

**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
**Parish Notes**  
**December 20, 2020**

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**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 currently worships virtually online, hoping to soon resume in-person services in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Both locations will offer 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](http://www.icoh.net)).

*Learn more about us at [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net).*

**PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers:** Nancy Wise, Mike Walker, Lucy, Ted Walker, Catherine Sinclair, Bruce Wanamaker, Aggie Fortune, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Ann MacNamara, Tony, Mary Bruce Corkern, Dick and Judy Bednar

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** James Henry, Jo-Ann Toledo, David Phillips, Sarah Cowan, Hollyann Morton, Katydean Price, Valia Amiri, Jason Donahue, Tim Gildersleeve, Debbie Hewson, Candace Quinlan, Carol Crossmire, and Amy Parks.

**Please also remember in your prayers** members of our extended Parish family: Charlotte Kellogg; Anthony Christino, Jr., Paul, Dorothy Phaneuf, Linda Patton, Anne Newcomb, Sydney Bailey, Narciso, Sheri, Karen and Gwen, Lelah Ann Young, Caroline, Bert Ifill, Jeanette Beckmann, Lois Blair, Amy Wallens Green, Kelly, Cameron Pattisall, Ellen Repsher, Stephen Miller, Jill, Jack Allen, Molly Grey, Kathryn Anschutz, Thomas “Neil” Walters, Luciane Helena Borges Moreira, David Westgate, Doug Carmichael, Carol Sands, George Morris, Sandy, Jakey Newcomer, Julia Dietschak, Preston Atwood, John Matthewson, Ronald King, Marta Dimetre, Mary Lou Johnston, Katie McGinn Centola, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Bill Anderson, Bob Dickson, Mildred Alexander, Dotty, Susan Thomas, Steve Davis, Natalie Terwillinger, Cecile Zitelli, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Alice Greenhall, Nancy, Edith Mead, Stephen, Jim and Louise Jackson, Charles Thurber, Arsine Oshagan, Emilie Brown, Sue Cleveland, David Johnson, Victoria Markin, Martin Stevens, Jeff Gorman, Jill Lane, Suzanne Prendergast, Howard, Alice Meyer, Ron Simar, Matthew Simar, Connie Smith, Payton, The Right Rev. Susan Goff, Kevin Lancaster, Jennifer Ashline, Bill Ennis, Norma MacLean, Frank, Perry, Paul Casey, David Smith, John and Alycia, Sue Rehnke, Marjean Smith, Andy MacLeod, Deacon Linda Murphy, Ben Hoge, Don Gobble; Kendra, Ed, Durham, Ellie and Family, Judith Simpson, and The Simpson Family, and David Kuck.

**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 troops wounded as casualties of war, and their caregivers.

**Those who have recently died:** Benjamin Whiting Hoge, husband of Wendy Hoge; Air National Guard Captain. Durwood “Hawk” Jones, Airman Apprentice Ethan Garrett Goolsby, Army Sergeant. Setariki Korovakaturaga, and Police Officer Tyler Avery Herndon. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE RESUMES IN JANUARY:** Please join us for the service of **Evening Prayer** Wednesday, **January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.** via Zoom. Look for a zoom link in your weekly eblast, then join Mother Susan in the middle of the week, just when we need some restoration and renewal.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT with Spiritual Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.  
via Zoom

You're invited! Father Sam and Immanuel's EYC wrote this year's online Christmas pageant, which will serve as the Liturgy of the Word for this Christmas Eve-Evening worship service, and welcome you to attend online.

This service will be broadcast on Zoom first and recorded so that an edited version can eventually make its way to our YouTube Channel. We hope you'll check out the Pageant.

To jlog-in on your computer: Visit our website [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net), at the top menu select "Worship", then "Worship Service Bulletin" from the pull-down menu. Click on this bulletin, then:

- Click [Join Zoom Christmas Pageant and Spiritual Holy Eucharist NOW](#)
- Enter the Meeting ID: 864 4169 4798, followed by Passcode: 868244



# CHRISTMAS EVE SUNSET HOLY EUCHARIST

December 24, 2020 at 5p.m, Immanuel Chapel Patio at Virginia Theological Seminary



Photo courtesy of Virginia Theological Seminary's Facebook page



Weather permitting, please join us for a special outdoor **Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist at Sunset, 5:00 p.m.** broadcast live online from the Immanuel Chapel patio. Feel free to bring a flashlight for reading your bulletin and a comfortable lawn chair.

