

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

September 1, 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, Gary DeVight, Gilma Balcarcel, Jane Flinn, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lucy, Martin, Marianne Ingold, Mable Randolph, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, Sarah Spurlock Biggs, Susan Kernan, Patsy Rogers, Wendy Hoge, Zuzanna and Spencer.

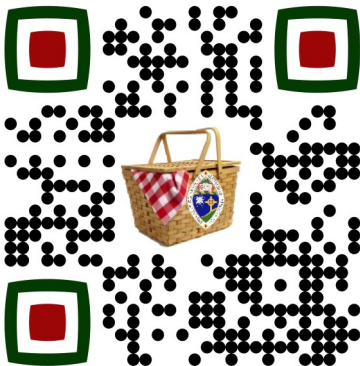
PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Ashleighana, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Gerhart, Fred Vipperman, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, 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, 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: Becky Chill, Brandon Schnedl, Laura Snow, Pam Willard, Ann Martens, Kevin O'Donnell, Ginger Peabody, Diane Adams, Linda Hawkins, Casey Kane, Ralph Fairbank, Casey Konvalinka, Suhaila Patiño, Carroll Phillips, and Jonathan Anderson.

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

NASA Astronauts on Extended Service Aboard the International Space Station: Commander Barry “Butch” Wilmore and Pilot Sunita “Sunni” Williams.

Come One, Come All to **HOMECOMING** NEXT Sunday September 8th!



Everyone is encouraged to invite family, friends, and neighbors to our Homecoming Sunday, September 8th. Our Immanuel Choir will return at the 10:30a.m. Eucharist, followed by a festive potluck picnic in the Zabriskie Parish Hall and Garden.

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.

Announcements

The Parish Office will be closed September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day.

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, September 3rd @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, September 4th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Esther and the Apocryphal Additions*”

Thursday, September 5th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, September 6th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

GODLY PLAY FOR AGES 4-11 STARTING NEXT SUNDAY!

Starting **next Sunday, September 8**, please bring your children ages 4-11 to the Oratory Chapel in Immanuel Chapel by 10:15 a.m. on Sunday Morning; then return to the Oratory during the Peace to pick them up to join you for Communion.

Godly Play is a service with prayer, music, and a way to connect to God's stories. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs at sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net. Register your 4-11 year-old for Godly Play at the QR code at right.



JUNIOR WARDEN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

PLEASE JOIN US!

- ✓ **September 11**, 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.



IMMANUEL WELCOMES A NEW SEXTON: Stuart Dahlinger has recently completed his service as Sexton at Immanuel, choosing to focus solely on his full-time job at the Seminary. We thank Stuart for his years of service! We are pleased to welcome a new Sexton, also an employee at the Seminary, **Tim Lawhorn**.

Please make Tim feel welcome as you run across him!

EYC (grades 6-12) Save-the-Date: September 15! *Apple Picking and Eucharist in the Orchard on Sunday, September 15 @ Stribling Orchard!* We will carpool from the Zabriskie parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Mark your calendars and reach out to the Rev. Sarah (sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net) to help or with any questions.

SATURDAY: Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study
SEPTEMBER 21st @ 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 **Philippians 4:4-9 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God"** 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

UPCOMING SUNDAY FORUM HOURS @ 11:45 a.m., The Welcome Center

September 15th

"A Christian Response to Grief and Loss" with The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade

Loss is built into life so that dealing with grief is a recurring experience. Faith sets that reality in a unique context. Christian faith responds to it in specific experiential ways. As we follow Jesus through the thickets of loss and grief there are dangerous misunderstandings and touches of grace on every side. Frank Wade will explore this path during this forum hour.

Sunday, September 22nd "Affordable Housing" with Betsy Faga, AHAAC

Come learn about efforts to increase affordable housing in Alexandria. Immanuel's Social Justice Committee will sponsor this forum hour on efforts to address housing needs in the City of Alexandria. Our guest speaker will be Betsy Faga, a current member (and former Chair) of Alexandria's Housing Affordability Advisory Committee. In addition to her role with the City, Betsy is a member of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Alexandria, and she was a leader in that church's discernment and eventual development of affordable housing with a nonprofit partner on their site. Come to the Forum to hear about the status of affordable housing in Alexandria – current statistics, projects underway and in the pipeline, the budget, zoning, update of the Housing Master Plan, how to be involved, and more.

