

**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
**Parish Notes**  
**September 13, 2020**

**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 currently worships virtually online, hoping to soon resume in-person services in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Both locations will offer a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

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](http://www.icoh.net)).

*Learn more about us at [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net).*

**PASTORAL CARE CORNER: Please remember these parishioners in your prayers:** Nancy Wise, Dick Bednar, Mike Walker, Lucy, Ted Walker, Catherine Sinclair, Diane, Bruce Wanamaker, Aggie Fortune, Natalie Doyle-Hennin, Joan, Ann MacNamara, Raven, Tony, and Mary Bruce Corkern.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Nick Lansing, Ally Powell-Switaj, Leah Wilson, Chip Calloway, Ben Hewson, Khary Stockton, Leif Christoffersen, Wendy Lane John, Janice Newman, Artie Suri, Tracey Friday, Kate Snow, Ginny Johnstone, Kathyryne Gould, Frances Johnson, Jimmy Moore, and Andrew Stone.

**Please also remember in your prayers** members of our extended Parish family: Charlotte Kellogg; Anthony Christino, Jr., Paul, Dorothy Phaneuf, Linda Patton, Beatriz Balcarcel, Anne Newcomb, Sydney Bailey, Narciso, Sheri, Karen and Gwen, Lelah Ann Young, Caroline, Bert Ifill, Jeanette Beckmann, Lois Blair, Amy Wallens Green, Kelly, Cameron Pattisall, Katherine Bergmark, Ellen Repsher, Stephen Miller, Jill, Jack Allen, Molly Grey, Kathryn Anschutz, Betsy Fox Berry, Thomas “Neil” Walters, Luciane Helena Borges Moreira, David Westgate, Doug Carmichael, Carol Sands, George Morris, Sandy, Jakey Newcomer, Julia Dietschak, Preston Atwood, John Matthewson, Ronald King, Marta Dimetre, Mary Lou Johnston, Katie McGinn Centola, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Bill Anderson, Bob Dickson, Mildred Alexander, Dotty, Susan Thomas, Steve Davis, Natalie Terwillinger, Mary Brooks Jamison, Cecile Zitelli, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Alice Greenhall, Nancy, Edith Mead, Stephen, Louise Jackson, Charles Thurber, Arsine Oshagan, Emilie Brown, Sue Cleveland, David Johnson, Victoria Markin, Martin Stevens, Jeff Gorman, Jill Lane, Suzanne Prendergast, Ashley Whitehurst, Howard, Alice Meyer, Ron Simar, Matthew Simar, Connie Smith, Payton, The Right Rev. Susan Goff, Kevin Lancaster, Jennifer Ashline, Bill Ennis, Norma MacLean, Frank, Perry, and Paul Casey.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, and Michael Hussey. Pray for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war, and their caregivers.

**Those who have recently died:** Goldie Payne, Army Sergeant Roger Matamoros Chavarrio, and Army Reservist Sergeant First Class Clifford R. Goofing. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



## **Vacation/Staycation: Coping with Isolation in the Days of Covid-19**

Senior citizens are encouraged to join The Rev. J. Bruce Stewart, Chaplain, Goodwin House Alexandria for a special live program “Vacation/Staycation: Coping with Isolation in the Days of COVID-19” this **Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 10 a.m. online via Zoom**. Father Bruce will begin with a presentation addressing the special concerns and needs of seniors who are experiencing a loss of social activity, followed by a call-in conversation. On Saturday at 10a.m., **click HERE to access Zoom link**, then enter **Meeting ID: 867 7896 3686, and Passcode: 043406**. For those seniors who do not have access to a computer, call 1(301) 715- 8592, then enter the meeting ID and passcode listed above using the keypad of your telephone.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE IMMANUEL 2020 SHRINE MONT WEEKEND IS ON!

In response to our Parish survey, about 50 people said they definitely or probably would participate in a parish weekend at Shrine Mont this upcoming weekend September 18-20. Based on that response, we've decided to move ahead with the event — recognizing that it will be like no other. One or more members of the clergy will join us, and there will be a service at the Shrine on Sunday morning. And hopefully a few others who didn't respond will also decide to come along.



