

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### April 13, 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:** Aggie Fortune, Andrew Alexander, Ann MacNamara, Catherine Sinclair, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gilma Balcarcel, Gordon Johnson, James, Jim Wise, Joan Raybold, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Marcus, Margaret, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Andrew Davis, 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, Emily, George Rustigian, Gerald, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joe Micelli, José Maria, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Smith, Kathy Porter, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Michael, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Tim Williams, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade, John Trerotola, Laurie Clark, Andrew Alexander, Gary Campbell, Matthew Schnedl, David Foster, Katie Rhoades, and Khar Roeung.

**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:** Michael Neil Williams. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

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## Invitation to CONFESSION

Anglicans approach private confession in a classic middle way framed by the old adage, “All may; none must; some should.” Lent is a particularly appropriate time to consider private confession as part of one’s Lenten discipline and examination of life. If you would like to schedule an appointment for Confession, please contact any of the clergy. You can read over the rite for private confession in *The Book of Common Prayer*, beginning on page 447.



**Mindful Parking: Help Us Help Others:** Keeping our physically-challenged parishioners and visitors in mind, we ask all to please keep the parking spaces *directly in front of* both chapels for those in need of handicap spaces. Thank you for your understanding and full cooperation.

**APRIL 16 DEADLINE: EASTER MUSIC AND SPECIAL FLOWER DEDICATIONS 2025**

You are invited to make a donation to help offset the cost of our Easter brass musicians and/or Altar flowers for our Easter Sunday Eucharists — Wednesday is our deadline for dedications to appear in the bulletins. **For the first time, we are offering Sponsorships for beloved Easter blooms that have risen greatly in price** — like our special Christmas music, names will appear first in our bulletins and remain on the Flowers page of our website for *at least* three months.

To make a memorial or thanksgiving donation for a loved one, or to make a thanksgiving dedication for some blessing, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms box in the narthex. To make your dedications online, scan the QR code below or visit our website and click on “[Easter Flower and Music Dedications](#)” image on our landing page.

Names will be printed in our Easter bulletins for all donations received **by noon** on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to [DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET](mailto:DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET). Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



**FLOWERS:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



*Signature Easter Blooms Sponsor \$100*

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**SPECIAL MUSIC:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

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Morning Prayer Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

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Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

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

Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

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

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Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist Rite II with foot washing, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m, Immanuel Chapel

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## Holy Week and Eastertide

April 13	<b>Sunday of the Passion: PALM SUNDAY</b>	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Bagpiper-led Procession with Palms to chapel (gather at VTS white post office)	Immanuel Chapel
April 15	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer during Holy Week	Zabriskie Chapel
April 16	Wednesday	12 Noon	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel
April 17	Maundy Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study “ <i>The Gospel of Luke</i> ”	Online via Zoom
		6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir and foot washing, followed by overnight watch in the Oratory Chapel	Immanuel Chapel
April 18	Good Friday	12 Noon	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Immanuel Chapel
		6:30 p.m.	The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with choir	
April 20	<b>EASTER SUNDAY: Feast of the Resurrection</b>	7:30 a.m.	Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
		9:15 a.m.	Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir and brass quintet	Immanuel Chapel
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Easter Egg Hunt,	VTS Grounds
		11:15 a.m.	Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir and brass quintet	Immanuel Chapel
April 27	The Second Sunday of Easter	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir	Immanuel Chapel



**WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD** with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs Resumes May 7<sup>th</sup>*: Due to Holy Week and Clergy Conference, *Wednesdays in the World* with *Rev. Sarah* will resume on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

## ALTAR OF REPOSE — A FEW SLOTS LEFT SIGNUP ONLINE

We have **just four** open slots that need to be filled. If you can help us keep watch by staying in the Oratory Chapel in Immanuel for one hour during the Overnight Prayer Vigil, Maundy Thursday, April 17, please scan the code at right. Simply stop, pray and keep watch during the night until 12noon Good Friday.



Altar of Repose

Thank you for helping to keep watch.



### **SIGN-UP TO SERVE: APRIL - MAY 2025 IT'S EASY AND **ONLINE****

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through May 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 — or planning Summer travel — feel free to sign-up for the Lenten season, Easter, and the Feast of Pentecost only.

**THANK YOU for your participation!**



### **Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: “GOD’S PROMISES”**

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Microsoft Teams**

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** 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 **Lamentations 3:19–26** “*Surely God's mercies are not over...every morning they are renewed...God is good to those who trust him, to all who search for him*” using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”, or contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com).

[Join MSTEams Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913



### **NOTE TO PARENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT SACRED SPACES**

We are blessed at Immanuel with the boundless energy and passion of increasing numbers of children, for which we give deep thanks. We are also glad that children feel comfortable at Immanuel, that they feel at home and safe in this community. We do, however, need to look out for their safety and protection, and for the protection of those sacred spaces.

