

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

March 16, 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, Andrew Alexander, Ann MacNamara, 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, Margaret, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, 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, George Rustigian, Gerald, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jessi Napolitano, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Michael, 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: Constance Casey, Harry Diffendal, Hillary C. Parker, Peter Albritton, Jack Hambrick, Cassidy McCaslin, Marcus Rarick, Patrick Tribe, Ruthie Christino, Lizzie Peabody, Marianne Ingold, Michael Pawlukiewicz, and Jahi Stockton.

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

NEXT SUNDAY Our Lenten Series “*Grace in the Life of the Believer*” Begins

Join the Rev. A. Katherine Grieb, Ph.D. of Virginia Theological Seminary in the Welcome Center next Sunday at 11:45a.m. for the first presentation and discussion on the role of grace in St. Paul’s epistles.



Mindful Parking: Help Us Help Others: Keeping our physically-challenged parishioners and visitors in mind, we ask all to please keep the parking spaces *directly in front of* both chapels for those in need of handicap spaces. Thank you for your understanding and full cooperation.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, March 18th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Lenten Centering Prayer led by The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley
Tuesday, March 18th @ 5:15 p.m., The Oratory Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, March 19th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of Luke*”
Thursday, March 20th @ 10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, March 21st @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD *with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs*

Join her this Wednesday, March 19th from 10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



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

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through April 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!



The Desert Shall Rejoice: Hope in Troubling Times - A Lenten Retreat with **Bishop Susan Goff**

Wednesday, March 19th, Livestreamed from Grace & Holy Trinity Church
8 N. Laurel Street, Richmond, VA 23220

Hosted by the Episcopal Church Women, all are invited to attend a Lenten led by the Rt. Rev. Susan Goff retreat this Wednesday at Grace & Holy Trinity Church from 9a.m. - 2p.m. and will include opportunities for fellowship, a Holy Eucharist/Healing Service, and discussion during lunch.

To register, contact **Catherine Perrin** at catherineperrin@comcast.net with your name, church's name, and email address. Indicate if you will attend in-person or watching via livestream and need the link.

There is no cost for this retreat; however, donations are greatly appreciated to defray the cost and add to the Diocesan ECW's "Gifts and Scholarship Fund" at <https://ecwnational.org/resources/donations-grants/>.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

March 25: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH with TOM KERNS: We are welcoming our own Tom Kerns to return to the Senior Ministry and Fellowship brown bag this month. Architect par excellence, Tom will share his experience with the renovation of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Georgetown. Trinity, founded in 1787, is the oldest Roman Catholic community in continuous operation in Washington, DC.

Please join other seniors to hear Tom talk about his work at this historic parish at our brown bag lunch on Tuesday, March 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.

Tom will follow up his talk by taking us to visit the parish on Thursday, April 24. Please put that date on your calendar and watch for details of the trip later.

March 31: Grandchildren Welcome to Join Our Washington, DC Daytrip to Visit THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM and THE NATIONAL BONSAI & PENJING MUSEUM

We have a forecast for peak cherry blossom blooming, and plan to take full advantage by heading to the National Arboretum to do hanami (the Japanese word for cherry blossom viewing). We will go on Monday, March 31 and grandchildren are especially welcome to join us on this trip.

The Arboretum's 40 discrete varieties of cherry blossom tree are spread out over 27 sites within almost 450 acres, so we will employ the van to get us from place to place. We will hope for hanafubuki, the experience of having a gust of wind shower our vehicle with blossoms swirling in the air. We will also visit the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum for the fascinating exhibit, *Sakura Orihon, Diary of a Cherry Blossom Journey*.

We will gather in the parish hall at 10:30 a.m. for a quick brunch of quiche and fruit before leaving the Zabriskie parking lot at 11:15 a.m., and plan to return no later than 3:30pm. You can also have the van pick you up and drop you off at either Goodwin House location or at The View (but alas, no quiche for you). There is no cost for the lunch and a \$20 copay to ride in the van.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser (karen.besser@gmail.com) as soon as possible, so that if we have significant response to this trip there will be enough time to schedule a second van.

NOTE on APRIL EVENTS: In observance of Holy Week and Easter, neither the Goodwin House luncheon nor the brown bag lunch will take place during the month of April. We plan to resume both events in May.



ALTAR OF REPOSE SCHEDULE NOW ONLINE

If you can help us keep watch by staying in the Oratory Chapel in Immanuel for one hour during the Overnight Prayer Vigil, Maundy Thursday, April 17, please scan the code at right. Simply stop, pray and keep watch during the night until 12noon Good Friday.



Altar of Repose

Thank you.

Loving Our Neighbors as Ourselves Through Pumpkins
Immanuel Outreach Ministry: Christ House Meals

Christ House Meals Ministry Welcomes – and Needs – More Helpers. This is a relatively low-time-commitment but **high impact** way to show our love to our most vulnerable neighbors in Alexandria—with delicious, hot meals. We meet six times a year – the **third Wednesday evening every other month** – to prepare hot meals at Christ House (Old Town corner of Prince & S. West Streets). Volunteers opt to engage in one or more of these short list of tasks: shop for ingredients for that month's agreed dinner menu—(which Pumpkin Patch money pays for through an established Immanuel voucher reimbursement process); pre-cook meatloaf or another entree the day before as a group or portions individually at home (as a small group, we have lots of flexibility); and, as a team, assemble some 75 hot meals in the Christ House kitchen that are the distributed at 5 PM "to go" to vulnerable Alexandrians.

Kitchen volunteers follow basic CH food safety protocols. Shoppers are promptly reimbursed through an established expense voucher processing system. And... we have fun! **There's nothing like that warm, cozy feeling of working together to feed people who so appreciate a fresh meal.**

Please join us regularly, or when you are able! We have a small core team, but the group that prepares each meal is a mix of who can assist that round. Christ House welcomes high school volunteers 14 years and older. If you aren't sure and just want to give it a try, please email Eileen Monnin-Kirby directly at edmkirby@gmail.com **We would appreciate your help!**



PRESERVING GOD'S CREATION: *How to Kindly Wake Up Our Spring Gardens*

Please resist the urge to rake up all the leaves from winter. Why? Our delightful fireflies, wood frogs, butterflies, salamanders, and other beneficial creatures bury themselves in leaf litter to survive the winter. If the leaves are removed too soon in the spring, we risk eliminating those species from our gardens, reducing its biodiversity.

Instead, consider waiting until daytime temperatures are above 50 degrees for at least 7 days in a row before removing the leaves. This gives the species living in the leaves time to emerge and survive. And remember, those rotting leaves are very good for garden soil as they break down and release nutrients back into the garden.

—— courtesy of the *Creation Care Ministry Team*



Several members of the social justice ministry have decided to use the daily Lenten devotional and reflection prompts from Episcopal Relief and Development in our Lenten practice.

We have committed to reading and reflecting on the daily messages, and then we will gather periodically through Lent to share what this practice is bringing up or revealing about God. If you'd like to join us in this practice, please email or text Kathryn Jackson Haskin (Kathryn.Jackson41@gmail.com) to be notified of the opportunities to gather.

We will select a time for our first gathering based on the availability of participants soon.

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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THE VESTRY

Amy Thomas Senior Warden
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 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
 Mark Fearer Social Justice
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Rich Hobson Outreach
 Taylor Houck Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Dave John Fellowship
 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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