

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### August 11, 2024

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**IN THE NAME OF 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. Both chapels offer 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.** 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](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Ann MacNamara, Barbara Ramsdale, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, Francine Wargo, Gary DeVight, Gilma Balcarcel, Jane Flinn, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lucy, Martin, Marianne Ingold, Mable Randolph, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, Susan Kernan, Patsy Rogers, Wendy Hoge, Zuzanna and Spencer.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Ann Langdon Days, Ashleighana, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ordning, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Gerhart, Fred Vipperman, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joanne Perla, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Di Misa, Kathryn Anschutz, Kathy, Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Lillian Kozuma, Lilly Pinner, Linda Gill, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia McDonald, Michael, Marcia Richardson, Mark Vipperman, Marty Childs, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Shawn Rush, Shelby Ochs Owen, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Sue Rehnke, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Sylvia Glassco, John Schnedl, Cole Wirth, Governor Burke, Jennifer Greiner, Theresa Kliczewski, Andrew Scharnweber, Martha Taggart, Xiao Boynton, James Byron III, Brian Chesney, Jean Raymond, Colin Maltbie, Paul Smyth, Ethan Butcher, Kay Hobson, Bobbie King, Jennifer Jones, and Hilary Shostal.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

**Those who have died:** Alexandria resident, nonprofit leader and philanthropist Alma Johnson Powell, widow of former Secretary of State General Colin Powell. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

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## ***THIS SATURDAY:* Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study** **AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom**

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **this Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** online via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our new theme for 2024 is *Anxiety!* This month we will read **Psalm 27 "Through my father and mother forsake me, Yahweh will gather me up...be strong, let your heart be bold"** using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com).

[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

Morning Prayer Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

**THE FEAST OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN** (*transferred*)  
Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study “*The Book of Judith*”  
Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.  
*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

Evening Compline, Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

**Immanuel's Children's Chapel meets each Sunday, 10:00 -10:25a.m, The Oratory at Immanuel Chapel:** (The Oratory is a small chapel on the other end of the hallway—opposite the parlor/ coffee hour). Our Children's Chapel is a 25-minute service rich with prayer, Bible stories, music, and reflections to teach our children about God's love. **All are welcome!**

**JUNIOR WARDEN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE:** Please take a moment to notice or appreciate all the Buildings and Grounds projects completed in June 2024:

- ✓ Zabriskie Grounds, installation of a water-efficient in-ground sprinkler system.
- ✓ Parish Hall, kitchen fire suppression and extinguisher safety tested, leaky faucet repaired, and historical pictures rehung.
- ✓ Vestry Upper Room, spring cleaning and organization enhancements.
- ✓ Zabriskie Sanctuary, pressure switches installed to AC to prevent any leaks.
- ✓ Garden Workdays took place June 8 and June 16 to weed, transplant, and mulch.

**UPCOMING THIS SUMMER:** Two Eagle Scout projects to restore a Memorial Garden seating area and the contemplative path. New windows for the Rectory. New downspouts for the Chapel. Renovation of Sexton's closet.

Please join us!

- 1st Monday of the month, Buildings and Grounds meeting at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Interested parishioners may contact Tom Kerns.
- 1st Tuesday of the month, Creation Care meeting at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Interested parishioners may contact Denise Freeland at [eco.voce@verizon.net](mailto:eco.voce@verizon.net) with an email request to receive the Zoom link for participation.

**GARDEN WORKDAYS.** All who are interested are welcome to come help weed, mulch, and enjoy the gardens. We have gloves and tools. Points of contact are Kathryn Jackson Haskin and Sarah Glassco. Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and **this Saturday, August 17, 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENT: August 27: ICE CREAM SOCIAL & HYMN SING.** All seniors are invited to a brown bag lunch and end-of-summer ice cream social in the Zabriskie Parish Hall, followed by a hymn sing in the Chapel led by Dr. Jane Tavernier on organ. Let's sing out the summer and welcome the fall — look for details to follow in our upcoming bulletins and weekly eBlast.

## **SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE POSTED ONLINE**

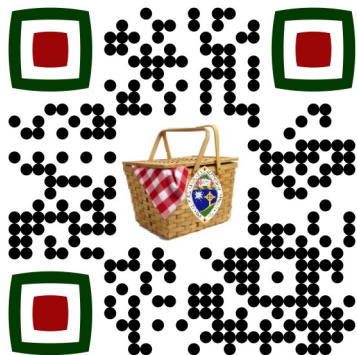
**EASY WAY TO SIGN UP LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL 2024:** Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through September* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at [www.ICOH.net](http://www.ICOH.net) via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**: We're uploading months in advance, so please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild Server, Crucifer and/or Coffee Hour Host online via [SignUp Genius](http://www.ICOH.net) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at [www.ICOH.net](http://www.ICOH.net) and [clicking on the red button](#).

If you need training for a particular ministry, please contact Mother Susan at [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net).

**THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!**

## Come One, Come All to **HOME**COMING Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>!

Everyone is encouraged to invite family, friends, and neighbors to our Homecoming Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Our Immanuel Choir will return at the 10:30a.m. Eucharist, followed by a festive potluck picnic in the Zabriskie Parish Hall and Garden. More details to come, so please mark your calendars; however, you can volunteer for food donations now.



Traditionally for our potluck, we assign dishes to bring based on last names. This year, we've chosen to create a SignUp Genius so that **parishioners can choose what they'd like to donate**. Simply find this bulletin on our website under "Worship/Worship Service Bulletins", then click the blue text "[Homecoming Potluck Picnic](#)" or scan the QR code at left to choose a dish to bring. You could make a cash donation instead ([highlighted in yellow in the description on our SignUp Genius form](#)) and the church will use the money to shop wholesale for food categories without donors, and additional picnic necessities.

Join the Immanuel Tables at The First-Ever **REGIONAL FUNDRAISING DINNER OF THE VIRGINIA INTERFAITH CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY (VICPP)**  
Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at VTS

Immanuel has long been active in VICPP, which works to see that our state does business in ways that accord with the teachings of the major religions. There will be awards, an inspiring speaker, possibly from Alfred Street Baptist Church, and the **All Dulles Area Muslim Society Youth Choir** will perform a few selections. Immanuel is sponsoring two tables of 10, and parishioners (and their guests) can attend for a modest \$25 contribution to VICPP. It will be a great opportunity to support an effective group and to meet fellow supporters from other local places of worship. Immanuel's seats are first-come, first-serve — let Jamie Conrad know if you'd like one or more, or if you have questions at ([jwc58@comcast.net](mailto:jwc58@comcast.net)). Hope to see you there!

## SEEKING MEMBERS FOR THE LAY COMMITTEE FOR OUR NEW SEMINARIAN

If you would like to serve on a small group that will meet with and support our new seminarian, Beatrice Osumba, please email the Rev. Susan Parsons, at [sparsons@icoh.net](mailto:sparsons@icoh.net).

## COMMUNITY LODGINGS INC. (CLI) UPDATE

Citi Foundation announced that 50 U.S. nonprofits in the latest cohort of its Community Progress Makers (CPM) initiative, are set to receive \$1M each in unrestricted grant support. The CPM initiative supports visionary organizations that are working to connect low-income communities to greater economic opportunity. Community Lodgings is part of the current Cohort #4 of this extraordinary investment and collaboration, which will directly impact the lives of hardworking, economically, and educationally marginalized families and children in Alexandria, VA.

“On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we are excited to enter this transformational partnership. Citi Foundation’s acknowledgment of our work with the CPM grant reassures us that our commitment to providing safe Transitional Housing, permanent Affordable Housing, and Youth Education Programs in the Arlandria-Chirilagua community is recognized as a sustainable model for the future”, said Lynn Thomas, Executive Director, Community Lodging. Ms. Thomas continued by sharing, “As a direct-service nonprofit, the tangible impact of our work is experienced every day as we provide housing, education, and address food insecurity. Our programs, supportive services, and the measurable resources we share with families strengthen and lift economically disadvantaged families and shift their financial position from economic instability to independence. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of Community Lodgings’ families are working at least one job - and many have two, possibly three - yet they cannot afford basic necessities such as housing and food.”

Founded in 1987, Community Lodgings’ mission is to lift families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency through Transitional Housing, Affordable Housing, and Youth Education Programs. Learn more on [www.communitylodgings.org](http://www.communitylodgings.org), Facebook, Instagram, or X. There is always opportunities for after school tutors, transitional family budget mentors, and other services. If interested in volunteering, contact Doug Henry at [ddhenry1@gmail.com](mailto:ddhenry1@gmail.com).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: **GODLY PLAY**

This fall we are expanding Godly Play to serve kids aged 8-11 as well as the youngsters aged 4-7. To serve more children we will need more helpers! Would you like to join our dedicated crew? We need volunteers ages 14 and up (including adults). In Godly Play we help children to experience God through the stories that are foundational to our faith, and to think about the nature of God in their lives.

**Storytellers** guide the children through the week's story and facilitate their exploration of the story through "I wonder" questions. Immanuel is hosting an in-person **Storyteller training on September 7<sup>th</sup>, from 8am-5:30pm**. If you're interested in participating in the training, email Rev. Sarah by August 30th to reserve a spot. (Please note that Storytellers must be 18 or older.)

**Greeters** are an important part of the Godly Play experience. They help to welcome the children, prepare them to come into the Godly Play space and support the Storyteller and the circle of children throughout the session. If you're interested in serving in this role, please contact Rev. Sarah for more information. (Please note that Greeters must be at least 14 years old).