In particular, parents are asked to keep an eye out for their children after the 10:30 Eucharist, as some have been seen climbing on the walls of the Chapel Garden and ruins of the old chapel. This is both dangerous for them and not respectful towards those whose ashes are interred there. Let's all work together to make sure our children can be children while also protecting them and the sacred spaces in our care.

## April 27<sup>th</sup>: Parents Chance to (Godly) Play

On April 27th, during the 10:30am service, we invite parents and other interested adults to come and experience Godly Play for yourself, in an adults-only session that will be led by one of our Godly Play storytellers. Meet us in the Oratory at 10:15, and then you will be led to a separate space for the adults-only session.

If you have kids in Godly Play, we especially encourage you to join for the session to experience it for yourself and learn more about the practice and purpose of the structure of the sessions. And, if you've ever thought that you might want to be a Greeter or Storyteller, it's a great way to see what it's all about. (We are in need of more of both!)



**Reserve your spot *today***

### **IMMANUEL'S PARISH RETREAT AT SHRINE MONT**

Immanuel has reserved our usual Memorial Day weekend parish retreat at Shrine Mont, and it's time to sign up now if you plan to attend. Please contact Kathryn Jackson Haskin by email or phone if you have any questions and if you plan to attend ([kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com)). **The deadline to register is May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Our daily rates are below, and the minimum reservation is 2 overnight stays per person. You can sign up for 2 days (usually Saturday lunch to Monday after breakfast) or three days (Friday dinner to Monday breakfast). Children under the age of 3 are free. Meals are included; please include any food restrictions when you RSVP.

Single room, private bathroom: \$126/day/person

Double room, private bathroom: \$97/day/person

Youth (4-13): \$66/day/person

\*If you need financial assistance to attend, please contact a member of the clergy directly to discuss.



### ***Mark Your Calendars: CAR WASH FUNDRAISER for SCOUTS***

Please support Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill's own BSA Scouts Troop 131:

**Saturday, May 17**

**9:30am - 1:30pm, Zabriskie Chapel Parking Lot**

The boys will be in the church parking lot, cars washed for donations!

## UPDATE ON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

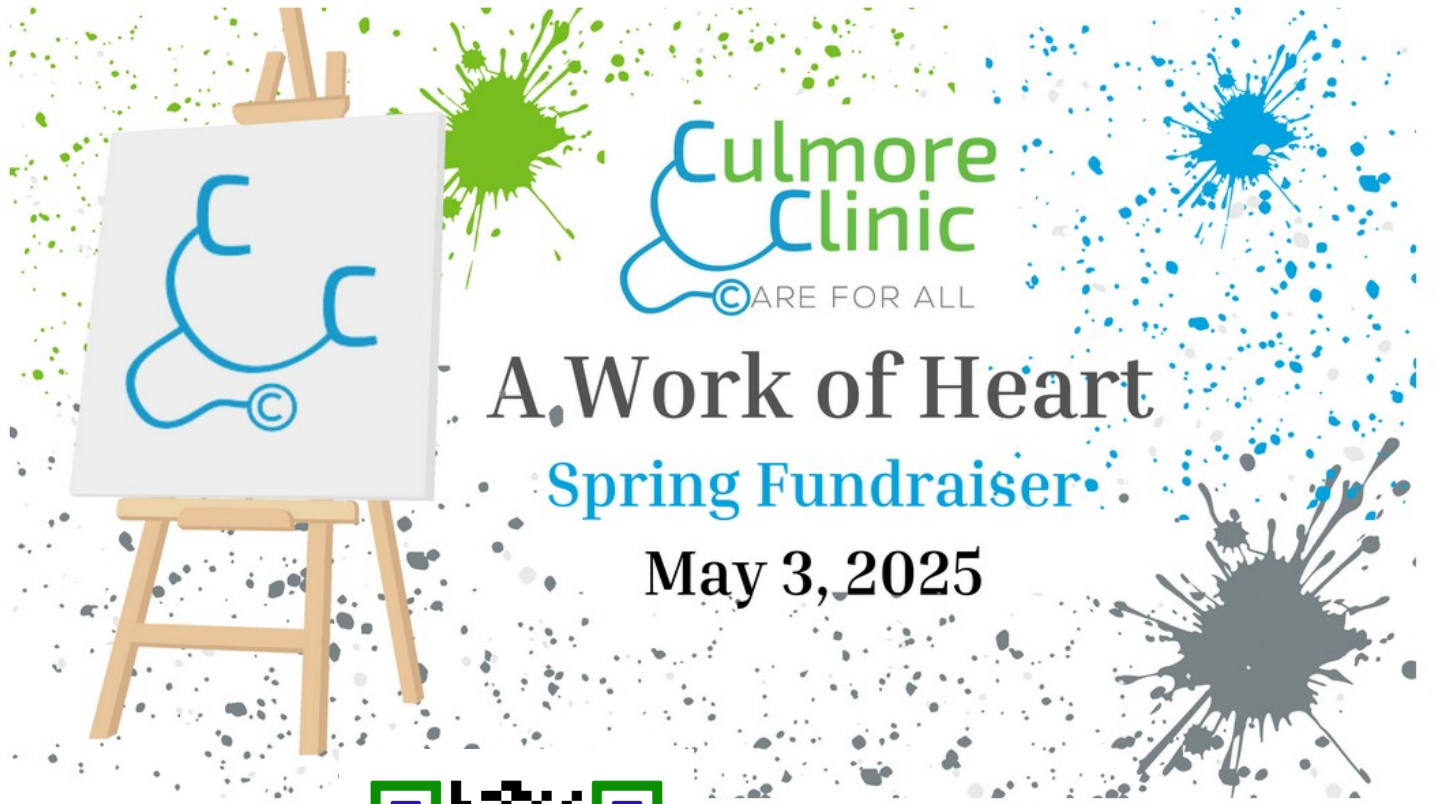
Your capital campaign committee has been in discussions with parishioners, the Vestry, and the clergy, and we have all come to the conclusion that now is not the right time to pursue an aggressive fundraising campaign to meet our goal of starting construction on the kitchen renovation and Memorial Garden and outdoor space upgrades this summer. We recognize and appreciate the hard work that the members of various committees who worked on the plans for both the indoor and outdoor updates, and that work is not going to go to waste. We also have had several parishioners come forward immediately with donations or a pledge - a sign of how eagerly awaited this new construction and upgrades are for the entire parish!