Should the weather prove a challenge, the service will be moved to an online service.

Look for the most up-to-date details in your weekly email.

## Christmas Day

Christmas Morning Holy Eucharist

December 25th at 11a.m.

[Immanuel's YouTube Channel](#)

Visit our website [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net), at the top middle-right of the landing page in the purple "Worship Schedule", box, click on the text "YouTube here".



*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.* John 1:14

**IMMANUEL'S CAREGIVERS AND GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Saturday, January 2, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

Join the Immanuel Caregivers and Grief Support Group, a support group for members and friends who are caring for ailing or elderly loved ones or grieving those who have died. After an organizational meeting, the group decided to continue on Saturdays, 10:00-11:00a.m. through January 30<sup>th</sup>. The group will be led by clergy or invited and trained leaders who will make space for sharing experiences, offering prayerful and moral support, and sharing resources. We will be looking for signs of new life and God's presence. If you wish to join, please contact Father Randy ([ralextander@icoh.net](mailto:ralextander@icoh.net)) or Mother Susan ([sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net)) for an invitation to join the Zoom-based gathering.



**BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS** : Please join the clergy for Bible study resumes on Thursday, **January 7<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. The link for this class will appear in our weekly email and on Immanuel's Facebook page. If you're interested in joining us for the first time — or the first time in a while — you're welcome to do so without any reading or preparing.

If you are unable to attend class on Thursdays, join Father Sam on Saturdays at 10 a.m. for another Bible study via Zoom.

No previous experience or attendance necessary, just bring your questions and your Bible -- or an online version of the Bible, such as [Bible Gateway here](#). Zoom call contact information will be sent out on Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup> -- watch for your email!

**COMPLINE Service on Fridays:** Join us for a **Friday Compline January 8<sup>th</sup>** 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, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#). Meeting ID: *Will be sent in next week's E-Blast/* Password: *Will be sent in next week's E-Blast.* To join the service by phone, dial: 1-(301) 715-8592.



# Is Your Photo Current?

**Let's Update Before It's Printed January 20th**



For the first time, we will include a photo directory in the back of the print version of next month's annual report.

In anticipation of expected high demand, we ask that everyone please review your listing in our online directory to make sure that your data -- and photo — is current.

Thank you.





*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13*

## THANK YOU AND AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

Thank you to all who have made their gift of treasure back to God to support the ministry and mission of Immanuel Church-on-the Hill! We are grateful and humbled by your commitment to our community. As of December 15, 2020, we have received 119 pledges for a pledged amount so far of \$551,313.

We are still waiting to hear from at least 48 pledging families who are regular supporters who have not yet responded to our Every Member Pledge campaign. If you have not pledged yet, you can return your pledge card through the mail or [pledge online](#) now. Don't delay; please do it today.

Now is your opportunity to make your pledge decision and reflect on the important roles God and Immanuel have in your life.

Whether you are new to Immanuel or a longtime member, give back to God and Immanuel through a financial commitment to [make your pledge](#) for 2021.

**2021 Pledge Card**  
Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill  
3608 Semmey Road  
Alexandria, VA 22304-6200  
703.370.6565

We are called by God to respond through joy, faith, and hope to give back to God from the abundance we have been given. We generously support the mission and ministry of this parish and make the following pledge:

Total amount of 2021 pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I/We would like envelopes

Name(s) \*  
First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \*  
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Would you like your name listed among those who have pledged a financial commitment? AMOUNTS ARE NEVER DISCLOSED.

Yes, my/our name can be listed  
 No, I/we wish to remain anonymous

If you checked "Yes" above, how would you like your name(s) to appear?  
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(Optional, please check any that apply)  
 I/We would like information about using a Donor Advised Fund to fulfill this pledge.  
 I/We would like information about ways of making a future, planned gift from my/our estate.  
 I/We have already planned a future gift for Immanuel through my/our will or estate plan.

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**ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

[www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)

[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

**PRIEST ASSOCIATES**

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- The Rev. Dr. William L. Dols
- 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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