

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

April 6, 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, 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, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Andrew Davis, 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, Emily, George Rustigian, Gerald, 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: Katherine Whitman, Anderson Davis, Celina Stewart, Bridget Beckmann, Anna Biache, Hayden Wagner, Jonah Wagner, Randy Alexander, Jim Clausen, Chris Rodriguez, Scott Warlick, Maria Burke, Tyler Gehrs, and Conner Parks.

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: U.S. Army soldiers who died in the Pabradė, Lithuania recovery mission: Sergeants Jose Duenez, Jr. and Edwin F. Franco, Private First Class Dante D. Taitano, and Staff Sgt. Troy S. Knutson-Collins; and victims of the Myanmar-Thailand earthquake. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Our Lenten Series “*Grace in the Life of the Believer*” Concludes TODAY

Our Lenten Series concludes today, as we look at the ways in which God’s grace shows up in our own parish life. Since ancient times, Christians have celebrated the fellowship of the Church as a laboratory where God’s grace is apparent and present. That is certainly true at Immanuel, and we will be looking at some of the ways that grace shows up in our life together. Come join us!

EASTER MUSIC AND SPECIAL FLOWER DEDICATIONS 2025

As Easter approaches, you are invited to make a donation to help offset the cost of our Easter brass musicians and/or Altar flowers for our Easter Sunday Eucharists. **For the first time, we are offering Sponsorships for beloved Easter blooms that have risen greatly in price** — like our special Christmas music, names will appear first in our bulletins and remain on the Flowers page of our website for *at least* three months.

To make a memorial or thanksgiving donation for a loved one, or to make a thanksgiving dedication for some blessing, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms box in the narthex. To make your dedications online, scan the QR code below or visit our website and click on "[Easter Flower and Music Dedications](#)" image on our landing page.

Names will be printed in our Easter bulletins for all donations received **by noon** on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



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In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____



Signature Easter Blooms Sponsor \$100

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In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____



SPECIAL MUSIC: \$ _____

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Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, April 8th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

**Lenten Centering Prayer led by The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley
Tuesday, April 8th @ 5:15 p.m., the Oratory Chapel**

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, April 9th, Zabriskie Chapel

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

Evening Compline, Friday, April 11th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Holy Week and Eastertide

April 13	Sunday of the Passion: PALM SUNDAY	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Bagpiper-led Procession with Palms to chapel (gather at VTS white post office)	Immanuel Chapel
April 15	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer during Holy Week	Zabriskie Chapel
April 16	Wednesday	12 Noon	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel
April 17	Maundy Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study “ <i>The Gospel of Luke</i> ”	Online via Zoom
		6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist Rite II with foot washing, followed by overnight watch	Immanuel Chapel
April 18	Good Friday	12 Noon	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Immanuel Chapel
		6:30 p.m.	The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with choir	
April 20	Easter Sunday: Feast of the Resurrection	7:30 a.m.	Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir and brass quintet	Immanuel Chapel
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Easter Egg Hunt,	VTS Grounds
		11:15 a.m.	Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir and brass quintet	Immanuel Chapel
April 27	The Second Sunday of Easter	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir	Immanuel Chapel

Invitation to CONFESSION: Anglicans approach private confession in a classic middle way framed by the old adage, “All may; none must; some should.” Lent is a particularly appropriate time to consider private confession as part of one’s Lenten discipline and examination of life. If you would like to schedule an appointment for Confession, please contact any of the clergy. You can read over the rite for private confession in [*The Book of Common Prayer*](#), beginning on page 447.

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.



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: APRIL - MAY 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 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 Lenten season, Easter, and the Feast of Pentecost only.

THANK YOU for your participation!



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* April 9th

Join her **this** Wednesday, **April 9th** from **10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.** at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



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

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Microsoft Teams

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, April 19th** 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 **Lamentations 3:19–26 “*Surely God’s mercies are not over...every morning they are renewed...God is good to those who trust him, to all who search for 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 MSTEams Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913



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.

Eager to Help Our Refugee Neighbors? Join The Christ Church Refugee Ministry Care Team and make a lasting impact! Volunteers provide critical support by staying in touch with families, offering companionship, and ensuring they feel welcome in their new community. Help with appointments, community events, and services like career support, school involvement, and basic needs. Your kindness can help them thrive and adjust to their new life! Be the bridge to resources, fun activities, and connections. Get involved today and make a difference—one family at a time. Ready to lend a hand? We need you and we train you! Contact David Atwood (atwooddavid@gmail.com), Julie Bruns (drbruns@verizon.net), (Kathy Conrad (kathyconrad@gmail.com), Nancy Reuschel (nancyreuschel@hotmail.com), Linda Serabian (serabian@somaarchitects.com), or Pierre Shostal (pshks@aol.com) to request training. If you are ready to take the first step, schedule a meeting with our Refugee Coordinator, **Cessilye Smith** at Christ Church at 703-549-1450.



SUPPORT REFUGEES IN OUR COMMUNITY!

The Christ Church Refugee Ministry has been supported for many years by this congregation by the outreach committee and the many parishioners who donate their time to help resettle these wonderful families.

Spring2ACTION Early Giving began March 26 and runs through April 9! Our goal is to raise \$50,000. Currently the Christ Church Refugee Ministry has the highest number of families seeking help at one time in the history of the ministry.

These are Afghans who worked for the American government and are here with Special Immigration Visa (SIV) status. They arrived between October 2024 and January 2025. They are not self-sufficient due to inadequate resettlement or the ending of resettlement benefits and services.

Our Refugee Ministry has been in existence since 2016, and we have an amazing track record of helping over 100 families reach independence and make the United States their home. We want to be able to do this for the families coming to us now and frankly if we do not, we are not sure what will happen to them.

Your generous donation will directly support the Refugee Ministry at Historic Christ Church with:

- **Rental assistance**
- **Food and toiletries**
- **Medical and dental care**
- **Emergency expenses**
- **Family activities and community gatherings**
- **Case management services**

These funds will ensure that refugee families receive the help and support they need to thrive in our community. Every dollar you give will make a direct impact, providing essential aid and fostering a welcoming environment for those in need.

How You Can Help:



- Scan the QR code at left to donate online
- Send a check, made out to:
Christ Church Refugee Ministry
Christ Church
Attention: Ms. Melanie Gray
118 N. Washington St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
- Share this opportunity with friends, family, and colleagues to help us reach our goal.

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
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 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
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 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

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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