcel	Nursery Coordinator
John Bednar (jbednar@icoh.net)	Information Technology Specialist
Stuart Dahlinger	Sexton

THE VESTRY

Kathryn Haskin	Senior Warden, Co-steward: Social Justice
Martha Shimkin	Junior Warden: Administration
Darrell Wilson	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds
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	Communications
Phyllis Sims	Fellowship, Senior Ministry
Francine Wargo	Worship
Shawn Whitman	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
Candy Levin	Register (nonvoting member)

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 **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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