

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

February 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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Anne Ritchie, Baby Margaret, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, James, Jim Wise, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Marcus Rarick, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Cadence Claypoole, Carol Ordning, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Gerhart, Dwight and Mary Horner, Elizabeth, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, Joanne Perla, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Di Misa, Kathryn Anschutz, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Lavinia Johnson, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Michael, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Caroline Conrad, Jim Luft, Abigail DeVight, Josephine Forster, Gabriella Young-Smith, John Wagner III, Tom Cuddy, Susan Kernan, and Diana Page.

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

Pray for those who have died: Keith Maxwell Stephens and Valerie Williams, friend and family of Dorothy Kellogg; and victims of the American Eagle Flight 5342/ US Army Black Hawk helicopter collision at Reagan National Airport. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING

Immanuel is scheduled for a Bishop's visitation and Confirmation on **Sunday, March 16th**. We will form a Youth Confirmation Class and a separate track for adults who want to be Confirmed or Received. Please reach out to any of the clergy if you are interested.



Praying with Scripture: An Opportunity for Reflection After Eucharist: Silent prayer or mediation draws us closer to God. When we focus on one of the Sunday scripture passages, we may discover more of God's message to us. Beginning today — and continuing for the next three consecutive Sundays — we will have the opportunity to explore praying with scripture in the **Octagon Room** off the small Oratory Chapel following the 10:30 a.m. service. Pick up a treat at coffee hour, bring your bulletin, and join us to meditate on one of the scripture passages for the day. Our prayer time will conclude by 12:30 p.m.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, February 4th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, February 5th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Luke*”
Thursday, February 6th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, February 7th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

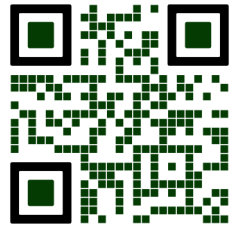


UPDATE: Every Member Pledge Campaign for 2025 “Living Gratefully”

As of January 30th we have 127 pledges totaling \$648,100. We have almost reached our budgeted pledge goal of \$710,000. This is an opportunity for all of us to give back to God from all we have been given.

Prayerful and intentional pledging expresses our thanks for God’s many gifts, and it supports our beloved parish church in all of its many vital ministries and our life together in Christ.

In addition to filling out a hardcopy pledge form and mailing it to the church — or dropping it in the alms basis during a service — you can pledge online using Immanuel’s [website](#) and click the green [Pledge Here](#) button, or by scanning the QR code at right.



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs
We will gather again this Wednesday, February 5th

Join her this Wednesday from **10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.** at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



MOVIE AND LUNCHEON HOSTED BY IMMANUEL’S
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
NEXT Sunday, February 9th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Parish Hall

Immanuel’s Social Justice Committee invites you to lunch and the showing of the acclaimed movie, *Origin*, on Sunday, February 9th. Come join us in the Zabriskie Parish Hall right after the 10:30 AM Eucharist, to share lunch and fellowship together and then watch *Origin*, a film adaptation of Isabel Wilkerson’s award-winning book, *Caste*, about her personal quest to understand the context of caste around the world and in her own lived experience here as an American born and raised in the United States.

No need to confirm, just show up!

Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: “GOD’S PROMISES”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, February 15th** online via Zoom (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 **Psalm 18:20-30** “*As for God, his ways are perfect; the words of the LORD are tried in the fire... he is a shield to all who trust in him*” using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2025

February 19: THIRD WEDNESDAY GOODWIN HOUSE ALEXANDRIA LUNCHEON

Please join us for lunch and conversation in the Fillmore Room at Goodwin House Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be **February 19**. Please RSVP to Rev. Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

February 21: TOUR OF THE FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY

The Folger Shakespeare Library underwent a massive renovation during the pandemic and reopened last year. Come with Senior Ministry and Fellowship to tour the new facility and enjoy seeing their many treasures. Get up close with the incredible books, manuscripts, art, and objects that make up the world’s largest Shakespeare collection. Learn about his life, the world in which he lived, his plays, and the many ways people have engaged with his language, characters, and stories over four centuries. There are interactive opportunities and self-guided tours.

We will leave from the Zabriskie Parish Hall parking lot at 10am on **Friday, February 21**, and will plan to return no later than 3:00pm. The van will stop at either Goodwin House location and/or at The View if any residents care to leave from there. The Library’s new café, *Crumb and Quill*, will be open for lunch beginning at 11:00am.