Those who have volunteered for this program for a while, find it can spark wondering questions for us, and enrich our own faith journeys. If you would like to learn more, please contact the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs ([sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net](mailto:sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net)) and Sarah Glassco ([glasscos@gmail.com](mailto:glasscos@gmail.com))

**Fall Retreat “NEW PEOPLE IN OLD STORIES”**  
**Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Virginia**  
**November 8-10**

In the midst of our overly scheduled lives full of many responsibilities, it is helpful to take time for a spiritual retreat – to be aware of God’s presence, to reflect on the course of our lives, and to ask what is God asking us to do in our daily lives. The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade, our retreat leader, will assist us in this process by focusing his programs on scripture.

For over four thousand years Judaism has been enriched by an approach to scripture known as midrash, a Hebrew word meaning “to seek or inquire.” It involves raising questions the biblical text does not address. The earliest known inquiry was “Why didn’t Adam talk Eve out of eating the apple?” While that might not be a compelling question for our day, the discovery of the original midrash group is relevant. They found that by carefully exploring questions ‘off the grid’ of the biblical text, they were encountering God in new ways. During our time together we will use this ancient practice which relies on imagination as well as scholarship to seek new insights into familiar Bible stories.

[The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade is well known to Immanuelites as he serves as one of our priest associates and shares insights through occasional Sunday sermons and forums. His professional work includes a book on marriage, \*The Art of Being Together\*, which is in its third printing. Church Publishing Company released his second book, \*Transforming Scripture\*, in 2008. His third book, \*Biblical Fracking: Midrash for the Modern Christian\*, was published in 2019. He is an adjunct faculty member at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria and has taught Pastoral Theology at both General and Virginia Seminaries. He has served as Interim Dean of Washington National Cathedral and Interim Dean of Students at Virginia Seminary. In addition to the program sessions, the Rev. Dr. Wade will be available for one-on-one conversations.](#)

The retreat will be held at Holy Cross Abbey in the foothills of Blue Mountains by the Shenandoah River on a 1,200-acre farm near Berryville, Virginia, where Cistercian monks have been praying seven times a day since 1950. The monks observe silence at all times to aid reflection, prayer, and listening to God. During our retreat, long periods of time will be devoted to silence. For more information about Holy Cross Abbey, consult their website, <https://www.virginiatrappists.org>. The Abbey is an hour and fifteen-minute drive from Alexandria.

The retreat will begin Friday afternoon, November 8, shortly before the evening meal and will end after the noon meal on Sunday, November 10. There will be ample time for worship, prayer, and exploring the outdoors as weather permits.

The \$350.00 registration fee includes all materials, comfortable accommodations, individual rooms each with a bathroom, and all meals. Registration forms are in the bulletin and are available on the Immanuel website [https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/uploads/7/4/6/1/74619583/fall\\_retreat\\_registration\\_form\\_2024.pdf](https://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org/uploads/7/4/6/1/74619583/fall_retreat_registration_form_2024.pdf). **Please submit your registration form and check to the church office, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA. 22304 by Friday, September 27.**

Two scholarships given in memory of Charles Willis are available; please contact the rector to request scholarship assistance. If you receive a scholarship, please complete a registration form and indicate that you have a scholarship.

If you have questions about retreat logistics, contact Mary Ann Rehnke, [mfrb2695@gmail.com](mailto:mfrb2695@gmail.com). Participants needing a ride to the Abbey or those wishing to volunteer to provide a ride may contact the retreat carpooling coordinator, Katherine Maas, [katherinemaas@gmail.com](mailto:katherinemaas@gmail.com).

**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill**  
**Fall Retreat**  
**Holy Cross Abbey Retreat House**  
**November 8-10, 2024**

**First person registering for retreat**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second person registering for retreat**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of registrants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$350 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total registration fee

Please make check payable to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill and write Fall Retreat 2024 on the check. Return this form and your check to the Immanuel Church office, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22304 **by Friday, September 27**. Please put Fall Retreat 2024 on the envelope.

If you need to cancel your registration and there is no one on the waiting list who can take your place, Holy Cross Abbey retains the \$75.00 per room deposit. All but \$75.00 of your registration fee would be returned to you.

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

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 The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net) ..... Associate Rector  
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 Gilma Balcarcel ..... Nursery Coordinator  
 Stuart Dahlinger ..... Sexton

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 Peter Kent ..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 Taylor Houck ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship  
 Brad Ashton and Philip Brown ..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
 Julie Bruns ..... Outreach  
 Kathy Lloyd ..... Children, Youth, and Family Ministries  
 Mark Fearer ..... Social Justice and Pastoral Care  
 Brian Rush ..... Evangelism and Newcomers  
 Matt Haskin ..... Worship  
 Philip Brown ..... Fellowship  
 Caroline Bergmark ..... Registrar, Communications  
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, and Isabelle Young-Smith ..... Youth Representatives

**SCHEDULE OF SUMMER 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](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)  
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

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 SUMMER HOURS**

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