

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

April 27, 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, Catherine Sinclair, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gilma Balcarcel, Gordon Johnson, James, Jim Wise, Joan Raybold, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Marcus, Margaret, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Andrew Davis, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Cadence Claypoole, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Donna Becker, Dorothy Gerhart, Dwight and Mary Horner, Emily, George Rustigian, Gerald, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joe Micelli, José Maria, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Smith, Kathy Porter, 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, Russ, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Tim Williams, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Martha Shimkin, Lucas Thompson, Gil Donahue, Nancy Jennings, Laura Good, Sharon Biache Blanchét, Gordon Johnson, Kristi Kubista-Hovis, and Jessica Turner.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays last week: The Rev. John Smucker, Erik Braun, Joan Raybold, Peter Whelpley, Laura Denlinger, Elizabeth MacIntosh, and Paul Teske.

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

Those who have died: Pope Francis I, Bishop of Rome. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

TODAY @ 10:15 AM : A (Godly) Play Experience for Adults

Before today's 10:30 a.m. service, we invite parents and other interested adults to come and experience Godly Play for yourself, in **an adults-only session** that will be led by one of our Godly Play storytellers. Meet us in the Oratory at 10:15 a.m., and then you will be led to a separate space for the adults-only session.

If you have children in Godly Play (designed for ages 1-8), we especially encourage you to join for the session to experience it for yourself and learn more about the practice and purpose of the structure of the sessions. And, if you've ever thought that you might want to become a Greeter or Storyteller, it's a great way to see what it's all about. (We are in need of both!)

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, April 29th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, April 30th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of Luke*”

Thursday, May 1st @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline, Friday May 2nd @ 8:00 p.m, online via Zoom

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs Resumes May 7th*: Due to Easter Week and Clergy Conference, *Wednesdays in the World with Rev. Sarah* will resume on May 7th from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: MAY - JUNE 2025 IT'S EASY AND ONLINE

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through May 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. If you're a student — or planning Summer travel — feel free to sign-up for the Feast of Pentecost only. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU for your participation!**



Reserve your spot *today*

IMMANUEL'S PARISH RETREAT AT SHRINE MONT

Immanuel has reserved our usual Memorial Day weekend parish retreat at Shrine Mont, and it's time to sign up now if you plan to attend. Please contact Kathryn Jackson Haskin by email or phone if you have any questions and if you plan to attend (kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com). **The deadline to register is May 9th.**

Our daily rates are below, and the minimum reservation is 2 overnight stays per person. You can sign up for 2 days (usually Saturday lunch to Monday after breakfast) or three days (Friday dinner to Monday breakfast). Children under the age of 3 are free. Meals are included; please include any food restrictions when you RSVP.

Single room, private bathroom: \$126/day/person

Double room, private bathroom: \$97/day/person

Youth (4-13): \$66/day/person

*If you need financial assistance to attend, please contact a member of the clergy directly to discuss.

IMMANUEL CHURCH ON-THE-HILL EASTER APPEAL

In thanksgiving for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and as a concrete expression of support in His name for two immediate needs during the Great Fifty Days of Easter, Immanuel's Easter Appeal began Easter Sunday, April 20th and will conclude on Pentecost, June 8th. Two of the ministries Immanuel supports have especially urgent needs:

HAITI MICAH PROJECT -- EMERGENCY IN MIREBALAIS

For over ten years, Immanuel has supported the **Haiti Micah Project (HMP)**, founded in 2005 by Joseph Constant, then a priest at Virginia Theological Seminary. HMP established an orphanage and vocational school, along with a large nutrition program feeding impoverished children. Incorporated as a Virginia charity, HMP employs a staff of over twenty in Mirebalais, Haiti. Mirebalais is also home to the country's most advanced medical facility, the University Hospital. Haiti has been gripped with violence and unrest since 2021—but mainly in its capital, Port-au-Prince. However, two weeks ago, Mirebalais was overrun by armed gangs. A local priest described the situation in terms of “unspeakable scenes of terror unfolding before our very eyes”. People living in Mirebalais have been killed; and others “walk barefoot, without clothes, without food, without hope.” Thankfully, the Haiti-Micah staff evacuated its children to another town. They are safe but traumatized. We don't know the status of HMP facilities in Mirebalais; but the town's schools, churches, and businesses are closed. The immediate goal is to get food, clean drinking water, clothing and temporary shelter for staff and children. The international response to this emergency has been one of detachment. Yet the children of Mirebalais are precious to God. They pray—as we do-- for their daily bread and to be delivered from evil. It may seem hopeless, but they need our prayers and our help to survive.

CHRIST CHURCH REFUGEE MINISTRY

Christ Church Refugee Ministry has been helping refugees in Alexandria since 2016. The Refugee Ministry – with the help of several Immanuel parishioners – has supported 113 families (roughly 475 individuals) by building relationships with each family, and providing Care Team-support, assistance, and friendship. 13 newer families still need some assistance, but the remaining 100 are self-sufficient – a wonderful metric considering it takes an average of 6 months for a family to become self-sufficient. Right now -- Christ Church Refugee Ministry has the highest number of families seeking help at one time in the history of the ministry. The current urgent situation emerged in late January this year when after going through the US State Department's 2-year vetting process, these families -- legally in the US, resettled in Alexandria, and promised 3 months of financial resource support—learned overnight with no notice -- the new administration cut all funding to their resettlement agencies. Most families are Afghan, and many of the fathers served with U.S. military or aid groups. Most have children. Rent assistance is especially critical in the early months, as newly arrived parents try to find jobs, enroll their kids in school, learn the bus systems, learn/improve English, and just navigate a completely new life. Our donations help these families stay housed, learn English, and have emergency medical/dental care until they are self-sufficient. And...they will know people in our community care about them and their children.