Admission to the Folger is free, but there is a \$25 copay to ride in the van. Lunch is on your own. Please RSVP to Karen Besser if you are planning to join us for this event

February 25: BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION DURING TUESDAY BROWN BAG

The Folger Shakespeare Library celebrates the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday annually with poetry readings by contemporary poets and actors. In the spirit of the Folger’s 2025 theme of *Whose Democracy?* this year’s readings include “Declaration” by Tracy K. Smith (the US Poet Laureate from 2017-2019), the Gettysburg Address, “Lift Every Voice and Sing”, and Dr. King’s August 1967 speech “Where Do We Go From Here?”

In recognition of Black History Month, please join other seniors in viewing this presentation virtually during our fourth Tuesday brown bag lunch on Tuesday, **February 25**, at 12:15pm in the Zabriskie parish hall. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and we will provide dessert and drinks. There is no reservation requirement and no cost to this event and, as always, friends, neighbors, and family members are welcome.

2025 Chick-fil-A True Inspiration Awards Winner



We are overjoyed to share that The Child and Family Network Centers (CFNC) has received a **2025 Chick-fil-A True Inspiration Award!** Winning in the **"Caring for People"** category, CFNC is one of only 56 award recipients internationally. With this incredible support, we can continue to provide free, multilingual early childhood education and wrap-around services, making a significant difference in our community.



After reviewing over 2,500 applications from organizations across the globe, **the Chick-fil-A team recognized the transformative impact of The Child and Family Network Centers' mission right here in Alexandria.** Being acknowledged on such a global stage is a testament to the profound difference we're making in our community. We are so thankful for the global recognition and financial support that will enable us to make an even greater impact on the lives of families we serve.

SIGN-UP TO SERVE: FEBRUARY - MARCH 2025 IT'S EASY AND **ONLINE**

We have a New SignUp Genius Service Plan



Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through March 2025* **ONLINE** by visiting the landing page of our website [at ICOH.net](http://atICOH.net) and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at left.

THANK YOU for your participation!



ALIVE! Food Drive

Traditionally, Immanuel has collected canned goods and non-perishable foods for Alive! two months a year. Our collections in 2024 were a huge success.... Let's do it again in 2025! **Bring your donations through February 9th** to the collection boxes in the narthex either at Immanuel Chapel or Zabriskie Chapel.

The last week of our drive will be our annual "Soup-er Bowl", where we put cans of soup for the predicted winner of Super Bowl LIX.

See lists below for needed items. Please *no glass* and if you can, bring in reusable grocery bags.

MOST NEEDED

Canned meat and fish (chili, chicken, tuna, salmon, beef, ravioli)	Child-friendly single-serve, microwavable entrees (soup, ravioli, mac & cheese)
Canned fruits, vegetables, soup, beans	Pasta (spaghetti, other noodles, mac & cheese)
Cereal — including oatmeal	Peanut butter, jam and jelly
Complete pancake mix (just add water) and syrup	Rice
Cooking oil	Canned tomatoes and pasta sauce

ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED FOOD DONATIONS

Brown or wild rice, couscous, quinoa	Fruit and vegetable juice
Applesauce	Granola bars
Fruit cups	Whole wheat or multi-grain crackers
Liquid shelf-stable milk	Canned or dried beans and peas
Canned beef stew, chili, and bean soup	



FIRST-TIME READERS WELCOME TO SERVE AT LENTEN AND EASTER EUCHARISTS:

Have you considered reading Scripture lessons or leading prayers at our Sunday Eucharists, but have yet to try? With *many* opportunities during the upcoming Lenten and Eastertide seasons, we're encouraging all parishioners aged 10 to 100 (yes, we have *two* centenarians!) to give the Reader/Intercessor Ministry a try. Simply contact Agnes, Immanuel's Lay Ministry Coordinator at asoos@icoh.net to express your interest. Training offered by request. Thank you!

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. Sarah Spurlock Biggs (sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net) Assistant Rector
 Beatrice Osumba (bosumba@vts.edu) Seminarian
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 Tamika Martin (tmartin@icoh.net) Audio Visual Technician
 Gilma Balcarcel Nursery Coordinator
 Miguelina Guzmán Nursery Assistant

THE VESTRY

Gerry Anderson Senior Warden and Senior Ministry
 Amy Thomas Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care
 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
 Taylor Houck Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Brad Ashton Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Julie Bruns Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
 Mark Fearer Social Justice and Pastoral Care
 Brian Rush Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, and Isabelle Young-Smith Youth Representatives

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online

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.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays 9:00a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Ways to GIVE