

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
June 22, 2025

**IN THE NAME OF JESUS 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. Immanuel Chapel offers 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. Please 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, Catherine Sinclair, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Marcus, Melissa Ennis, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Andrew Davis, Aster Wise, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Donna Becker, Dorothy Gerhart, Gerry, Dwight and Mary Horner, George Rustigian, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jill Lane, Joe Micelli, José Maria, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Smith, Judi Rhodes, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, Marie, MariAnn Hollis, Mary Muniz, McQuade Milligan, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Ryan Willis, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Tim Williams, Wanda, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: David Lloyd, Lindsay Friday, Gabriel Hoversten, Kevin Kirby, Sue Lynch, Tina Wagner, Eric Arnold, Nancy Walker, Wendy John, Meredith Irvin, Malathy Frederick, and Larry Lyman.

Pray for those serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, Scott, and Philip Pretzinger.

Those who have died: The 200 Christians killed in Nigeria's Benue State Massacre. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

TODAY: FORUM HOUR ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
11:15 a.m., The Welcome Center

Join us for an in-depth presentation on the topic of AI (Artificial Intelligence) in the Welcome Center. Our speaker is Dr. Najam Hassan, Chair of Computer and Data Science, Capitol Technology University in Laurel, Maryland.

You may find his bio at: <https://www.capttechu.edu/news-events/faculty-spotlight-dr-najam-hassan>

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, June 24th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

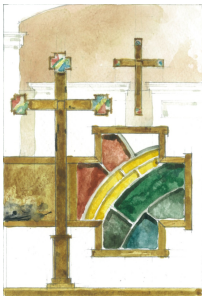
Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, June 25th, Zabriskie Chapel

Compline, Friday June 26th @ 8:00 p.m, online via Zoom

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of Luke*” Thursday, June 27th

@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.



FUNERAL FOR WILLIAM BRADFORD “BRAD” ASHTON

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

11:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Followed by reception in the Parish Hall



JUNE Food Drive for ALIVE!

Traditionally, Immanuel dutifully collected canned goods and non-perishable foods for ALIVE! for two months each year. **The need remains great, and the list of categories has grown as a result.** Our last collection in January was a great success bringing in over 500 pounds of food. Let's do it again in JUNE! Bins will be placed in both narthexes for the five Sundays in June. Below is a list of suggested items.

CANNED GOODS: Fruit, vegetables, soups, beans, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, fish and meat (chili, chicken, tuna, salmon, beef ravioli, etc.)

RICE AND PASTA: Spaghetti, noodles, mac & cheese kits

COOKING OIL: Vegetable, canola

CEREAL: Cold or hot, including oatmeal

DRIED BEANS AND LENTILS

PANCAKE MIX: Complete (just add water), and table syrup

PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM/JELLY

KID-FRIENDLY, SINGLE-SERVE MICROWAVABLE ENTREES: Soup, ravioli, mac & cheese

Thanks in advance for your participation.



SIGN-UP TO SERVE THIS SUMMER: JUNE - AUGUST 2025

IT'S EASY AND ONLINE

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through August 2025* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at right. If you're a student — or planning Summer travel — feel free to **sign-up for only a Sunday or two**. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU for your participation!**



Discussion and Light Supper with The Rev. Jameel Maher Khader and Family

Visiting from The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Sunday, June 29th @ 4:00 p.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall

Join us for an informal discussion with Father Jameel, Rector of St. Philip's Anglican Episcopal Church, of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem on Sunday, June 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at Zabriski. Immanuel has supported the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and its ministries for a number of years, but we seldom have a chance for interaction with its clergy. The Rev. Jameel Maher Khader (joined by his wife and two year old daughter) will be with us to talk about his church, [St. Philip's](#), in Nablus, its ecumenical youth group and other ministries, and the larger context of conflict and faith for Palestinian Christians. This is part of a larger visit where several St. Phillips youth group members, together with Father Jameel, are visiting churches in the Washington DC area through the first week in July.

Do join us and – if you can – stay for an early light supper after the presentation. We will also be joined by a few parishioners from nearby (Region 4) Episcopal churches and possibly people from the Seminary.

For further information, please contact David Atwood atwooddavid@gmail.com



JOIN A CHRIST CHURCH REFUGEE MINISTRY CARE TEAM AND MAKE A LASTING IMPACT!



Volunteers provide critical support by staying in touch with families, offering companionship, and ensuring they feel welcome in their new community. Help with appointments, community events, and services like career support, school involvement, and basic needs. Your kindness can help them thrive and adjust to their new life! Be the bridge to resources, fun activities, and connections. Get involved today and make a difference—one family at a time. Ready to lend a hand? We need you and we train you! If you are ready to take the first step, schedule a meeting with the Refugee Coordinator, Cessilye Smith by scanning the QR code at left



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD RESUMES JULY 2, 2025

We have cancelled this week's gathering so that the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs and others can attend the funeral for Brad Ashton. Join her for conversation over coffee next Wednesday, July 2nd from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



Listening to the Lessons Returns This Summer on **July 20, 27 and August 3, 10.**

Beginning at 9:15 a.m., prior to the 10 a.m. Eucharist, Priest Associate **the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade** leads a 45 minute review of the lessons for the day allowing participants to more readily engage the readings and the sermon. Sessions will be held in the Oratory, the chapel adjoining the main worship space.

