

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

August 4, 2024

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).

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, 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 Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, 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: Jeff Cook, Samantha Taggart, Crissy O'Donnell, Leef Barnes, Paul Barnes, Wade Greiner, Cynthia Dolvin, Mimi Carter, Betsy Perkins, and Mable Randolph.

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: Monica Lynn Ryder MacIndoe, sister of Jane Tavernier's friend and University of Mary Washington colleague, Dr. Chris Ryder. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

[AUGUST 17th](#) @ 8:00 AM , Held Online via Zoom

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **this Saturday, August 17th** 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.

[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 6th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, August 7th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study “*The Book of Judith*”

Thursday, August 8th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, August 9th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Christmas Families in August Campaign for Learning: SPECIAL COLLECTION & Ingathering

As a parish we were successful beyond expectations in providing backpacks filled with school supplies for 140 children in 64 families referred by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, twice as many as last year. 126 children were "adopted" by parish families, Linda Serabian did the shopping for the 14 remaining children using money from the special collection. Some children needed back-to-school clothing which parishioners added to the backpacks, something new this year.

We give the children the tools for learning, lift their spirits, and send them off to a good start in the new school year.

At both services you are invited to bring the backpacks forward to the altar to be blessed.

The second part of the campaign is to provide funds to three organizations so they can help even more children with school supplies. Last year we gave

\$2,000 to the [Haiti Micah project](#) for school supplies for the children in the schools they operate.

[\\$1,000 to Community Lodgings for school supplies for the children in their after school program.](#)

\$1,000 to **Human Services in Alexandria** for school supplies for even more children and for unbureaucratic help to families who struggle with getting children ready for school.

The **Haiti Micah Project (HMP)** is one of Immanuel's major international outreach ministries; it serves impoverished children in Mirebalais, Haiti. For these children, education offers the only path out of extreme poverty. In Haiti, there is no free public education. Therefore, HMP provides educational stipends for tuition, school supplies, and uniforms to 156 children (134 from the feeding program, 15 in the orphanage, and 7 post secondary students). With the support of churches like Immanuel, these children have the opportunity to become contributing members of their society.

Community Lodgings provides temporary housing and manages a number of affordable housing units. It provides supportive services to the tenants, including assistance with job training and finding a job, computer training, and an after school program. Immanuel was a key member of the group that got Community Lodgings started.

We hope to provide the same support this year. As of July 18, contributions to the special collection totaled almost \$1,500, so **we still have a way to go.** **Please give generously this Sunday** (or send a check to the office soon after). Please make checks out to “Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill” and mark them “XFAM”.

Let us give the gift of learning, a gift for life.

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 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, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturday, August 17, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

We will gather again Wednesday, August 21st after her vacation.

Join her on August 21st from **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**, at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

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 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](#) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at 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.
THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!

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. **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. 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.

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Fall Retreat

Holy Cross Abbey Retreat House

November 8-10, 2024

First person registering for retreat

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

E-mail _____

Second person registering for retreat

Name _____

Address _____

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

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
 The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net) Associate Rector
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 Gilma Balcarcel Nursery Coordinator
 Stuart Dahlinger Sexton

THE VESTRY

Gerry Anderson Senior Warden and Senior Ministry
 Amy Thomas Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care
 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
[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.



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