

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### October 20, 2024

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

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Ann MacNamara, Barbara Ramsdell, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Jane Flinn, Jessi MacLeod, Joseph, Kenny, Mable Randolph, Marianne Ingold, Margaret Messenger, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Patsy Rogers, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Ann Langdon Days, Anna Woodward, Ashleighana, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Gerhart, George Rustigian, Gerald, Gerard Ennis, Jack Allen, 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, Matteo Kabay, McQuade Milligan, Mary Leonard, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, the Rev. Rosa Harper Crawford, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Shelby Ochs Owen, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Winnie Kidd, and the victims of hurricanes Helene and Milton.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Sujatha Augustine, Phyllis Sims, Alisa Biache, Tricia Calloway, Hartley Hobson Wensing, Fredo Patiño, Sara Fein, Catherine Stanish, Natalie Walker, Paul Beckman, Amy Bertles, and Matthew Whelpley.

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

**NASA Astronauts on Extended Service Aboard the International Space Station:** Commander Barry “Butch” Wilmore and Pilot Sunita “Sunni” Williams.

**Those who have died:** Jaime Pugh, cousin of Rob Johnson; The Rt. Rev. Richard F. Grein, former Bishop of New York; and Michael Flemming, husband of longtime Immanuel tenant Carter Flemming, Seminary Hill Association. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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## Forum Hour “VTS Reparations Program” TODAY @ 11:45 a.m, The Welcome Center

In September 2019, Virginia Theological Seminary announced the creation of a reparations endowment fund and the intent to research, uncover, and recognize the labor of Black persons who toiled under the oppression of VTS during slavery and throughout the Jim Crow era. In her presentation, Ebonee Davis-Hayes, Director of Reparations at VTS, will share the research findings and implementation of VTS’ Reparations Program; highlighting, in particular, the importance and complex nature of descendant-focused work.



# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

Morning Prayer Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Job*”  
Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.  
*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

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

### ***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.

### **Pumpkin Patch 2024: *Apple Crisp Making Started Yesterday***

Thank you – thank you – thank you to everyone who came out and helped unload pumpkins – the Patch is up and running! Many thanks to all the soup makers, bakers, knitters – sellers – Patch Preppers – so many hands have volunteered time, talent, and treasure to get us going this year. We need your help – soups, baked goods, **apple crisp makers** -- there’s a job for everyone! Look for “***Pumpkins: Everything You Need to Know About Immanuel's Pumpkin Patch 2024***” emails from Immanuel and emails from our Soup Wranglers, Baked Goods Coordinators, and Apple Crisp Coordinator. Plastic soup containers are available in the Parish Hall and Immanuel Chapel parlor– please help keep fill the Parish Kitchen Freezer with delicious soups. Please help keep our delicious baked goods supplies fresh and tempting!

Since the year 2000 (when we first started keeping detailed records), your Immanuel Pumpkin Patch work has raised \$1,308,000 for Outreach charities such as ALIVE!, Carpenter’s Shelter, Community Lodgings, Culmore Clinic, Five Talents, Haiti Micah Project, Christ Church Refugee Ministry, and other organizations that aid the homeless, restore dignity to offenders, assist refugees, and aid impoverished children. Immanuel’s Outreach gives every parishioner the opportunity and encouragement to become involved. Please sign up for sales shifts by scanning the QR code at left. We especially need help on weekends! Thank you again – and see you at the Patch!



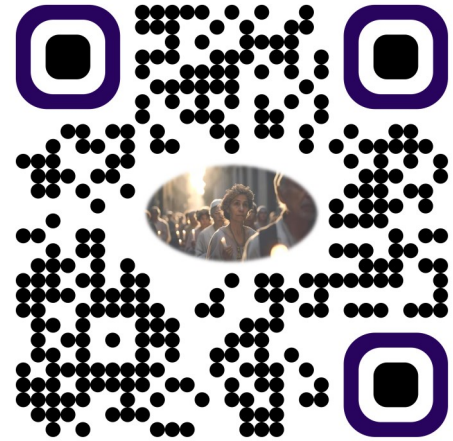
With Grace and Gratitude – *Immanuel Outreach*

### **EYC (6th-12 graders) Old Town Ghost Tour!**

October 27 at 6pm — Free of charge. We’ll meet at Market Square, tour the city with some great stories, and end in the Christ Church yard with the All Hallows’ Eve Service.

## REMEMBRANCE WALK FOR VICTIMS OF WAR IN ISRAEL AND GAZA Sunday, October 27 at 6 PM, Grace Presbyterian, Springfield

For most of this year, Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield has organized a monthly walk to remember both Israeli and Palestinian victims of war since October 7. Each participant is provided a small sign with a picture of one victim, their name, and something about them to carry for the one mile remembrance walk. Grace Presbyterian welcomes participants from other parishes and specifically has invited any interested Immanuelites. If you want to participate, please just arrive at the Grace Presbyterian parking lot at 7434 Bath Street in Springfield a bit before 6 PM. For additional information, scan the QR code at right to see their flyer, contact [David Atwood](mailto:David.Atwood@graceps.org) or email the organizer at Grace Presbyterian, Judy Riekske at [Lentenmemorywalks@gmail.com](mailto:Lentenmemorywalks@gmail.com)



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***Do you know Alexandria has an Office of Climate Action?*** Immanuel’s Creation Care Ministry invites you to learn more by joining us and the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS) on **Wednesday, November 6, in the Zabriskie Parish Hall.** **Ryan Freed, Director of Alexandria’s Office of Climate Action,** will be our featured guest. Fellowship begins at 6:30 PM with light finger food and beverages. The main program starts at 7:00 PM and will also be available on Zoom. Discussion will focus on ways this city can support faith communities in addressing climate change and climate justice.