Senior Adult Ministry doesn't stop for summer, neither should you! Here's what's coming up:

JUNE: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH. Please join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday June 24 at 12:15pm to hear a presentation by our own Dr. Dodd Simms. Last year's presentation by Dodd was a smash, and he is returning to help us better understand how our memory changes as we age. As Jesus said so frequently, "Be not afraid!" Bring your own sandwich or salad and we will provide dessert and drinks. There is no reservation requirement and no cost to this event.

JULY

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE-ALEXANDRIA at noon on July 16 (Same RSVP details as above).

FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG SPECIAL EVENT! No lunch on Tuesday, July 22, just sweets for all. Eat something healthy at home and then join us in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm for an ice cream social, including fresh peaches from Catoctin Mountain Orchard. Afterwards, we will adjourn to the Chapel for a hymn sing with Dr. Jane Tavernier, so come ready to call out your favorites! There is no reservation requirement and no cost to this event. All are welcome!

AUGUST

RESERVE YOUR GRAND or GREATGRAND CHILDREN NOW for Saturday morning, August 9. We will be visited by two dwarf alpacas from My Pet Alpaca and learn about what it takes to raise a herd of alpacas. They are friendly and gentle and you (whether you're 4 years old or 84) can pet them, feed them, take them for a walk on a leash and get your picture taken with them. Don't miss up close and personal time with these sweeties! They will arrive at Zabriskie at 10:00am and will stay for two hours. Afterwards, we will have pizza in the Parish Hall. There is no reservation requirement and no cost to this event. Everyone is welcome!

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE-ALEXANDRIA at noon on August 20 at noon in the Fillmore room. Same RSVP details as above.

FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH. Please join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday August 26 at 12:15pm when we will be joined by the Rev. Joseph Constant, founder of the Haiti Micah Project. We know from the news that the situation in Haiti is dire, and Haiti Micah has not been spared. However, they continue to minister in these perilous and chaotic times and we can continue by their side. Come and hear more from Fr. Constant. Bring your own sandwich or salad and we will provide dessert and drinks. There is no reservation requirement and no cost to this event and, as always, friends, neighbors, and family members are welcome.



Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry Needs Greeters

The Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry is now at Fairlington Presbyterian Church at 3846 King Street on Thursday afternoons. We need volunteers to serve as greeters from 2:30 to 4:30, to let guests in to wait in the parlor, offer coffee, tea, water and snacks, and be with them while they wait to be seen by a counselor. Volunteers can sign up for shifts as their schedule allows. Please contact Liz Denson ldenson@calex.org if you are interested or want to learn more.



A Search for TWO New Choir Section Leaders: As we prepare for our fall season, we are in need of new Soprano and Tenor section leaders. Should you, a colleague, friend, or neighbor know of an experienced soprano and/or tenor that might consider replacing them in our choir, please have that person/them contact me directly at jtavernier@icoh.net by July 31st.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES IN AUGUST

Campaign for Learning and Quality Education for All

Update Sunday June 22. Moving forward

Here are the numbers as of Wednesday, June 18, 2025, the largest need ever.

	Families	Parents	Children	All people
On our list from DCHS +	86	86	153	239
Signed up for by June 18	30	30	57	87
Remaining	56	56	96	152

So we are off to a good start but we still have a way to go.

You can sign up to provide a backpack filled with school supplies for the children in one family to give them the tools for learning and lift their spirits and send them off to a good start in the new school year. Sign up continues before or after each service through Sunday, August 4 or in the Zabriskie Narthex during the week. Take a yellow instruction sheet with names and all the information you need.

There are some large families; perhaps two parish families can team up to provide for them.

You can also email Linda Serabian <serabian@somaarchitects.com> to arrange for selecting a family.

The **special collection** goes

- to the Haiti MICAH project and Community Lodgings for school supplies for the children they serve
- for buying backpacks and supplies for children not "adopted".

You can contribute any time between now and Sunday, August 10 (checks to Immanuel marked "XFAM" on the memo line). **Early contributions are especially helpful**; sending the money early July allows the organizations to plan for the new school year.

If we see an overwhelming response, we will approach organizations working with refugees/immigrants for referrals of families who need help getting their children ready for meeting their special challenges in school. **Ingathering of backpacks to be blessed at the altar and second special collection on Sunday, August 10.**

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

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Dorothy Kellogg (djaskellogg@gmail.com)



Save the Dates: November 7-9, 2025 Spiritual Retreat at Holy Cross Abbey

The annual Immanuel Spiritual Retreat is scheduled for Friday, November 7, through Sunday, November 9, at Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Virginia with the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade as the retreat leader. The registration fee is \$350.00 per person. For consideration for one of the two scholarships in memory of Charles O. Willis, contact the Rev. Randy Alexander directly. Look for registration materials — made available the first week in August — in your future weekly eBlast and parish notes.

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
 Beatrice Osumba (bosumba@vts.edu) Seminarian
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 Tim Lawhorn Sexton
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 Tamika Martin (tmartin@icoh.net) Audio Visual Technician
 Bella Jung Nursery Director
 Miguelina Guzmán Nursery Assistant

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 Caroline Bergmark Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds, Registrar
 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
 Mark Fearer Social Justice
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Rich Hobson Outreach
 Taylor Houck Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Dave John Fellowship
 Doug Onley Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Mary Ann Ring Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
 Brian Rush Senior Ministry, Pastoral Care
 Sophie Johnson, David Lloyd, Sydney Onley, 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

10:00 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. Sarah Coakley
 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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Ways to GIVE