Immanuel Parishioners moved to support this appeal may choose one of the three methods below:

- (1) **Write a check** to Immanuel with **Easter Appeal Haiti–Micah** or **Easter Appeal Christ Church Refugee Ministry** in the memo line
- (2) **Donate online** via the QR Code at right and look for **Easter Appeal** dropdown options
- (3) from Immanuel's web site www.ICOH.net, under GIVE, select ONLINE GIVING, then Give Here: select the **Easter Appeal** dropdown option you want.

Donations made to **Easter Appeal** (without further designation) will be split between both ministries.



With grace and gratitude at Easter, we remember Jesus' words: “*Love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.*” (Matthew 22:37-40). Thank you so much.

Mark Your Calendars: CAR WASH FUNDRAISER for SCOUTS

Please support Immanuel's own BSA Scouts Troop 131:

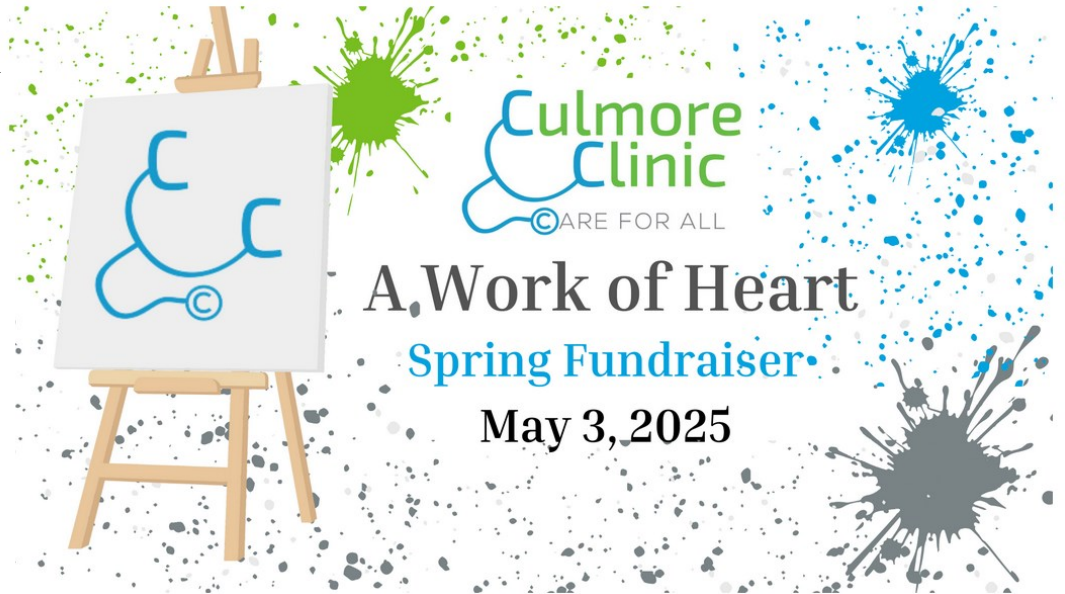
Saturday, May 17
9:30am - 1:30pm, Zabriskie Chapel Parking Lot

The boys will be in the church parking lot, cars washed for donations!



For details — and to
RSVP — please scan
the QR code below.

Thank you.



Event Information

When:

May 3, 2025

Where:

Hendry House 2411 24th St. N.Arlington, VA 22207

Order of Events:

5:00 p.m. - VIP Art Experience*

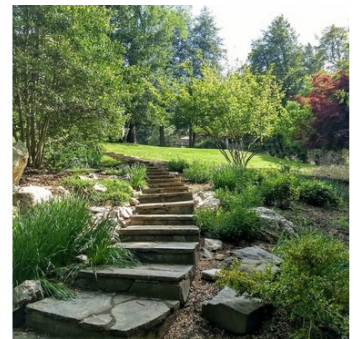
6:00 p.m. - Tasting Reception

7:30 p.m. - Clinic Update

8:30 p.m. - Closing Remarks

Attire: Garden Party Attire

Parking: Free parking is available at Hendry House.



***Donors of \$1,500 or more gain access to an exclusive VIP Art Experience!**

Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: **“GOD’S PROMISES”**
HOLY SATURDAY, MAY 17th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Microsoft Teams

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, May 17th** online via Microsoft Teams (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 **2 Peter 1:3–11** “...*the greatest and priceless promises have been lavished on us, that through them you should share the divine nature*” 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 MSTEams Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913



**MARK Your CALENDAR: Forum Hour on AI: Sunday, June 22nd
11:45 a.m., The Welcome Center**

Join us for an in-depth presentation on the topic of AI (Artificial Intelligence) on Sunday, June 22nd in the Welcome Center.

Our speaker is Dr. Najam Hassan, Chair of Computer and Data Science, Capitol Technology University in Laurel, Maryland.

You may find his bio at: <https://www.captechu.edu/news-events/faculty-spotlight-dr-najam-hassan>



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.



NOTE TO PARENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT SACRED SPACES

We are blessed at Immanuel with the boundless energy and passion of increasing numbers of children, for which we give deep thanks. We are also glad that children feel comfortable at Immanuel, that they feel at home and safe in this community. We do, however, need to look out for their safety and protection, and for the protection of those sacred spaces.

In particular, parents are asked to keep an eye out for their children after the 10:30 Eucharist, as some have been seen climbing on the walls of the Chapel Garden and ruins of the old chapel. This is both dangerous for them and not respectful towards those whose ashes are interred there. Let’s all work together to make sure our children can be children while also protecting them and the sacred spaces in our care.

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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 Miguelina Guzmán Nursery Assistant

THE VESTRY

Amy Thomas Senior Warden
 Caroline Bergmark Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds, Registrar
 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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Ways to GIVE