

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

September 22, 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 Ramsdell, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Jane Flinn, Jessi MacLeod, Joseph, Kenny, Marianne Ingold, Mable Randolph, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Patsy Rogers, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

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, Gerard Ennis, 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 Leonard, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, the Rev. Rosa Harper Crawford, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Shelby Ochs Owen, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Sue Rehnke, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Bill Kerekes, Lorelai Low, Benjamin Richter, Gilma Balcarcel, Mike Eaton, Seth Low, Nicole de los Reyes, the Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander, Taylor Houck, Dennis Bruns, and Catherine Konvalinka.

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 “Suni” Williams.

Forum Hour TODAY @ 11:45 a.m., The Welcome Center **“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.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, September 24th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, September 25th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Job*”

Thursday, September 26th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

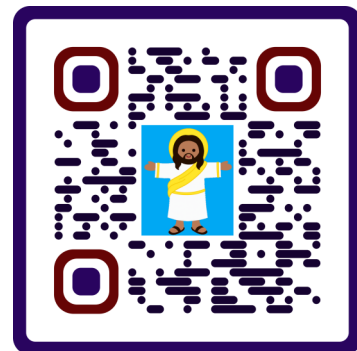
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, September 27th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

REGISTER YOUR 4-11 YEAR-OLD FOR GODLY PLAY!

Godly Play meets in the Oratory Chapel in Immanuel Chapel on Sundays, beginning at 10:15 AM. Parents return to the Oratory during the Peace to gather the children for Communion with the congregation..

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 at spurlockbiggs@icoh.net. Register your 4-11 year-old for Godly Play at the QR code at right.



Godly Play Registration

JUNIOR WARDEN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - PLEASE JOIN US: 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.

TWO THINGS TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION FROM ALIVE!

1. Immanuel Church on the Hill is again a sponsor for the StepALIVE! walkathon . The walkathon supports ALIVE’s efforts to provide food, shelter and emergency financial assistance for rent and other basic needs.

The date of the **walkathon this year is Sunday, Oct 20**; walkers are invited to gather in the parking lot of First Christian Church at 2pm for a kick off , walk or run 5 miles through Old Town and finally , enjoy a post-walk celebration. You can register at www.stepalive.org joining team “Immanuel Walks”! Can’t walk? Consider visiting the StepALIVE site to donate — scan code at bottom left — supporting our team at Immanuel!



We will also have a mini-walk in October for the children of Immanuel to walk and accept donations for ALIVE!

2. The ALIVE! furniture delivery program is getting back into full swing with two trucks each Saturday , picking up and delivering furniture to those who need it. Historically , congregations have adopted one or two Saturdays (8am-1pm) a year to pick up and deliver furniture to those in need . This year, our congregation had been asked to deliver furniture on Saturday, November 9th. If you can help with this effort, please contact Lisa Clausen at Lisa.clausen@verizon.net.

SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER - SCHEDULE POSTED ONLINE
EASY WAY TO SIGN UP FALL 2024

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through November* ONLINE — including The Feast of All Saints' and Thanksgiving Eve —by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**: We're entering our busiest season, 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 ICOH.net and [clicking on the red button](#). **THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!**

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, VOTER REGISTRATION, AND VOTER INFORMATION

Volunteers for voter registration in the Pumpkin Patch: Immanuel's Social Justice Committee will once more be partnering with other parishes to offer Virginia-sponsored non-partisan voter registration the first three weekends of the Pumpkin Patch, as well as additional days at Northern Virginia Community College in September. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kathryn Haskin and complete the short Virginia state-required training available completely online at the QR code below. October 15 is the final day voter registration can occur before the November election.

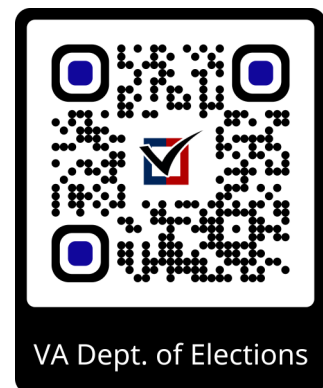
Voter information for Virginia: Election day is November 5, but there are several simple things you are able to do before election day:

- ✓ Verify or update your voter registration status or address at the user-friendly Virginia elections website
- ✓ Locate your neighborhood voting location at the same website
- ✓ Apply for a mail-in ballot (deadline for application: October 25) at the same website
- ✓ Early voting in-person begins in Virginia on September 20 through November 2.

Voter registration for residents of other states: If you want to check your status, or register, to vote in another state where you reside, you can locate appropriate dates and information here.



Voter Registration Training



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

We will gather again this Wednesday, September 25th.

Join her on September 25th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

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.

Christmas Families in August Campaign for Learning. Final Report and Look-ahead to Christmas

We received twice as many referrals from Human Services than last year. As a parish we rose to the challenge and provided for all of these of God's beloved children. Each child received a backpack filled with school supplies and/or a gift card. Here are the numbers.

Behind each of these numbers is a student proudly taking their new backpack to school and not having to worry about how to pay for school supplies — tools for the mind — their teacher requires.

	Families	Children
Referred by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services	64	140
Signed-up for by parish families (as of Sunday, July 14)	58	120
Backpacks, supplies, and gift cards bought with funds from the special collection	6	20

The special collections raised \$4,900, expenses were \$5,100 as follows (\$200 taken from reserves).

Haiti Micah project for school supplies for the children in the schools they operate	\$2,000
This is one of Immanuel's major international outreach ministries; Jim Snow is the treasurer	
Community Lodgings for school supplies for the children in their after-school program.	\$1,000
Backpacks, supplies, and gift cards for children not signed-up for	\$2,100

LOOK-AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

- Sunday 2024-11-24 First Sunday to sign-up (Black Friday is Nov. 25, Cyber Monday Dec. 2)
- Sunday 2024-12-15 Ingathering and blessing of Christmas gifts, wrapping forum hour, special collection

Christmas Families requires much work behind the scenes. Join the faithful group of workers.

Linda Serabian has assembled the teams listed below with the *team leaders*.

Email Linda Serabian <serabian@somaarchitects.com> or get in touch with one of the team leaders directly

Shop, finding good bargains (year round). *Kathryn Jackson Haskin, Katherine Maas, and Linda Serabian*
Data input once we get the info from the social workers. *Dorothy Kellogg.*
Prepare the sign-up boards and oversee sign-up. *Linda Serabian.*
Assign gifts for children not signed-up for. *Phyllis Sims, Diana Walker, and Linda Donahue*
 Oversee the final weekend — **wrapping and delivery to social services.** *Andy and Alisa Biache*
 Maintain the **software** that holds everything together. *Dennis Bruns*
Communication. *Dagobert Soergel and Brooke Roberts.* **Social media coordinator needed**

Thanks
to all who signed up for family and all who contributed to the special collections.

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
 The Rev. Deacon Reggie Hayes (rhayes@vts.edu) Deacon Intern
 Beatrice Osumba (bosumba@vts.edu) Seminarian
 Dr. Jane Tavernier (jtavernier@icoh.net) Director of Music
 Tom Hewson (thewson@icoh.net) Treasurer
 Mollie Lambert (mlambert@icoh.net) Assistant Treasurer
 Aleta Y. Powell (apowell@icoh.net) Parish Administrator
 Tamika Martin (tmartin@icoh.net) Audio Visual Technician
 Gilma Balcarcel Nursery Coordinator
 Miguelina Guzmán Nursery Assistant
 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
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, 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. 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 HOURS

Weekdays 9:00a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Ways to GIVE