

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

January 12, 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. 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: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Barbara Ramsdell, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Joan, Joseph, Ken and Mia Mason, Kenny, Lynn Gas, Marcus Rarick, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Anna Woodward, Ashleighana, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Candace Claypoole, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Gerhart, Felicia Balzano, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, 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, Lavinia Johnson, Lilly Pinner, Linda Gill, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Michael, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Stephen Friday, Doug John, Norma Jean Lawton, Thomas John, Sudie McGahuey, Colin Swisher, Karen Walker, Charlie Biggs, Kim Cook, and Leif P. Christoffersen.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, Scott, and Philip Pretzinger.

Those who have died: Victims of the Los Angeles wild fires; the Honorable James “Jimmy” Earl Carter, Jr.; and the victims of the New Orleans New Year’s Day attack, now identified as follows: Kareem Badawi, Martin “Tiger” Bech, Andrew “Drew” Dauphin, Nikyra Dedeaux, William “Billy” DiMaio, Hubert Gauthreaux, Reggie Hunter, Terrence “Terry” Kennedy, Nicole Perez, Edward Pettifer, LaTasha Polk, Brandon Taylor, Matthew Tenedorio, and Elliot Wilkinson. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

FORUM HOUR *TODAY* @11:45 a.m

The Welcome Center

One of our parishioners recently walked the El Camino de Santiago; a trek of incredible beauty and sublime inspiration! This holy pilgrimage attracts hundreds of thousands of people, from all over the world, every year. Come hear **Jim Clausen** describe his 43-day walk through mountains, valleys, arid plains, big cities and tiny towns...and what it meant for him. After the 10:30a.m. Eucharist today in the VTS Welcome Center.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, January 14th @ 10:30 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, January 15th, Zabriskie Chapel

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

Thursday, January 16th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, January 17th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* will not take place at this Wednesday, the 15th. Instead, she will join fellow Immanuelites in Richmond for the Virginia Interfaith Center "Day for All People". Rev. Sarah hopes to see you again at the Alexandria Pastry Shop on the 22nd!



Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: **“GOD’S PROMISES”** **THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom**

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, November 16th** 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 2025 is *God’s Promises*. This month we will read **Romans 4:16–25** *“Counting on the promise of God (Abraham) did not doubt or disbelieve...fully convinced that whatever God promised he has the power to perform”* 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



Living
Gratefully

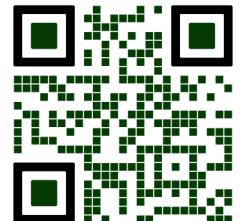


UPDATE: Every Member Pledge Campaign for 2025 “Living Gratefully”

As of January 9th we have 116 pledges totaling \$617,381. We still have a ways to go, as we imagine this figure to be just over half of those who will pledge. This is an opportunity for all of us to give back to God from all we have been given.

Prayerful and intentional pledging expresses our thanks for God’s many gifts, and it supports our beloved parish church in all of its many vital ministries and our life together in Christ.

In addition to filling out a hardcopy pledge form and mailing it to the church — or dropping it in the alms basis during a service — you can pledge online using Immanuel’s [website](#) and click the green *Pledge Here* button, or by scanning the QR code at right.



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: JANUARY - MARCH 2025 IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP ONLINE

We have a New SignUp Genius Service Plan

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through March 2025* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website [at ICOH.net](http://atICOH.net) and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at right.



THANK YOU for your participation!



Join with fellow Immanuelites in Richmond for the Virginia Interfaith Center "Day for All People" January 15, 2025

The Day for All People is the annual "lobby day" for the Interfaith Center, and Immanuel has long sent a sizable group to meet with our state representatives to learn about the legislative process and support legislation that advances issues of concern to a wide range of faith communities. We will once again rent a motor coach that we will share with folks coming from other Alexandria congregations. The Virginia Interfaith Center will be focusing its interaction with the General Assembly in part on two issues that the Vestry recently adopted as Immanuel policy:

- (1) legislation to make it easier for churches to build affordable housing on their property (a.k.a., "Yes in God's Back Yard"); this has been difficult for churches (such as nearby Resurrection) because of zoning restrictions (Immanuel has no such plans!); and
- (2) expanding prisoners' access to higher education, a priority of our Governor.

You can register on the Interfaith Center's website (go to www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org and scroll down). The Social Justice Committee can reimburse you if you'd like.

In this time of turmoil at the national level, it's rewarding to know that we can (and do) have a material impact on issues at the state level. Questions? Contact Jamie Conrad at jwc58@comcast.net.



