

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### October 19, 2025

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

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Ann MacNamara, Aster, Jim, Nancy, Spencer, and Zuzanna Wise, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Debbie Hewson, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Jane, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Marcus, Mary Jane Ruhl, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, Susan Montague, Tom and Martha Shimkin, and Wendy Hoge.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Andrew Davis, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ordning, Charlotte Kellogg, Cicely, Donna Becker, George Rustigian, Gerry, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackson Sirhal, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jill Lane, Jodi Williams, Joe Micelli, José Maria, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Marie, Mary Horner, Marty Childs, Mary Muniz, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Sofia, Soundary Dilan, Stacey, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Tony, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Christina Yount, Lisa Yount, Phil Johnson, Karin Kizer, Connie Kurz, Claudia Reading, Martin Horne, Mia Mason, and Kristen Moore.

**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:** Victims from the Leland, MS shooting: Amos Brantley, Kaslyn Johnson, Oreshama Johnson, JaMichael Jones, Calvin Plant, and Shelbyona Powell; and from the Saint Helena Island, SC shooting: Amos Gary, Kashawn Glaze, A'shan'tek Milledge, and Chiraad Smalls. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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## **EYC REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT TODAY AT 6:00P.M., CHRIST CHURCH!** *Dinner, a movie, and Compline, oh my!*

We'll meet at 6:00 in Christ Church, Alexandria's Meade Room, entering through the red doors in the middle of their churchyard. There will be signs to guide us!

Let Rev. Sarah know if your 6-12 grader can make it—it's going to be a blast! [sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net](mailto:sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net)

# Announcements

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## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

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Morning Prayer Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

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Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

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*Quiet Prayer*, Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

The Oratory Chapel inside Immanuel Chapel

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Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

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

*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

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Compline, Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>@ 8:30 p.m, online via Zoom

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## IMMANUEL CLERGY DAY AT THE VIEW ALEXANDRIA, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

The View is a retirement community affiliated with Goodwin Living, right across the street from Goodwin House, Alexandria. The Rev. Susan D. Parsons is leading this Eucharist at 11 a.m. today.



## WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* THIS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> : Join Sarah for fellowship this Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



## ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' COMMEMORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Eucharist Rite I @ 8:00 a.m. and Holy Eucharist Rite II @ 10:00 a.m. in Zabriskie Chapel featuring “*Requiem*” by John Rutter with 6-piece orchestra

Would you like to lift the name of a deceased friend or relative up in prayer on All Saints'? If so, please submit names of any loved ones lost from November 1, 2024 through this year by noon on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> via email at [dedications@icoh.net](mailto:dedications@icoh.net) or by phone by calling (703) 370-6555, dialing extension “508”, and leaving a detailed voicemail message on our Dedication Line. Please include the year of death for your loved ones.

All names — including those previously listed in this year’s Sunday parish notes — will be in all bulletins November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, and in Immanuel’s Book of Remembrance, and those who have died in the last year will be included in our prayers.

NOTE: During the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist on November 2nd. the IMMANUEL CHOIR will sing John Rutter’s “*Requiem*”, accompanied by a 6-piece orchestra to include: *Requiem aeternam*, *Out of the deep*, *Pie Jesu*, *Santus*, *Agnus Dei*, *The Lord is My Shepherd*, and *Lux Aeterna*.

## TWO WEEKS LEFT FOR 32ND IMMANUEL PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please Volunteer at the Patch! No Experience Needed!

The Patch is open every **day through Friday, October 31**. Volunteer Sales shifts are same as last year:

- ⇒ · Weekdays: Noon – 6 PM (two shifts)
- ⇒ · Weekends: 10 AM – 6 PM (three shifts)

Working with fellow parishioners is fun -- you'll feel good! "Patch Moments" happen every year – unexpected fellowship and conversation – new friends of all ages! Love Happens Here at Immanuel! Let that sea of vibrant orange, those delicious baked treats, sensational soups, and craft artistry bring joy to our parish – and our community!

Please sign up for shifts on-line using the Pumpkin Patch 2025 Sign-Up Genius or scanning the QR code at right – it only takes a minute.



### BAKED GOODS, SOUPS, AND KNITTED HATS

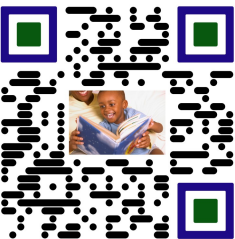
Thank you to every baker, soup-maker and knitter that has contributed already! Please keep them all coming! People love what our Immanuel culinary artists make! Food sales are a big percentage of what we earn for charity; and we are incredibly grateful to all of you who have been baking and cooking throughout October! Only two weeks left!

**Soup:** Kristin Whitman – contact Kristin for questions on soup-making: [KWhitman328@gmail.com](mailto:KWhitman328@gmail.com)  
Soup needs to be frozen and sold in the 1-QT size plastic containers available in the Zabriskie kitchen and also in the Immanuel Chapel parlor; ingredients need to be labeled. Thanks to EVERYONE who has made soup for the Patch!