We'll be housed and fed in the same locations as in previous years. Shrine Mont has asked that folks who are interested in coming contact them directly to choose accommodations and pay. Just call 540-856-2141 -- and call early for the best selection! The rates for the weekend, starting with dinner Friday and ending with lunch on Sunday, are \$80 per person per night double occupancy, and \$105 per person per night single occupancy, plus tax. You are welcome to arrive sooner or stay later; just advise Shrine Mont of your plans.

If your family would need a scholarship to attend, please contact Father Randy. And if you can't attend, but would like to support Shrine Mont, they would be very grateful. As you can imagine, their financial circumstances this year are quite dicey. Just go to <https://shrinemont.com>.

We probably will not organize any parish activities beyond the Sunday service — in light of COVID-19, Shrine Mont will truly be “a place apart.” But there will yet be great joy in simply being back at Shrine Mont in the company of other Immanuelites. For more information, contact Jamie Conrad at [jamie\\_conrad11@comcast.net](mailto:jamie_conrad11@comcast.net).

## Bible Study and Compline Online This Week

**BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS:** Please join the clergy for a study of The Acts of the Apostles this Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. The Acts of the Apostles is a history book of the early Church and its struggles and ministries. Some have described the book as "an adventure thrill ride from start to finish." Come and see! On **SATURDAYS**, join Father Sam for a study of the Old Testament at 10a.m. via Zoom. The link for this class will appear in our weekly email and on Immanuel's Facebook page.

No previous experience or attendance necessary, just bring your questions and your Bible -- or an online version of the Bible, such as [Bible Gateway here](#).

Zoom call contact information will be sent out on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> -- watch for your email!

**COMPLINE Service on Fridays:** Join us for a **Friday Compline** September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30p.m. via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church."

To participate, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#). Meeting ID:

*Will be sent in next week's E-Blast/ Password: Will be sent in next week's E-Blast.*

To join the service by phone, dial: 1(929) 205-6099 US (East)

# Creation Care Action Team Announces **RECYCLING CHALLENGE**

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is calling on all parish members, families, and friends to take part in a community effort to prevent at least 500 pounds of plastic bags and other plastic materials from ending up in our oceans, rivers, or landfills. Our **Recycling Challenge** is a fun and constructive way to dispose of plastic items not accepted by our local waste recycling companies.

Join the challenge beginning **today, Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. The Creation Care Action Team will launch our campaign to collect and send specific plastic items to Trex, a U.S. company that manufactures decking. Trex will turn the plastic into decking material and, if we succeed in meeting our collection goal of 500 pounds by Easter 2021, Trex will donate a bench made of the recycled plastic to Immanuel.

**Look for our special plastic collection bins on the covered porch at the upper end of the narthex, the side closest to the parish hall.**

**Acceptable items are: single use plastic grocery or store bags, bread bags, case overwrap like that which covers beverages, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, product wrap, Ziploc and other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, plastic mailers, salt bags, and cereal bags.**



## IMMANUEL CAREGIVERS GROUP

Please Join! Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is convening an Immanuel Caregivers Group to determine interest and need for parishioners and friends who find themselves in roles of caring for ailing or elderly family members. An organizational meeting to be led by Father Randy Alexander will take place via Zoom on **Saturday, September 26 at 11:00a.m.** We will discuss: 1) our Purpose: Understand our roles in a Christian context as caregivers for elderly and ailing individuals or for those who have recently died, through sharing experiences, honest conversation, and offering prayerful support, 2) identifying how frequently to meet, setting ground rules, etc., and 3) gathering ideas and resources. If you are interested in participating in this first meeting please [email Father Randy](#) and he will send you the Zoom link.

## FAITHFULLY SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

As you are able at this time to share some of God's gifts with your church, we would be very thankful.

We appreciate everything you are able to share and your willingness to remember Immanuel through your financial gifts and your continued pledge payments. Like you, Immanuel wants to do all it can during these difficult days.

You can use the [donation screen](#) on our website to make your pledge payment or set up automated giving, a feature which is most helpful to us. You can also mail your pledge payment or additional gifts to Immanuel's church office at 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA, 22304.

Your faithful generosity is a blessing.

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Alexandria, VA 22304		
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## CLERGY AND STAFF

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Shawn Whitman	Senior Ministry and Pastoral Care
Darrell Wilson	Worship

### ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

[www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)

[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

### PRIEST ASSOCIATES

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
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The Rev. Dr. William L. Dols  
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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