MOVIE AND LUNCHEON HOSTED BY IMMANUEL'S SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE Sunday, January 19th, 12 Noon, Zabriskie Parish Hall

Immanuel's Social Justice Committee invites you to lunch and the showing of the acclaimed movie, *Origin*, on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, January 19th. Come join us in the Zabriskie Parish Hall right after the 10:30 AM Eucharist, to share lunch and fellowship together and then watch *Origin*, a film adaptation of Isabel Wilkerson's award-winning book, *Caste*, about her personal quest to understand the context of caste around the world and in her own lived experience here as an American born and raised in the United States.

No need to confirm, just show up! For any questions, please contact Kathryn Jackson Haskin (kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) or Celia Ochs (ochscelia@gmail.com).



CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING: Immanuel is scheduled for a Bishop's visitation and Confirmation on Sunday, March 16th. We will form a Youth Confirmation Class and a separate track for adults who want to be Confirmed or Received. Please reach out to any of the clergy if you are interested.

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported our Epiphany Pageant and Reception!

A hearty thanks to all who participated in making last Sunday's 10:30am service and reception such a joyful celebration! If you weren't with us at 10:30am, the full service is available on our YouTube page — visit by scanning the QR code below.



Pageant on YouTube

Youth participants in last Sunday's 10:30 a.m. Eucharist:

- ☆ *Readers*: Isabelle Young-Smith, Sophie Johnson, Rayna Johnson
- ☆ *Acolytes*: David Lloyd, Isaac Kubista
- ☆ *Pageant Narrators*: Caroline Maas-Hicks, Anton Kubista, Claudia Reading, Thomas John, Isaac Kubista, Aria Enright, John Porter Reading
- ☆ *Mary and Joseph*: Adeline Haskin, Owen Biggs
- ☆ *Kings*: Charlie Biggs, Everett Enright, Nolan Enright
- ☆ *Angels*: Cora John, Lauren Miller, Claudia Reading, Thomas John, Isaac Kubista, Aria Enright
- ☆ *Townspeople*: Caroline Maas-Hicks and Anton Kubista
- ☆ *Shepherds*: Luke Miller, David Lloyd
- ☆ *Sheep*: Ellison Miller

The adults who supported the pageant, its special music, and the festivities at the Welcome Center included:

- ☆ *The Shrinemonsters*: Doug John, Paul Smyth, Jamie Conrad, and Sudie McGauhey
- ☆ *Pageant production support*: Lisa Frye, Martha Shimkin, Linda Serabian, Julie Bruns, Wendy Lane John
- ☆ *Reception*: Caroline Bergmark, Adrienne Goins, Sudie McGauhey, Connie Kurz, Kathryn Haskin
- ☆ *Special Music at the Reception*: Ruthie Christino, cello

And a special thanks for their leadership and support to Caroline Bergmark for our reception, and Kathryn Jackson Haskin for pageant production.

Thank you all! It is such a joy to be in ministry with you!

- Rev. Sarah

ALIVE! Food Drive Begins TODAY

Traditionally, Immanuel has collected canned goods and non-perishable foods for Alive! two months a year. Our collections in 2024 were a huge success.... Let's do it again in 2025! **Bring your donations beginning today through February 9th** to the collection boxes in the narthex either at Immanuel Chapel or Zabriskie Chapel. The last week of our drive will be our annual "Soup-er Bowl", where we put cans of soup for the predicted winner of Super Bowl LIX.

See lists below for needed items. Please *no glass* and if you can, bring in reusable grocery bags.

MOST NEEDED

Canned meat and fish (chili, chicken, tuna, salmon, beef, ravioli)	Child-friendly single-serve, microwavable entrees (soup, ravioli, mac & cheese)
Canned fruits, vegetables, soup, beans	Pasta (spaghetti, other noodles, mac & cheese)
Cereal — including oatmeal	Peanut butter, jam and jelly
Complete pancake mix (just add water) and syrup	Rice
Cooking oil	Canned tomatoes and pasta sauce

ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED FOOD DONATIONS

Brown or wild rice, couscous, quinoa	Fruit and vegetable juice
Applesauce	Granola bars
Fruit cups	Whole wheat or multi-grain crackers
Liquid shelf-stable milk	Canned or dried beans and peas
Canned beef stew, chili, and bean soup	



Praying with Scripture: An Opportunity for Reflection After Eucharist: Silent prayer or mediation draws us closer to God. When we focus on one of the Sunday scripture passages, we may discover more of God's message to us. Beginning today — and continuing for the next three consecutive Sundays — we will have the opportunity to explore praying with scripture in the **Octagon Room** off the small Oratory Chapel following the 10:30 a.m. service. Pick up a treat at coffee hour, bring your bulletin, and join us to meditate on one of the scripture passages for the day. Our prayer time will conclude by 12:30 p.m.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
 The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net) Associate Rector
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 Miguelina Guzmann 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. Sarah F. 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