

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
September 8, 2024

HOMECOMING

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, Jane Flinn, Joseph, Kenny, Marianne Ingold, Mable Randolph, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Patsy Rogers, 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, 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, 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: Cora John, Paul Atwood, Jonathan Boynton, Amy Dawkins, Katherine Smith, Jim Hobson, Ally Powell-Switaj, and Leah Wilson.

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.

Those who have died: Victims of commuter train shooting in Forest Park, IL: Adrian Collins, Simeon Bihesi, Margaret Miller, and the unnamed gentleman; and victims of the Apalachee High School shooting in Winder, GA: Christian Angulo, Richard Aspinwall, Christina Irimie, and Mason Schermerhorn. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

We will gather again this Wednesday, September 11th.

Join her on September 11th from **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**, at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

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

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, September 11th, Zabriskie Chapel

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

Thursday, September 12th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, September 13th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

GODLY PLAY FOR AGES 4-11 STARTING TODAY!

Starting **today**, 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.



Godly Play Registration

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.

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.

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](http://www.ICOH.net) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at [ICOH.net](http://www.ICOH.net) and [clicking on the red button](#) . **THANK YOU** — especially to all who have signed-up!

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, September 21st** 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

The Shrinemonters LIVE Friday, September 13th

6:00 p.m. @ The 1823 Café, VTS Campus

All are invited to join *The Shrinemonters* at the Seminary's 1823 Café (affectionately known as "the Pub") on September 13th for an evening of song, refreshments, and fellowship. Immanuel's own old-time music group will be performing two sets of their favorite, mostly singalong tunes (including, for example, "I'll Fly Away," "Will the Circle be Unbroken," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "Rivers of Babylon"), starting at about 6:00 pm that evening and likely lasting until about 8:00 pm.

We'll have a couple of *Shrinemonters* alums on hand (Jeannie Cummins Eisenhower and Amanda Eisenhower), along with the five talented Immanuel parishioners. **All are welcome**, No cover charge. Drinks and food are priced low. For those who have not yet had the pleasure of visiting the Pub, it's located on the VTS campus, **just behind the little white post office on Seminary Road**. Questions: please call or text Doug John on his cell, or send him an email at wendymjohn@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

NEXT SUNDAY, 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!



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!

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.

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
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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 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

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