

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

February 23, 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, Nancy Bishop, 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 Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Donna Becker, 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, 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: John Bednar, Susan Cavanaugh, Sarah Clement, Thom Hussey, Sarah Kell, Kathy Lloyd, Spencer Wise, Jan Campbell, Betsy DeMulder, Susan Wiard, Holden Rush, Arthur Braun, Juliet Houck, Len Lynch Jr., Keith June, Jack Zoeller, Chip Coakley, Leota Johnson, Nicole Gill, and Sharon Waiss.

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.

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. 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 24th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, February 25th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Luke*”
Thursday, February 26th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, February 27th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

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



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

THANK YOU for your participation!



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 parishioners 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!



**Confirmation Workshop coming up Wednesday, February 26th
5-8:00 p.m, the Fairchild Room**

On March 16, our diocesan Assistant Bishop, The Rt. Rev'd Gayle E. Harris, will be with us at Immanuel to bless, confirm, reaffirm, and receive members into the Episcopal Church. Please let a member of the clergy know if you would like to join in preparing for this sacred rite!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

February 25: BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION DURING FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH

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 the Rev. 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 brown bag lunch on [Tuesday, February 25](#), at 12:15pm in the 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.



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

We will gather this Wednesday, February 26th

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!



EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER: Please join us for this special evening as we raise funds and awareness for families facing food insecurity in the City of Alexandria!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH
7PM TO 9PM
BETH EL HEBREW CONGREGATION
3830 Seminary Road**

Your ticket buys you a night of delicious food provided by local restaurants, live music, a handcrafted bowl to take home, and the chance to win amazing silent auction items – all while providing support to our Alexandria neighbors in need!

Get Your Tickets Today! **Tickets begin at \$95 per person.**
Sponsorships are available!



CARING FOR CREATION: The Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions presents an exciting program on Sunday afternoon, **March 9**, 12:30 to 3:30 at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church. The guest speaker is Doug Tallamy, best-selling author of *Nature's Best Hope*, a compelling vision for "The Home Grown National Park" which is an on-going national challenge to create diverse ecosystems in our own yards, church grounds, farms, school yards, and surrounding lands. Read more by scanning the QR code below.

Note that registration is required for this event.

Questions? Contact Denise Freeland eco.voce@verizon.net



Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: "GOD'S PROMISES"
SATURDAY, MARCH 15th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, November 16th** 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 **Matthew 11:25-30** "*Come unto me all you that travail and are heavy laden and I will give you rest*" 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



SUSTAINABILITY TIP: *What to do with plastic bags?*

During the pandemic in 2021, Immanuel collected 500 pounds of plastic bags which TREX turned into a lovely bench for our garden. Subsequently, Virginia enacted a plastic bag tax to help reduce plastic pollution and single-use bags which has continued to keep **nearly 4 million bags** out of our waterways, parks, and bellies of local wildlife.

If those pesky plastic bags still show up at home, remember you can take **them to any location of Giant, Safeway, Wegmans, and Harris Teeter**. The collection bins are usually near the entrance.

Then, take the next step and invest in a few **reusable bags** that you can leave in your car or other convenient location reminding you to use reusable bags and to refuse the single-use plastic bags.



— Courtesy of the *Creation Care Ministry Team*

**Immanuel's Creation Care
Ministry Webpage**

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 Doug Onley Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Mary Ann Ring Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
 Brian Rush Senior Ministry, Pastoral Care
 Bert Shelters Evangelism and Newcomers, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, David Lloyd, Sydney Onley, 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

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