Join the Immanuel Tables at The First-Ever REGIONAL FUNDRAISING DINNER OF THE VIRGINIA INTERFAITH CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY (VICPP) Sunday, September 22nd 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). Hope to see you there!

CALLING ALL HANDS FOR GARDEN PREP WORK to Protect Our Trees During Pumpkin Season.

We have trees in front of the chapel and near the parking lot that need some TLC and protection before patch festivities commence including weeding, mulching, wire fence cutting/positioning. Saturday, **September 14, 9:00 a.m. to noon.** Bring your gloves, or use the ones we have, and let's git'er done! Contact Sarah Glassco or Amy Thomas with questions.



Pumpkins are Coming – Mark Your Calendars for Saturday 28 September!

School has started, the weather is crisper, and... Pumpkins are coming! Please come unload pumpkins **Saturday morning, September 28, 2024.** No other activity in the Parish involves so many contributing so much in so many ways! In anticipation of the work ahead, let us follow Christ's greatest commandment: to **love our neighbors as ourselves.** Outreach is how we act on our faith in our daily lives – it's the money we contribute to others, it's the hours of volunteer service, and the joy we can bring to our community. As a faith community working together, Outreach is a force multiplier of good works. We see it in the hours of cooking and serving meals at Carpenter's Shelter and Christ House or the volunteers at ALIVE or in refugee ministries and in a thousand other ways.

Since the year 2000 (when we first started keeping detailed records), your Immanuel Pumpkin Patch work has raised \$1,308,000 for Outreach charities such as ALIVE, Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, Culmore Clinic, Five Talents, Haiti Micah Project, Christ Church Refugee Ministry, and other organizations that aid the homeless, restore dignity to offenders, assist refugees, and aid impoverished children. Immanuel's Outreach gives every parishioner the opportunity and encouragement to become involved.



We need a lot of volunteers for Pumpkin Patch 2024! We need pumpkin unloaders and sellers, soup makers, bakers, knitters, apple crisp makers -- there's a job for everyone! Dorothy Kellogg will have plastic soup containers available in the Parish Hall by Homecoming Sunday/ September 8 – **please help us fill the Parish Kitchen Freezer with delicious soups by opening day.** If you can make even one batch of soup, please email Dorothy: djaskellogg@gmail.com

Please sign up for sales shifts by scanning the QR code at left. Stay tuned for more information over next 3 weeks – and see you at the Patch!

Mark Your Calendars! The 3rd Annual Immanuel Blood Drive will be on Sunday, November 24, from noon to 4p.m. in the Zabriskie Chapel's parking lot. More details to come; please out to Katherine Maas at katherinemaas@gmail.com with any questions.

CREATION CARE: Immanuel’s Creation Care Ministry announces the "*Season of Creation 2024*," which Episcopalians and other Christians around the world are honoring from September 1 through October 4. It is a time to reflect, learn, and act as people of faith to care for and respect all living things with whom we share our planet. Creation Care offers the following prayer for all of us to use between now and October 6. Immanuel will celebrate with a Creation-themed worship service on October 6.

Our Care of Creation Prayer

O God, Creator of heaven and earth,
you allowed life to evolve, and you love the natural world:
each plant and animal, each mountain and river,
each ray of sunshine, wave of water, and breath of fresh air.
In our beginning, you commanded us to care for your creation;
open our eyes to see the goodness of the earth;
train our hearts to respect all creation as a gift from you;
and shape our lives to behave in ways that are loving toward
all creatures great and small, for you, God, made them all. Amen.

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.

**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill 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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 Dr. Jane Tavernier (jtavernier@icoh.net) Director of Music
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 Gilma Balcarcel Nursery Coordinator
 Tim Lawhorn 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.



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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