

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

March 9, 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. 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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Andrew, Ann MacNamara, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, James, Jim Wise, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Marcus, Margaret, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Cadence Claypoole, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Donna Becker, Dorothy Gerhart, Dwight and Mary Horner, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jessi Napolitano, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Michael, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, 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: Piper Horne, Cynthia Morton, Richard Hobson Jr., Melinda Snow Teske, Al Waite Jr., Albert Burgess, Jenifer Larson, Jake Cohn, Jeremy Enright, and Jackie Phillips.

Pray for those serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, Scott, and Philip Pretzinger.

Caring for Our Immigrant Neighbors: Christ Church/Alexandria Forum Hour TODAY at 11:30a.m.

Our friends at the Christ Church refugee ministry, which is supported by Immanuel's Outreach budget, have invited us to join their forum hour in their church's Meade Room (118 N. Washington St). Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA) Michelle Swearingen, Legal Advocate with RILA, will provide an overview of the current refugee and immigrant policy situation, and how RILA supports refugees and immigrants.. They will also go over ways we can care for our immigrant neighbors in the face of uncertainty and changing policies. Please direct questions to [Julie Bruns](#) or [David Atwood](#).



The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Assistant Bishop of Virginia, will visit Immanuel next Sunday, March 16th, at the 10:30 Eucharist. The bishop will preach and celebrate the Eucharist, and the visitation will include Confirmation and Reception into the Church, followed by a festive reception.

Immanuel's Outreach at Work in Tanzania



Bishop George Okoth

Immanuel's Outreach extends to 25 local, regional and international organizations and ministries enabled by the profits we make every fall at our Pumpkin Patch. There are innumerable worthy causes, but the Outreach Committee and the Vestry try to respond to the promptings that move the hearts of the congregation, and the priorities of the Diocese and the national church. Sometimes the Holy Spirit leads us to far and unexpected places.

Last summer, Father Randy met with Bishop George Okoth, Bishop of the Diocese of Mara in Tanzania, who was visiting the Seminary. In their conversation, the Bishop mentioned the travel challenges his pastors face and their reliance of bicycles to visit their parishioners. The Diocese of Mara had set up a fund for the purchase of bikes at a cost of about \$175 USD each.

In an email to the Outreach Committee, Bishop Okoth described his diocese and the need for transportation: "Mara Diocese is one of the 28 Dioceses that form the Anglican Church of Tanzania. Mara Diocese is situated in the northwestern part of Tanzania, near the famous Lake Victoria. The Diocese also borders the Serengeti National Park known for its gorgeous wildebeest migration to the neighbouring Kenya every year. . . . Mara Diocese has 92 Pastors in their respective parishes. By God's grace, we ordain Pastors every year for the need of reaching other areas that have not had the opportunity to hear the word of God. At times we have to go slowly due to the lack of resources. But, since it is God's Commission, we feel compelled to continue preaching the gospel to the remote villages and islands that are receptive to the gospel of Jesus Christ. . . . Thanks in advance for supporting our evangelism."

Indeed, getting around to remote villages in Tanzania is a challenge for priests. A typical road may be narrow and unpaved, but accessible by bike.

On behalf of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, the Outreach Committee sent the Bishop \$1,800, enough to purchase 10 bikes. When you think about it, the potential reach of our outreach is amazing, even to the Serengeti.

Thanks be to God!



Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, March 11th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, March 12th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of Luke*”
Thursday, March 13th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, March 14th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

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

Join her this Wednesday, **March 12th** from **10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.** at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: “**GOD’S PROMISES**” **SATURDAY, MARCH 15th @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom**

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, March 15th** online via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 a.m. Our new theme for 2025 is *God’s Promises*. This month we will read **Matthew 11:25-30 “Come unto me all you that travail and are heavy laden and I will give you rest”** 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



Several members of the social justice ministry have decided to use the daily Lenten devotional and reflection prompts from Episcopal Relief and Development in our Lenten practice. We have committed to reading and reflecting on the daily messages, and then we will gather periodically through Lent to share what this practice is bringing up or revealing about God. If you'd like to join us in this practice, please email or text Kathryn Jackson Haskin (Kathryn.Jackson41@gmail.com) to be notified of the opportunities to gather. We will select a time for our first gathering based on the availability of participants, no earlier than March 15.



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: MARCH - APRIL 2025 IT’S EASY AND **ONLINE**

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through April 2025* **ONLINE** by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at left. **THANK YOU for your participation!**

FIRST-TIME READERS WELCOME TO SERVE AT LENTEN AND EASTER EUCHARISTS:

Have you considered reading Scripture lessons or leading prayers at our Sunday Eucharists, but have yet to try? With *many* opportunities during the upcoming Lenten and Eastertide seasons, we're encouraging parishioners to give the Reader/Intercessor Ministry a try. Simply contact Agnes, Immanuel's Lay Ministry Coordinator at asoos@icoh.net to express your interest. Training offered by request. Thank you!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

March 19: THIRD WEDNESDAY GOODWIN HOUSE LUNCHEON : Please join us for luncheon and conversation in the Filmore Room at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which will be March 19. Please RSVP to Mother Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

March 25: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH with TOM KERNS: We are welcoming our own Tom Kerns to return to the Senior Ministry and Fellowship brown bag this month. Architect par excellence, Tom will share his experience with the renovation of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Georgetown. Trinity, founded in 1787, is the oldest Roman Catholic community in continuous operation in Washington, DC.

Please join other seniors to hear Tom talk about his work at this historic parish at our brown bag lunch on Tuesday, March 25, at 12:15pm in the parish hall. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and we will provide dessert and drinks. There is no reservation requirement and no cost to this event and, as always, friends, neighbors, and family members are welcome.

Tom will follow up his talk by taking us to visit the parish on Thursday, April 24. Please put that date on your calendar and watch for details of the trip later.

March 31: Grandchildren Welcome to Join Our Washington, DC Daytrip to Visit THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM and THE NATIONAL BONSAI & PENJING MUSEUM

We have a forecast for peak cherry blossom blooming, and plan to take full advantage by heading to the National Arboretum to do hanami (the Japanese word for cherry blossom viewing). We will go on Monday, March 31 and grandchildren are especially welcome to join us on this trip.

The Arboretum's 40 discrete varieties of cherry blossom tree are spread out over 27 sites within almost 450 acres, so we will employ the van to get us from place to place. We will hope for hanafubuki, the experience of having a gust of wind shower our vehicle with blossoms swirling in the air. We will also visit the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum for the fascinating exhibit, *Sakura Orihon, Diary of a Cherry Blossom Journey*.

We will gather in the parish hall at 10:30 a.m. for a quick brunch of quiche and fruit before leaving the Zabriskie parking lot at 11:15 a.m, and plan to return no later than 3:30pm. You can also have the van pick you up and drop you off at either Goodwin House location or at The View (but alas, no quiche for you). There is no cost for the lunch and a \$20 copay to ride in the van.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser (karen.besser@gmail.com) as soon as possible, so that if we have significant response to this trip there will be enough time to schedule a second van.

NOTE on APRIL EVENTS: In observance of Holy Week and Easter, neither the Goodwin House luncheon nor the brown bag lunch will take place during the month of April. We plan to resume both events in May.

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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THE VESTRY

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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
 Bert Shelters Evangelism and Newcomers, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, David Lloyd, Sydney Onley, 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 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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