

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
June 7, 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).

Learn more about us at 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, and Tony.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Linda Kapurch, William Alexander, Sara Latimer, Timothy Martin, Addie Biache, Andrew Drennon, Anthony Gabriel, Margaret Kerekes, Betsy McWhirt, Doratheia Peters, Will Packard, and The Rev. Frank Wade.

Please also remember in your prayers members of our extended Parish family: Charlotte Kellogg; Anthony Christino, Jr., Jane Burton, 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, and Frank.

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

Those who have recently died: Army Reserve Sergeant Simon Zamudio (from COVID-19) . *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*



***LAST CALL* - ALL 2020 GRADUATES: LET US CELEBRATE
YOUR SUCCESS IN **The Almond Tree****

For the third year in a row, we'd like to highlight all Immanuelite high school and college/university graduates in the summer issue of The Almond Tree. If you are the parent or grandparent of a graduate, please send at least one photo and bio/tribute to apowell@icoh.net by 5:30p.m. June 11th Given the current social climate, we're devoting a full page to each graduate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Forum Hour TODAY

Join us for the rescheduled [Virtual Forum Hour](#) today immediately after Morning Prayer via Zoom! The pandemic is pushing a lot of Alexandrians over the economic edge. The church recently circulated an appeal to the congregation inviting those who are able to support the emergency financial assistance programs run by the Lazarus Ministry and ALIVE!.

Today's virtual forum hour begins with a presentation on emergency economic assistance programs by former Immanuel parishioner Melanie Gray, Director of Outreach & Mission at Christ Church. She'll be joined by Immanuel representatives of the Lazarus Ministry and ALIVE!.

The Forum Hour will begin following the service and announcements, in place of coffee hour.

To log-in on your computer: [Join Zoom Forum Hour NOW](#)

Meeting ID: **823 8187 3556**

Password: **006252**

To join the forum by phone, dial: 1 (929) 205-6099, then enter the meeting ID and password above.



ALIVE! provided 109,000 pounds of food in April. Pre-Covid, the standard giveaway for the same month would be about 30,000 pounds. (Courtesy photo as printed in the May 9th issue of [The Zebra](#) magazine.)

ALIVE! CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION: Thank You and Help



Thank you to our very generous congregations for helping us through a very busy 6 weeks by supporting ALIVE! in many different ways and by sending out information to let people know how they can help.

Here are a few more ways you and members of your congregation can help:

Help the ALIVE! Staff with a dream: We know now that wearing a mask significantly decreases the spread of virus and that people who live close together are at higher risk of infection. We want to get masks to those with the highest rates of COVID in Alexandria, those who often live close together. ALIVE! is working with the city and other nonprofits to find ways to get masks to local groups who can distribute them to people in need, and to ensure the masks are well fitted and meet CDC standards.

If your congregation can help find masks or make them in large quantities, please contact jayers@alive-inc.org. Send a video from your clergy to Lauren Poon lpoon@alive-inc.org to post on our web-site to encourage people to think and pray about ways they can help others in need during COVID-19.

- Healthy? Help volunteer at a food distribution site or to pack bags of food. ALIVE! is doing more food distribution than ever and we need people to continue to prepare bags for food distribution. Go to Volunteer Alexandria to sign up (see below).
- Share a story about ALIVE! with your civic association, social club, congregation, business organization or on your favorite social media platform. Contact Lauren Poon for more details lpoon@alive-inc.org. We're happy to join a call, or provide more information.

Welcome Lauren Poon

You may have seen Lauren's name when she stepped up as a contractor to help us with Spring2ACTion when its date was moved up by two weeks at the height of COVID. Now it is time to officially welcome Lauren who joined ALIVE! on May 10 as our Development and Communications Manager. Lauren has ties to the entire Washington metropolitan area. She is originally from Alexandria, worked as a paralegal and legal administrator in DC, and received her graduate degree in French Literature from the University of Maryland. She is looking forward to working with our volunteers to raise awareness about our work and connect with the community. She can be reached at lpoon@alive-inc.org.

Closure of the ALIVE Child Development Center

Many of you have heard that the ALIVE! preschool will be closing indefinitely on June 30th of this year. This was a difficult decision by the Executive Board. We will miss the staff who have been working hard to close the rooms and prepare families for a transition to kindergarten and other schools. We will be celebrating the school and our students on June 26th with a contact-less graduation. After the school closes, ALIVE! will begin to assess the early education landscape in the city of Alexandria with the hope of entering that space again in a reimagined way sometime in the future. We want to thank all our amazing teachers and staff for their dedication and commitment to ALIVE! and to the CDC.

Housewares & Furniture

The housewares and furniture programs are still closed until we can be confident that it is once again safe to enter homes. We will continue to update the ALIVE! community when it is appropriate. Please hang on to donations. The furniture program is still looking for a storage space about the size of a two car garage. If you have any ideas on this, please contact jayers@alive-inc.org.

Food In and Out

More food is going out of ALIVE! than ever before to meet an increasing need. In April 98,000 pounds of food were sent to Truck-to-Trunk distributions, local food pantries, meals distribution sites and directly to other nonprofits distributing food throughout the city. We will continue to move food to those in need and are grateful for the support of the city and donors who are supporting our food operations.

Keep updated on food distributions on the ALIVE! website www.alive-inc.org or follow us on social media.

Facebook: [@alive4alexandria](https://www.facebook.com/alive4alexandria) Twitter: [@ALIVE4AlexVA](https://twitter.com/ALIVE4AlexVA)

Family Emergency Assistance

ALIVE! provides monetary assistance to Alexandria city residents for rent, utilities, medical expenses, and other emergency needs. We also provide food assistance to the homebound. Any member congregation can refer a client to this program. [Click here for a referral form.](#) We also take referrals for home delivery and financial assistance from the City of Alexandria.