Instead of focusing on a timeline to get significant pledges in hand by early this spring, so we could move forward with indoor construction this summer, we are going to extend the timeline to aim for indoor renovations and any other major cost outlays (indoors and outdoors) in the summer of 2026. In the coming months, we plan to:

- Offer opportunities to respond to parishioners' questions about the plans, the considerations, and the opportunities that could come of a renovated indoor space;
- Refine considerations for storage and outside group usage of both the indoor and outdoor spaces;
- Explore opportunities to move forward with specific phases of work (completing formal drawings and surveys, pricing on specific items for the kitchen, exploring opportunities to sell or donate items we aren't keeping, etc.) so that we will be in the best position next year to execute on our plans; and
- Secure necessary permits from the City of Alexandria so that, when we are ready to move forward with construction, we have approvals in hand.

This consideration to hold on the capital campaign was not made lightly. We remain committed to addressing the improvements needed to address usability, accessibility, beautification, and sustainability of our spaces. If urgent needs arise, we will weigh repair and replacement costs with an eye towards fitting into future plans. For example, if a major appliance fails, we will look to replace it with one that would meet our new goals for the kitchen. However, at this time, we feel fortunate to be able to hold off on these major outlays in consideration of this period of financial uncertainty for so many in our parish and community.

In the coming months, you will see opportunities for further discussion and discernment on how to best use the spaces with which we are blessed and are determined to improve to meet our current and future needs. We look forward to your participation in those activities, and in the meantime, you are welcome to reach out to Tom Kerns ([tkerns66@gmail.com](mailto:tkerns66@gmail.com)), Doug Onley ([dougonley@gmail.com](mailto:dougonley@gmail.com)), and Kathryn Jackson Haskin ([kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com)) with any questions.



Culmore  
Clinic  
CARE FOR ALL

# A Work of Heart Spring Fundraiser May 3, 2025



RSVP HERE!

## Event Information

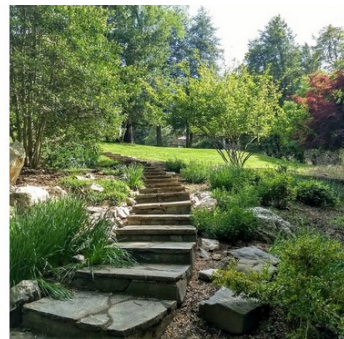
**When:**  
May 3, 2025

**Where:**  
Hendry House 2411 24th St. N.Arlington, VA 22207

- Order of Events:**
- 5:00 p.m. - VIP Art Experience\*
  - 6:00 p.m. - Tasting Reception
  - 7:30 p.m. - Clinic Update
  - 8:30 p.m. - Closing Remarks

**Attire:** Garden Party Attire

**Parking:** Free parking is available at Hendry House.



**\*Donors of \$1,500 or more gain access to an exclusive VIP Art Experience!**

**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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 Tamika Martin (tmartin@icoh.net) ..... Audio Visual Technician  
 Miguelina Guzmán ..... Nursery Assistant

**THE VESTRY**

Amy Thomas ..... Senior Warden  
 Caroline Bergmark ..... Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds, Registrar  
 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](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.



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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**Ways to GIVE**