**Baked Goods:** Keep those delicious cookies, brownies, bars, muffins, pies, popcorn balls, Rice Krispie treats, savory pakoras and samosas, buttermilk corn bread, pumpkin bread, banana bread coming—our Patch customers love your baked goods, protectively wrapped, attractively packaged, and ingredients listed on labels! **Thanks to Baked Goods Coordinators Lisa Clausen, Leah Wilson, Linda Serabian and Kristin Whitman; and EVERYONE who has baked for the Patch!**

## HELP A CHILD LEARN TO READ! BECOME A BOOK BUDDY!

Do you or someone you know have an hour a week to help a child learn to read? **The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (ATC)** needs volunteer reading tutors in Alexandria's public elementary schools, with the most openings at Ferdinand Day, Patrick Henry, and John Adams schools. Tutors work one-on-one with a kindergarten, first, or second grade student in 35-minute sessions, once or twice a week, during the school day, October through May. You do not need to be a teacher to do this - ATC provides training, materials and support - and you will make a huge difference for a child. It is important, though, to honor the schedule as your Book Buddy will look forward to seeing you. Contact ATC's Alexa Allmann ([aallmann@alexandriatutors.org](mailto:aallmann@alexandriatutors.org)) or visit [alexandriatutors.org](http://alexandriatutors.org) to learn more. To register, simply scan the QR code at left.



## **BEWARE** of Questionable Emails without “ICOH.net” Extensions

Immanuelites, cyber criminals are at it again; we’ve received several attempts to compromise our security with phishing emails posing as parishioners (by name) and as Father Randy under fake accounts.

Should you receive a request for any information on Immanuel that doesn’t come from the icoh.net extension, please do not hesitate to forward it to Aleta at [apowell@icoh.net](mailto:apowell@icoh.net) for verification.

Let’s remember to keep everyone involved and affected by these cyber attempts in prayer.



### **TWO CHALICE BEARERS NEEDED 2ND AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH**

We now offer healing prayers on the second Sunday of each month at both services, and we need to have two Chalice Bearers at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharists. Please consider signing up to serve.



***SIGN-UP TO SERVE: SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2025***  
**IT’S EASY AND ONLINE**

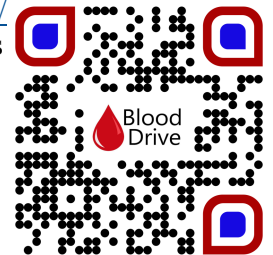
Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through December\ 2025* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at [ICOH.net](http://ICOH.net) and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at left. If you’re a student planning to spend occasional weekends home, feel free to **sign-up for only a Sunday or two**. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU for your participation!**



### **IMMANUEL’S 4TH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE—SIGN UP NOW FOR NOVEMBER 2!**

We are partnering with Inova Hospital for the fourth time to host a blood drive on **Sunday, November 2, from noon to 4pm in the Zabriskie parking lot**. The link to sign up is now LIVE! Scan the QR code at right to pick a time, or you can reach out to Katherine Maas at [katherinemaas@gmail.com](mailto:katherinemaas@gmail.com). Blood drives are a meaningful way to help our community—one in seven people entering the hospital need blood and a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. The blood from our drive will likely be used within 48 hours after it ends. Please see recently updated eligibility guidance on Inova's site [inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/](http://inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/). If you are considering donating blood for the first time, Inova has some helpful information at [inovablood.org/donate-blood/prepare-for-your-donation/first-time-donors/](http://inovablood.org/donate-blood/prepare-for-your-donation/first-time-donors/).

If you are not eligible to donate, you can still help at the registration table—even an hour would help! Please contact Katherine with any questions or to express interest in volunteering at the registration table. Thank you!



### **FORUM HOUR “*BEING FAITHFUL ON TUESDAY*”** **Sunday November 16, 2025, The Welcome Center**

Following the fall retreat at Holy Cross Abbey, come hear the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade’s reflections at a forum hour Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. in the Welcome Center across from Immanuel Chapel.

**IT'S AUTUMN AND SENIOR MINISTRY/FELLOWSHIP HAS PLANS. PLAN TO JOIN US!**

**OCTOBER:** FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH. The professional hockey season begins in October and if you don't know the difference between a snipe and a dangle, we're not gonna put you in the penalty box!

Instead, come on **Tuesday, October 28** and hear parishioner **Agnes Soos**, who will help us learn how to follow that fast puck around the ice and maybe become a fan for life. Bring your own sandwich and we will provide dessert and drinks.

There is no reservation required and no cost to this event.

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) ..... Rector  
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 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  
 Kristin Whitman ..... Newcomers and Communications  
 Sydney Onley ..... Youth Representative

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. *First Sunday in October, November & December 2025*  
 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](http://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.



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