

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
November 28, 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.

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Barbara Fornoff, Betty Wanamaker, Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, David Stayanoff, Diana Walker, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, John Bednar, Kathy Lloyd, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, and Ted Walker.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, Dotty Eisenhour, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul Atwood, Preston Atwood, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Steven Miller, Sue Rehnke, and Ann Shelly.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Marlene Baxley-Cadmen, Chris von Schoening, Greta Arnold, Kes Shallbetter, Billy Bertles, Robert Huffman, Lani Brown, Max Miller, Adam Donahue, Lisa Frye, Lisa Clausen, Hannah Compton, Shannon Gehrs, Ellen Gehrs, and Auggie Koch.

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.

Those who have recently died: US Navy Seaman Brandon Forbes, Senior Patrolman Sherman Otto Benys, Jr., Deputy Sheriff Lena Nicole Marshall, Police Officer Paramhans Desai, Lieutenant Chad Brackman, Corrections Officer Rhonda Jean Russell, Police Officer Michael D. Chandler, and Deputy Sheriff Frank Ramirez, Jr. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



**EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) Advent
Wreath-making, Pizza and Game Night**

TODAY @ 5:00 p.m.

Zabriskie Narthex and The Upper Room

CHRISTMAS TREES. The Episcopal Church of Saint Clement is once again holding its annual Christmas Tree Sale! Trees arrive fresh this week from North Carolina. Sale times are: Fridays 5-8 pm, Saturdays 10 am - 6 pm, Sundays 12-6 pm until sold out. Credit cards preferred. [1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria](http://1701.N.QuakerLane,Alexandria). The people of Saint Clement thank you for getting your tree from us!

Announcements

Giving Thanks for Our Abundance



At this time of Thanksgiving, we give thanks that God has richly blessed us and has given us this church community.

We give thanks, as well, to all who have made a financial pledge to support Immanuel's mission and ministry for 2022. Your generosity is a blessing.

If you have not pledged yet, please consider the important role of Immanuel in your life. If you are newly attending Immanuel, in person or virtually, please consider a financial commitment to God and God's work through Immanuel.

You can return your pledge card through the mail, place it in the offering plate, send an email to our treasurer thewson@icoh.net stating your pledge amount, or [pledge online](#).

As of November 24, 2021, we give thanks for 88 pledges representing \$484,417. Close to forty-seven percent of pledges have increased from the previous year. Ten are new pledges.

God bless all for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment of time, talent, enthusiasm, and treasure to Immanuel and God's work through this parish.

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

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGNUPS

It's that time of year again! This year's Christmas Pageant will be in person, live streamed, AND recorded for a YouTube premiere! It is Saturday **December 18th**, with rehearsal the week before, and two reading practices before that. Please sign up to participate as a teenager with a speaking role, a child with a part of the tableau role, OR a parent with a helping costume and organize role.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea928abf4c61-christmas>

Thursday Morning Bible Study: The Letter to the Hebrews : There's still 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 December 3rd 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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 @ 5:30 PM: LITTLE DRUMMER BOY AT ZABRISKIE

We had so much fun with the Grinch story reading last year that a small Immanuel Christmas Planning Committee has been beating our heads to decide what we do for an outside fun-for-all Christmas story this year. All that head thumping led to a great idea — drumming!!!! — and what better way than to show up with your own drum. On December 4 at 5:00 pm, everyone is invited to Zabriskie's pumpkin patch front yard for a safe and fun reading of The Little Drummer Boy. Lead drummers and readers are this year's secrets. We will start off with some community drumming, settle down for a good story, and end with everyone joining in on the Christmas carol, "The Little Drummer Boy."

Following the fun outdoor time, those who want a little more can leave drums in cars and join friends in the parish hall to watch Claymation's rendition of the Drummer Boy movie. Bring big pillows or floor blankets and you can enjoy front row seating and popcorn as you watch the movie.

Don't have a drum? Video to come out soon on how to make your own percussion instrument. Don't know the carol? Find this bulletin on our website under “Worship”/”Worship Service Bulletins” and **CLICK HERE** for a **link to the words and melody**.

Want to join the Immanuel Christmas Planning Committee? Email Martha Shimkin at makeshimkin@gmail.com It's a fun group with a definite exit strategy, ending with a drinks date at the Seminary pub 1823.

Give to Benefit Christmas Families on Sunday, December 19th - At All THREE Eucharists

Human Services does not do physical holiday gifts this year. So as last year, we will just send a large check (hoping for \$5,000 or more) to Human Services. We will also work with the refugee ministry coordinated by Christ Church to provide throws to cuddle with for 220 children And we will give two books to each of the 150 children in Child and Family Network Centers (CFNC) preschool classes, ***Anno's Counting Book*** and ***500 Words*** (500 Palabras), nice pictures with words in English and Spanish.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net)	Associate Rector
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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 Parish Hall

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:
December 18 - Christmas Pageant

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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