Please register for this free event by scanning the QR code below. Questions? Contact Denise Freeland: <mailto:eco.voce@verizon.net>



## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS OCTOBER 2024

### OCTOBER 22 - REVIEW OF IMPRESSIONIST ART, FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH:

At our brown bag luncheon we will prepare for our upcoming visit to the National Gallery of Art exhibit Paris 1874 – The Impressionist Moment in November. Come and brush up on what the Impressionists were rebelling against, what was going on in the world as they painted, and remind yourself of who the artists were and what their work looked like.

We will meet in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm on the fourth Tuesday, October 22. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and Senior Ministry and Fellowship will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.

NOVEMBER 13 -VISIT TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART (NGA): Join Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship on Wednesday, November 13 to view the exhibit *PARIS 1874 – The Impressionist Moment*. This exhibit was put together by the NGA together with the Musee d’Orsay in Paris and will leave Washington in mid-January to be displayed in Paris. There is no guided tour of this exhibit, so you will be free to view it at your own pace, and we will have plenty of time for lunch at the Cascade Café and shopping in the gift shop.

The van will be leaving the Parish Hall parking lot around 10:30pm, and we will plan to return no later than 3:00pm. As always, we will offer pick up at either Goodwin House or at The View. There is a \$20 co-pay to ride in the van. There is no cost for admission to the National Gallery.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser at [Karen.Besser@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.Besser@gmail.com) by Sunday, November 10.

## WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD *with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* *We will gather again this Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

Join her this Wednesday from **10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**, at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

### NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024 - IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP ONLINE

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through DECEMBER* ONLINE — including The Feast of All Saints', Thanksgiving Eve, Feast of Christ the King, Gaudete Sunday and Christmas masses —by visiting the landing page of our website at [www.ICOH.net](http://www.ICOH.net) via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**: We're entering our busiest season, so please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild Server, Crucifer and/or Coffee Hour Host online via [SignUp Genius](http://www.ICOH.net) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at [ICOH.net](http://www.ICOH.net) and [clicking on the red button](#).

**THANK YOU — especially to all who have signed-up!**



**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Immanuel Blood Drive will be on Sunday, November 24**, from noon to 4p.m. in the Zabriskie Chapel's parking lot. More details to come; please out to Katherine Maas at [katherinemaas@gmail.com](mailto:katherinemaas@gmail.com) with any questions.

# THE BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

*If you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life, come to our biweekly **Benedictine Community** via Zoom*

If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We regather for reflection on **Tuesday, November 5** and meet (virtually) twice a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 7 pm-8 pm.

As a community, we reflect on how the tenets of St. Benedict, such as humility, silence, and prayer, can guide us in practical ways in our spiritual lives and our day to day endeavors. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book. We are currently reading and reflecting on Kathleen Norris's book, *Cloister Walk*. Our focus each week is primarily on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book.

Our Benedictine Community gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material and the ancient traditions and wisdom of Benedictine practice and prayer. With half or more of our current members residing outside of the area, we are using Zoom for our meetings, but if you are not comfortable with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice-only via Zoom. We may very occasionally have hybrid meetings using Zoom with simultaneous gathering in the parish hall for those nearby.

If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following:

Dana Hengst ([dana.hengst@gmail.com](mailto:dana.hengst@gmail.com)), Barbara Fornoff ([cr8vweaver@gmail.com](mailto:cr8vweaver@gmail.com))  
or David Atwood ([David\\_Atwood@hotmail.com](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com))

## **EYC Volunteer Opportunity with AFAC November 9, from 1:00 – 2:30p.m.**

EYC is volunteering to pack groceries for our neighbors who need help to afford healthy food. If you are 12 or older, join us at Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). We will help sort, bag, and pack food for distribution. Please mark your calendars and join us!

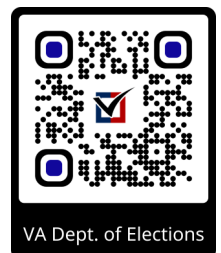
Contact the Rev. Sarah at [sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net](mailto:sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net) to RSVP, for more information, and to start receiving our Immanuel Family Ministries email.

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, VOTER REGISTRATION, AND VOTER INFORMATION**

Voter information for Virginia: Election day is November 5, but there are several simple things you are able to do before election day:

- ✓ Verify or update your voter registration status or address at the user-friendly Virginia elections website
- ✓ Locate your neighborhood voting location at the same website
- ✓ Apply for a mail-in ballot (**deadline for application: October 25**) at the same website
- ✓ Early voting in-person begins in Virginia on September 20 through November 2.

Voter registration for residents of other states: If you want to check your status, or register, to vote in another state where you reside, you can locate appropriate dates and information on the VA elections website.



**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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 Gilma Balcarcel ..... Nursery Coordinator  
 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](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)  
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

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**