If a client is COVID-19 positive or thinks they are, please direct them to the Alexandria Department of Health website www.alexandriava.gov/Health. Food from ALIVE! will be delivered by a medically trained volunteer.

ALIVE! House Program Committee

ALIVE! House is starting a new program committee with leadership from Nataki MacMurray and Rev. Kim Young and will begin regular meetings soon. If you would like to participate. Please contact Danien Johnson, ALIVE! House Director at djohnson@alive-inc.org.

Resources for People in Need

ALIVE! Family and Emergency Assistance Program

(703) 549-3692

www.alive-inc.org/family-and-emergency-assistance-program-alexandria-va

ALIVE! Food Program

(703) 518-5152

www.alive-inc.org/food-program-in-alexandria-virginia

Department of Community and Human Services (referrals and assistance with many other services)

(703) 746-5700

www.alexandriava.gov/DCHSConnect

City of Alexandria, Division of Aging & Adult Services (Frozen Meals Home Delivery Program to any senior)

703-746-5999

www.alexandriava.gov/Aging

City of Alexandria, Office of Housing (emergency rental assistance)

(703) 746-4311

www.alexandriava.gov/Housing

INOVA Cares Clinic for Families

(571) 665-6599

www.inova.org

Legal Services of Northern Virginia

(703) 778-6800

www.lsnv.org

Volunteer Alexandria

(703) 836-2176

www.volunteeralexandria.org

Please visit the ALIVE! website for more references Danien Johnson djohnson@alive-inc.org and her cell phone number (240) 544-7221. Danien Johnson is the Director of ALIVE! House and is working with the ALIVE! Executive Director to ensure that individuals in needs are connected to the right resources for their

Bible Study and Compline Online This Week

BIBLE STUDY ON THURSDAYS: Please join the Rev. J. Randolph Alexander for a study of The Book of Acts this Thursday, June 11th at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

It is not too late to join in -- all are welcome to this study of a powerful, timeless, relatively short, very helpful and hopeful letter that can speak to us in our challenging times.

All you need are 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 June 10rd -- watch for your email!

COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for a **Friday Compline** June 12th at 8:30pm 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)

Faithfully Sharing God's Gifts

Amount:		Ex: 100	Give to:	Pledge
Card number		MM / YY CVC		
Email	First Name	Last Name		

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.

A lawyer asked Jesus a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 22:37

Your Immanuel Outreach Committee has already distributed over \$30,000 in much needed funds to vetted charitable organizations with whom we have direct involvement – those that feed, house, and provide low-cost medical assistance to those in our Alexandria community who -- during this COVID-19 crisis-- have no income. Your hard work at the pumpkin patch made these funds possible. We will continue to assess the needs and distribute outreach funds in coming weeks. (For example, we have allocated an additional thousand dollars to fund Carpenter’s Shelter meals in order that we may better comply with COVID-19 safety requirements.)

Meanwhile, in this time of Pandemic, where we must stay home for the safety of ourselves, our families and our neighbors, we equally must let our faith and love for our neighbors shine through the darkness and despair. It’s essential we keep up our pledges – we’ve all flown and heard the flight attendant remind us in case of lack of oxygen, “place the oxygen mask on yourself before assisting the person beside you”—we want to keep our parish strong so we can continue to shine God’s love here and abroad. We -- or family members -- may have experienced job loss and are struggling. But where we can – we want to help those who are suffering, bring some comfort to those with little or no safety net. Where we can -- we want to help them, even as they are helping us by staying at home. During this time when we may not be spending as much money on dining out, sports events, theater, going to the mall/gym, traveling, just a few of the pleasures we love and miss -- we urge you to consider directly contributing to these organizations that help alleviate the suffering and fear faced by so many every day. These organizations desperately need dollars to respond to the overwhelming needs of people who were working and fully contributing to our community, but are not allowed/able to work now. They still have rent, medical, and other bills to pay—and families to feed. Our lives may have been turned upside down – but we cannot let that stop us from loving God with all our heart and soul and mind – and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Please, please consider directly contributing to these organizations that are helping our most vulnerable neighbors:

1. Lazarus Ministry – Christ Church Lazarus/West End Lazarus/Christ Church Refugee Ministry is now one entity, entirely phone-based as of 3/19/2020, and in last 6 weeks has processed over 235 phone messages that resulted in 175 checks totaling \$50,000. People calling the Lazarus helpline are desperately seeking rent, food, and medical assistance—and hope. For many, rent owed—from April and now May is their biggest worry. No one is supposed to be evicted at the moment; but renters are still getting letters from/pressured by landlords and many are terrified of what will happen to them and their families.
 - Donate electronically at <https://www.historicchristchurch.org/> (Under Give/Online Giving -- then specify Lazarus (from the Fund dropdown list)
 - Donate by check: Make Check to Christ Church Lazarus Ministry, put Lazarus in the memo line – mail to Christ Church, 118 N Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314
2. ALIVE! – 45 Alexandria faith communities working together to help people faced with emergency situations – now especially focused on providing direct food assistance as well as financial help for rent, medical expenses and other emergency needs -- and currently serving more people than at any time in its history.
 - Donate electronically at <https://www.alive-inc.org/> (Learn more about ALIVE!’s initiatives at the top of page 6).
 - Donate by check: Make check to Alive! and mail to ALIVE! 2723 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22302

You may have other charitable organizations you want to support instead – or as well. Please do – this is a time to be as generous as you are able. Thank you for living the prayer of St Francis “ Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let me bring your light. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.”

Your Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Outreach Committee

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ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org

[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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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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