

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

May 11, 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, Agnes Soos, Ann MacNamara, Catherine Sinclair, Craig Jackson, 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, Bridget Rice Rose, Cadence Claypoole, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Donna Becker, Dorothy Gerhart, Gerry, 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, Wanda, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Zoe Powell-Switaj, Greg Lambert, Everett Post Jr., Jennie Reading, Dick Taliaferro, Meg Whelpley, Zachary Cohn, Adrienne Goins, Isaac Kubista, Mary Ashton Campbell, Peter Alexander, Caitlin DeMulder, François Gas, and Ethan Rodriguez.

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: Blaine Bull, friend and former classmate of Dorothy Kellogg; Dennis Wagner, friend of Dorothy Kellogg, and P.S. Rogers. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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!



Want to serve as a delegate from Immanuel to Diocesan Convention? Let's talk.

We are now searching for three delegates and one alternate to our Convention, which will take place November 6-8 in Fredericksburg. Expenses are covered by the parish. If you have any interest, or would like to learn more, please reach out to Fr. Randy (ralexander@icoh.net).

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, May 13th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, May 14th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of Luke*”
Thursday, May 15th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline, Friday May 16th @ 8:00 p.m, online via Zoom

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

Join Rev. Sarah for conversation over coffee this Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study:

“GOD’S PROMISES”

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



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 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!**

Invitation from Immanuel

We had a constructive, informal on-line get-together weeks ago in response to current events such as cutbacks in the federal workforce and the ramping up of immigration activities.

Let's touch base again **Thursday, May 15 at 7:00pm EST** in an on-line Teams meeting for another informal check-in. No agenda. Bring your thoughts, concerns, successes, what have you.

As before, we will not offer legal or financial advice, but rather a pastoral forum for us to share what is going on and to pray together. The meeting will be convened by **Mark Fearer**, a member of Immanuel's Vestry and pastoral care committee.

All are welcome -- scan the QR code below to participate:

Meeting ID: 217 385 244 910 3
Passcode: kF28A2pB



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.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS: May - June 2025

MAY 16TH - MID-DAY CONCERT IN WASHINGTON, DC: National City Christian Church, on Thomas Circle in DC, gives weekly concerts every Friday during the academic year, bringing organists from around the country and from abroad. They provide a program of religious and secular music on the church's 7,500 pipe, five keyboard Moller organ, the third largest organ in Washington. Join us on **Friday, May 16 for a concert from 12:15 to 1pm**, followed by an opportunity to meet organist Victoria Shorokova from Houston, TX and receive a post-recital demonstration of how the organist operates the keyboard, pedal board, and over 300 controls for an up-close and personal look at this complex and intriguing musical machine.

Plan to leave the Zabriskie parking lot at 11:30am. As always, we can pick you up at either Goodwin House residence or at The View if you request. We will plan to return no later than 2:30pm. The co-pay to ride the van is \$20. Please RSVP to Karen Besser at 703-981-1237.

MAY 21ST - THIRD WEDNESDAY GOODWIN HOUSE LUNCHEON: Please join us for luncheon and conversation in the Filmore Room at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be May 21. Please RSVP to Rev. Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

MAY 27TH - FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH: PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE Our Director of Music, Dr. Jane Tavernier, will join the Senior Ministry and Fellowship brown bag lunch in two weeks. An adjunct professor of music, Jane will give us a better understanding of the organ, how it produces the glorious sounds that we enjoy weekly in our worship, and the breadth of the organ repertoire that we can experience in many settings.

Please join other seniors in the **Parlor of Immanuel Chapel** on Tuesday, May 27 at 12:15pm,. Bring your own sandwich or salad and we will provide dessert and drinks. During Jane's presentation we will adjourn to the Chapel for the ability to watch the organ and organist in close-up!

There is no reservation requirement and no cost to this event and, as always, friends, neighbors, and family members are welcome.

JUNE 7TH – HISTORIC TOUR at MARYLAND'S GLEN ECHO PARK with SENIOR ADULT, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES:

In the summer of 1960, the Glen Echo Amusement Park, located just outside of Washington, D.C. in suburban Maryland was the site of a season of picketing in an effort to force the park to abandon its Whites Only admission policy. The on-going demonstrations were spearheaded by the student Nonviolent Action Group of Howard University, joined by white supporters including residents of adjacent Bannockburn community and members of the AFL-CIO. The sit-in on the Glen Echo carousel resulted in the arrest of five black student protesters and the court case wound its way to the Supreme Court, which ruled in 1964 that the arrest of the demonstrators violated the Fourteenth Amendment guarantee of equal protection.

On Saturday, June 7th at 10a.m. Immanuel's Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship will be joining with Youth and Family Ministry and Social Justice Ministry to visit Glen Echo Park for a tour of the historic Dentzel Carousel where the demonstration began. We will hear a 45-minute ranger-led presentation at the carousel about the history of the park and of the carousel, which culminated with the eventual integration of the park in 1961. We will also be joined on this trip by members of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church where our beloved Patty Alexander is Rector.

Following the tour, we will have a box lunch picnic under the shade trees next to the carousel and a chance to share the experience and hear what it says to us about our collective past, our present and our future.

We will leave the parish hall parking lot 9:45a.m. and plan on returning no later than 1pm. Co-pay to ride in the van is \$20. If you prefer to drive, there is plentiful free parking in an adjacent lot approximately 1/4-mile walk from the carousel along a winding boardwalk and paved path.

Next Sunday: OUTREACH MINISTRY REVIEW Forum Hour
Sunday, May 18th, 11:45 AM, The Welcome Center

All Immanuelites are encouraged to join the Outreach Committee for this special forum highlighting all of the outreach ministries and charities which are beneficiaries of our Outreach budget.

We will learn about each ministry, including viewing slides depicting some of their mission. Please come and learn more about how the dollars we raised in the pumpkin patch are at work!



Funeral for CYNTHIA BURRESS DOLVIN
Saturday, May 31st @ 11:00 A.M., Zabriskie Chapel

Followed by reception at the home of her daughter.



Save the Date! June 8 – Immanuel’s Spring Potluck in Zabriskie



Following **the 10:30 service** — **held in Zabriskie Chapel** — on the Feast of Pentecost June 8th please join us in the Parish Hall for our traditional Potluck to celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer! We need volunteers to set up, serve, clean up, and of course to bring your favorite dishes to share. Please use the Q.R. code at left to the **[Pentecost Sunday Potluck Signup Genius to sign up](#)** (also linked on Immanuel’s homepage) . Food slots include recommended dishes as well as number of servings. We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact Dave John at d_falcon7@hotmail.com with any questions.



Mark Your Calendar: FORUM HOUR ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
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>



Save the Dates: November 7-9, 2025 Spiritual Retreat at Holy Cross Abbey

The annual Immanuel Spiritual Retreat is scheduled for Friday, November 7, through Sunday, November 9, at Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Virginia with the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade as the retreat leader.

The registration fee is \$350.00 per person. For consideration for one of the two scholarships in memory of Charles O. Willis, contact the Rev. Randy Alexander directly. Look for registration materials — made available the first week in August — in your future weekly eBlast and parish notes.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
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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
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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.



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Ways to GIVE